

CHRIST CHURCH CONNECTIONS



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Manlius, New York

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Father Tim's Meditation

January is the time that we in our culture say, "Let's start again." For other cultures, the new start comes at a different time. Some eastern cultures begin their year a month or so after ours, depending on the moon. Some medieval cultures didn't count years, they counted the number of winters you survived. The church year begins on the first Sunday of Advent. All cultures have a time when they start again, and this is our time.

Why do we even need a time like this, though? For those of us who aren't farmers or who need to pay attention to the seasons, the new year is kind of arbitrary. That said, every culture has some way to begin again. For humans living on this planet Earth, it seems that counting years and beginning again is baked into who we are as humans. We need to begin again. We have to say, "Out with the old and in with the new." It's part of who we are.

We need to put some things behind us. We have to make a mark and say, "Everything before now is past. Everything in front of me is the future." What, for you, needs to be laid to rest? What has run its course? And what new thing is ready for you? What possibilities are open and ready?

These are spiritual questions, too. What ways of praying have grown old? What new things is the Holy Spirit doing in your life? What new possibilities are opening up for your own spirit? Pay attention to God in this time and listen carefully. God is always speaking to us.



Are you attending Christ Church with a child? We have a nursery available during our Sunday services for children 3 and under. If the nursery is not staffed, it is still available for parents to stay with their child(ren), and we try to make sure we let parishioners know in advance of planned closures.

Service Times

Sundays

8:00 and 10:15 am

Nursery available at 10:15 service

The summer schedule of one service at 9 a.m. continues through September 7.

Clergy and Staff

Rector Tim Hannon

Parish Administrator

Deirdre Popp

Choir Master Shawn Hebert

Organist Deborah Cunningham

Children's Education Director

Helene Hannon

Sexton Peter Winkler

Nursery Attendant Claudia Byrnes

Vestry

Members

Claudia Byrnes (*Outreach*)

John Davies (*Christian Education*)

Julie Holder (*Hospitality*)

Rob Hughes (*Finance*)

Alyssa Newton (*Worship*)

Carol Recker-Hughes (*Parish
Development*)

Ed Russell (*Stewardship*)

Sharon Wisbey (*Resource Development*)

Wardens

Stu Eddy

Nancy Winiecki

Treasurer

Pete Geiskopf

Finance Secretary

Lori Gibson

Clerk

Suzanne Ball

General Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

8 am to 1 pm

Thursday

8 am to 12 pm

Fr. Tim's Office Hours

Monday 1 to 2 pm at Manlius Starbucks,
406 Fayette Street

Tuesday in his office, 10-12

And by appointment (please contact
Father Tim to set up appointments)

Prayer Chain

If you need prayer, contact the church
office or one of the following members:

The Rev. Tim Hannon, Michael Bull,
Jim Wilhite, Marjorie Edwards,
Rebecca Russell

Upcoming Events

December 28: Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

December 29-January 1: Office closed

January 5-8: Christ Church office may be
intermittently closed due to jury duty

January 6: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild

January 11: Worship Committee Meeting

January 14: Coffee and Theology

January 16: Newsletter Deadline

January 20: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild

January 26: COHI Circle of Hope Meeting

January 27: Vestry Meeting

January 28: Coffee and Theology

January 31: Samaritan Center Visit

February 1: Annual Meeting following one
service at 9 a.m.

News From the Christmas Mart

Helene Hannon

The chances are, if you're reading this, then you contributed in a very meaningful way to the 2025 Christmas Mart, whether by volunteering your time, donating fun items, soliciting silent auction donations from local businesses, baking yummy treats, creating beautiful works of art, shopping on the day of the mart, spreading the word throughout the community, or keeping us in prayer!

One thing I really love about the Christmas Mart is how it brings together so many different parts of the community. We have so much enthusiasm and expertise all around us. It's great to be a part of an organization that can give everyone an opportunity to come together and share their interest and skills. The amount of joy I felt on the day of the mart was absolutely delightful. Maybe you felt it too?

I've been asked a few times, and now I can tell you: The numbers are in! Well, mostly. We have a few outstanding vouchers that need to be reimbursed and a few items listed online which might still sell. Regardless, the amounts we have are very reasonably accurate (as of December 16, 2025):

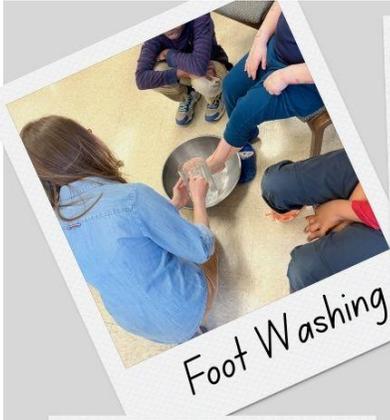
Income:	\$11,304.91
Expenses:	\$3118.42
Profit:	\$8186.49

We will be tithing 10% of our profit to FM Food Pantry and InterFaith Works.

One final note. Both Laurell and I will be stepping down as mart co-chairs. We have enjoyed our time as co-chairs and each year has been better than the last. There is a lot of expertise at this church, and if you are interested in Christmas Mart leadership, we encourage you to prayerfully consider the possibility for 2026.

Thank you so much for a wonderful year!
Helene Hannon and Laurel Mulvihill





Foot Washing



Christmas Pageant



Teamwork



Easter Party



Beautiful Music

2025 is a series of memories now!
Let's have a wonderful 2026 together!



Cards for Veterans



Sharing stories



Last Supper



Making friends

Sunday School Schedule

- January 4 Classrooms**
- January 11 Classrooms**
- January 18 Chapel in Crosby**
- January 25 Chapel in Crosby**

Vestry Candidate Bios

As we prepare for our annual meeting and elections of new members of the Vestry, we will be sharing candidate bios as they are available.

Theodore (Ted) Walker grew up in Southern Illinois, and has lived many places since as he sought to build his career. He joined the US Army 75th Ranger Regiment in 2007, shortly after high school, and deployed multiple times to both Iraq and Afghanistan. Thereafter, he used his GI Bill benefits to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago (BS - Chemical Engineering), and then obtained his PhD in Chemical and Biological Engineering at the University of Wisconsin in 2015. He lived for three years in New Jersey, where he worked as a Senior Scientist for the ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company. He left that position in 2019 to join the Syracuse University Biomedical and Chemical Engineering Department as an assistant professor, where he teaches and oversees research in catalysis and renewable energy. Ted now lives in Manlius, NY with his two boys (Alex -11 and Ira - 8) and his fiancé, Audrey. Ted is active as a NYS Mentor with the Syracuse City Central School District, the Three Ranger Foundation as a military-to-civilian transition mentor, and volunteers regularly as a science educator for K-12 schools. He joined Christ Church in 2023, and has never felt more at home. He is deeply humbled by and grateful for the supportive, service-minded and dedicated community here at Christ Church, and is looking forward to contributing to the church's mission.



From the Rector's Desk



This month, we say goodbye to Pete Winkler as he retires as sexton. Pete has worked umpteen years almost completely behind the scenes, washing floors, cleaning up chairs, and setting up for all our events. He has worked closely with me and with Deirdre as well as the other rectors and parish administrators throughout the years. He'll be staying with us, but I will miss his constant good humor, even when I'm teasing him about the Yankees (a team very close to a certain part of his heart). Thank you so much for your time, effort, and love, Pete!

In his place, we welcome John Davies as sexton. Unfortunately, there is no sexton uniform, but John will continue on Pete's good work of keeping the place clean and organized in conjunction with the Property Committee.



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Angel Tree ministry! This year we had 54 tags picked up and returned.



Next Samaritan Center Visit Saturday, January 31

Our next group visit to the Samaritan Center will occur on Saturday, January 31st at 12:30 PM. As usual, we will participate in serving a hot meal, collecting and washing dishes, serving trays and pots and pans. We will also clean up after the dinner has been served and finish at around 3 o'clock. The center has experienced an increase in the number of guests due to the irregularity in governmental support for those in need recently. The total number of guests has regularly approached 200 people or more, so I am anticipating that we will be busy. With the help of the very capable staff, we should have a positive experience providing a needed service to an appreciative group!

If you are interested in joining us, please contact me at 315-380-5382, winklerpb@windstream.net, or personally at church.

Thank You!!

Peter Winkler



Attention Committee Chairs: The Annual Meeting is February 1.

Committee reports are due to Deirdre by January 12.

Thank you.



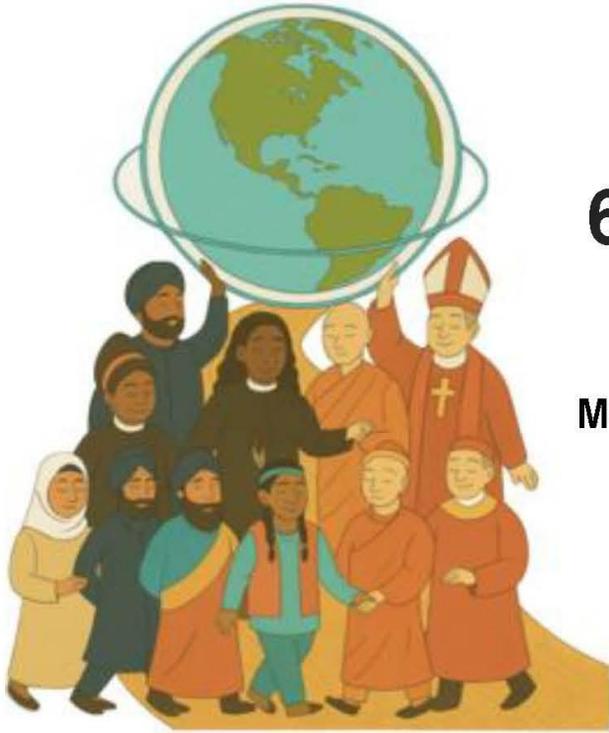
Upcoming Change about Pledge Communications

In an effort to save paper, envelopes, and stamps, we intend to move our remaining pledge communications to email instead of printing them out. We have already been sending most quarterly pledge statements via email, and beginning in January, we intend to start sending the end-of-year statements via email as well.

If you wish to continue receiving paper copies, please contact Lori Gibson, the Financial Secretary, at lorigibb@gmail.com. If we do not hear from you, we will send these communications by email.

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY DAY

"Building Community Through Sharing Our Stories"



**Monday
February 2, 2026
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Snow Date:
MONDAY FEB 9 • 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

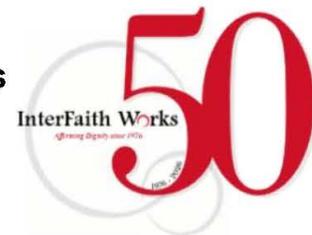
Hosted At:
The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints
4889 Bear Road
Liverpool, NY 13088

"Harmony begins when we listen beyond words, see beyond differences and unite in the shared light of humanity."

- Author Unknown

Presented by:

**The InterFaith Works Round Table of Faith Leaders
& The El-Hindi Center for Dialogue & Action**



For more information, contact:

Bishop Colette Matthews-Carter
Director, El-Hindi Center for Dialogue & Action
bishopcolettecarter@ifwcny.org

Rev. Sharon M. Perry
Interfaith Equity Coordinator
sperry@ifwcny.org

*Refreshments following
the event sponsored*



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed



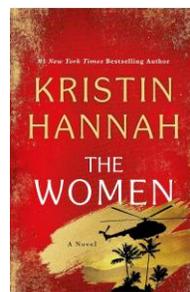
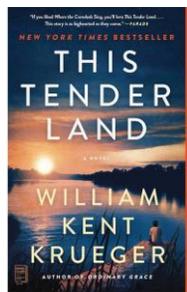
Our program year is well underway, and we have had a wonderful response to our request for hosts for coffee hour. Most slots for the rest of the program year still need to be filled, especially in January and February.

This is an important ministry for Christ Church, and offers all of us the opportunity to welcome newcomers, and catch up with friends.

Instructions for the sign-up are right on the page, but if you have any questions or would like help signing up, please contact the office. Please

note that these openings are subject to change as people sign up or change the slots they've signed up for, so please be sure to check the link for the latest information!

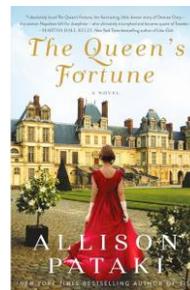
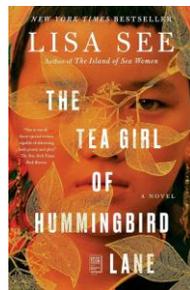
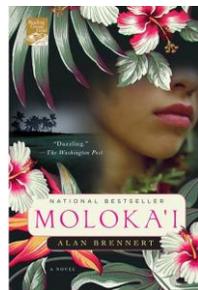
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DADAC2FA1FBC70-christ>



Afternoon Book Group

Once again, Eileen has coordinated our list with the Manlius Library so that people don't have to buy books. The library will have our book for the month on reserve at the circulation desk. About a month before our discussion date you can go to the desk, ask for the Christ Church book group selection, and check it out with your library card. Anyone is welcome to join our group. We meet in the parlor from 3:30-5 p.m. on the dates below. Please pass this information along if you know of someone who might be interested. Happy Reading!

January 21	<i>This Tender Land</i> by William Kent Krueger
February 18	<i>The Queen's Fortune</i> by Allison Pataki
March 18	<i>The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane</i> by Lisa See
April 15	<i>Moloka'i</i> by Alan Brennert
May 20	<i>The Women</i> by Kristin Hannah



Coffee and Theology

The Christ Church “Coffee and Theology” group meets twice a month at Spill the Tea in Minoa to talk about a wide range of theological topics, from St. Peter's words for love to what kind of body Jesus may have had after the Resurrection. Conversations are open and respectful to all views and questions that might arise. Everyone is welcome to come and talk or just grab a cup of coffee and listen.

We meet from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Our topics can be found on our blog.

<https://christchurchmanlius.org/blog%2Fpodcast%2Fnewsletter/f/coffee-and-theology-2025-edition>



Incense and Crayons - Father Tim's blog

Did you know that Father Tim has a blog? For the past few months, he has been posting meditations on the life of a priest, a parent, and an author. The posts are a bit more personal than his other writings online and for the parish. You can find his meditations online at:

<https://incenseandcrayons.com/>



St. Margaret's Craft Guild

The St. Margaret's Craft Guild meets on the first, third, and occasionally the fifth Tuesday of the month from 1:30-4:00 in the community room. Attendees bring a handheld craft of some sort, and work and chat during that afternoon. (Not sure what to bring? Previous crafts have included knitting, crochet, hand sewing, diamond painting, journaling, and cross stitch.)

Anyone is welcome to attend, but we recommend you check in with the office to make sure it's happening—it's a small group of regulars, so if only one person can attend it may be cancelled. We'd love to have you join us!

It Takes a Village to Maintain the Blood Supply

The US is chronically in need of blood donations, and sometimes the need is critical. If you are able to give blood, please consider donating at one of the upcoming blood drives right here in our community. To schedule an appointment for any of these, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org. Information about eligibility to donate is also at this link.

Why Give Blood This Month? It's National Blood Donor Month, a time to honor donors who selflessly give the gift of life and encourage people to donate blood or platelets. Becoming a blood donor is a great and impactful New Year's Resolution!

Northeast Medical Center, 4000 Medical Center Drive, Fayetteville

Friday, January 9, 12-5 p.m.

Tuesday, January 20, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday, January 29, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Fayetteville Free Library, 300 Orchard Street, Fayetteville

Monday, January 12, 1-6 p.m.

St. Ann's Church, 104 Academy Street, Manlius

Tuesday, January 13, 1:30-6:30 p.m.

Manlius Village Center, One Arkie Albanese Ave., Manlius

Wednesday, January 28, 1:3-6:30 p.m.



Do you collect your bottles and cans for recycling? Why not "donate" them to Christ Church! Bring them down to Manlius Bottle & Cans, located at 202 W Seneca Street (up the street from the Manlius Tops).

To drop off bottle redemptions through the Christ Church fundraising account you simply bring your cans in. They must be in a disposable plastic bag that is closed - such as a trash bag that is tied securely. At the counter there is a table with blank labels and a marker - write "Christ Church Manlius" on the label (one label per bag) and leave the bag in the charity area on the opposite wall.



Meals on Wheels of Eastern Onondaga County is in need of volunteers to help prepare or deliver meals. Based at Good

Shepherd Lutheran Church on Highbridge Road in Fayetteville, their ministry not only provides nutritious meals, it also provides a wellness check and a bit of chit chat between appreciative clients and the volunteer drivers. For more information, please visit <https://www.moweoc.com/volunteer> or call 315-637-5446.



Outreach Partners and Ongoing Fundraising

Clear Path for Veterans

Seeks people to raise puppies for their service dog program. Contact Melissa Spicer at melissa@clearpathforvets.com or call Casey Eberhardt at 315-687-330 for more information. Applications are available at clearpathforvets.com

FM Food Pantry

Is located at 122 E. Seneca St. in Manlius (behind Pavone's) and open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10am-2pm and 5:30pm-7pm. For more information on how to help, call 315-682-3688 or visit fmfoodpantry.org

We Rise Above the Streets

are always looking for travel-size toiletries. Please leave donations in the basket in the narthex or make financial donations through PayPal (weriseabovestreet@gmail.com) or send a check to

We Rise Above the Streets, 404 Oak St. Suite 111, Syracuse, NY 13203

F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Here)

seeks drivers and dispatchers to get people to their appointments. Call 315-637-8158 for more information

Matthew 25 Farm

seeks volunteers and donations for their food program. Visit them at www.matthew25farm.com for some ways to help

Christ Church Tees and Aprons

show your love for Christ Church with a shirt or apron. Shirts are \$10 for S-XL sizes and \$12 for 2XL. Aprons are \$20. Contact the office for more information

Pompey Lions Glasses Donation

The Pompey Lion club is collecting gently used eyeglasses. Just place them in the collection box by the windows in Crosby Hall

Christ Church Calendar January 2026

28 Morning Prayer 9 a.m.	29 <i>The Christ Church office is closed today.</i> Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	30 <i>The Christ Church office is closed today.</i> AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am	31 <i>The Christ Church office is closed today.</i>	1 New Years Day – Office closed	2 Office Closed on Fridays	3 AA Mtg. – PH 7:45 pm
4 Holy Eucharist 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am	5 Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 1-2 pm at Spill the Tea Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	6 Rector's Office Hours 10 am-12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am St. Margaret's Craft Guild 1:30-4 pm	7 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm	8 Cherub Choir – PH 6 pm Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	9 Office Closed on Fridays	10 AA Mtg. – PH 7:45 pm
11 Holy Eucharist 8 am Bible Study 9:10 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Worship Comm. 11:30 am	12 Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 1-2 pm at Spill the Tea Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	13 Rector's Office Hours 10 am-12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am	14 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Coffee and Theology 1 pm at Spill the Tea	15 Cherub Choir – PH 6 pm Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	16 Office Closed on Fridays Newsletter deadline	17 AA Mtg. – PH 7:45 pm
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25 Holy Eucharist 8 am Bible Study 9:10 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am	26 COHI Circle of Hope Meeting 1-3 pm Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	27 Rector's Office Hours 10 am-12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am Vestry Meeting – CR 7 pm	28 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Coffee and Theology 1 pm at Spill the Tea	29 Cherub Choir – PH 6 pm Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	30 Office Closed on Fridays	31 Samaritan Center Visit 12:30 pm AA Mtg. – PH 7:45 pm

CHANCEL SCHEDULE – January – February 2026

Date & Lessons	8:00 Chalice	10:15 Lector	10:15 Prayers	10:15 1st and 2nd Chalice	10:15 Crucifer (+)/Acolyte	10:15 Ushers/Greeters
January 04, 2nd Sun. Christmas Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 84 Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a Matthew 2:13-15,19-23	Carmen Denny	Laura Davies	Lynne Couse	Jean Regan (+) Lori Gibson	Brian Hebert (+) TBD	Anne Whyte Rob Hughes
January 11, 1st Sun. Epiphany Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17	Peter Winkler	Wally Merriam	Mollie Mills	Doug Allen (+) John Davies	John Henry Davies (+) TBD	Suzanne Ball John Ball
January 18, 2nd Sun. Epiphany Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-12 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	Peter Geiskopf	Craig Byrum	Chris Denny	Craig Plew (+) Deirdre Popp	Shyanne Hesler (+) TBD	Jeff Amack Travis Newton
January 25, 3rd Sun. Epiphany Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 5-13 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23	Carmen Denny	Deirdre Popp	Shawn Hebert	Chris Denny (+) Ed Russell	Cate Davies (+) TBD	Carol Recker- Hughes Anne Whyte
February 01, 4th Sun. Epiphany Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12	<i>One Service 9am – Annual Meeting after Service</i>					
		Linda Albanese	Candy Wilhite	Peter Winkler (+) John Davies	Brian Hebert (+) TBD	Kathy Byrum Craig Byrum

**PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT SERVE AND CALL THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY,
to let them know of the change. 315-682-5795.**

MINISTRIES SCHEDULES JANUARY 2026

Ministry	1/4	1/11	1/18	1/25	2/1
Counters	Travis Newton and Susan Hebert	Rob Hughes and David Holder	Chris Denny and Jim Hughes	David Hughes and Jeff Amack	Kathy Byrum and John Ball
Altar Guild	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Communion Bread	Candy Willhite	Sarah Elliott	Marge Edwards	Cathie Swanson	Jim Willhite
Coffee Hour after 8:00 service	Host Needed	Kim Jeffery	Becky and Kevin Walters	Wendy and Paul Jutzeler	Annual Meeting following one service at 9 a.m.
Coffee Hour after 10:15 service	Host Needed	Candy and Jim Willhite	Host Needed	Deb and Jim Tifft	

Please note coffee hour hosting needs are subject to change as people sign up or change the slots they've signed up for, so please be sure to check the link for the latest information!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DADAC2FA1FBC70-christ>

The Parish Hall will be in use by outside groups EVERY:

Tuesday 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Saturday 7:45-9:45 pm

Please consult the office at 315-682-5795 to get approval for all building use. Thank you.



January Celebrations

January 1-3

Birthdays

Sandy Cline

January 4-10

Birthdays

Jim Tift

January 11-17

Birthdays

Candy Willhite, Tom Winiecki, Nancy Brennan, and Ben Swanson

January 18-24

Birthdays

Mya Walters, Carla Allen, Caroline Jolly, and Amanda Reeder

January 25-31

Birthdays

Andrea Cifonelli

Anniversaries

Jonathan Brodock and Beecher Graham



Christ Church
407 East Seneca Street
Manlius, NY 13104

Change Service Requested

There are two Sunday services with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. with music. The nursery is available during the 10:15 service.

Links for weekly sermons are posted on the church website and Facebook page and emailed to parishioners.

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Phone: (315) 682-5795
E-mail: rector@christchurchmanlius.org

Parish Administrator: Deirdre Popp
Phone: (315) 682-5795
Office Hours: Mon-Wed 8:00-1:00
Thursday 8:00-12:00
Friday closed
Email:
church.office@christchurchmanlius.org

Visit our web site at: <http://www.christchurchmanlius.org/>

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
The deadline for the next issue is
Friday, January 16.

The next issue will cover the
month of February.

Please send articles to newsletter@christchurchmanlius.org.