

Notes and Messages from
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Oxford, NY



July 2013

Greetings and blessings to you all!

July - not quite yet the dog days of summer and far past the flush of spring.

Glorious July when so many things are in the fullness of growth!

In other words, I guess, July is the month of "middle age".

Be that as it may, this "middle ager" will try once again to give blood. Some of you know the story: I tried to give blood as planned on Flag Day, June 14th, but because of fear and/or excitement (let's go with "excitement", shall we?) my pulse rate would not come down below 100bpm. They only allow 2 readings and mine were 106 and 102.

What followed was, naturally enough, a mixture of emotions - relief (I'm almost ashamed to admit) and shame (at the relief), but also a sense of being defeated. Well, I can tell you, that come hell or high water, I'm going to get some of this blood out of my body and into one of those groovy little pint-sized plastic bags the Red Cross has! That's a battle I'm determined to win. I'm told there will be another blood drive in Oxford in July at the American Legion. As soon as I find out any details, I'll pass it on to the parishes.

Please, everyone, stay safe this summer. While you're having your fun, don't forget to support your parish - come to services when you can. Mail in your pledge offering if you have to. Come on out for the district work day - Epiphany, Sherburne at 9am on 15 July and Water Safari trip leaving from St Andrew's, New Berlin, Wednesday 17 July at 8am.

Pray for us. We'll certainly be praying for you!

Blessing upon blessing!

Fr Dave

UPCOMING DATES

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| <i>Tuesday, July 2</i> | <i>7:00 PM – Vestry meets in the conference room</i> |
| <i>Thursday, July 4</i> | <i>10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist at the Vet's Home</i> |
| <i>Saturday, July 6</i> | <i>9:00 AM – Bake Sale on the park</i> |
| <i>Sunday, July 7</i> | <i>11:00 AM – Morning Prayer</i> |
| <i>Saturday, July 13</i> | <i>9:00 AM – Bake Sale on the park</i> |
| <i>Sunday, July 14</i> | <i>11:00 AM – Holy Eucharist</i> |
| <i>Monday, July 15</i> | <i>9:00 AM – Chenango District Work Day in Sherburne</i> |
| <i>Wednesday, July 18</i> | <i>8:00 AM – Chenango District Water Safari trip</i> |
| <i>Thursday, July 18</i> | <i>10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist at the Vet's Home</i> |
| <i>Saturday, July 20</i> | <i>9:00 AM – Bake Sale on the park</i> |
| <i>Sunday, July 21</i> | <i>11:00 AM – Morning Prayer</i> |
| <i>Saturday, July 27</i> | <i>9:00 AM – Bake Sale on the park</i> |
| <i>Sunday, July 28</i> | <i>11:00 AM – Holy Eucharist</i> |

Chenango District Work Day will be on Monday, July 15th in Sherburne.

Wednesday, July 17th Chenango District Water Safari trip. Meet at St. Andrew's (new Berlin).

Chenango County parish members \$5.00, friends \$20.00. You do not have to participate in the work day to attend – but why miss the most fun day?

LOOKING AHEAD!

Saturday, August 10th *Vacation Bible School from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM in the Parish House. Volunteers are needed. Please call Ivy Davis at 843-9323 if you are interested in helping.*

**Chenango District Holy Eucharist
at St. Andrew's –
followed by the Pig Roast at 2 P.M.**



Sunday, August 11th

Bring a dish to share.

Table service and beverage will be furnished.

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Sound System is up and running in the church. Donations to help defray the cost of this system are appreciated. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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A Note to St. Paul's Family from Ralph and Joyce Ardron
Thank you all for the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and food during our weeks of hospitalization and recovery. Special thanks to Father Dave. All of your visits and phone calls certainly helped raise our spirits. We seem to be on the path to good health finally. We feel blessed to be a part of St. Paul's family.

St. Paul's Summer Bake Sales –



Bake sales have started !! And will continue each week, ending on August 24^h.

We will be hoping for many contributions of a variety of baked goods to be brought our stand at the park before 9 a.m. each Saturday. .

Please call Val Hughes (843-9867, or 843-6380) if you can give us a couple of hours on a Saturday morning to staff the tables. It really is a fun thing to do... and you get to say "hello" to lots of friendly people.

There are other vendors who have booths on Lafayette Park each week and they help draw more customers.

The Oxford "Farmers Market" is growing each year and St. Paul's Bake Sale booth is a key feature.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
St. Paul's Parish Community Center

This year we will offer a one day Bible School for all children ages 4 and up. The curriculum will be based on the Ten Commandments with lots of stories, games and crafts. To register you child for this day please fill out the following form and return to St. Paul's Office by July 15th.

(Child's Name)

Age/grade in school

Parent Name

Home Phone

Address

Cell Phone

Email Address

