
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE DIVINE LOVE FALL 2020

LOVENOTES

Priest in Charge The Revered Jean Quatorze
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAYS

10:15 AM – Morning Prayer until further notice

WEEKDAYS –

OTHER PROGRAMS

Sunset Nursery School – Mon-Friday 9AM-3PM (914-737-1818 for info)

Alcoholics Anonymous – Mon & Thurs at 8PM (meets in church)

Al Anon – Wednesday's at 7pm(meets in church)

Carriage House Thrift Shoppe – Thurs & Sat from 10AM-2PM

Welcome Back To Church!

We hold morning prayer services in the church every

Sunday Morning at 10:15 AM.

Please note there are strict guidelines at the direction of Bishop Dietsche that must be followed:

- Masks must be worn and are available in the back of the church to those who need.
- You must sign in with your name and phone number for contact tracing purposes.
- Please bring your own pen.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the back of the church
- Please sit in the pews/seats that are labeled with stickers

Parish Administrative Assistant Position available.

8 hrs / week \$15/ hr. Call the church office at (914)737-1082 or Email divinelovechurch@gmail.com for more information.

The Carriage House Thrift Shoppe Hours

Thursdays and Saturdays 10 AM – 2 PM

The shop will be closed Saturday, November 28th.

The Christmas Sale runs from December 3 – 19.

Covid safety precautions include a limited number of shoppers at a time, available hand sanitizer and masks MUST be worn. We accept donations only during operating hours. Come out, shop, explore and support! You never know what great deal you will find in the thrift shoppe!

Advent Retreat Program Tuesday Evenings 7 PM

Father Jean will be leading an Advent Retreat Program on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM beginning December 1st in the church. Limited space for in person. Zoom Will also be available.



The Episcopal Church of the Divine Love
80 Sunset Road
Montrose, NY 10548



This Holiday season, more families are in need now more than ever. PLEASE GIVE what you can, God Bless.

Drop off bins are located in the kitchen.



Sunset Nursery School News

October, 2020

Hello from Sunset Nursery School

Where did September go? The teachers and I have been contemplating that very question as we find ourselves looking at October already. As the saying goes, “Time flies when you are having fun”. It has been a pleasure getting to know the children and their families. After such a long “pause” it has been special to watch the children interacting with each other. Social and emotional development is our main priority at this stage of life and school is the best place for that. We are grateful and thankful to be here with the children.

With the hybrid start, we began with just two days a week for the first two weeks. Then we added the regular days and finally lunch bunch on October 5. Slowly we are getting back into our groove and it could not be better. The weather has been outstanding (thank you God).

We have started our routine slowly as well, allowing the children to become comfortable with their teachers and friends and mostly playing. We are also doing calendar time and circle time. They have been creating art and exploring the many different areas outside. In October, we will begin more skill building activities and start our letters and math skills as well.

We ask everyone to continue their diligence in monitoring illness and being safe so that we can continue with our school year uninterrupted.

Be sure to check our website to see what we are up to at www.sunsetnurseryschool.org. and do not forget to look around this season and take in all the beauty God has given us!

Melissa Wassil,
Director

September 2020

Hello from Sunset Nursery School.

Sunset opened its doors on September 1 for a two-week orientation period from 10-4:00 pm. The children came in with their parents/caregivers to play and explore. Being that children have not been in a school setting since January, this was a great way to help ease any anxieties and spark excitement for school.

We will officially start on September 14 to a hybrid plan of two days a week for 2 weeks. Then, on September 28, we will run our full morning program. Lunch bunch will start on October 5.

Due to Covid-19, there has been many changes to the environment and the structure of the classes. We had to drastically reduce our class size and some of the classrooms will not be able to be used so reworking the space was integral to opening our doors. Thanks to many generous donations, we were able to create 3 outside, enclosed areas for “fresh air classrooms”, along with a great new space indoors complete with 2 air purification systems.

We welcome an amazing line up of teachers and aides for the children this year; Mrs. Donnelly is supported by Miss Carol for our 2’s program, Mrs. Dolan and Mrs. Kendel are supported by Mrs. Jersey and Miss Brenna for our 3’s program and Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Sherman are supported by Mrs. LaRocque and Mrs. Kendel in our 4’s program.

I would like to welcome back our Sunset families and also thank our new families for choosing sunset as their child’s first early childhood educational experience. Sunset is a warm, friendly and fun atmosphere, and we are sure you will be pleased with your experience.

In these uncertain times, we ask the Church of Divine Love congregation to pray for our students and families, so that the transition from home to school is a smooth one and to always look over the children in our care. We pray that everyone remains healthy and safe. We ask you to pray for the continued guidance of the Lord as we take care of God’s most gifts...his children.

Enjoy the beautiful season of fall!

Kindest regards,
Melissa Wassil

Obituaries

Gertrude Lush. The Church of The Divine Love is sad to announce the passing of long time parishioner Gertrude Lush. Gert passed away on October 27th, 2020. Gert was an active member of our parish. She had once been the volunteer secretary and was our organist for many years and continued to fill in when needed.

Stella Andrews. Friends and parishioners gathered this past month to celebrate the life of Stella Andrews who passed away last winter. It was a beautiful celebration of her life with all of s.





SUCCESS WITH REGARD TO THE BIBLE

*A message from Rev. Fr. Jean Lenord Quatorze
Priest in Charge of The Church of the Divine Love*

What is success? Most people define success in terms of achieving goals or acquiring wealth. And having prestige and favor. And having high status and power. Successful people enjoy the good life. And they are financially secure, emotionally secure. They are surrounded by admirers. And they enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Their example is emulated, and their accomplishments are noticed. Most people's definitions of success only deal with the here and now of this life. And even in many churches today the definition of success is in terms of numbers, size, dollars, and prestige.

Success is measured and defined differently by God. God's measure of success involves our obedience and faithfulness to Him, regardless of opposition and personal cost. His measure of success is whether or not we are being loyal to Him in our personal relationship with Him and in our life. Also, whether we are accomplishing His goals and His purposes for our life.

Some Examples in the Bible

Jeremiah was an absolute failure when judged by people's definition of success. For 40 years he served as God's spokesman. But when he spoke no one listened and responded. And he was rejected by his neighbors, his family, the priests and prophets, friends, his audiences, and the kings. Jeremiah was poor and underwent severe deprivation to deliver God's messages. He was thrown into prison and into a cistern. But in God's eyes he was a success. He faithfully and courageously proclaimed God's word and His messages, and he was obedient to his calling. Jesus was also apparently a failure. If you measure his life here on earth by people's measure of success, then He appears to be a total failure. Jesus had little in material possessions. And He did not even own a home. Jesus was rejected by most people. And He was even hated by some. The religious leaders of the time despised him. Even his friends and those closest to him deserted him.

Jesus was accused and found guilty of things he did not do. And He was beaten, spit on, cursed, mocked. He suffered terribly and died the most horrible kind of death known to man at that time, death on the cross. If you measure him by the way most of us measure success, then Jesus was a failure.

But in God's eyes, the redemption and salvation of all of mankind was accomplished through His son Jesus. By God's grace and great love for you and I,

He sent Jesus to pay for our sins. And now the gift of a restored personal relationship with God and eternal life can be ours. All because of Jesus Christ.

“God’s call is for you to be his loyal friend, to accomplish His purposes and goals for your life.” Oswald Chambers

“Do not let this book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” Joshua 1:8

“He who pursues righteousness (close & right fellowship with God) and love, finds life, prosperity, and honor.” Proverbs 21:21

“Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves... but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant...” II Corinthians 3:4-6

“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.”

John 15:8

Jesus is talking about spiritual eternal fruit in this verse. Spiritual eternal fruit is salvations, by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. It is also spiritual growth in others or making disciples. Helping others to know Christ, and then helping them to grow as mature and fruitful disciples & followers of Jesus.

Focus on your fellowship with God and your partnership with God in His kingdom work and mission. And focus on faithfully following Jesus and obeying Him. God will make sure that you are successful and fruitful in your life. And it will bring Him much glory and honor.

Sure, God wants us to succeed. But God's definition of success is often different than ours. He wants us to succeed in our obedience and faithfulness to Him and His Word (Joshua 1:8), and in our development of Christ-like character.

My friend, I want to encourage you to begin to see that the world's model of success is unstable and built upon a foundation that is shakable. It may have the outward appearance of the good life, but it is temporal, and we have all seen for ourselves how the world's transient wealth can dissipate like smoke and easily slip away like the shifting sands in the desert.

"It is the presence of the Lord in your life that makes you a success!" Genesis 39:2

In this passage, it is clear that success is not what you have, but rather who you have! Joseph literally had nothing materially, but at the same time, he had everything because the Lord was with him. The material things that you have accumulated or are feverishly trying to amass do not make you a success. It is the presence of the Lord in your life that makes you a success!

Curriculum Vitae

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Objective

To help a community grow into and live out of the life giving, liberating truth that God already loves us and that nothing will ever change that. To urge that the community to open its hearts and its doors to the broader community, drawing others to the love of God and the life we find together. To lead the community as we go into the neighborhood finding Christ in the world and learning from our neighbors who have found Christ outside of our doors. My understanding

of the ministry as service, without discrimination, to everybody: youth and seniors, rich and poor, stronger and weak, etc.

Parish Experience

Saint Martin de Tours. Delmas, Haiti. July 2003 - August 2007
Priest in Charge and School Administrator.

Resurrection's Parish. Artibonite, Haiti. August 2007 - August 2012
Priest in Charge and School Administrator.

The Parish St. Marc. Jeannette, Haiti. August 2012 - July 2018
Priest in Charge of and School Administrator.

Deacon Experience

Church of the Holy Cross. Leogane, Haiti. September 2002 to June 2003
Full participant in parish liturgical life including preaching, celebrating, planning, designing liturgy. Bible studies with Youth Group and Women's Association.

Education

Seminary of the Theology of the Episcopal Church of Haiti. September 1999 - June 2003

Other Work Experience

Aluf Plastic, Orangeburg, NY July 2018 - October 2018
Material handler.

PDI Paper Products, Orangeburg, NY October 2018 - November 2019
Material handler.

Transdev Services, Inc., Orangeburg, NY December 2019 - February 2020
Professional driver training.

Languages

Fluent: English French, Haitian Creole

Conversational: Spanish

Personal

Married in 2005 to wife Marie, twin daughters age 7.

Church of the Divine Love Altar Guild

Altar Guild Christmas Flower Memorial envelopes can be found in the back of the church. If you do not attend in person, please make out your check to The Church of The Divine Love Altar Guild and mail to the The Church of the Divine Love Altar Guoichurch office. Please address envelopes as well to the Altar guild and include a list of the deceased to be added into the bulletin. All donations are much needed and greatly appreciated!

Donations will go towards Christmas flowers in honor of those who have passed. Please make sure envelopes/checks are in no later than December 20th.

Annual Stewardship:

Grace Upon Grace, Stronger Together

And God is able to make all Grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

II Corinthians 9:8

Dear **Divine Love Family**,

Grace and peace to you all! We hope that you and your family are well, thanks to God during these unprecedented times. Beginning last March, our lives changed in extraordinary ways. Social distancing requirements and stay at home orders altered how and where we could work, eat, gather, service, and worship. Our physical building was closed. Now, we can gather with a few people for worship in person, and other people can stay at home following along by Zoom. This year's annual giving theme, **Grace upon Grace, Stronger Together**, reminds us that our financial support in the form of a pledge to the operating budget of **The Church of the Divine Love** is an essential component of our ability to carry out the work of the church; whether we gather for worship inside our building or online, we continue to be the body of Christ through our ministries, our witness, and our care for one another. We may not know what lies ahead of us, but we remain confident in the assurance of God's abiding and steadfast love. With your generous and faithful gifts, our church can continue with our ministries both inside and outside our parish walls.

You have always been so supportive of **The Church of the Divine Love**, generously giving your time, wisdom, experience, passion, and financial resources to sustain and grow our work and ministries. As we begin a new year's annual giving, we hope that we can count on your support again.

Included in this mailing is a pledge form for 2021. Please prayerfully consider the amount you pledge financially so that **The Church of the Divine Love** can continue to share God's love with even more people and making a positive difference in the lives of everyone in our community and beyond. We ask that you return your pledge form by commitment Sunday, December 20th. Your pledge form can be mailed to **The Church of the Divine Love, 80 Sunset Road Montrose, NY 10548**.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Fr Jean Lenord Quatorze
Priest in Charge

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