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Sundays: 8am
Contemplative
Service
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10am
Family Service

It's All About Jesus

by the Reverend Adrian A. Amaya

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves (Romans 12:10).”

In the past year there has been much discussion about Episcopal decorum. I remember at diocesan convention a couple of years ago my wife and I being horrified as a fellow priest related with some glee his asking a person to leave the service on a Sunday morning because the gentleman would not take off his baseball cap. The priest telling the story understood himself as protecting the honor, the reputation, and the majesty of God against someone who was dishonoring God's reputation and majesty. Since we were in the middle of dinner and he was with his wife and as there were other people at the table, I simply remained quiet and shared a knowing glance with Anna who was as dismayed as I was.

I imagined this man. Maybe he had a serious bout of dandruff, or left the house without combing his hair or simply did not understand the etiquette of this particular parish's worship and the idiosyncrasies of this particular rector. Maybe he had visited other churches that invite people to come as they are in jeans, sweats, and baseball caps even with coffee in hand. Maybe it took all he had just to walk into the doors of this particular Church on that particular morning. Maybe he just walked in on a lark or was nudged by God at the last minute to step through the threshold. Who knows? I didn't. But, what I did know was that he was "invited" to leave which he did. He was invited to step away from the praise and worship of God in the music. He was invited not to hear the Holy Scriptures read. He was invited not to hear a sermon expanding upon the same scriptures. He

was invited not to confess his sins and receive the declaration of God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ. He was invited to not have the peace passed to him and he pass the peace to others. He was invited not to give an offering unto the Lord. He was invited not to receive the very presence of Jesus Christ in the consecrated bread and the wine. He was invited out of the Church. All because he would not take off his hat.

Decorum. Hmmmmmm...

In 18 years of being ordained I have actually had one person leave the church because a song we sang on Palm Sunday had an "Alleluia" in it. I had another family leave the church because of a cartoon in the bulletin that featured the "Marianne," the iconic bare-breasted symbol of France that represents liberty and reason. Another person left because the passing of the peace went on too long. Another person left because someone else in the pews was maybe, possibly, perhaps drinking a coffee during the service. And so and so on and so on.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another (John 13:34-35).”

There is always something that one of us will think is an indiscretion that another will not and vice versa. The weight of our tradition may pull us in one direction and the current culture in another completely different direction. Our own personal beliefs, likes and dislikes, expectations, and sense of decorum may determine what we believe is respectful of God and what is disrespectful of God while others may not share the same.

Jesus was often accused of not being respectful of God and of the laws that God

gave to people of Israel and he was called all sorts of names and people even stopped following him when he “crossed the line.”

When did we forget that it is all about Jesus?

It is all about Jesus.

Jesus is the ultimate and perfect revelation of who God is.

God in Jesus met people who were poor, broken in body, mind, or spirit, downtrodden, people that everyone else thought were beyond redemption.

When Jesus told the disciples to make disciples of all nations, he was telling them to teach others the very same things that he had taught them. We are to introduce people to Jesus and disciple those same people. Discipling others includes loving God, but also loving our neighbor as ourselves. That’s the way Jesus lived. God doesn’t want any more religious people...God doesn’t want people who care more about baseball caps than the people who wear them. Remember the Pharisees?

Jesus wants disciples after his own heart, with the express purpose of being more like Christ, and helping others know Christ in order that they themselves become more like Christ to others. That is discipleship.

Is it no wonder that Jesus chose people with these qualifications:

They had no financial clout.

They had no formal theological training.

They were young.

They were middle class citizens, fisher

men, and plain old country folks.

They were a diverse group.

They were not affluent.

They had no power in society.

They would have been unqualified to be a Pharisee.

Peter was brash. John was given to anger, Thomas was full of doubt. Matthew was politically conservative, Simon was radical...and so on. None of us are perfect but we do not have to be perfect people who worship perfectly in order to love and care and disciple others the way that Jesus loved and cared and disciple all those who were less than perfect-
The Reverend
Adrian A. Amaya.



A Meditation by Jack Olimanowicz

Albert Pike once said: "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

I want to think that Albert was picturing Jesus in his mind when he said this. I cannot think of a better way to relate to the Life of Jesus except by everything he has done for us.

Jesus is our shepherd, not out of obligation but out of pure love. To guide us and teach us, not for his sake but for ours.

In chapter 9 verses 35 and 36 of the Gospel of Matthew we learn how Jesus views us. Matthew writes: *"And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless. Like sheep without a shepherd."*

Jesus knows us, he knows our suffering. He knows that we need guidance. It's this very knowledge that Jesus is trying to convey. Jesus not only identifies himself as a shepherd but he also identifying himself as the "Gate".

So again Jesus said to them, *"Very truly, I tell you, I am the Gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved."*

When I first read this I started to remember my first day of middle school back in the early 90's. I remember that I was waiting in

line with all the other students eager to get my schedule so that I could go to my first class.

I was excited. But I must admit that I was also quite nervous. You probably know this feeling yourself. You know that feeling when you're trying out something new for the first time.

You see this was my first time being in that school. I didn't know anyone and things were so different from what I was used to.

I remember asking the woman who had handed me my schedule where do I go for my first class.

She gave me a complex set of directions, "Go down this hall over here to your left, hang a right at the first hall way take the stairway over to the 2nd wing and then take your first" I think you get the picture as I was overwhelmed with the complexity. It seemed like she was trying to describe the layout of an Egyptian tomb rather than the hallways of the school. Anyway, I attempted to follow the directions she had given me, only to wander the halls and enter almost every door I saw until I finally gave up.

I went back to where I had gotten my schedule. This time I asked someone else for help and they gave me a whole different set of directions. I felt stupid. The second set of directions weren't much of a help. I found myself going in circles. I truly think I walked every floor of the school that first day just lost; until I heard a familiar voice; I stopped and looked around but didn't see anyone I knew. I knew that I heard someone calling my name.

I am sure many of you have experienced this at some point in your life. You swear you heard someone calling your name, but when you look there is no one there.

That's the voice I had heard. After hearing the voice, I looked up, Finally! I had found the right door.

I realize now as I have grown Life is going to lead you down those seemingly endless hallways. With lots of misdirection. You will be given information that you just don't understand. You will find times where you are just lost. Looking for answers but not finding any even if it staring right back at you.

Amidst the cacophony of life; there are times you have to stop yourself and just take a moment to listen. Listen for that familiar voice, the one that is calling to you.

John reminds us of what Jesus says: *"He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice."*

It took me a long time to come to the realization of who's voice It was that I was hearing.

It wasn't until November 2015. One evening while I was reading the Gospel of John for the first time that I was able to actually put a name to that voice I had been hearing most of my life.

It was Jesus. He was calling out to me. It was his voice that I had heard back in middle school when I was lost that first day. It was the same voice that lead me to asking; rather telling my husband that it was time we started looking for a church to call home. It was the same voice that lead me to being baptized back in January. It is the very same voice that led me to where I am today, telling you my story. All I had to do was stop, and listen.

Even though I did not know Jesus then, Jesus knew who I was. He was trying to show me and guide me; opening doors throughout my life guiding me to where I should go.

Every one of us will find ourselves lost at various points in our life. Jesus is your shepherd, regardless of whether you know him or not. Jesus, knows who you are like a shepherd knows all of the sheep in his flock. And you should know that you are never truly lost as he will guide you back to where you belong.

Jesus cares for us and will guide us where we need to be. Through Him, by following in his footsteps. Listen for his voice as he calls out to us. It's Only when we know his voice and follow, that we allow ourselves to be lead down the path, where we will find the right door to enter.

Remember it was Jesus that said: *"I am the gate" whomever enters by me will be saved" and "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."*

I know Jesus Christ is my shepherd, for I hear his call and I see him opening the gate calling for me by name. When I hear that voice; It is a voice that I know. A voice that I know I can trust-JO.

Mustang Retreat-The Mustangs have a women's retreat planned for Friday, Sept. 22 through Sunday, Sept. 24, at St. Margaret's House in New Hartford and there is room available for women who are interested in attending. The cost is \$115 and partial scholarships are available. Please contact Debra Richardson at 315-479-9201 for more information.



UNDERCROFT FURNISHINGS

MEMORIALS

As you may recall a year ago we invited you to make a memorial donation honoring your loved ones in the form of the new furnishings in the Undercroft.

A plaque has been designed and updated to reflect the early donors. Some of the listings are for deceased parishioners by their loved ones. Others are from parishioners in thanksgiving.

**Pat Walmsley in memory
of Clere Walmsley (1943-1991)**

Otis Shuart

Marion Williams

Barry & Marilyn Guinn

**Ron and Madeleine Bort in memory
of Frank & Maude Walter**

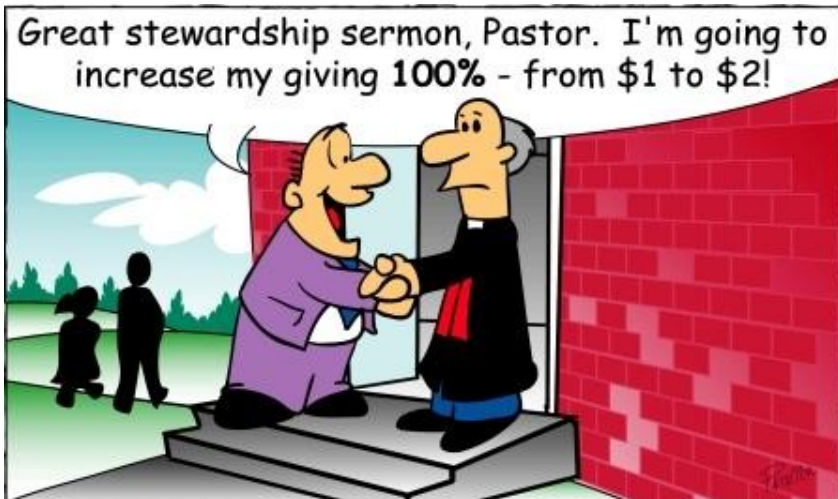
Dennis & Jacalyn Eberline

Jim & Kitty Miller

A number of the furnishings are still available to be named or you may make a general donation. Be sure to specify the names and dates of the person(s) to be memorialized.

Checks may be made payable to St Mark's and earmarked "Undercroft Furnishings."

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship Is About Being Spirit-Filled



Pentecost occurs on the fiftieth day after Easter. On that day, we remember the power of the Holy Spirit descending and empowering Peter to preach in such a way that thousands were baptized and came to believe in Christ. During the Season of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to fill us and send us out so that we may witness in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Trinity, the

perichoresis (dance) of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. During the Season of Pentecost, we grow through our scripture readings and discover what it means to be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do the work of Christ in the world.

1 Corinthians 12:4-13 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

In her sermon, ***How to Recognize the Holy Spirit in Your Life***, The Rev. Canon Renée Miller, writer, conference leader and Episcopal priest writes, "I believe that everything that we do in God's name begins by the Spirit of God that is in us. We do not do anything in our own power. However, sometimes we don't acknowledge the power of God's Spirit within us, and we don't rely on that Spirit's power when we serve God.

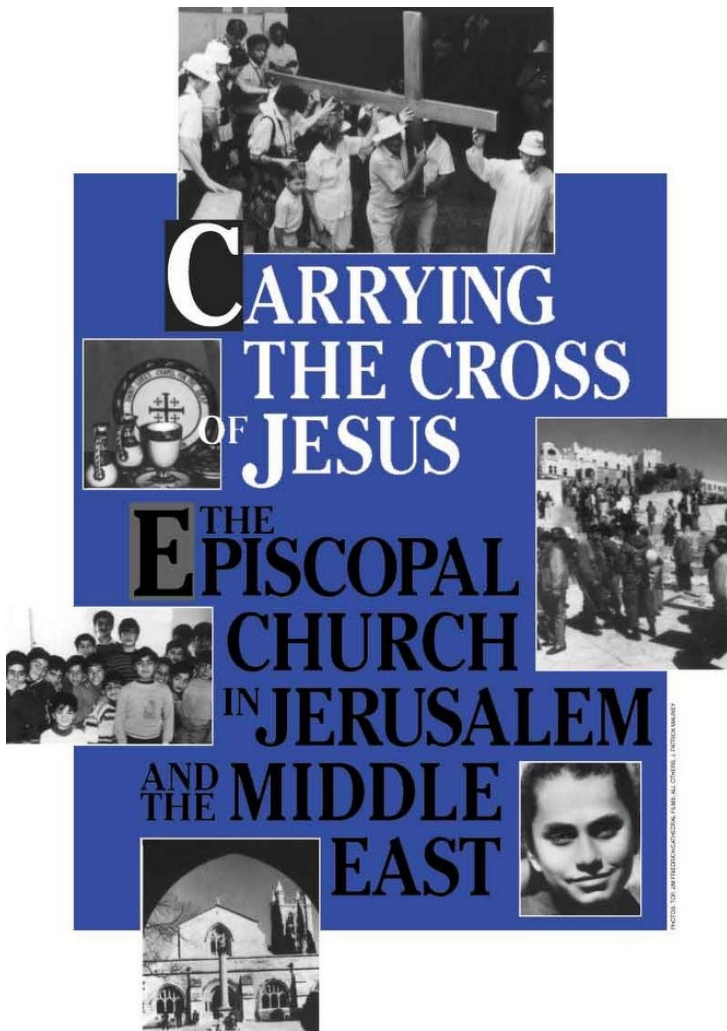
We are called by Jesus to go out in the world baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And we are not left alone to act on this call, but rather we are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to equip us and light the fire within us to be the hands and feet of Christ. How do we experience the power of the Spirit? Experiences are very different for each person; we might be aware of the Holy Spirit during a Baptism, looking up into the sky lit up by a countless stars, gazing upon a newborn child, or singing a favorite hymn from childhood. The Spirit moves us to live and grow into what it means to be the Body of Christ. Please remember to continue your financial support of Christ's Church here at St. Mark the Evangelist during the Summer. Together we are doing great things-The Reverend Adrian A. Amaya.

The Good Friday Offering-The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, the Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created.

Through the years many Episcopalians

have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care and education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need.

The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Holy Land to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children. We are proud to report that St. Mark the Evangelist is sending an offering of \$644 representing the \$322 offering from parishioners on Good Friday and matched by our own Erregger Mission & Outreach Fund-Jim Miller.

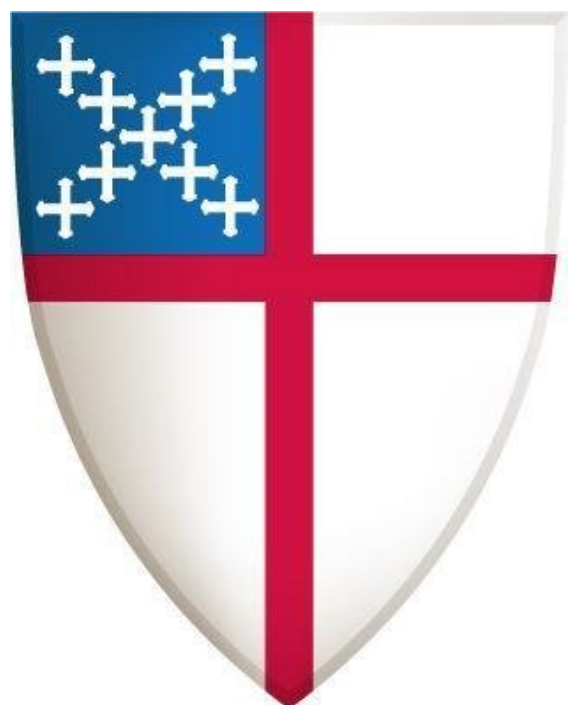


CARRYING THE CROSS OF JESUS

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN JERUSALEM AND THE MIDDLE EAST

THE GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

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THE PORTER SCHOOL AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Last week a young man came to our program who had been a member five years ago. Having two adults involved in the activity stabilizes it, and I invited him to return.

A girl who is a long-time participant no longer attends Porter School and is involved in sports. She arrives a little late, but she gets there. When I started at St. Mark's, two boys from Cayuga Street walked home together to avoid being assaulted. We no longer hear of that.

We work closely with principals and teachers at Porter. Our program is based on having fun. When kids are having fun, problem behavior evaporates because they don't want to miss out on the fun.

This week, two more former members showed up. Perhaps one day a former member will become wealthy and remember us.

Jim "Coach" Keech



Sundaes on Fridays—It's almost summer and that means ice cream socials are back! "Sundaes on Fridays" will be held from 6-8 p.m. on the 2nd Friday of the month. Dates are July 14, Aug. 11 and Sept. 8. Enjoy neighborhood company while savoring delicious Byrne Dairy Ice Cream Sundaes for only \$1.00. You will be able to sign up for Food \$en\$e at this time. In June's event we served 77 ice cream sundaes.

NOTE: Volunteers will be needed and there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



PORTER SCHOOL

The 2017 Graduation ceremony of Porter School students will be held on Tuesday, June 20, in the school auditorium. There will be two graduations this year as this is the last year for 6th grade at Porter. Starting in the fall, the 6th grade moves to Frazer (6-8) Middle School. As a result, there will be two separate Moving Up ceremonies on June 20. The 5th-grade ceremony will be from 5-5:45 p.m. and the 6th-grade ceremony will be held from 6-7:15 p.m. We encourage you to support and attend this event.

Say Hello to Debra Denny: Our New Secretary

I have enjoyed many different types of jobs over the years from secretary to dance instructor, freelance writer to editor of my hometown paper as well as an engraver in my family business – the best of all, however, has been being the mom of a compassionate and inspirational son, Devon, who recently turned 28.

I have lived in Oswego, NY, all my life until I recently when I re-married (2014) and moved to North Syracuse. I do still help in the family business in Oswego, but am ready to set down roots in my new community and this job and church is a first important step. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and helping in any way I can.



My favorite things?

I love to write and have been published in *Guideposts* and *Angels on Earth* as well as some regional publications. I also have written a weekly inspirational column, *Life Thoughts*, using my life situations and bringing them round to God's Scripture. I love bowling, reading, crocheting, camping and all kinds of music. My favorite hymn is "Holy, Holy, Holy" and my favorite song ever is "Move" by TobyMac. God has used that song to encourage me and to force me to maintain a forward motion through some difficult times, bringing me to a place I look forward to calling home.

Summer Ministry Schedule:

JUNE

	June 18	June 25
LECTORS	Jim O., Warren O., Kathi P.	Gary N., Kaley R., Adam A.
CHALICE BEARER	Dana M., Ethel A.	Nancy M., Carol G.
GREETER	Phyllis H., Marie B.	Ernestine L., Jim M.
USHER	Tommy M., Jim M.	Jackie E., Pat D.
PRESENTER OF THE GIFTS	Gary N., Sally T.	Barb W., Tom M.
ALTAR ASSISTANT	Jack O.	Forrest A.
ACOLYTES	Hendrik L., Stefania M. Adam A.	Stefania M., Alex A. Marie B.
V.P.O.D.	Julie D.	Cherry O.
ALTAR GUILD	Team A	Team B
COFFEE HOUR	Jackie E.	Parish Luncheon

JULY

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23
OFFICIANT	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
GOSPEL & SERMON	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
GREETERS & USHERS	Marie B & Phyllis H.	Barb W. & Tommy M.	Jackie E. & Carol G.	Bob K. & Ernestine L.
LECTOR	Kathi P.	Noah H.	Forrest A.	Warren O.
V.P.O.D.	Barry G.	Nancy M.	Jim M.	Phyllis H.
ALTAR GUILD	Team C	Team D	Team B	Team C

Why We Need Wonder Woman

Even when it falters, the new female-led film brings freshness to the superhero flick.

By Alicia Cohn

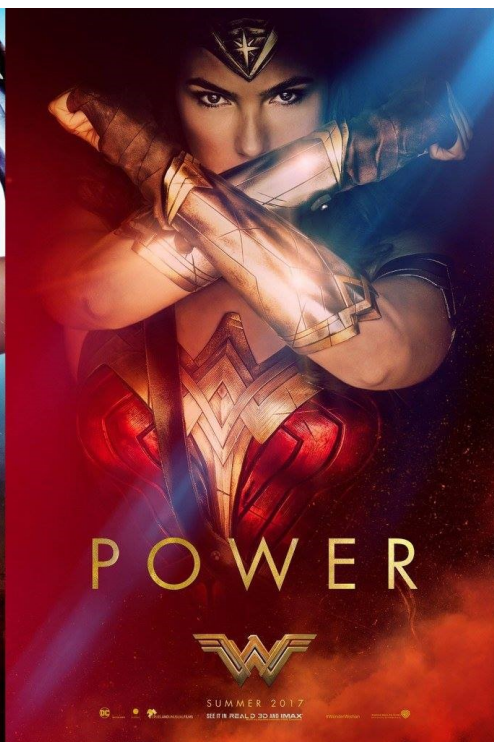
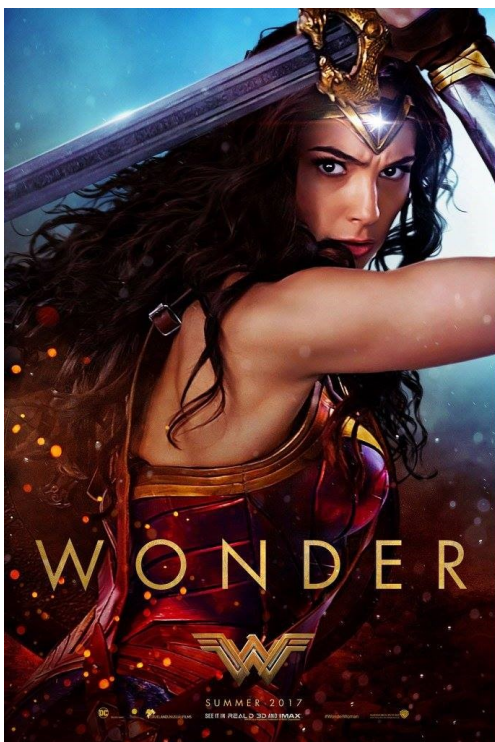
It took Hollywood 76 years to make a big screen version of Wonder Woman. Multiple directors tried and failed, partly because Wonder Woman is a difficult character to bring to life and partly because of fear of something new. “The [superhero] genre became synonymous with young men, and so I think there was a concern that they wouldn’t be as interested in a female lead, and it’s taken years for that to sort itself out,” director Patty Jenkins told Cinema-blend.

Now, she’s finally here—and in theaters today.

Although the film’s release is groundbreaking,

the story itself is still informed by a male-led genre. Wonder Woman is for fans of Captain America, because that’s what this film is, essentially: Captain America in female form. The story is light and idealistic and takes place in the past—World War I, in this case. The good guys are rewarded and the bad guys have simple motives. Like Captain America’s alter ego Steve Rogers, Wonder Woman’s Diana—played by Gal Gadot—is a hero who believes in black and white but is thrust into a world of grey. She defines herself more by her ideals than her invulnerable powers. And she meets another true believer (Chris Pine’s Steve Trevor) who, though a mere mortal, fights the same fight for similar reasons.

The simple plot is made more interesting by “pretty” fight scenes (Diana looks like an Herbal Essences ad in the middle of a battlefield), by the funny moments of Diana’s confusion about the “real world,” and by Di-



ana Prince herself (never actually referred to as Wonder Woman), who manages to be both stately and emotive, powerful and innocent.

Although the film follows a somewhat traditional script, it also deviates—because superheroing while female is a radical act.

Unlike most female superheroes, who for commercial reasons were invented as derivative versions of various superheroes (Supergirl, Batgirl, et al.), Wonder Woman was created in 1941 by a man immersed in the women's rights movement.

"Not even girls want to be girls so long as our feminine archetype lacks force, strength, power," said William Moulton Marston, as part of his pitch for Wonder Woman. "Not wanting to be girls, they don't want to be tender, submissive, peace-loving as good women are."

In her making of the film, Jenkins—the first female director of a superhero movie—nods toward Wonder Woman's controversial origins but steers clear of any overt feminist statements. There are no identity politics on display, perhaps because the movie itself is enough to spark a fire. (Alamo Drafthouse in Austin, Texas, provided some kindling by offering women-only screenings of the movie, launching protests online.)

Although Wonder Woman is not at all submissive, nonetheless she shows a wide range of emotions not always on display in more macho superheroes. She is tender and compassionate toward the vulnerable and besieged. She tells an attacker "I'm sorry" for subduing him. She sees suffering

and responds. And she is motivated by empathy as much as by her "sacred duty to defend the world."

"Who will I be if I stay?" Diana says to her mother before leaving home to fight in the war. Her urge to act is as much a part of her identity as her hard-won battle skills. She is an Amazon warrior who can outfight any man, whether Superman or human. But she is also completely, unforgettably female. Her costume plays up her female attributes, yes, but Jenkins—alongside scriptwriter Allan Heinberg—found other ways to ensure that she is more than just the girl version of a "real" (male) hero.

While Marston's Wonder Woman was gendered but basically sexless, Jenkins' Wonder Woman is not. In the film, Trevor wonders whether Wonder Woman knows about "the pleasures of the flesh" and feels disarmed standing before her naked, but then she spends the night with him. It's a moment of truth that seems to underline the "woman" part of Wonder Woman's name. However, it also splits the story off from what is arguably a more ideal narrative—the virtuous hero. Captain America, for example, did not spend the night with Peggy.

What Jenkins has not created, however, is a relatable female superhero, and plot holes aside, that might be the biggest flaw in the movie.

I could relate to Diana's drive and ambition as a child, but the adult Diana is icy and stately—one of those women that seems too perfect to be friends with. In other words, she has a lot of guy friends, most of them super-powered. Although the movie



nods toward female friendship with a character named Etta (Lucy Davis), Diana otherwise towers above—both physically and metaphorically—the other women in the story. She sets her own moral code and doesn't need anyone—not Trevor, not even the women who raised her in the mythical world of Themyscira. She loves, apparently, but without any of the mess we mortals endure in our relationships. She even has impeccable taste in non-Amazonian clothes.

As an aspirational figure, Wonder Woman falls short by far. But as a model of moral courage, she's more interesting. In the story, Diana experiences the limits of her own understanding of justice—a simple desire to set things “right” in the world—and discovers that the “good guys” are not always good and that darkness and light sometimes co-exist in mankind. “Men are easily corrupted,” one character says.

Although Diana sees that corruption, she still believes that humanity deserves a chance to be saved. It's an interesting con-

cept that will resound with those of us who believe in the total depravity of man apart from God. However, in Wonder Woman's world, where she was “created” by the Greek god Zeus, it is the demigods and heroes who fight on behalf of corrupt mankind. As theology, it's alarming. Diana—who briefly flirts with the idea of aligning herself with Ares, the god of war—never comes to the realization that she has no divine right to set herself up as the righteous judge of humanity. (This attitude might sound familiar to those who hated Man of Steel.)

The subplot about whether mankind “deserves” the help of demigods like Diana is ultimately resolved by Trevor delivering his own version of Shakespeare's Henry V motivational speech. He is the one who convinces Diana to keep fighting for humanity. Ultimately, Diana declares, “It's not about deserve; it's about what you believe. And I believe in love. ... Only love will truly save the world.”

I like superhero movies precisely because

their heroes get to make grand pronouncements like this one. Setting aside the questionable set-up involving gods, immortality, and supernatural powers, Wonder Woman, like other superheroes, still exemplifies a higher value system.

That's why summer after summer, I contribute to the box office count for superhero films—and this year, I'm happy to see a woman play the hero, even a flawed one.

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<http://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2017/june/why-we-need-wonder-woman.html>



Grand Ultreya Picnic

Attention Cursillistas

Grand Ultreya Picnic; Saturday July 15, 2017 from Noon until....

Dwyer Park, Little York, NY

Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service. Don't forget your song book.

CNY Ultreya Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at St Matthews; Liverpool 7pm

Next Meeting is June 21st. No July or August Meetings.



A Recipe You'll Love: Honey-Garlic Slow Cooker Chicken Thighs

Prep time: 10 m

Cook time: 6 h

Ready In: 6 h 10 m

Ingredients

4 or more skinless, boneless chicken thighs

1/2 cup soy sauce

1/2 cup ketchup

1/3 cup honey

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 teaspoon dried basil

Directions

1. Lay chicken thighs into the bottom of a 4-quart slow cooker.
2. Whisk soy sauce, ketchup, honey, garlic, and basil together in a bowl; pour over the chicken.
3. Cook on Low for 6 hours.

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JUNE 2017 Menu

Westside

FOOD \$EN\$E

@ St. Mark's

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What is

Food \$en\$e??

What is it? Food \$en\$e offers the opportunity to stretch your food budget by purchasing quality food at a discount.

Who is eligible? EVERYONE is eligible to purchase food from Food \$en\$e. No donated food is used in this program. It's a buying club -- so there is no income requirement.

How does it work? It's Simple. Order and pay in advance at our site. **Cost is \$20.50** per unit. Multiple units may be purchased, and/or single specials -- YOU choose!

Cash or EBT are accepted. No checks. (EBT customers must bring card and sign a voucher).

When can I sign up?

**Sunday June 4 and 11
10am –12 noon**

**Friday, June 9
6-8 p.m.**

***Friday, June 9 is also our first
Sundaes on Fridays
Ice Cream Social.***

June Package*:

- Salmon Fillets, 1 lb.
- Beef Patties, 1 lb.
- Chicken Drumsticks, 3.2 lbs. (avg.)
- Italian Sausage, 1 lb.
- Ground Turkey, 1 lb.
- Fresh Cole Slaw, 16 oz.
- Roasted Potatoes, 10 oz.
- Elbow Macaroni, 1 lb.
- Ketchup, 20 oz.
- Fruit Salad, 15 oz.

June Specials:

BBQ Pork Ribs: 1.5 lbs. for \$5.25 - The pork ribs are fully-cooked; just heat and serve.

Breaded Shrimp: 3 lbs. for \$12.00 - The breaded shrimp contain 16-20 shrimp per pound.

Chicken Breasts: 2.5 lbs. for \$5.00 - The chicken breasts are boneless/skinless and individually quick frozen.

French Fries: 5 lbs. for \$3.50 - The French fries are ready to cook and can be used in the oven or fryer.

American Cheese: 5 lbs. for \$11.25 - The sliced American cheese is not individually wrapped.

Beef Sandwich Steaks: 21 oz. for \$6.00 - The beef sandwich steaks are made from 100% beef and are quick and easy to prepare.

Macaroni & Cheese: 6 lbs. for \$11.25 - The macaroni & cheese is family-sized and a Stouffers' product.

Pick-Up Date & Time:

Wednesday, June 21

12pm-2pm



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"Try to focus less on a cure and more on a treatment you can afford."



"Son, if you can't say something nice, say something clever but devastating."

The Church of St. Mark the Evangelist Vestry Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 24th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Opening prayer was read by Kathi Phillips.

Present at the meeting were: Fr. Adrian Amaya, Barry Guinn, Gary Smith, Nancy Morrison, Debra Richardson, Kathi Phillips, Tom Marzynski, Phyllis Honsinger, Julie Dunn, Cherry Ottey, Treasurer Patrick Dunn.

Minutes from the February 13th meeting were accepted, after the motion by Phyllis Honsinger and seconded by Julie Dunn.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mr. Dunn, and after some discussion about our finances and distribution of same, Kathi Phillips moved it be accepted and Phyllis Honsinger seconded. It was accepted as presented.

A letter from Josall Syracuse Inc. regarding the church's roof and their proposal for repairs and replacement was presented. Their quote for an inspection and repair in the amount of \$1,760.00 was discussed, as well as their proposal for entire shingle roof replacement for the amount of \$82,100.00. Barry Guinn recommended that we go for the repair and replacement amount at this time, instead of the \$82,100, and said that he would contact Nicholas Maselli of Josall. Mr. Guinn motioned that he have a leeway amount of \$500, in case of any 'extras' that might come up so that he could tell Mr. Maselli that the existing roofing system will be inspected and the failing shingles will be replaced and repaired for a cost not to exceed \$2260.00. Gary Smith seconded the motion and it was passed.

A "New Member Information" form was distributed by Fr. Amaya which would be for strictly in-house use so that he/we could get to know new members and ourselves better. There was some discussion and suggestions made to amend the form as presented, and it should be distributed to the rest of the congregation at another time.

A Parochial Report was passed around for our perusal, which has already been entered into the national church.

An area-wide study report/study was distributed, and lengthy discussion was had regarding "how can we reach out to the people in this area". There are many 'un-churched' people and we discussed possible thoughts about bringing those people/families to our church.

The EYC Mission Trip to Frederick, Maryland, was also discussed. The amount of \$2544.00 will need to be sent in order that (so far) 6 of our youth and 2 adults would be able to attend. Mr. Guinn moved that we add the \$1400.00 to the current amount to send to Sts. Peter and John Episcopal Church by the deadline of May 15th, and Debra Richardson seconded. This was passed.

There was no old business, nor wardens' reports.

Fr. Amaya gave a brief Rector's Report.

After the closing prayer by Father Amaya, Phyllis Honsinger motion that our meeting be adjourned, Gary Smith seconded, and we ended the meeting at 9 p.m.

The next Executive Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18th, at 5:30 p.m.

The next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22nd, at 7 p.m.

Very briefly after our meeting, Kathi Phillips asked if we are expected to attend a Diocesan/Clergy all day meeting, and Fr. Amaya delegated her to find out about it.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Morrison

THE BISHOP ARRIVES FOR PENTECOST...



All About the Diocesan Cross & Seal

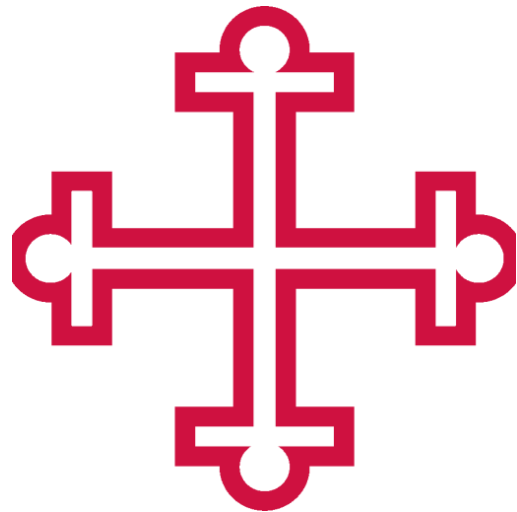
By Meredith Sanderson

Posted May 23, 2017 at <https://cnyepiscopal.org/2017/05/cross-and-seal/>

If you've ever gotten mail from the diocesan offices, or participated in a diocesan-wide meeting or worship service, then you've probably seen the red "Diocesan Cross" logo and the Seal of the Diocese. But do you know the history and meaning behind these symbols?

The "Diocesan Cross" Logo

The diocesan cross, which is probably familiar to you as the logo of the diocese, has been around for a long time (it's almost as old as your author!). It was created in 1983 by Wayne Davison, Arthur Lange, and Dwight Vicks under the leadership of The Rt. Rev. O'Kelley Whitaker, 7th Bishop of Central New York.



Each of the arms of the **Central New York cross** represent one of the four orders of ministers in the Church: laity, bishops, priests and deacons. In the words of the original designers, "All four orders are essential if the cross is truly to be formed and lifted up."

Each arm of the cross also represents a person—do you see the head, arms and body? The four "persons" are reaching out to one another and to creation. Finding their center in one another, each order of ministers moves outward into God's world. Firmly centered in one another, each order of ministers moves outward into God's world.

The Seal of the Diocese of Central New York



The shield on our **diocesan seal** features a cross, the symbol of the Christian Church, situated between four discs with wavy lines. These discs represent the lakes and rivers among which the churches of our Diocese are planted. A bishop's mitre (ceremonial headpiece) surmounts the shield, indicating that a bishop serves as Chief Pastor of the Diocese.

The Latin motto on the outer ring of the seal, "*Super Aquam Refectionis,*" may be translated as "by the water of refreshment," or "above the waters of regeneration." The waters could be a reference to the waters of baptism and to the lakes and rivers of our diocese where we go to enjoy God's rest and peace.

The outer ring also reflects the year, 1868, in which the Diocese was established.

The present diocesan seal was adopted by Diocesan Convention in 1915.



Compline

by *Julie L. Moore*

May 24, 2017

—*St. Meinrad Archabbey*

Forgive me my faults, my faults, my grievous faults,
she recites with the Benedictines preparing
for evening's darkening shroud—

her husband's figure standing erect
in her memory, his finger pointing at her,
threatening her, his once-sure vows

now dead, their hazy specters
prowling the hallways of her heart,
their long fingernails raking its walls.

While she chants—words, just words,
& barely sung—the Lord's Prayer
stumbles onto her tongue: *forgive us our trespasses,*

as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Not even an hour, nor is it sweet,
this prayer that arrests her,

exorcising the ghosts of promises past,
their furious, furious haunting.

<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/compline>



They still produce fruit

by *Philip C. Kolin*

May 30, 2017

Even in old age they still produce fruit
these holy souls reaching beyond
the lapses and losses of the body.

In the bountiful boughs and leaves
of threefold-rooted olive trees,
palms and cedars, they find

the legacy from the creator
to his creation, freedom
from the bondage of desiccated time.

An old woman wrinkled with years
has eyes as lustrous as Aegean coral
holding the hope of rapture.

The minister's collar outgrows his voice
yet he still harvests fulsome sounds
playing the pipe organ proclaiming Christ.

These souls flourish in this world
until they are crowned and leave
in a rush of green one night.



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