

BETHESDA EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Washington Street near Broadway
Saratoga Springs, New York



THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN
14 AUGUST 2016

FAREWELL, DEACON SWEENEY

In the autumn of 2014, The Reverend Peter H. Sweeney was assigned by our Diocesan, Bishop Love, to serve officially as Deacon of Bethesda Church. Although he has been here just under two years, his impact upon parish life has been more than noticeable. Of particular distinction has been his ministry to our youth, including mission engagements locally and beyond, and his outreach to Episcopalians at the Wesley Home. Together with his wife, Stacey, and his younger daughter, Claire, the Sweeneys' energy and smiles have touched each of us.

Today concludes Deacon Peter's ministry among us. Please join us for a reception in his honor, immediately following the Solemn Eucharist, at the Empire Room at the former Van Dam Hotel. Soon after the festivities, the Sweeney Family will depart for their new home in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Please keep them in your prayers. You may also continue your friendship with each of them at the following address:

The Sweeney Family
410 Brandywine Road
Irwin, PA 15642

With grateful hearts, we bid the Sweeney's Godspeed!



Please switch off all cellular telephones, and other electronic devices before the Liturgy begins. Also, kindly refrain from audible conversation to respect those wishing to pray and listen to the organ prelude. Thank you.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN — *Daily, Daily*

1. Ye who own the faith of Je - sus Sing the won - ders that were
 2. Bles - sed were the cho - sen peo - ple Out of whom the Lord did
 3. Where - fore let all faith - ful peo - ple Tell the hon - our of her
 4. For the sick and the a - ged, for our dear ones far a -

done, When the love of God the Fa - ther O'er our sin the vic - tory
 come, Bles - sed was the land of pro - mise Fash - ioned for his earth - ly
 name, Let the Church in her fore - sha - dowed Part in her thanks - giv - ing
 - way, for the hearts that mourn in se - cret, all who need our prayers to -

won, When he made the Vir - gin Ma - ry Mo - ther of his on - ly
 home; But more bles - sed far the Mo - ther, She who bore him in her
 claim; What Christ's Mo - ther sang in glad - ness, Let Christ's peo - ple sing the
 - day, for the faith - ful gone be - fore us, may the ho - ly vir - gin

Son. Hail, Mar - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, full of grace.
 womb. Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, full of grace.
 same. Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, full of grace.
 pray. Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, Hail, Ma - ry, full of grace.

Words: Vincent Stucky Stratton Coles (1845-1929), 1906

Music: Darmstadt Gesang - Buch, 1699

THE BLESSING OF VESTMENTS *at 10:00 a.m.*

Celebrant Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People ***Who hath made heaven and earth.***

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord God Almighty, who didst command Moses, thy servant to see to the making of Sacerdotal Vesture for the worship of the former Covenant, and didst inspire him with wisdom to perfect thy wish: vouchsafe to bless, sanctify, and consecrate, these Vestments to thy holy service. Clothed with them, may the ministrants of thine altar be filled with the sevenfold grace of the Holy Spirit and endowed with the stole of charity, that serving thee faithfully they may be rewarded finally with a blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Dalmatic, Tunicle, and Stole are now incensed.

HYMN — *Daily, Daily*

**Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
praise thy Savior and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit,
who hath made thee ark and throne
o'er all creatures high exalted,
lowly praise the Three in One.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who hast taken to thyself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of thy incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of thine eternal kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON — *A Reading from the Book of Isaiah*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

(61:10-11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL — *Benedicam Dominum*

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

Words: *Psalm 34:1-9*

Music: Anglican Chant, F.A.G. Ouseley (1825-1889)

THE SECOND LESSON — *A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians*

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. (4:4-7)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE, HYMN 117 — *Pleading Saviour*

The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels

THE HOLY GOSPEL *of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

(1:46-55)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant In the reception of Mary into heaven, we see the glory that God calls us to share. As we celebrate the mighty deeds that God's love accomplished in her, we confidently ask God to hear our prayers.

Deacon That the Church, like Mary, will rejoice to share Christ's victory over death. We pray especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel and David, our Assisting Bishops; Marshall and Paul, our Priests; and Peter, our Deacon,

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That world leaders will ensure that their countries' might and wealth are used for peace and not for war,
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who lift up the spirits of the poor, the homeless, and the oppressed will never lose hope in the saving power of God,
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That we who celebrate this Eucharist will imitate Mary's example of trust and love,
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who have died, will find everlasting joy in God their Savior, together with Mary and all the Saints,
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant Mary's God and our God, you have blessed us with the gift of your beloved Son and his most-holy Mother. Look with favor upon our prayers for your continued blessings. Grant that we, like Mary, proclaim your greatness in all that you accomplish for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Celebrant and People

Good and Gracious God, you make all things new. Draw near to us as we continue our Capital Campaign to secure Bethesda's ministry and mission for future generations. Bless us with a noble spirit of generosity and gratitude. May the building of a new Parish House and Community Center, together with the renovation and restoration of the Church, extend your compassionate love for the healing and transformation of those who gather there. This we ask in the Name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an Absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum,
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus Christus
Sancta Maria Mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Tomás Luis DeVitoria (1548-1611)
*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women,
blessed be the fruit of thy womb, Jesus
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

HYMN 197 — *Picardy*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II* ***Prayer Book, page 340***

PROPER PREFACE OF THE INCARNATION

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (*Hymnal 797*) ***Prayer Book, page 334***

OUR FATHER

Prayer Book, page 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM

Prayer Book, page 337

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Prayer Book, page 337

MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI, *sung by the choir*

from *Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

From the Vatican Gradual, XII Century

MOTET

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum,
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus Christus
Sancta Maria Mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Jacques Arcadelt (1507-1568)

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blessed art thou among women,
blessed be the fruit of thy womb, Jesus
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THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING

May God give you grace to follow the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 599 — *Vigiles et Sancti*

ORGAN - *Magnificat primi toni*

Deitrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

WORSHIPING THIS MORNING

We welcome all visitors to Bethesda. Please identify yourself to the clergy and sign the Register in the narthex, located next to the vestibule door.

Large print copies of the service leaflet are available. An usher would be happy to assist you.

A wheelchair, located near the handicap lift in the vestibule, is available to those who require it.

Please join us today for a festive reception in honor of Deacon Sweeney and his family following the ten o'clock liturgy, at the Empire Room at the former Van Dam Hotel.

ASSISTING AT OUR LITURGIES TODAY

	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Dean Vang	Dean Vang
<i>Deacon</i>	Deacon Sweeney	Deacon Sweeney
<i>Assisting Priest</i>		Father Evans
<i>Eucharistic Minister[s]</i>	Landon Moore Sean Byrnes	Robert Bullock
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Remington	Leisa Brockett
<i>Bell Ringers</i>		Diane Robinson
<i>Lectors</i>	Robert Bullock	Mark Claverie
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>		Susan Petersen
		Robert Bullock
		Kathleen & Mark Anspach
		John Van der Veer
		Frederick Scheidt
<i>Hospitality Hosts</i>		Sara Manny & Grateful Congregation

NOTICES

The ALTAR FLOWERS, together with a new white DALMATIC, TUNICLE and STOLE, are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Ruth A. and Mitchell I. Solenski. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. The ALTAR FLOWERS are also given in thanksgiving for Deacon Peter Sweeney, Stacey Sweeney and Claire Sweeney, for their service to Bethesda Church; and in celebration of Mary Withington's 60th birthday.

In our INTERCESSIONS FOR THE CHURCH today, we pray for

<i>Anglican Communion</i>	The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
<i>Diocese of Albany</i>	Community of Saint Mary in this Diocese and Malawi
<i>Our Parish</i>	The Vestry

CDs of MUSIC AT BETHESDA are available for purchase in the vestibule. Offerings support the Father Thomas T. Parke Music Fund.

A basket in the vestibule awaits your contributions of hygiene products to Economic Opportunity Council (EOC). These are taken monthly to assist those in need. Your assistance in gratefully appreciated.

Office Hours: The PARISH OFFICES are open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., *Monday through Thursday*, and 9 a.m. until noon on *Friday*.

THE VESTRY of the Parish meets on Wednesday at 7 pm in the Parish House.

A sign-up list is available in the narthex for summer LEMONDADE AND COOKIE HOSTS for August 28 and September 4. Please leave your contact information with your name, email Sara Manny at saramanny@gmail.com or call the church office. Thank you in advance to all who can help!

FORWARD DAY BY DAY for August through October is available in the back of the Church.

EUCCHARISTIC ELEMENTS: Memorial or thank offerings for bread and altar wine are usually given on a monthly basis and cover such expenses both at Bethesda as well as the Homes of the Good Shepherd in Saratoga Springs and Wilton. A gift of \$25 is requested. Please notify the parish office no later than one week before the end of each month.

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THANK OFFERING OPPORTUNITY: Did you know you have the opportunity weekly to have flowers placed on the Altar in Memory or in Honor of someone? If you would like to make such an offering, please contact the Parish Office by phone (584-5980) or email (barbara@bethesdachurch.org). Your gift is appreciated by all. The following Sundays remain available: 8-21, 8-28.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

If you are visiting for the first time, or are new to Bethesda, here is your chance to learn about our building plans and capital campaign.

Child care and community-based services will be the theme of Bethesda's New Parish House and Community Center, planned for the lot adjacent to the church immediately to the west. The services housed will provide early childhood education to children from low income families, day care for working parents (fee based on ability to pay) and other community focused services.

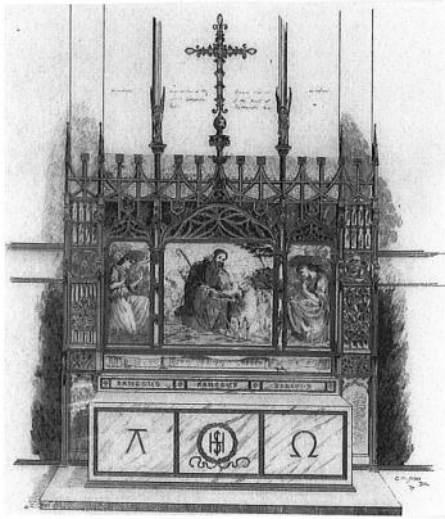
The facility will also include a large fellowship and dining hall, parish offices, and music training center. Seed money from the sale of our old Parish House and Rectory, property near Saratoga Lake, bequests, pledges and donations are making this possible, but pledges and donations from the parish and friends of Bethesda have made the biggest difference.

Architectural renderings are on an easel in the Narthex. Pledge and donation packages are available at the back of the church. Questions may be directed to Dean Vang, or to Mary Withington and Gordon Boyd, co-chairs of the Capital Campaign.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

August 15 — 21

Monday <i>Feria</i>	
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Wilton</i> 12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing <i>Chapel</i> 7:00 p.m. - Meeting of the Vestry <i>Parish House</i>
Thursday <i>William Porcher DuBose</i>	9:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>Home of the Good Shepherd, Saratoga Springs</i>
Friday <i>Feria</i>	
Saturday <i>Bernard of Clairvaux</i>	
Sunday <i>THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</i>	8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> 10:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> Refreshments on the lawn



THE PARISH VESTRY

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Darren Miller, *Senior Churchwarden*

Class of 2017

Catherine Berheide, *Junior Churchwarden*

Vestry

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Denise Limoli

Sara Manny

Mary Withington

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The Reverend Paul Evans, *Assisting Priest*

The Reverend Peter H. Sweeney, *Deacon*

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Dr. Kathleen Slezak, *Choral Director*

Mr. Robert E. Bullock, *Verger*

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