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July 18, 2014

Pulpit Notes

There are no pulpit notes this week.

The News of the Diocese

Still Pray for Nigerian Terror Victims: Please consider using this prayer in your daily devotions as you remember the more than 200 girls kidnapped in Nigeria by the terrorist group Boko Haram. While it is true that there are millions in equally desperate situations and facing equally unjust treatment, focusing on one specific case of injustice and evil may help us remember all who suffer similarly. (This prayer comes by way of the Rev. Steve Holton for the Episcopal Muslim Relations Committee).

Prayer for the kidnapped Nigerian girls May 2014

O God, we cry out to you
for the lives and the freedom
of the 276 kidnapped girls in Nigeria.
In their time of danger and fear,
pour out your strong Spirit for them.
Make a way home for them in safety.
Make a way back for them
to the education that will lift them up.
Hold them in the knowledge
that they are not captive slaves,
they are not purchased brides,
but they are your beloved daughters ,
and precious in your sight.
Change the hearts and minds of their kidnappers
and of all who choose violence against women and girls.
Cast down the mighty from their seat,
and lift up the humble and meek,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for these diocesan ministries this week. If you want to check out the entire year's calendar for intercession, it's simple to find - go to <http://www.diocesenyny.org> and click under "Beliefs and Practices."

20 On the feast day for Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Jenks Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman we pray for those who work for the rights of all people.

21 Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of New York

22 On the feast of Saint Mary Magdalene we pray for eyes to recognize the risen Lord in our midst.

23 The Jack and Jill School, Manhattan

24 The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

25 On the feast of Saint James the Apostle we pray for those who are passionate in their faith.

26 The Metropolitan Hospital Chaplaincy, Manhattan

The News of the Church



Book Now On Sale: Fr. Chuck's book, "God, Life, and Everything" is now available for purchase! It will be in the parish hall after church at a cost of \$12.95. (plus \$1.05 tax). Checks should be made out to "The Hudson Valley News." Come on over to coffee hour and meet the author! He will be happy to autograph it if you wish. ;-)

DEADLINE for Rail Trail Pilgrimage: The deadline is approaching to register for the Rail Trail Pilgrimage (September 13-14). **In order to participate, you must register by August 10.** We start in Hopewell Junction and end at in the Town of Lloyd, spending the night at St. Andrew's Church in Poughkeepsie. Last Spring it was a spiritual powerhouse. There is a non-refundable \$15 deposit required to hold your spot (refundable only if we have to cancel). Because of the difficulty in finding supply clergy, this deadline cannot be changed.

Wanted: New Acolytes: As the school year draws to an end, we will say goodbye to our graduating acolytes (and wish them luck in college!). This opens up a couple of spots on the

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acolyte list, and we want you! New acolytes need to be at least 9 years old and willing to be trained. Please see me (Fr. Chuck).

Hudson Valley Home Matters: Hudson Valley Home Matters is seeking both volunteers and members. It is an organization devoted to providing simple services to adults over 50 through volunteers. There is an annual fee for membership. If you are interested in volunteering or seeking the services of Hudson Valley Home Matters, you can get more information from their website at <http://www.hvhomematters.org> or by calling at 845-452-4846. If you know Herb and Barbara Sweet, they are volunteers. You can contact them as well.

Food Pantry: Low-income seniors are eligible for \$20 in vouchers to buy fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables at nearby farmers' markets, the governor's office said.

People age 60 and older who make less than \$1,800 per month if they are single, or \$2,426 as a couple, can pick up the booklets, which consist of five \$4 checks, to use at any of the 500 farmers markets in the state, Gov. Andrew Cuomo's office said in a written release.

Bob Legacy, director of the Arlington Farmer's Market, said there are three farmers there who accept the checks. "It has to be for fresh produce and fruit," he said. "It's to encourage people to eat healthy, and to buy from local farmers. It really helps the local farmers immensely." Legacy said the City of Poughkeepsie shopper's special bus stops at the market, which is Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m.

Seniors can pick up the vouchers at their county office for the aging. [The Dutchess County Office for the Aging](#) is located at 27 High Street in the City of Poughkeepsie. The phone number is 845-486-2555. In Ulster, the [office for the aging](#) is at 1003 Development Court in Kingston and can be reached at 845-340-3456.

Emily Stewart: 845-437-4882; estewart@poughkeepsiejournal.com; Twitter: [@estwrt](#)

Plastic Bags Needed: The Community Garden is starting to harvest our early crops. We need more plastic bags to transport and distribute the vegetables at the Food Pantry. Please put them in the bin in the narthex during the growing season. Thank you.

Gluten Free Communion: Remember, if you have gluten allergies/intolerance, we have gluten free communion hosts. Please let Fr. Chuck know if you would like that option.

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Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ruth Blanding, John Bohlmann, Jim and Sharyn Burke, Ashley Coyne, Kathleen Craft, Michael Day, Jane Gagliardoto, Kasey Gaulin, John Golden, Jack Gordy, Robert Guariglia, Andy Hall, Harold Hall, Liz Handman, Brooke Helton, Rev. Don Hoger, Dalton K., Barbara Knakal, Rosemary Leuken, Doris Mack, Andrew Mendelson, Rev. Tim Millard, Clifford Plass, Gerald Plass, Grace Plass, Deborah Porach, John Robinson, Pat Rooney, John Schroeder, Richard Secor, James Sheeky, Naomi Sleight, Debbie Stone, Gloria Veach, Candace Vincent, Cassidy Way, Bobbie Wells, Cliff Wells and Shawn Wheeler.

Schedules

A Note about Schedules: The names you see below are those listed on their respective schedules. There are often times when, due to sickness or travel, substitutes are asked to fill in or trade positions. This will probably NOT be reflected in the lists below—so, if there is an inconsistency between what you see here and what you see on Sunday, that is alright.

Birthdays (week ending July 20):	Taylor Triola, Rick Schroeder, Chris Ruder and David Bender
Birthdays (next week):	Bill Ardini, Sally Pardee, Barbara Soden and Nick Granados-Kramer
Acolytes:	July 20: Jasmine Thatcher July 27: Nancy Montero
Altar Guild:	July 20: Team II July 27: Team II
8 a.m. Readers:	July 20: Debbie Belding and Grant Ferris July 27: Angela Henry and Lucille Ogden
10 a.m. Readers:	July 20: Regina Ardini/Justin Bohlmann July 27: Patty Caswell/Nancy Montero
Ushers:	July 20: Bill and Regina Ardini July 27: Nancy Montero and Anna Marie Pitcher
Pledge Clerks:	July 20: Tanya Hall and Anna Marie Pitcher July 27: Paul Littlefield and Dean Caswell
Coffee Hour Hosts:	July 20: Summer Schedule

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July 27: Summer Schedule

This Week's Lectionary

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

NOTE: Audio recordings of some sermons are now available on St. James' website, www.stjameshydepark.org Look under "Worship"

Sermon Preached on
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
(July 13, 2014)

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Richard Witt