



# *Evangelist October 2020*

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I thank you, Lord, that by your Word  
You've promised me this day;  
O, give me strength throughout its length  
To do your will, I pray.  
The morning sun, O faithful One,  
Illuminates my heart;  
O, give me sight to see your light  
That I might do my part.  
I would discern at ev'ry turn  
Your purpose and intent;  
O, share with me your mystery  
Before this time is spent.  
Abide with me and make me free  
As way leads on to way;  
O, send your voice to shape my choice  
Of how to serve today.  
I feel you near and have no fear  
Of worthlessness or strife;  
O, guide my hands to work your plans,  
And consecrate my life.

- Nick Smith

## FOOD PANTRY

Please continue to not bring items to the church but instead make a cash donation to these organizations below:

Karing Kitchen  
116 W. Grove St.  
Oneida, N.Y. 13421

Church on the Rock  
164 Madison St.  
Oneida, N.Y. 13421

Food Bank of CNY  
7066 Interstate Island Rd  
Syracuse, N.Y. 13209

I would also like people to consider donating to the CNYSPCA for the animals in need as well. Unopened packages of pet food and litter are appreciated or contact them at [FrontDesk1@cnyspca.org](mailto:FrontDesk1@cnyspca.org) to find out what they need the most.

CNYSPCA  
5878 East Molloy Rd  
Syracuse, N.Y. 13211

## Too Blessed To Be Stressed

Our ongoing ZOOM activities at St. John's:

Wednesdays: Hug A Mug Coffee Hour 930 a.m. to 1030 a.m.

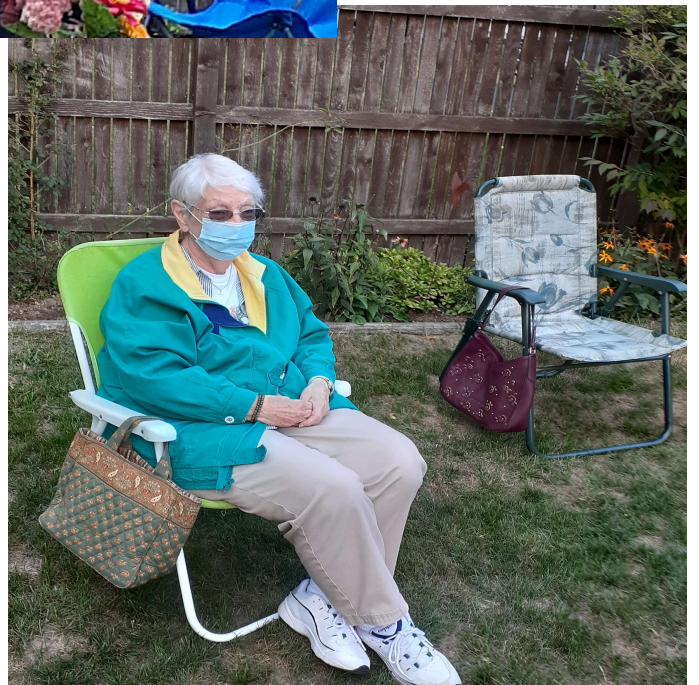
Thursdays: Bible Study @ 7p.m.

Saturdays: Zoom Partys !!! Tons of fun and laughs.

Sundays: Church Service on Facebook Live @ 930 a.m. Please Join Us !

For Hug A Mug, Bible Study, as well as **Sunday services**, please watch your emails for the correct links (or email Father Nick and ask)

# Our Final Outside Gathering





## Note from the Editor

First thank you so very much to **Ann Hodgins** for the wonderful photos from our last outdoor gathering. We miss everyone very much and I am so sorry that Shane and I were not able to attend. He has been working alot (as usual) and my health issues just keep getting more and more complicated unfortunately. That brings me to my “note.” I sometimes get emails if the Evangelist is not out exactly on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. I ask you to be patient and want you to know the newsletter will be out during the first week of the month. In the case of **November’s** edition, it will be slightly later. I plan to have it out by **Nov.8** at the very latest. I have some health matters to take care of the last week of October and with Election Day coming up on Nov.3<sup>rd</sup>, I felt it best to push it a little past that. Hope this is okay for everyone.

Stay Safe & Stay Healthy  
Your Editor,  
Laura Weismore



Our church family is very proud. Best Wishes Megan !!!

## OHS SENIOR SELECTED FOR 2020 ALL-STATE CHOIR!



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CONGRATULATIONS to Oneida High School Senior, Megan Dwyer, for being selected to participate in the New York State School Music Association's All-State Treble Choir!

Typically, about 1200 talented students from across the state are selected each year to travel to Rochester, NY, in early December, to spend 3 days under the direction of highly accomplished conductors from across the country. While only approximately 1200 are chosen, there are thousands who audition statewide. Their selection is based on scores they received the previous Spring on their NYSSMA solos. Due to Covid, the NYSSMA festivals did not happen in May. This year's selections were instead based on scores from the Spring of 2019, and Megan's scores earned her a spot this year!

With the current state of the health crisis in our country, the NYSSMA All-State students will NOT be able to meet in Rochester this December. Instead, Megan will have to prepare her music and submit a video recording of her individual performance, which will then be added to the many other voices selected for the Treble Chorus. All of the recordings will be professionally mastered to create a virtual choir performance of their music!

Although Megan won't have the same experience as a typical student who would get to be a physical part of an All-State choir, this is still quite an honor to have been chosen! Students who are chosen are considered to be among THE BEST musicians in the state, and we here in Oneida are incredibly proud of her accomplishments!

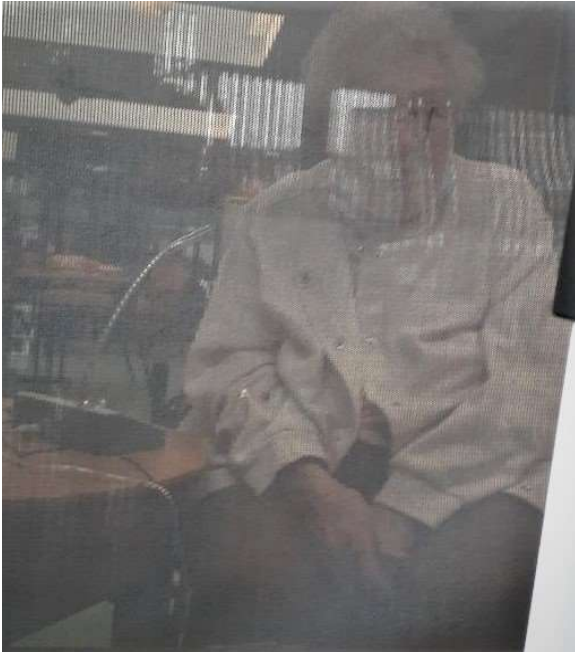
# Memories of Dad



To My Wonderful St. John's Family:

Words cannot begin to express how very much your visits mean to me. To see all of you make the effort to pay me a window visit was truly great. I am glad the weather cooperated. I have always called St. John's my parish family and it warms my heart to know that I am in your thoughts. Stay well and strong during these difficult times. Once again thank you all so very much; our friendships are made possible through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

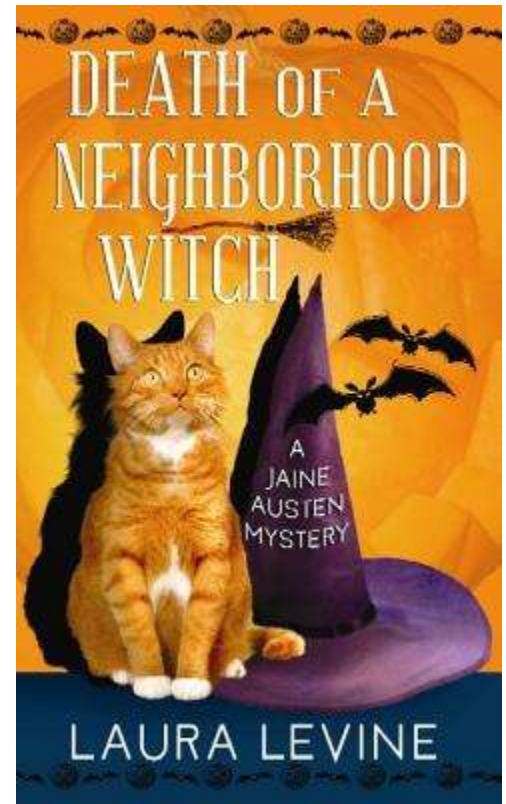
Laura Bennett





## Laura's Book Review

A humorous Halloween mystery about a grumpy and former Hollywood television star who has made some enemies. Who would want to kill the former Cryptessa Muldoon ? That is what amateur sleuth Jaine and her beloved cat Prozac need to find out. As the masks come off a killer will be revealed. Stay tuned.



“Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting”

Submitted by Ann Hodgins

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Loving God, by your grace you have gathered us from many walks of life to become a loving family at St. John's. Help us to sustain the miraculous love within this parish, and guide us in sharing this love with our neighbors. All this we ask through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

Please submit Evangelist articles to Laura Weismore by the 15th of each month. Anything not submitted by the 15th, will go in the next newsletter.

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