



St. John's Episcopal Church

The Saint

***The Mission of St. John's Parish is to glorify God
by growing in Christ's love and sharing that love
with others through worship, fellowship, and service***

Rector's Ramblings

It's the middle of August and summer is quickly winding down. Folks will be returning to school, fall activities will be starting up and life at church will get busier.

In September I will be attending CREDO. This is a clergy wellness program sponsored by the Church Pension Fund. It focuses on physical, emotional, spiritual and financial health of clergy.

There were a lot of things we were asked to do prior to the conference. One of them was to reflect on Living with Integrity. As I thought about this I came to realize that there are many aspects to integrity. There is being a person of integrity and being an integrated person, one who incorporates all aspects of ones life.

I believe that I am a person of integrity. I try to live what I believe and respect those around me. Unfortunately, in today's political climate this is not the case.

As an integrated person I have some work to do. Living with chronic illness makes me vulnerable to how my body responds and the special care I must take. When I integrate all that I am and pay attention to the effects of what I do, Things go well. If I don't life can become more difficult.

Jesus taught us how to be integrated people. He taught us to care for others and ourselves.

We have learned from our Baptismal Covenant to respect the dignity of every human person. Respecting others also means respecting ourselves.

At CREDO, I hope to reinforce things I already do and incorporate new, healthy exercises.

Pastor Alison+

Vestry Report:

We had an active Vestry Meeting on August 10th. We met on the east side of the Parish Hall to look at the pine trees. Tony Collard explained the concerns with the trees. They need to be removed. We will be getting a bid on the cost.

Then everyone went into the Church to see the different ideas that have been presented for changes/updates in the Church. Mary Ellen Aureli was there to help us with the historical preservation concerns as they were brought up.

We then returned to the Parish Hall to begin our regular meeting format.

Alison reported that she will be going to Credo. See her report. She also reported that Carole will be with us one year September 1st. Alison will sit down and talk with her about playing for St. John's. Alison would like the vestry to consider some type of increase in compensation for her.

90% of the churches in the diocese are small churches and have part time priests. Deacon Pete Dempsey-Sims will facilitate a dialog between St. John's, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's on September 8th at 7pm at St. Paul's, Lewiston. Topics for the dialog will include sharing, partnering, doing programs together.

September 10th the Diocese is sponsoring a program "Invite, Welcome, Connect" which is a newcomer ministry. We will need to register and only 3 per congregation may attend. Alison will request interest from the congregation.

The Vestry decided to leave the platform the altar is on should stay in place. There are boards on the wall next to the organ that were added. They will be removed when the organ goes to be rebuilt after Labor Day. We will then decide if we will open the wall up as it originally was or if we will put a door in. We will leave the organ where it is. We are going to leave the door behind the organ where it is. It is important to have another exit in case of a fire. We will wait to see if we want to put stairs there.

We also decided to look into a good sound system for the Church and also better lighting.

A letter has been submitted to the Village Board requesting that a handicapped accessible curb be installed where the sidewalk from the back of the Church and the Parish Hall meets the street.

Mike Banks is looking into raising the sidewalk into the front of the Church to eliminate the first step and bring the step into code.

Thanks to a suggestion in the suggestion box, we will be adding Praise Reports to our announcements in Church so we can hear what God is doing in our lives.

The next Vestry meeting will be Sept. 7th at 7pm.

Memorial Service

Former Rector of St. John's. **The Rev. Guy Peek** passed earlier this summer. There will be a memorial service at St. John's Saturday, September 3 at 9:30am.

There will be a memorial service for Anne Ross, Marilyn Furry's daughter, on Saturday, October 15th at 11:30 am at St. John's.

May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.

Where to go for help

Looking for information and help on services and support in your community? Visit <https://www.nyconnects.ny.gov> or call 1--800-342-9871.

Workshop on Church Growth

The Diocesan Council is thrilled to welcome Mary

Parmer and Invite Welcome Connect to our diocese on September 9 and 10th. On Friday, Mary will meet with the clergy.



Invite • Welcome • Connect

On Saturday September 10, Mary will present a workshop to lay people and the entire diocese. She created and developed INVITE WELCOME CONNECT to help congregations with their evangelism, hospitality and newcomer ministries.

Seating is limited, so registration is limited to 3 members of each congregation. Sign up early, you won't be disappointed. For more information, contact Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims at cdsims@episcopalwny.org or 881-0660 ext. 14.

If you want to attend this, please let Alison or Mary Weiland know.



Our Little Roses Basket

Our parish is going to create an “Everything but the Kitchen Sink” basket for the annual Our Little Roses Tea on October 1st. Donate whatever you would like. The basket is in the Parish Hall and it has some delightful items in it already! Deadline is Sept. 25th.

The tickets to the Our Little Roses tea are \$25. Tickets for the baskets are \$1.00 or 6

for \$5. You will be able to put your tickets in for the baskets you want at our Church. The tickets will be on sale in the Parish Hall after our Sunday Service.

September Birthdays

- 3 Marie Oblamski
- 5 Betty Ames
- 6 Andrew Banks
- 8 Donald Finkle
- 9 Michael Banks
- 11 Deb White
- 19 Alan Aureli
- 23 Valerie Banks
- 24 Don Henry
- 25 Donna Jeffs

September Anniversaries

- 17 Stu & Debby Comerford

Eagle Scout Project

Stephen Rhodenizer, who has been helping us during the Strawberry Fest for years is collecting toilet paper, paper towels, and baby diapers for Community Missions. We have agreed to help him with his project. He will be bringing a box for collecting these items to the church in the near future.

We have already filled the box with supplies and are filling it again. Stephen said he is so thankful for our support!



We're having a Picnic!!

Sept. 25th

After our Sunday 10 am Service

At 214 Lake Rd., Youngstown

**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Beverages and Condiments
will be provided.**

Please bring a dish to share.

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the Church.

Please carpool from the Church.

Let Us Pray

The Parish Rota: This is a list of the members of the parish. It allows us to pray for everybody each month.



1. Betty Ames, Allan Aureli, Mary Ellen Aureli
2. Michael Banks, Valerie Banks, Shawn D'Luhy
3. Kay Collard, Tony Collard, Heidi Dent
4. Brandon Comerford, Debra Comerford, Ryan Comerford
5. Stu Comerford, John Eodice, Priscilla Eodice
6. Joseph Fabian Kathy Fabian,
7. Doreen Enman, Donald Finkle, Heather Finkle
8. Christine Foster, Mark Foster, Marilyn Furry
9. Jerry Freischlag, Mary Lou Freischlag, Angela Gebauer
10. Jean Gerlach, John Gerlach, Annie Given, Carl Gonder
11. Art Hannah, Judy Hannah, Esther Hardison
12. J. Michael Hinde, Donna Huggins, Col. Jack James,
13. Donna Jeffs, Harold Jeffs, Kelsey Jeffs, Shannon Jeffs
14. Dolores Jones, Greg Jordan, Kris Jordan,
15. Casey Jordan, Lisa Leffler, Mark Leffler,
16. Pat Lloyd, Carla Lynch, Connor Lynch,
17. John Lynch Sr., John Lynch Jr. Alison Martin,
18. Brittany Machmer John Mies, Sandy Mies
19. Lark Mattoon, Ed McGreevy, Ed Tormay
20. Irene Myers, Phyllis Norwich, Marie Oblamski
21. Karen Oddy , Deborah Pauline, James Pauline
22. Shirley Oldfield,, Helene Pavlock,
23. Sally Phillips, James Poole, Nancy Poole
24. Linda Reynolds, Raleigh Reynolds, Carol Reinbird,
25. Jane Richardson, Mickey Suitor, Deacon Vickie Suitor
26. Karran Swayze, Randy Walck, Larry Walck
27. Sabre Whipple, Deb White, Michael White
28. Marie Stephens, Ken Wieland, Mary Wieland
29. Kit Williams, Dr. Michael Wilson, Michael Wilson
30. Barbara Yandian,

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St. John's Episcopal, Youngstown NY

**THE SAINT
SEPTEMBER 2016**

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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If you would like more information about St. John's, have a prayer request
or would like to talk to the clergy, please call or e-mail the office.

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