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ALL SAINTS DAY / REQUIEM MASS FOR ALL SOULS



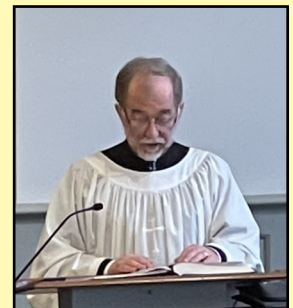
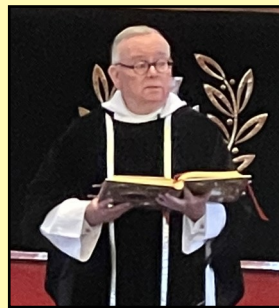
All the saints in heaven looked on and rejoiced when we gathered to commemorate All Saints' Day on November 1. First came fellowship as we met in the Great Hall and shared a delicious St. George's potluck, replete with eye-popping good food and wonderful conversations. Then we moved to the sanctuary for Mass, for which the St. Cecelia Choir offered John Ireland's poignant *Missa Sancti Stephani*.

In his sermon, Fr. Vang spoke of the importance of celebrating saints, those people who lived in praise of Christ's glory: "Their lives make the Church what she is." They didn't seek to become famous but just lived their lives in ways that enabled themselves and others to be closer to Christ. Saints are not only of the past but are still among us, as God is continuing to make saints in the church. We shouldn't forget what God can still do with us.

After the closing hymn, "For All the Saints," with two soprano descants (!) Brian Taylor sent the congregation away with stunning *Carillon de Westminster* by Louis Vierne, a postlude that pealed and echoed with joy.



The words and music of St. George's Requiem Mass for All Souls reached so far into the past that we could have been worshipping in a medieval church. This ancient, holy rite offered on November 13 remembered our faithful departed with love, prayer, chant, and song.



Brian Taylor chose one of the earliest settings of Gregorian chant for the Mass, austere and ageless, evoking monks in candlelit chapels. In his homily, Fr. Vang explained that our modern Remembrance Sunday started in England after World War I when citizens honored their war dead. Now in our All Souls service we include everyone we want to remember. The Requiem itself began 1,000 years ago, to unite our prayers for those we treasure and to provide assurance that we need to be prepared for death. It is the interlude between our life on earth to our awakening in eternity.

At the Necrology, we lit candles in memory of our departed loved ones as David Kennison read their names. This simple act seemed to bring them almost physically near once again.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

One day we will see them again in Paradise

joan pearson

OUTREACH

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

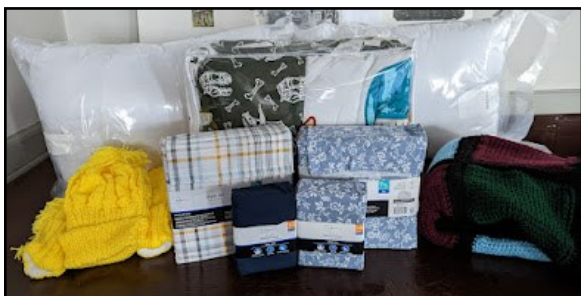
And other fall outreach highlights

With November's SiCM food pantry donation, St George's finds itself on the cusp of helping those with food insecurity to the tune of 2,000 pounds or ONE TON! To date, 1,802 pounds of food and personal care items have been delivered to SiCM's 839 Albany Street location. With one more 2022 contribution to drop off in December and Georgians' committed support, this 2,000 pound goal seems realistic.



After Father Vang's blessing, November's SiCM donation awaits delivery.

Ways in which St George's may live its mission through works was the conversation topic for an October 29th post worship forum facilitated by vestry outreach liaison, Paul Smigelski. During the well-attended one-hour discussion, many ideas were presented making it clear serving the community is a priority for our parish.



Donated bedding for women seeking emergency shelter

The week before the outreach forum, St George's launched a new initiative in support of the YWCA. Women and children entering emergency shelter frequently arrive with nothing. The "Y" has identified an ongoing need for pillows and twin size bedding. Collection of these items is underway with quarterly donations planned.

Just around the corner on Saturday, December 10th, Georgians once again had the opportunity to "ring the bell" for the Salvation Army's annual campaign. St George's took at the Eastern Parkway Price Chopper from 9AM to 5PM. Jon Pearson thanks everyone who participated this worthwhile ministry.

alice polumbo

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality has organized light breakfast for several forums this fall and a pot luck supper held before Mass on All Saint's Day on November 1st. Upcoming events include lunch for the Greening of the Church and the Christmas Eve reception to be held after Mass on December 24th. Light breakfast fare has been provided by parishioners every Sunday for coffee hour. Thank you!

Please sign up for coffee hour treats! If you have avoided this because it seems overwhelming - it's not! Coffee, tea, creamers, sugar, plates, cups etc are all set up and ready to go. What's needed is a plate of cookies, coffee cake, cheese and crackers, cut up fruit or any other light fare. There are trays in the kitchen to use or bring your food plated. Home made, store bought - whatever fits your schedule and budget. The sign up sheet is located on a table in the Great Hall.

sandee hughes



SALUTING ST. GEORGE'S VOLUNTEERS

Born into a Presbyterian family, Meredith Ewbank was in 8th grade and taking religious instruction to become a full member of the church, but balked at the idea of professing a belief in pre-destination. Researching world religions (Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam and others), she finally, partly influenced by an aunt who migrated from Southern Baptist to Episcopal, settled on the Episcopal church in her late teens.

When Meredith and husband Jon moved to Schenectady in the summer of 2018, they had been considering relocating somewhere in New England. The decision hinged on where her daughter would end up after finishing her Ph.D at Berkley (Meredith's son was settled in Boston), and when it was Clinton (south of Utica), Schenectady was an ideal choice....good rail connections, walkable with reasonably-priced real estate, friendly small-town vibes in a greater metropolitan area, and a population similar to their home in St. Louis.

They were also looking for a friendly Anglo-Catholic church family with beautiful, reverent worship offering Jon, who had sung in choice choirs since high school, an outlet for music ministry. Before buying a house, they "scouted" St. George's which turned out to be very friendly and clinched their decision to move to Schenectady. "Being part of an extended Christian family," is what Meredith likes best about being a Georgian. "I'm Anglo-Catholic to the core, so that's important to me."



Although embarrassed to be singled out as a volunteer, she said, "I don't feel I contribute that much compared to other fantastic volunteers, but I try to support the Hospitality Ministry as much as possible....and hope to be more active when I retire. Officially, her day job is Assistant to the Dean of the Cathedral, providing administrative support among other responsibilities.

Meredith and Jon have a wonderful blended family: he has a son Jon and two step-daughters, Renee and Cherie, from his first marriage; she has a son Arthur and a daughter Stephanie from her first marriage. They share a love of theatre; music, from classical to bluegrass, barbershop to opera, Dixieland jazz to choral singing; history and historical fiction; travel, giving and attending parties. Meredith also *l-o-v-e-s* cooking. She says downtime in the Ewbank home is "boring," as they enjoy sitting together on the loveseat with their kitty Minou (French for "kitty") between them....watching BBC reruns on TV.

Now to Meredith's fixation with hats. "When I was growing up, all women and most girls wore hats and white gloves to church every Sunday. My beloved mother, who made most of our clothing and hats, died almost twenty years ago, so wearing hats also represents a fond connection to someone I still miss." Her daughter also comes by hat-wearing naturally, as does good friend April, who visits St. George's every year wearing her chapeau(s.) Meredith guesstimates owning 10 summer hats, 10 winter hats, and...."I'm always on the lookout for more."

Back to religion, Meredith explained, "I need the structure of practicing my faith to help me lead a grounded life of reflection and provide outlets for helping others. The corporal worship of the parish gathering around the Table is also important; the pandemic was hard on me when the Eucharist was celebrated only virtually."

lynn paska

STOCKADE WALKABOUT 2022



Dan O'Neal, a resident of Green Street who serves on the Stockade Board of Directors, played the part of Schenectady's founder, Arendt Van Curler, for the Walkabout.

What does the oldest church building in Schenectady do when hundreds of people come by, looking for Stockade history? Invite them in, of course! And these history-lovers gave Georgians a full day of oohs and pictures, questions and wonder, compliments of the 58th Stockade Walkabout on Sept. 24.

David and Anne Kennison opened the church before 11:00 to greet the first visitors, after Fred Ledger finished his final vacuum and dust. Joan Pearson, Brian Taylor, and Mother Lisa Schoonmaker arrived a bit later and the visitors descended in waves. Around noon Suzy Unger stopped by in costume as Marijke Brouwer. She and her husband Hendrick Brouwer built the Brouwer House on Church Street, one of the two oldest in the Stockade. Marijke was the only woman licensed to trade with the Mohawk.

Joan played the organ a bit during the afternoon – it's amazing how many people asked if the organ was still in regular use. We docents also answered lots of questions about the pew boxes. The fact that this was a Loyalist congregation during the Revolution and that many of those Loyalists left for Canada after the war came as a shock to most visitors, until they considered the connection between Anglicans and England. This history wasn't so comfortable.

Daniel O'Neal, in costume as Arndt van Curler, dropped by in the afternoon and chatted for a few minutes about the importance of St. George's in the history of Schenectady. Arndt established Schenectady in 1661 when he bought land in the "Great Flats" along the Mohawk River from the Mohawk. He tragically died in 1665 in an accident on Lake Champlain. Dan, pictured here, is on the board of the Stockade Association and lives on Green Street close to St. George's.

By the end of a perfect day for walking around the neighborhood, about 600 people had wandered into the church, some to chat, some to gaze, and some just to pass through. Many who live nearby said they had never been inside. The Walkabout was a huge success. Over 800 tickets were sold for the event, bringing interested visitors into the neighborhood all day.

joan pearson, with details from suzy unger



AILEEN SMITH-CARUSO

1949-2022

IN MEMORIAM

Rest in Peace

You are missed by your church family

GEORGE SOLTYSIAK

1952-2022



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



On Sunday, October 2nd, the Blessing of the Animals took place at 3 o'clock at the West Doors of St. George's Church. This annual event is in observance of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, who was devoted to Christ and a great lover of animals. We welcomed back Hope, a Papillion with owner Mary, who walked from Scotia with Hope in a baby carriage. Bruce & Marty Holden with Garrett, who was comfortable in a cat carrier. Tina, with Bo Jack (her rescue Akita) and L'il Man (a Jack Russell mix.) Georgian Rich Unger and his Golden Doodle, Cody, who is known for....shall we say, rambunctiousness? Among the barking, yelping and hissing, Senior Warden, David Kennison, and Music Director, Brian Taylor, presided over this year's brief service of prayer and individual blessing. We sang the hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" and everyone admired the tenacity of the pets and their people.

"We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy"

lynn paska



CHUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK: TRIP TO JOHNSON HALL

Approximately two dozen fun-loving Georgians turned out for a special outing October 9 after Mass. We had two objectives: 1.) to learn more about our historic roots in the Mohawk Valley; and 2.) to enjoy each others' company. The day was a rousing success on both counts.

Our Inspiration and Avenue of Exploration

The church's book club selection for October was *Bloody Mohawk* by Richard Berleth. It's an in-depth look at the tragic events of the French and Indian and the Revolutionary Wars. As those who read the book know, New York was the site of more conflict than any other colony during that era. The Mohawk River, or "Tenonatche" as the Iroquois Natives called it, was key to habitation and trade. In the latter half of the 18th century, newly settled Europeans flocked to the valley, and it was inevitable that disputes would arise.

In the beginning, however, there was diplomacy. The fur trade was brisk, and that pleased Indians and British alike. William Johnson, a young Irishman who emigrated here in 1738 to serve the Crown as Indian Commissioner, was greatly successful in brokering peace. The Mohawk were so fond of Johnson that they adopted him as an honorary sachem (chief) and dubbed him "Warraghiyagey," meaning "He who undertakes great things."

Sir William Johnson: Why Do We Care?

If you have ever read the plaque set in granite near the front doors of St. George's, you know that Sir William Johnson was a frequent worshiper and generous contributor to the newly established church. He had a home in Schenectady for a time, which he used during his travels about the region.

In 1762, Johnson founded the city of Johnstown, about 25 miles west of here, and built Johnson Hall, a grand manorial home where he continued to transact Indian affairs and raised a family. The builder was none other than Samuel Fuller, who is also credited with building St. George's.

With so much rich history close at hand, Meg Hughes decided that we simply must see and experience Johnson Hall, which is now a state park, meticulously restored and open to the public. Rich Unger, who had suggested *Bloody Mohawk* and was familiar with Johnson Hall, quickly seconded the notion and planning began.

Lunch at Partners' Pub in Johnstown

Of course, a Georgian does not live on learning alone. You need refreshments with that! Meg took a reconnaissance run out to Johnstown to determine where our party might alight for sustenance. She found Partner's Pub, a friendly and unpretentious place, willing to dedicate a private room on the appointed Sunday afternoon. She consulted with Johnstown native and fellow congregant Greg Thomas to confirm that Partner's was a suitable choice.

The Day of the Tour

October 9 was a brisk fall day, with foliage near peak. After a shorter-than-usual service (thanks, Fr. Vang!) our intrepid travelers convened in the Great Hall and sorted out final transportation details. We wanted to carpool as much as possible, as we always endeavor to go light on our environment (plus, we just like hanging out together)! By 12:15 we were ordering drinks and perusing the extensive menu at Partner's Pub. A festive atmosphere prevailed and many reflected on





just how long it has been since we were able to gather for fun and fellowship. Our meals were consumed with great delight and not one negative comment about the quality or service was heard. The bill came and all hands thrust forth money to pay the tab. We were also able to leave our dedicated server a generous tip. Onward!

The Hall Itself: Party Central?

Johnson Hall, a stunning example of 18th century architecture, was named a National Historic Landmark in 1960. In addition to the stately wood-frame home, the property contains two stone outbuildings suitable for defense.

Sir William and his common-law wife Molly Brant (the daughter of an Indian sache) raised eight children at Johnson Hall. They were also generous hosts. We could see that the place was designed to deliver top-notch hospitality. Numerous well-attended Indian councils took place there.

According to one account from 1765: "The freer people made, the more happy was Sir William...guests entertained themselves as they pleased...some played cards, some backgammon, some billiards...until the hour of four, when the bell punctually rang for dinner, and all assembled. All were welcome. All was good cheer, mirth, and festivity...Indian Sachems joined the festive board. His dinners were plentiful. They consisted of the produce of his estate, or what was procured from the woods and rivers, such as venison, bear, and fish of every kind. His liquors were Madeira, ale, strong beer, cider, and punch. Each guest chose what he liked, and drank as he pleased."

In addition to being attractive and capable, Molly Brant was politically astute. She survived Sir William, who died of a stroke two years before the Revolution began. She and her grown sons remained loyal to the British cause, and escaped to Canada before the American Patriots completely trashed her elegant abode.

And One Last Stop!

While some in our party headed eastward directly after the Johnson Hall tour, the hardier souls enjoyed yet another fellowship highlight for the day. Greg and Sheila Thomas, who regularly make the trek from Caroga Lake to Schenectady for worship, opened the doors of their lovely lakeside home to the group. Wine and warm hospitality provided the perfect caper for a beautiful day.

Virtually every participant circled back to Meg in the days following our expedition, offering genuinely heartfelt compliments and thanks. We all agreed on two things: 1.) we Georgians are blessed to have each other as friends; and 2.) another field trip must be scheduled again soon!

meg hughes



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Recently, Sean Albert and Cathy Gruyters donated a "branch" of the Little Free Library to St. George's Church. In a nutshell, Little Free Library is a "nonprofit organization that promotes neighborhood book exchanges, usually in the form of a public bookcase. More than 150,000 public book exchanges are registered with the organization and branded as Little Free Libraries. Through Little Free Libraries, present in 115 countries, millions of books are exchanged each year, with the aim of increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

The Vestry approved of the idea. Meg Hughes and others in the Garden Ministry suggested a location in the garden on Ferry Street. Richard Unger, Fred Ledger and Bob Paska helped to install it before the first frost. Barb Wengrovius and her son, Sam, have been keeping an eye on the inventory of books. In time, with some IT advice from Paul Smigelski, the Little Library will be registered on St. George's social media accounts. It has been a team effort.

Please feel free to drop off books and check out what your friends and neighbors have donated.



Construction Crew

sean albert

CATCHING UP WITH PASTORAL CARE

Thank you Gerri Moore. For as long as I've been involved with Pastoral Care, I've asked for the help of everyone at St. George's in keeping us informed about a parishioner who might benefit from our ministry. Last week Gerri did just that. She called Ann and informed her of a parishioner who had recently entered a care facility. With this new information we called the parishioner's family and gathered more information about the facility and what the family would like us to do or not do. By the time this newsletter goes to print we will have visited and offered Communion to this parishioner. At this time the family has requested we not ask for cards or visitations by other members of St. George's. Should that change in the future, we will be sure to inform you.

We are so thankful for Gerri's call as this was a person we had been in contact with during the pandemic and all was well. However, when conditions changed and decisions had to be made, notifying the church got lost in the process. That is not unusual and why we ask for all your eyes and ears. Be assured that we do follow up on each of your tips.

Sometimes following up means keeping track of a parishioner who has moved out of the area. Such is the case with Stella Schultz. Stella and her husband Bill had a long association with our ministry. After Bill's passing we continued to check on and make visits to Stella. Last summer she moved to the Syracuse area to be nearer her family- a move that was complicated by a fall and resultant hip surgery. During a recent call I asked if Stella would like me to notify fellow St. Georgians of her contact information and she said yes. So if you'd like to be in touch with Stella her address is: Stella Schultz, 1301 Nottingham Rd, Apt D-204, Jamesville, NY 13078. Her phone numbers are: cell-(315) 314-1450 and room-(315) 214-3444. She will be happy to hear from you.

Just last week your Pastoral Care team made three calls to people we hadn't seen in church in some time. One call was not returned and we will keep trying. One call was a thank you but declined a visit. One call resulted in a visit, several more check in calls and ongoing monitoring.

So again, thank you to all of you who have given us information in the past and keep up the good work for if we do not know about a need we can not try to address it and show that St Georgians really do care.

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PHOTO ALBUM



Judy & Gene DeLong visit



Foyers dinner at Wengrovius home



Daughters of The King "come and see tea"



Garden Club luncheon



Mother Lisa's Advent Forum



Paul Smigelski's Outreach Forum

- SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT -

Here's an update on things happening at St. George's

Our Rector Search We have 5 candidates. At first, that seemed low since previous searches have produced 10-20 candidates or more. But times change and it seems that 5 inquiries from only 2 weeks of advertising is among the best in the diocese in the last 5 years. The Vestry is now carefully conducting a first round of interviews with all candidates. Those that seem like a good fit for St. George's will move on in the process. It takes time to arrange all these interviews with 10 busy Vestry members and 5 very busy clergy. It is a long process as we prayerfully discern who God is calling to St. George's.



Our Financial Audit Our Treasurer, Jeff Wengrovius, will give you details on this. But I want to say that the fact that we have undertaken and supported an audit is a feather in the cap of St. George's. Annual audits are required by the Church and diocese, but parishes don't do them often. Any rector candidate will be thrilled to see that we are serious about our financial management, proven by a professional, independent audit.

Our Boilers I could not be more proud of our parishioners' response to the Boiler Capital Campaign. In 6 weeks, we have raised almost \$40,000 and that number continues to climb. It's not easy to raise money nowadays. The temptation is to protect what we have and cut spending – a tough time for a boiler campaign. But the church boiler is dying; new leaks appear each week. So it is with awe and love that I want to thank everyone who gave generously to this campaign. It was an act of love on your part and our profound thanks are certainly an expression of love from me and from the entire Vestry. The new boiler is supposed to arrive sometime in January.

Our Stewardship Leading an organization includes planning for its future. A very large part of every Vestry meeting involves money. We set priorities and make hard choices for what can be done. Even the most worthy project does not always get funded.

This is where stewardship comes in. Our pledges cover about 40% of our annual budget. The other 60% comes from earnings on our endowment. That's why we are so sensitive about dipping into the endowment. When we do, the endowment earnings goes down and we have a deficit budget. We don't do this with our personal money and we can't do it with church funds.

We have 2 choices: (1) increase our pledging, or (2) increase our endowment. With 60% of our income coming from endowment earnings, we are living on the generosity and the foresight of past parishioners. They understood the need and they responded. They practiced good stewardship; THEY planned for OUR future. Now, it's our turn.

This year's Stewardship Campaign asks everyone to increase their pledge by 10% - a moderate amount. An alternate approach is to create a legacy by leaving an endowment gift. It could be any amount but it should be sufficient to generate earnings that St. George's can live on. You can do it in your Will but it's better to do it now and see the effect of your gift. Our parishioners will thank you, our Vestry will thank you and future generations of Georgians will remember you for what you did.

With great affection, david

- JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT -

Painting and repointing of the Rectory facade was finished satisfactorily, but we were disappointed by a different craftsperson contracted to refurbish the front doors of the church and make several repairs at St. George's House. With the onset of cold weather, the church doors will not be completed, and St. George's House hasn't even begun.



It was recommended to transfer any contractual outstanding payments into a banking account for payment when the contract is complete. At this time that amount would be \$7,450. However, Vestry agreed to withhold final payments to the contractor, and should be left to the discretion of our Treasurer.

We are awaiting an estimate for cleaning/repairing the interior of the Rectory from Fred Ledger, who took a walk-through to understand the work needed to be done. We need this estimate for our final budget.

A chronic leaking problem over the Rectory dining room urgently needs to be addressed. Fred can do most of the demolition necessary to get at the leak, with a licensed plumber to complete the repairs. There is some damage to the dining room floor which will also need to be remediated.

- TREASURER'S REPORT -

Once again, I am pleased to report on St. George's treasury. I have two topics for this article; 1) progress on our financial audit, and 2) our 2023 budget.



St. George's has not had a formal audit from an outside accounting firm for over 20 years. Thus, the Vestry and I decided earlier this year to initiate a process for annual auditing. To start this activity, the Vestry established an Audit Committee whose members are Jon Pearson, Ralph Polumbo, and Paul Smigelski. The committee selected Cusack & Company to conduct our audit. Mr. Jason Marra, CPA, was assigned as our auditor. Bob McCloskey, Jon Pearson, and I met with Jason for over 2 days to review all processes for managing our finances. Jason audited our cash receipts (income), cash disbursements (expenses), monthly reconciliations, general ledger maintenance, overall internal controls, and endowment management. Key to this process was sample testing. For example, Jason selected 2 cash receipts and 2 cash disbursements per month for 12 months. He audited every step on how we take in cash and pay bills from beginning to end. This process took hours. Bob, Jon, or I were available for the entire time to provide Jason with all of the necessary documents. Please know that this audit is NOT a pass or fail effort. The purpose is to look for any errors and to make recommendations for improvement. Jason will file his audit report before Christmas for review with myself and the Audit Committee. We expect he will offer several suggestions to simplify and improve our accounting. We will endeavor to implement these improvements in 2023. In the meantime, I asked Jason to provide a summary of his audit. He responded as follows, "In my interaction with Jeff, Bob, and Jon I have seen no evidence of egregious activity or similar tone and they have been a pleasure to work with. It is very easy to tell you have the Church's best interest at heart". We are also in discussions with Jason to audit one selected topic of our finances every year to continue our proper financial compliance and control.

We have been working on our 2023 budget since September. This has not been an easy task due to challenges facing our church, namely the boiler replacement, the need to provide for a new Rector, and the consequences of inflation. Although our normal annual budget has been about \$250,000, we are projecting over \$330,000 in expenditures next year, most of this is due to our boiler replacement and inflation. We are projecting the need to take over \$100,000 from endowment principal to cover the deficit. About a half of all spending is for building upkeep and utilities. Our Vestry is reviewing the costs of our buildings to create a strategy for cost reduction. Having said this, it is critical that we maintain our pledge giving. Therefore, I ask you to prayerfully continue your support our Church.

respectfully submitted jeffrey wengrovius

- MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT-

The St. Cecilia Choir had an active fall calendar this year. The choir offered a Choral Matins in October, a Choral Mass on All Saints Day, and chanted a Requiem Mass on All Souls Sunday. After two years of being semi- or completely inhibited we were finally able to have the kind of season to which we are accustomed. We look forward to offering our Christmas Eve Carol Concert and Solemn Mass beginning at 7:30 p.m. on December 24th. We will have some new carols in our pre-service concert.



Our Christmas Day Mass at 11:00 a.m. will not have a choir but will have a cantor/soloist and will be fully sung.

New Year's Day falls on a Sunday this year. We will have our usual 10:00 a.m. Mass in which we will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name. The choir also has a New Year Carol for its anthem on this day.

As always, I am very grateful to the choir for all of its work as they enhance our worship p to the glory of God.

peace, dr. brian j. taylor



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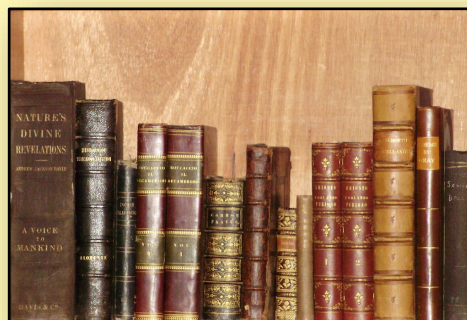
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BOOK CLUB

Pattie Wareh has assumed chair position over our Book Club starting in 2023. She has circulated a schedule of meeting dates and reading selections, and hopes she can add new members in the new year.

- **January 15:** “*The Sentence*” by Louise Erdrich, suggested by Suzy Unger and seconded by Alice Pumbo and Meg Hughes.
- **March 19:** A selection by Alice Pumbo, to be announced at the January meeting.
- **May 21:** “*Horse*” by Geraldine Brooks, recommended by both Meg Hughes and Suzy Unger.
- **July 16:** “*The Dictionary of Lost Words*” by Pip Williams, recommended by Lea Crowe.
- **September 17:** “*Metrofix: The Combative Comeback of a Company Town,*” a non-fiction book about Schenectady by William B. Patrick, suggested by Jon Pearson.
- **November 18:** TBD.



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