

July 2021

To the Good People of Ss. Peter and John,

As we enter July and the Summer months, for some of us the rhythm of the days change. I'm beginning to reflect on where we see the Grace of God and I'm reminded of this story.

This story is from the Indian Jesuit priest and spiritual writer Anthony DeMello for March from his book *Song of the Bird* (pg. 65-66).

A man who took great pride in his lawn found himself with a large crop of dandelions. He tried every method he knew to get rid of them. Sill they plagued him.

Finally, he wrote the Department of Agriculture. He enumerated all the things he had tried and closed his letter with the question: "What shall I do now?"

In due course the reply came: "We suggest you learn to love them."

I too had a lawn I prided myself on and I too was plagued with dandelions that I fought with every means in my power. So, learning to love them was no easy manner.

I began by talking to them each day. Cordial. Friendly. They maintained a sullen silence. They were smarting from the war I had waged against them and were suspicious of my motives. But it wasn't long before they smiled back. And relaxed. Soon we were good friends.

My lawn of course, was ruined. But how attractive my garden became!

This is just one of the many ways that the Grace and Love of God creep into our lives, and sometimes we don't even know it!

Grace and Peace,

John +

Father John ✠

ON-LINE WORSHIP

Here is the Zoom information for the Sunday on-line worship service @ 9:00 am.

Sundays - 9am Worship Service

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97774056978?pwd=ZytJSVZjWmt3MUdSMkI3U1JaaGNLZz09>

Meeting ID: 982 7706 2680

Passcode: 435902

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Other Zoom Worship Schedule and Numbers

Tuesdays – 10am Bible Study

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94333886777?pwd=WnNKSncyQkkzSlg0Yjc3ZGIVbk1PQT09>

Meeting ID: 943 3388 6777

Passcode: 577455

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Wednesdays – 12pm Worship Service

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95528786615?pwd=Z01DVGdvcG5XeVBIUVRMKzFFVVBjZz09>

Meeting ID: 955 2878 6615

Passcode: 634665

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Thursdays – 10am Coffee and Conversation

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97366952412?pwd=WUtQVFMyWlFKWmRBT1UyTHQ2Rm5Rdz09>

Meeting ID: 973 6695 2412

Passcode: 120228

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday – Friday

MORNING PRAYER – RITE II

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/john.rohde.16/>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92662278952>

Meeting ID: 926 6227 8952

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 926 6227 8952

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ac4XCk34Dn>

Vestry Voice

The June Vestry meeting began with an opening devotional. The May minutes and financials were approved.

Our fundraiser at Panera Bread raised \$113.67 and we can do another in a few months if the congregation would like. The fundraiser GotSneakers.com has started. There are collection boxes in the church and parish hall. Syracuse Brass will be here December 5, 2021 at 3:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm. It was suggested that a Golf Outing could be a fundraiser.

The price list for what to charge for weddings/funerals has been updated.

The Wednesday Al-Anon group will no longer be meeting in the parish hall. They have decided to use Zoom instead.

There are a couple of water valves in the furnace that need to be replaced. This will be done before the cold weather comes.

There is a man coming to give us an estimate on the plaster repair in the tower room

Mass on the Grass service was well received and there will be another the first Sunday in July and August. The outdoor coffee hour was a big success. People really enjoyed talking and catching up on each other lives.

We are planning a picnic in the park if we can reserve a pavilion. John Komarisky is contacting the park to see if a date in August is available.

David Ward put a request to the Vestry to expand the Soup Kitchen to include Mondays and Tuesdays. After discussion it was approved with the stipulation that it will be revisited in August to see how things are going.

The Cayuga County Health Dept. held a Covid vaccination clinic at the Soup Kitchen. It went very well and they are planning on another.

The hood over the oven needs to be expanded to accommodate a deep fryer. There is a man coming from B&E in Ithaca to give us an estimate.

Father John put forth Denise Whalen and Joy O'Donnell as delegates with Lisa Semenza and John Komarisky as alternates for this year's Diocesan Convention. It was approved by the Vestry.

There was a motion made and approved to increase the wages for the hourly staff.

The meeting closed with Compline. Next Vestry meeting July 14, 2021.

FUNDRAISING



Have you got old **sneakers** laying around your house – maybe they don't fit anymore, or gone out of style, or maybe you just got tired of them? **BRING THEM TO CHURCH.**

We are collecting **sneakers** as a fundraiser. They will be sent to a company that breaks them down and then recycles them into useful items. It is **only sneakers**, no boots, heels, or dress shoes. Did you know most people throw away their unwanted **sneakers** after 250-400 miles, or every 125-200 days, without ever thinking about recycling? Since **sneakers** are manufactured with materials that are not biodegradable, they remain in landfills or are incinerated which leads to toxic chemicals in our air and soil.

So, start cleaning out your closets – tell your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers. There will be a box in the church for you to drop off your **sneakers** on Sundays or bring them to the parish office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8:30 am to 12:00 Noon.

We sent three (3) bags to GotSneakers.com and we will receive a check in July. It will be based on the condition of the sneakers and how many. Future newsletters will contain information on how well we did. We are still accepting donations.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of readers for our 8:00 and 10:00 am worship services. We are only talking about 1 Sunday a month. Right now, our readers are doing at least 2 Sundays a month, and sometimes even more. As the summer months approach, members will be planning vacations away and our readers will be asked to do even more. Please think about this and if this is something that you might be interested in doing, please contact Father John for more information. I would like to thank Kristen Wilmot and Susan Burtless for stepping up to do readings once a month at the 10:00 am service and the 9:00 am Zoom service.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

We have reserved a pavilion at Emerson Park for August 15th for our Picnic in the Park. Please bring a dish to pass, your own beverage, and your own table service. More details and time will be announced later.

**OUR SOUP KITCHEN NOW OPERATES MONDAY, TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.**

**WE WERE PLEASED TO HOST TWO COVID-19 VACCINATION
CLINICS**



The Episcopal Church of Saints Peter & John (Auburn, NY) hosted a COVID-19 vaccination clinic in conjunction with their soup kitchen ministry yesterday. The Cayuga County Health Department vaccinated several dozen individuals, mostly regular guests of the soup kitchen.

"Nancy Purdy [of the county health department] was masterful at talking with guests, quickly establishing relationships and trust, and getting folks vaccinated," said the Rev. John Rohde, priest of Ss. Peter & John. "We also served 120 lunches—it's what I call (humbly) Kingdom work."

