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Messenger

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Our Purpose

*To bring the light, love and joy of
Jesus Christ into this world – by living the written
word, sharing the living word, and loving without
exception.*

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Now that summer is over, it is time to start cooking again.

Broccoli Puff

Ronna Bulera (St. Michael's)

2 eggs separated
½ tsp. salt
2 tbsp. flour
1 10 oz pkg chopped broccoli,
cooked and drained
¼ cup grated cheddar cheese

½ tsp. lemon juice
dash of pepper
1 cup sour cream
¼ cup wheat germ

Beat egg whites and lemon juice until stiff. Beat egg yolks, salt, pepper and our cream. Stir egg yolks mixture into broccoli. Fold in egg whites. Place in buttered 6 cup casserole. Sprinkle on wheat germ and cheese. Bake 30-35 min. in 375 oven.

Salmon Puffs

Miss G. Klein (St. James)

1 whole egg
2/3 c. Pet milk
4 tsp. chopped parsley
4 tsp. lemon juice

1 1/3 c. salmon, flaked
4 tsp chopped green pepper
2 tsp grated onion
salt & pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients together and bake in buttered custard cups or glass baking dish 35 minutes at 350 oven. This is nice is served plain or with this sauce. Regular cream sauce or using ½ c milk and ½ c tomato soup to make the sauce, of course the usual 2 tbsp flour and butter.

Deep Apple Pie

Mary Ferrell (St. Clements)

1 c flour
1 c sugar
1 tsp baking powder
1 egg, beaten

½ tsp salt
6 apples, ½ tsp cinnamon
if desired
3 Tbsp. butter

Slice apples into deep pie dish, dot with butter and sprinkle with cinnamon. Mix and sift flour, sugar, salt and baking powder. Add to beaten egg, mix well. Spread over apples. Bake about 30 min in 350 oven. Serve warm with cream or ice cream.

Rector's Reflections

As I write this month's column, I realize how close we are to the beginning of the "fall season;" a time when parents and children prepare for school, Labor Day celebrations come and go and we await the changing of the leaves and other manifestations of the fall season.

For many of us, the summer has provided a time of relaxation and rest. For others, illness and painful personal change has proven a fact of life. Be assured that you have been in the prayers and thoughts of your priest and church family.

Our church calendar is filling up fast. Choir, midweek service (to resume September 17th), the adult forum, and first Saturday coffee and donut church history study will resume. Our annual hot dog roast will mark these events on September 7th. On September 14th, a spaghetti dinner will be held. The following Wednesday, September 17th we will host a neighborhood prayer service at the church

Finally I want to encourage you to continue your support of St. Michaels by giving of your time, treasure and talent. I look forward to seeing you in church on Sundays and at our other events. Remember, the future of the church is in your hands.

Faithfully

Fr. Chuck Wheeler

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 1st Labor Day (office will be closed)

Wednesday, September 3rd Women's Guild
12:00 noon lunch (provided) and meeting to follow.

Saturday, September 6th Coffee & donuts with Father
Chuck at 9:30 am – topic Church History continued.

Sunday, September 7th
Adult Christian Education and Choir resume after summer
break. Hot Dog roast following the service.

Tuesday, September 9th Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm

Sunday September 14th Spaghetti Dinner 1:00–4:00 pm
Donation: \$5.00 / college student with ID \$2.00

Wednesday, September 17th
Neighborhood Prayer Service at 7 pm. Everyone is
welcome and there will be prayers and meditations; music
by community musicians, testimonials, and of course
refreshments in the Parish Hall following the service.

Saturday, September 20th Fall Clean-up 9 am to noon.

Saturday, September 20th
Canaan House 20th Anniversary Dinner at Trinity
Episcopal Church, 5448 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086
Liturgy at 5:30 pm; Social Hour at 6pm; Dinner at 7 pm
Tickets \$25.00 or a table for \$200.00 (seats 10).

Sunday, September 28th - Holy Eucharist at 9:15 am
Celebration of St. Michael's Day

A Kitchen Prayer

Lord of all pots and pans and things
Since I've not time to be
A Saint by doing lovely things
Or watching late with thee
Or dreaming in the dawn light,
Or storming Heaven's gates
Make me a saint by getting meals
And washing up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's hands,
I have a Mary mind;
And when I black the boast and shoes
Thy sandles, Lord I find.
I think of how they trod the earth
What time I scrub the floor.
Accept this meditation Lord
I haven't time for more.

Warm all the kitchen with thy love,
And light it with thy peace:
Forgive me all my worrying
And make my grumbling cease.
Tho who didst love to give men food
In room or by the sea,
Accept this service that I do –
I do it unto thee.

Submitted by Ronna Bulera (St. Michael's Church)

will never have room for the things that are important to you. "Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first - - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled and said, "I'm glad you asked. 'The coffee just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.' "



Saturday, October 4th Coffee & Donuts with Father Chuck at 9:30 am – discussion of Church History continues.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

There are so many things we should have been thankful for during these summer months – sunny weather (some of the time), reunions with family and friends, safe vacations, our good health, and so many blessings in our daily lives! Things we too often take for granted.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is our way of expressing these thanks monetarily, besides of course our daily prayers. The Fall ingathering will be Sunday, October 8th.

Virginia Bradley, UTO Coordinator

Notice for Buffalonians from the City

Help is available for property owners experiencing financial hardship. The City of Buffalo can help them avoid foreclosure and keep their property. Payment plans are available. The property owner need only contact the Department of Assessment and Taxation at 851-5733, the User Fee Office at 851-6559 or American Water Services at 847-1065 to inquire about a payment plan.

Court orders offering extended payment plans to stop foreclosure are also available through the City's Court Order Program, conducted jointly by the Departments of Law and Assessment and Taxation. The Court Order Program will take place Tuesday, October 14; Wednesday, October 15; and Thursday, October 16, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm each day, at the Erie County Court House, 25 Delaware Avenue.

The Mayonnaise Jar and 2 Cups of Coffee

(from *Compeer Connections*)

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Happy Birthday to:

5th Gordon Allen
5th Patricia Herd
7th Torrey Weekley
7th Keith Weekley
24th Carol Weekley
27th Ken Preston
28th Eve David
29th Ed Gorczyca
29th Brendon Gorczyca



Happy Anniversary to:

5th Tina & Charles Gardinier
9th Debbie & Dennis DiLiberto
18th Mary & Gordon Allen
24th Sonja & John Paul Gardinier
29th Loretta & Jack Bidell

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. "Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - - your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions - - and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else - - the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you