

THE FEAST OF THE
MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Commonly Called Corpus Christi



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

30 North Ferry St.
In the historic stockade district

Schenectady, NY
Founded 1735

CORPUS CHRISTI

The **Feast of Corpus Christi** commemorates the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus (the Last Supper) on the night of his betrayal and arrest. It was proposed by Thomas Aquinas to Pope Urban IV to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Urban IV commissioned Aquinas to compose the special Mass and offices for the feast. Aquinas also composed hymns for this celebration. The "Tantum ergo" was originally Aquinas's hymn for vespers on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Since the 14th century, Corpus Christi has been associated with a festive procession that follows the celebration of the Mass. A consecrated host in a monstrance, prominently displayed in procession, is revered as the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. Since the normal Maundy Thursday service emphasizes Jesus' Passion, another day was chosen for celebration of Corpus Christi. The Feast of Corpus Christi is observed in the Catholic Church but not widely within the Episcopal Church except in Anglo-Catholic parishes.

The procession is followed by the **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**. This devotion began in the 13th century as an extension of the brief section of the Mass when, just before the Communion, special devotion is addressed to Jesus' presence on the altar under the outward signs of bread and wine.

Because the Mass is primarily addressed to God the Father, not to adoration of the Sacrament, there grew a need to express faith in our Lord's sacramental presence. Thereby developed the custom of taking the Sacrament from the tabernacle for adoration at a time when Mass was not being offered.

A very old Christian tradition dictated that any people who were in the church when the Blessed Sacrament was in the tabernacle be blessed with the Sacrament, formed the basis for this blessing being part of a service of adoration.

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

CORPUS CHRISTI

CORPUS CHRISTI - 22 JUNE 2025

SUNG MASS - RITE I, 10AM

The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, *Rector*
Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music*

MASS SETTING	Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena	<i>Healey Willan (1880-1968)</i>
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OPENING VOLUNTARY	O Lamb of God	<i>Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)</i>
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THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

The Sacred Ministers, Servers & Choir offer Preparatory Prayers prior to the Entrance Procession

THE ENTRANCE HYMN, HYMN 307 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor *Bryn Calfaria*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

(people kneel)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE INTROIT

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

He fed them with the finest wheat flour, alleluia, and with honey from the rock hath he satisfied them, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Ps. Sing we merrily unto God our helper; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Glory be...

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE ELEISON, HYMNAL S-91 *Sung by all* *(people kneel)*

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)
Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)
Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, HYMNAL S-202 *Sung by all* *(people stand)*

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
✠ art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy Passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption; who livest and reignest world without end. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Deuteronomy 8.2-3

A READING from the Book of Deuteronomy

Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

THE GRADUAL

Sung by the Choir

Proper text

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

THE EPISTLE

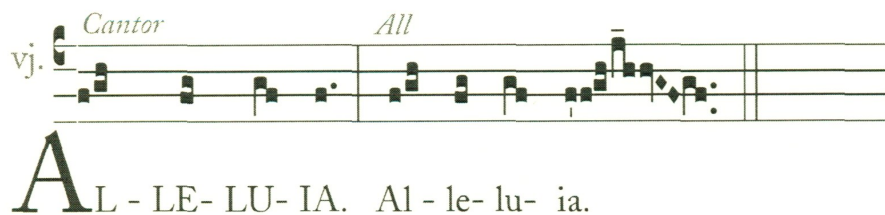
I Corinthians 11.23-29

A READING from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body eat and drink judgment against themselves.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God



Alleluia, alleluia. My flesh is meat indeed and my Blood is drink indeed; he that eateth my flesh and drinketh my Blood dwelleth in me; and I in him.

The Alleluia is not repeated, but immediately the choir begins the sequence

THE SEQUENCE

Lauda Sion Salvatore

Sung by the Choir

Hymnal 320

1. Zion, praise thy Saviour, singing hymns with exultation ringing, praise thy King and Shepherd true. Honor Christ they voice upraising, who surpasseth all thy praising; never canst thou reach his due.
2. Let the Bread, life giving, living, be our theme of glad thanksgiving, now in truth before thee set; As of old the Lord provided when the twelve, divinely guided, at the holy table met.

3. What he did, at supper seated, Christ ordained to be repeated, his memorial ne'er to cease;
His command for guidance taking, bread and wine we hallow, making thus our sacrifice of peace.
4. Full and clear sing out thy praising, gracious hymns of joy upraising in thy heart and soul today;
For today the new oblation of the new King's revelation bids us feast in glad array.
5. Very Bread, good Shepherd, tend us, Jesus of thy love befriend us, Lord refresh us and defend us, thine eternal
goodness send us in the land of life to see:

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:47-58

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rector

THE NICENE CREED, said by all

Book of Common Prayer, page 327

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As Announced

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Ye do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

(people stand)

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

The priests of the Lord do offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire and the bread of their God; therefore they shall be holy unto their God and not profane the name of their God, alleluia.

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation for 'The Great Thanksgiving' consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.' The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics 'Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.' The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics 'It is meet and right so to do.'

The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT, SUNG BY ALL

HYMNAL S-114

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(people kneel)

ALL GLORY BE TO THEE, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy ✠ grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE AGNUS DEI, HYMNAL S-158

Sung by all

(people kneel)

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Said by All

(people kneel)

WE DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians may receive communion. If you wish to not receive, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms, indicating that you wish to receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts are available.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCE

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

As often as ye do eat of this bread and drink this cup; ye do show the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat of this bread and drink of this cup of the Lord unworthily shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord, alleluia.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by All

(people kneel)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

EXPOSITION AND PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

A Procession forms.

The canopy moves into position at the gates.

The Celebrant and Sacrament move beneath the canopy.

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The Procession moves through the church with great solemnity:*

Sacramental Banner

Crucifer

Torchbearers

MC

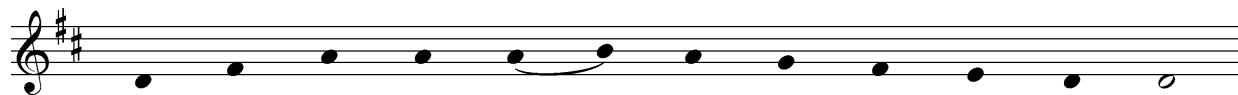
Thurifer, censuring continuously

Canopy with Celebrant and Sacrament

PROCESSIONAL HYMN, *Sung by All*



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

HYMN 310

Upon return to the High Altar, the following is sung
O saving victim

Herr Jesu Christ

A BRIEF PERIOD OF SILENT ADORATION IS KEPT

HYMN 329, vv. 5-6

Therefore we, before him bending

Pange lingua

Celebrant Thou gavest them bread from heaven. Alleluia
People **Containing in itself all sweetness. Alleluia**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, thou gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of thy suffering and death.
May our worship of this sacrament of thy body and blood help us to experience the salvation thou hast won for us
and the peace of the kingdom where thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. **Amen**

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The humeral veil is again placed on the Celebrant, who ascends and takes the Sacrament.

Celebrant turns and makes the Sign of the Cross over the People.

A bell is rung thrice. The Sacrament is censed.

Placing the Sacrament back on the Altar and giving up the humeral veil, the Celebrant kneels and begins:

THE DIVINE PRAISES

The People repeat each line after the Celebrant who says:

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Celebrant removes the Sacrament from the monstrance and returns it to the tabernacle.

PSALM 117 - Laudate Dominum Sung by the choir

Let us for ever adore the most Holy Sacrament.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; *
 praise him, all ye peoples.
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us; *
 and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever, Praise the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,*
 and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*
 world without end. Amen.

Let us for ever adore the most Holy Sacrament.

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the Greater Glory of Almighty God and in Thanksgiving for the recent birth of a son, Miguel, to Monica Lasman in Bogota, Colombia.

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Master of Ceremonies:	Kevin Decker
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Louisa Carr
Thurifers:	Chris Henry, Paul Smigelski
Boat Boy:	James Smigelski
Crucifers:	J. J. Moran, Eric Bassant
Banner:	Matthew Smigelski
Acolytes:	Anne Kennison, Daniel Miess
Greeters:	Jean Greenspan, Ann Duff
Lector:	David Kennison
Counters:	Jonathan Ewbank, Gloria Kishton
Altar Guild:	Sandra Hughes
Sacristans:	David & Anne Kennison

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

The Sick and those in need: Gabriella Rose, Katie, Father Charles King, Marianne Perez, John, Tai, Ruth S., Rachel, Doug, Ruth A., Francis C., Suzy, Richard, Abby, Stephanie Barr, Hooter Zimmerman, Eric, Pam, Sally, Linda S., Sondra Lee, Robert, Linda, Michael, Jim, Salli V., Mary Catherine, Susan, Kathleen Rose, Gwen, Alex, Alan, Doug, Ruth Nevells, Pedro, Isabella, Sarah Bringham, Lilly Griffiths, Josh, Rick S., Bruce Whitcavitch, Wendy, Den, Sherri, Matt Zippler, Dan Bornt, Dinorah Jimenez, Lula Fite, Nancy, Karen Perretta, K. C. Hersey, Sharon A. Wemtle, Loma, Mike T.

The prayer list will be reset every 3 months. Did we miss an important date for our birthday and faithful departed intentions? If you would like a name included on the prayer list or on the annual rota of intentions, send an email to rector@stgeorgesschenectady.org

The Departed: Cornella Thayer (23), Ruth Gordon (25), Ron Edmonson (28)

Birthdays:

Baptismal Anniversaries: Olivia Ragucci (26)

Wedding Anniversaries: Robert and Lynn Paska (28)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 22 — 10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass – Corpus Christi

Friday, June 27 — 12:00 p.m. — Mass — St. Cyril of Alexandria

Sunday, June 29 — 10:00 a.m.— Sung Mass — St. Peter and St. Paul

WELCOME VISITORS! We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. Whether you live in our area and decided to worship with us today or if you are visiting from out of town, we offer you a warm Georgian welcome! There are visitor cards in most of the pews and we ask that you fill one out and give it to the Greeters at the door or simply drop it in the offering plate. We'd love to see you again. Our website, www.stgeorgesschenectady.com.

THE REST ROOM is available in Cranmer House. A key is necessary to get in. Please ask a Greeter who will happily assist you.

SUMMER LEMONADE HOUR Please join us for lemonade and cookies outside in front of the church door after Mass. Coffee also is available in Cranmer House.

Parish Life and Beyond

NEW VESTMENTS — A white set of Low Mass vestments is given today by a parishioner on behalf of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament and in memory of the Reverend Canon D. Delos Wampler. As a communicant of this parish, Delos Wampler entered Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. Sponsored by this parish, he was ordained in 1953. The Bishop of Albany, The Right Reverend Frederick L. Barry then purchased him a second-hand car and assigned him as vicar to three small parishes in the Susquehanna Deanery. Subsequently when Bishop Barry wished to establish a collective ministry to serve the small congregations in the Adirondacks, he looked to Father Wampler. For nearly forty years Father Wampler understood this charge, ensuring the regular visits of priests to the small congregations of the Adirondack Missions and managing the diocesan retreat center subsequently named in Bishop Barry's memory.

WEEKDAY SERVICES — Beginning this week we will offer one weekday Mass during the summer on Fridays at noon.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE — After next Sunday we are going to clear the prayer list. If there is any name which you would like to remain on the list please email the church at office@stgeorgesschenectady.org to let us know and we be happy to continue praying for that person.

INDEPENDENCE DAY RECTORY COOKOUT — This Friday, June 27th, The Rector will be hosting a cookout for the entire parish at the Rectory beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please bring drinks, a side dish if you wish, and a lawn chair. After eating all will be able to watch the Jumping Jacks fireworks from the back lawn of the Rectory.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION On Sunday, July 6th, in honor of Independence Day, our Rector will celebrate Mass as it would have been celebrated at St. George's 249 years ago. He will stand at the side of the altar to consecrate the elements in what is known as a north side celebration. He will also be dressed as an 18th century priest would have been dressed at the time. Music will be reminiscent of the era.

BOOK CLUB MEETING — The All on the Same Page book club next meets on July 20th during coffee hour to discuss the Japanese bestseller "We'll Prescribe You a Cat" by Syou Ishida. Lea Crow picked the book. Please see her or Meg Hughes to learn more.

Looking Ahead

ASSUMPTION DAY — The feast of St. Mary the Virgin, also known as Assumption Day, is August 15th which falls on a Friday this year. The Bishop King Society will offer a Mass for this feast here at St. George's Church. Our Rector will be the celebrant and our choir will briefly come out of their summer vacation to sing this special Mass which begins at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER LIST — If you have a name that you would like added to the prayer list please email the church office at office@StGeorgesSchenectady.org and we will insure that this person will be remembered in the prayers.

PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULES POSTED ONLINE — The most recent schedule of greeters, lectors, counters, and altar guild is published online. If you are interested in serving as a lector, greeter, counter, or acolyte, please speak to Fr. Pettigrew or email him at rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org for more information.

