

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



June 2013

Greetings and Blessings to everyone!

In my Trinity Sunday sermon I shared a quote that's been rolling around in my mind and heart ever since I first read it just a couple weeks before Trinity Sunday. Since it's still rolling around in there, I think I'd like to share it with a wider audience. It's from a wonderful book - "Father Joe" by Tony Hendra - I highly recommend it to everyone!

The 13th Century German mystic Meister Eckhart writes somewhere: "When God laughs at the soul and the soul laughs back at God, the persons of the Trinity are begotten. When the Father laughs at the Son, and the Son laughs back at the Father, that laughter gives pleasure, that pleasure gives joy, that joy gives love, and that love is the Holy Spirit."

I said a little bit about it to the folks at church on that Sunday, but for now I'll leave it up to you to ponder on your own. I find it to be just a beautiful image.

In other news, and speaking of sermons long past, I had made a promise to all of you. Sort of a plea, actually. I asked for volunteers to help me overcome my (irrational?) fear of donating blood. Well, the piper must be paid and the cows are coming home to roost (drum roll, please): **June 14th from 1pm - 6pm at Greene UCC there is a blood drive!** I will do my best to be there at 1pm. Please come out to help! If you can't make it, and if I survive, I do plan on trying to find blood drives in Afton and Oxford and maybe Binghamton and other areas in which our parishioners live.

I suppose that's enough for this month. May God bless you and keep you all!

Blessings,
Fr. Dave

Upcoming events:

Sunday, June 2 nd	10:30 AM - Sunday School in the Rectory 11:00 AM - Morning Prayer
Monday, June 3 rd	7:00 PM - ECW Meeting in the Conference Room
Tuesday, June 4 th	7:00 PM - Vestry meeting in the Conference Room
Thursday, June 6 th	10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist at the Vet's Home
Sunday, June 9 th	10:30 AM - Sunday School in the Rectory 11:00 AM - Holy Eucharist with recognition of graduates And Sunday School recognition
Sunday, June 9 th	Parish Picnic following the morning service. Bring a Dish to pass and join us for fellowship and fun. Outside If weather permits.
Sunday, June 16 th	11:00 AM - Morning Prayer
Thursday, June 20 th	10:00 - Holy Eucharist at the Vet's Home
June 21 st - 28 th	Fr. David on vacation
Sunday, June 23 rd	11:00 - Holy Eucharist
Sunday, June 30 th	11:00 - Holy Eucharist

*In Memory and Thanks -
to honor all of our Veterans who served
in the military - in the past and those
who are serving this country today.*



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If you do not want to reap the fruits of sin stay out of the devils
garden.

Taste 'n See Soup Kitchen

The traditional Monday
night suppers are
discontinued for the
summer.

The "re-open" date will be
announced later.

Thanks to all who helped
this past year.

Common Cents Clothes Closet

This shop on Rt. 12, just above Oxford is very busy these days. Although there are many who donate time to help staff the store, we need more help!!



If you could spend just a few hours now and then helping out, please call Joyce Ardron at the shop: 843-6512, or at home: 843-9747.

The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament shows His handiwork.

Palm 19:1-6

Genesis – Kid's Corner

The kids have had a busy year and it has been so much fun to have them join us at the regular services to relate what they have been doing.

JUNE 9th will be the last session until fall.

HOWEVER, we hope that all families will bring the children to our **Sunday Services** at **11:00 a.m.** during the summer. We really enjoy having the kids with us.

VBS – Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday, August 10th from 9 AM – 5 PM. Look for more information and registration in the July Newsletter.

Community Outreach Project

After hearing Tabitha's story during the Sunday Service the girls in Ms. Ivy's class made a blanket to be given to someone in need. After many suggestions they voted to send the blanket to Jane Richard, the little girl in Boston who was injured in the bombing on April 15th. She also lost her 8 year old brother that day and her mother also suffered injuries. The following are pictures we are sending along with the blanket. 1. The Bishop and Fr. Dave blessing the blanket, 2. Delaney's yarn doll 3. Sending our love.



They're coming !!

St. Paul's popular Summer Bake Sales –



Our first bake sale this year will be on July 6th and they will continue each week, ending on August 28th.

Of course, we need helping hands, especially to set up each Saturday morning at 8:30 AM, as well as contributions of a variety of baked goods.

Please call Val Hughes (843-9867, or 843-6380) if you can give us a couple of hours on a Saturday morning. It really is a fun thing to do...and you get to

say "hello" to lots of friendly people.

There are other vendors who will 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.

Notes from Vestry

- 1. Sound System was installed in time for the Bishop's visit.**
- 2. Spaghetti Dinner in May was a success with approximately 65 dinners served. Next dinner will be in September.**
- 3. New tables are in. Thanks to Dave Emerson for his work in obtaining these new tables for use in the parish.**
- 4. Diocesan Convention Delegates for the convention in November tentatively as follows:
Kate Root, Dan Wilson, Nicole Salazar and Bill Brower as the alternate.**
- 5. All Parish picnic to be held on June 9th following the morning service.**