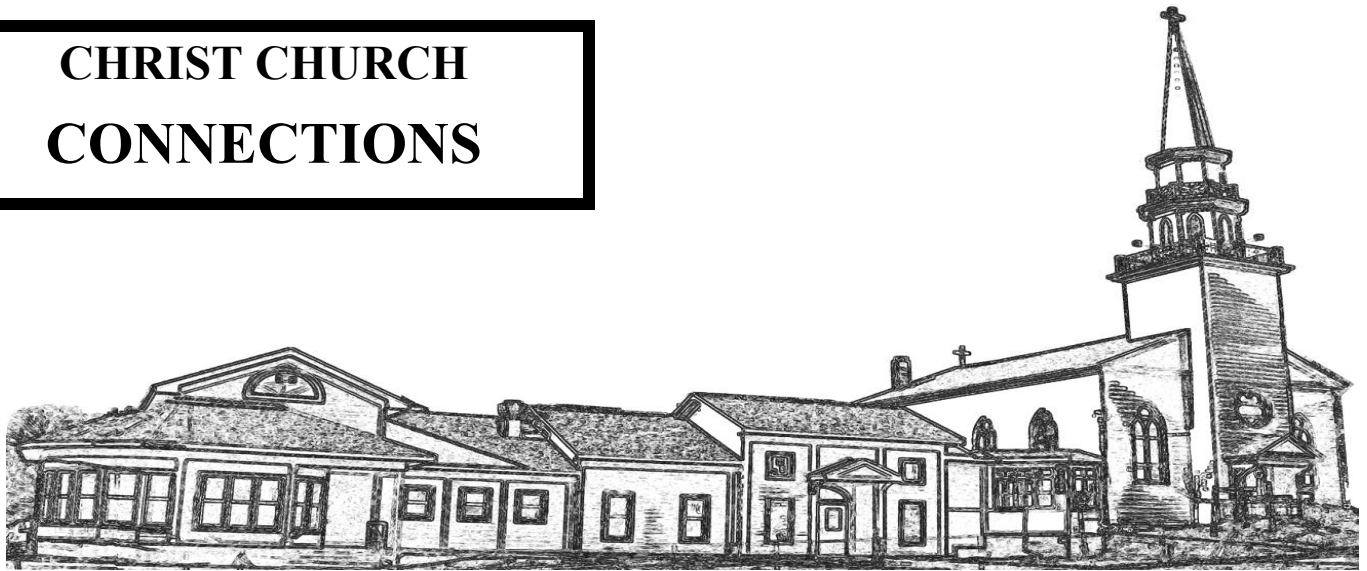


CHRIST CHURCH CONNECTIONS



CHRIST CHURCH

Manlius, New York

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April 2026

Father Tim's Meditation

This newsletter comes out during that beautiful, holy, and admittedly difficult time between the end of Lent and the beginning of Easter. My immediate thought is: "how are you handling this time?" It's a good question, and in fact, it's one of the basic questions in healthy listening.

In my time as a teacher and a priest, I've found that most people want to be heard. People have all sorts of needs and griefs, and while having someone to listen to them won't solve all their problems (much less the world's problems), being heard is an important place from which to face the world in a healthy way. Listening is a ministry. Staying with a person long enough for them to really express themselves is a holy, Jesus-gift that we can give to people.

In such a difficult time as we're currently living in, I hope that you can give people the gift of your presence. It can be tough to listen to others when we ourselves aren't fully heard. Sometimes, though, we need to be the start of something. Miracles are things that spread, and listening to others will help those people listen to still more people. As we move into Easter, then, I ask that you give your heart to others, ask how they're *really* doing, and that the Holy Spirit gives you the presence of heart and mind to be there for whatever might come.

Service Times

Sundays

8:00 and 10:15 am

Nursery available at 10:15 service

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

Julie Holder (*Hospitality*)

Alyssa Newton (*Worship*)

Oxana Panol

Ed Russell (*Stewardship*)

Ted Walker

Sharon Wisbey (*Resource Development*)

Wardens

Nancy Winiecki

Rob Hughes

Treasurer

Pete Geiskopf

Financial 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

April 3: Lenten Fish Fry

April 5: Easter Sunday

April 6: The Christ Church office will be closed

April 7: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild

April 8: Alleluia Bells Rehearsals resume

April 12: Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.

April 15: Fiction Book Group

April 17: Newsletter Deadline

April 18: Samaritan Center Visit

April 19: Worship Committee Meeting

April 20: Circle of St. John Meeting

April 21: St. Margaret's Crafting Guild

April 21: Finance Committee Meeting

April 22: Coffee and Theology

April 26: Chapel Chimes/Roaring Ringers
rehearsals begin

April 26: Outreach Committee Meeting

April 27: COHI Circle of Hope Meeting

April 28: Vestry Meeting

May 1: First Friday Dinner

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. *The nursery will not be staffed on Sunday, April 12, but will be available for parents to stay with their child(ren).*

Vestry Voice

Let's face it, Syracuse isn't exactly known for bright sunny days. I Googled it and our area gets an average of 165 sunny or partly sunny days a year. That means that 55% of the time it's cloudy or overcast. We're not exactly precipitation free, either. At the time I wrote this in late February, we had received approximately 130" of snow. Taking into consideration that 10" of snow roughly equals one inch of rain, we get over four feet of "rain" a year.

But lately things are changing. On my early morning walks with our dog, Tully, I've heard birds singing and have taken more notice of the light. It's so dark when we begin our walk, but as the sun begins to rise, the colors change and the sky takes on pale shades of pink, blue, and purple.

Sometimes as I walk, I think of things that I appreciate about our weather. When I think of these things, I feel my mood lift, and a smile forms on my face. There are two that come to mind immediately. The first is the rushing sound of the creek in my neighborhood as the snow melts or the rain begins to fall. The second is how much I appreciate the sun and the Carolina blue sky on a clear day.

We should all try to remember that even when things feel so incredibly heavy and gloomy, there is always something to be grateful for. Sometimes you just have to dig deep to find it. You can't have a rainbow without rain, and there's always sun above the clouds.

Julie Holder



Samaritan Center Visit Saturday, April 18th

Believe it or not, the time is rapidly approaching for our next visit to the Samaritan Center. We will be serving dinner and cleaning up as usual. The arrival time will be 12:30 pm and we should wrap up at around 3:00 pm. The number of people served has increased lately and we will need around 15 people to volunteer. Veterans and "newbies" are welcome, as are adults and youth 14 and older. Those younger than 16 should be accompanied by an adult.

Be prepared for a hungry and appreciative group of guests of around 200 (or more). If you are interested, please sign up at the link below. If you have any questions, please email Carol Recker-Hughes at carolreckerhughes@gmail.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DADAC2FA1FBC70-55777852-volunteer>

Some exciting news is
on the way for our
Children's Education
Program!



From the Rector's Desk



Two things from the rector's desk: first, as you may have heard, Helene Hannon took a full-time position outside the church. Her work the past two years has been wonderful. She has done a lot to bring out the creativity of our children at Christ Church and to focus them on the stories of our faith and the community of our church. Thank you, Helene! The Children's Education Administrator position will be filled by Julia Walker, a teacher of special education in our local school systems. Please thank Helene and welcome Julia the next time you see them!

Second: in the past few months, our church has been caring for a number of individuals. Some of these folks have critical needs, new needs, or long-term needs. As a church, we pray each Sunday for these and other members of our church family, and the prayer team keeps everyone in their prayers daily.

I want to highlight one of these groups, however, mostly because they have recently taken on some new duties but also because not everyone knows about them. Our Eucharistic Visitors go to hospitals and nursing homes to bring presence, prayers, and Communion to those who can't make it to church. At the moment, John Stephenson and Rebecca Russell are our two Visitors, and they faithfully pray with members of our church who we unfortunately don't get to see all that often.

First, I want to thank John and Rebecca for their ministries. They are untiring and unflinching servants of Jesus Christ. Please thank them with me when you see them.

Also, I want to invite others into the ministry of Eucharistic Visitor. It is a most holy ministry to be with those who often can't get out of bed but who also have a deep hunger for company and for the Eucharist. Speaking from personal experience, visiting folks in hospitals and nursing homes gave me a deeper understanding of Jesus' own ministries, especially with the sick. It also helped me believe in miracles, not because being with the sick led to immediate "results," but because I saw God everywhere in my work with this population. If you have the time and inclination, please let me know, or try talking to John or Rebecca about their experiences.



Children's Education

By Helene Hannon

Hello! As you may have heard, I am starting a new job outside of Christ church. I'm very excited to start this new chapter of my life, even though I'm sad to leave my position as Children's Education Director. It's been an amazing almost-two years! It's so wonderful how the kids, families, teachers, and wider church community are so invested in children's Christian formation. Thank you, teachers, for your solid commitments and constant love you share. Thank you, families, for getting involved in the many different ways you have been! Thank you, everyone, for encouraging children's questions and curiosity as they grow. I can't wait to see how everything blossoms from here!

I would like to take this one last opportunity to mention that if you are interested in supporting children's Christian education, please contact Fr Tim or the new children's director (christianeducation@christchurchmanlius.org). There are lots of opportunities, from helping out with seasonal events, providing classroom support, being available as a substitute teacher, teaching classes, or even sitting and chatting with families during coffee hour. If you're interested, we can make it happen!

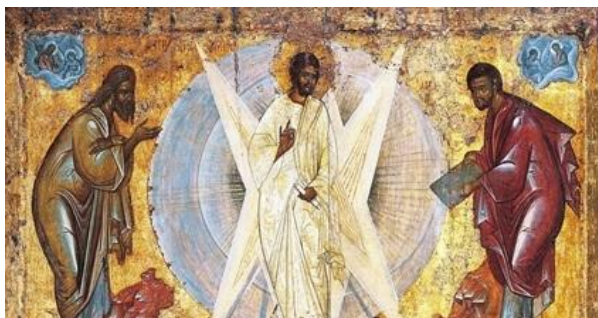
Thank you, everyone!



Adult and Youth Handbell Choirs

Alleluia Bells, our adult Handbell Choir, will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, April 8.

Chapel Chimes (grades 5-8) and Roaring Ringers (ages 13+) will begin rehearsals on Sunday, April 26 at 9 a.m. Please contact Rene Hebert at 315-632-4388 or rhebert694@earthlink.net if your child would like to participate.



The Mystic Christ

Jesus is God, living and true, but what does that mean? Mystics throughout the ages have written about encounters with Jesus in dream and while awake. Join us at 9:00 on Sunday mornings to read some of the classic encounters with the risen Christ.

Begins April 19th

First Friday Dinner Returns on May 1

The First Friday Dinner will be back on May 1! Coined the “Best Dinner Ever! by several attendees over a year ago, we will be repeating the meal, soup to nuts! The whole menu includes Italian specialties including Italian soup, two pasta dishes, homemade Italian bread, antipasto, cookies, etc.

We'll gather at 5:30 p.m. for appetizers and social time, and dinner will be served at 6. If you'd like to help prepare dinner, please contact Rene so she can plan. The cost for the meal is \$10 for each adult, \$25 for families. Please contact Ron & Rene Hebert by April 29 if you'll be coming! 315-632-4388 or rhebert694@earthlink.net



Save the Date: The Rummage Sale is Coming!

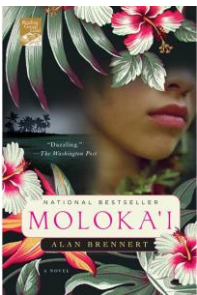
Time to Spring clean and collect goods for our annual rummage sale! The sale will be going for 2 weeks this year, running from May 9 setting up tables thru May 24th our famous Free For All. Please look at your calendars now and plan to spend a bit of time helping with this popular event. It is a way for the church to gain some funds for helping other community needs. And with our financially difficult times, we all can help by donating, setting up and guiding our customers toward reasonable offerings. It takes many hands to accomplish this! Please watch for an online signup, coming soon!



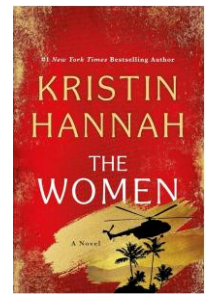
For donations, it would be helpful if clothing is cleaned and bagged. Labeling bags/boxes for men, women, infant, children also helps! We collect all kinds of things including jewelry, purses, shoes & boots, household items, pots and pans, utensils, dishes, small appliances (labeled working or not), furniture, lamps, toys, games and puzzles, CDs, DVDs, Records, books, linens (labeled for size if possible), bicycles, sports stuff, computers & printers (labeled condition), electronics, tools, holiday, rugs, tables, etc.! (AND MORE!)



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!

April 15
May 20

Moloka'i by Alan Brennert
The Women by Kristin Hannah

Treasurer's Corner

The Year-To-Date Pledge income is \$60,802 as of March 22. Non Pledge income is \$2185. The total pledge commitment for this operating year is 68 pledges and \$229,851. Thank you to all who contribute and honor their pledge commitments.

Pete Geiskopf, Treasurer.



Christ Church
Lenten Fish Frydays!
4-7 PM
CALL FRIDAY
682-5795
TAKE OUT ONLY

The graphic features a blue background with white bubbles. On the left is a green cartoon fish wearing a white chef's hat and holding a black microphone. On the right is a blue cartoon fish with a red mouth and tail. The text is in red and blue fonts.

Christ Church Lenten Fish Fries

The Christ Church Lenten Fish Fries continue through Good Friday, April 3. This take-out only meal includes fish, French fries, coleslaw and a roll and costs \$18. Call 315-682-5795 beginning at 11 a.m. to place your order. Please share this information with your friends and family!



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. 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!

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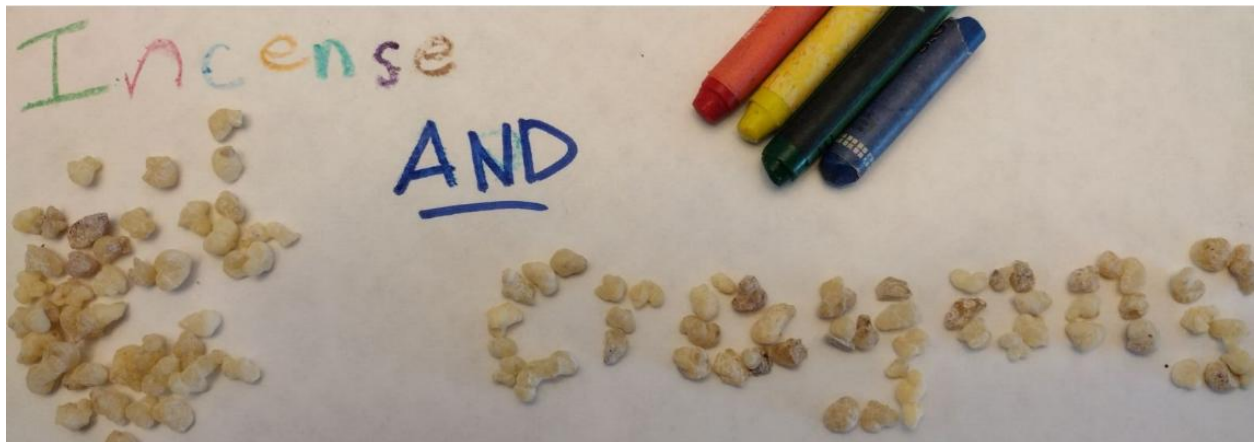


Coffee and Theology

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!



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 April 2026

March 29 Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am	30 COHI Circle of Hope Mtg. 1-3 pm Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	31 Rector's Office Hours 10 am-12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am	April 1	2 Maundy Thursday Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Maundy Thursday service 7 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	3 Good Friday Office Closed on Fridays Stations of the Cross 12 pm Lenten Fish Fry 4-7 pm Good Friday Service 7 pm	4 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
5 Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am	6 Office closed Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	7 AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am St. Margaret's Craft Guild – CR 1:30-4 pm	8 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Alleluia Bells 7 pm	9 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	10 Office Closed on Fridays	11 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
12 Morning Prayer 9 am <i>Please note the nursery will not be staffed this morning.</i>	13 Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 1-2 pm at Starbuck's Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	14 Rector's Office Hours 10 am-12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am	15 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Afternoon Book Group 3:30-5 pm Alleluia Bells 7 pm	16 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	17 Newsletter Deadline Office Closed on Fridays	18 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
19 Holy Eucharist 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Worship Comm. 11:30 am	20 Circle of St. John meeting 11 am Rector's "Out-of-Office Hours" 1-2 pm at Starbuck's Mahjong Group 2-4 pm	21 Rector's Office Hours 10 am-12 pm AA Mtg – PH 11:30 am St. Margaret's Craft Guild – CR 1:30-4 pm Finance Comm. 7 pm	22 Midweek Lunch – CH 12 pm Coffee and Theology 1 pm at Spill the Tea Alleluia Bells 7 pm	23 Debbie practice – CC 6 pm Adult Choir – CC 7:30 pm	24 Office Closed on Fridays	25 AA Mtg. 7:45 pm - PH
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CHANCEL SCHEDULE – April 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
April 05, Easter Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10	Peter Geiskopf	Linda Albanese	Shawn Hebert	Craig Plew Ed Russell	Shyanne Hesler Nora Newton	Carol Recker- Hughes Jeff Amack
April 12, 2nd Sun. of Easter Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10	<i>Morning Prayer, one service at 9 a.m.</i>					
	Carmen Denny <i>Officiant</i>	Chris Denny	/	/	/	Deb Tiftt Jim Tiftt
April 19, 3rd Sun. of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-3,10-17 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	Peter Winkler	Deirdre Popp	Chris Denny	Doug Allen Lori Gibson	John Henry Davies <i>Acolyte TBD</i>	Anne Whyte Rob Hughes
April 26, 4th Sun. of Easter Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Peter Geiskopf	Laura Davies	Lynne Couse	Chris Denny Deirdre Popp	Brian Hebert <i>Acolyte TBD</i>	Carol Recker- Hughes Travis Newton

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 APRIL 2026

Ministry	4/5	4/12	4/19	4/26	5/3
Counters	Rob Hughes and David Holder	Chris Denny and Jim Hughes	David Hughes and Jeff Amack	Kathy Byrum and John Ball	Laurel Mulvihill and Craig Byrum
Altar Guild	Deb Tiftt, Linda Albanese, and Deirdre Popp	Melissa Spicer and Marjorie Torelli	Susan Orr and Deirdre Popp	Amy Trail and Candy Willhite	Deb Tiftt and Melissa Spicer
Communion Bread	Sarah Elliott	--	Candy Willhite	Cathie Swanson	Jim Willhite
Coffee Hour after 8:00 service	Wendy Jutzeler	<i>Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.</i>	Host Needed	Host Needed	Host Needed
Coffee Hour after 10:15 service	Host Needed		Host Needed	Mollie Mills and Melissa Spicer	Host Needed

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<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.



April Celebrations

April 1-4

Birthdays

Emmy Armstrong and Billy Sullivan

Anniversaries

Heidi and Billy Sullivan

April 5-11

Birthdays

Tim Edwards, William Dutton, and David Hughes

April 12-18

Birthdays

Nate Bartkowiak and Fiona Hannon

April 19-25

Birthdays

Carmen Denny, Pat Barlow, Doug Allen, Charlotte Becker, Ellison Hughes, and Patrick Langan

Anniversaries

Nell and Nathan Bartkowiak

April 26-30

Birthdays

Bob Sudlow, Lynne Couse, Mac Davies, and Avery Howe

Anniversaries

Stu and Adrienne Eddy



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, April 17.

The next issue will cover the
month of May.

Please send articles to newsletter@christchurchmanlius.org.