



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 .*

*the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.* Galatians 5:22

Dear People of St. John's,

In this column I cannot but share my joy, thanksgivings, and a few re(d)lections on our recent (and my first) Strawberry Festival. What a wonderful, blessed day it was!

Not long after I arrived on the scene that morning, I mentioned to one of you with whom I'd been chatting outside that I was about to head into the kitchen and see how things were going. I was quickly and pointedly given a great piece of advice: "Well, just stay out of the way." I did my best, not least because it was quickly evident that everyone on hand, in every facet of the festival, knew exactly what they were doing, was "stepping up to the plate," and was throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the occasion. So, I'm not joking—"stay out of the way" really was good advice, because when we see the Holy Spirit moving so clearly, as I did then, no one's job (least of all the priest's!) is to get in Her way.

No, what we do when the Holy Spirit moves is let ourselves be taken along and enjoy the ride. Jesus says, in John's Gospel (3:8), "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." This is Jesus' theological version of that good advice I got. The Spirit of God is not something we can predict or control. We know the Spirit moves, we listen for the sound and look for the signs, we let the Spirit breathe through us, and let ourselves be borne wherever we are carried. Getting in the way is counterproductive and, for that matter, futile.

What I'm saying is that if I did "stay out of the way," so did ALL of you—and that was just perfect! You all let the Spirit move through yourselves, throughout the Festival. You shared it with all our neighbors, all our guests, and one another. And I would only ask one thing of each of you now. Any time in the coming weeks, if you happen to hear from one of those who came by for strawberry shortcake, who came by to eat, drink, socialize, listen to music, and have fun on a glorious sunny day with old friends and new, and they say what a great time they had, remember and let them know—God made all that possible, and let them know how grateful you are to Him.

In other words: don't miss a chance to evangelize! Don't miss a chance to let people know in Whom your deepest joy is found and to Whom your most profound thanks are given.

I thank God for each of you, and for being present and making Himself known and felt that day. And I thank all of you for your work on the Strawberry Festival!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Dan+

Priest's Schedule

July 7th – Fr. Dan
July 14th – Mother Barbara
July 21st – Mother Barbara
July 28th – Fr. Dan
Aug. 4th – 11 am Joint service & Picnic to follow at Ft. Niagara Shelter 3F
Aug. 11th – Fr. Dan – joint service at SJY 9:30
Aug. 18th – Fr. Dan – joint service at SJY 9:30
Aug. 25th – Mother Barbara at – joint service at SJY 9:30 (blessing of the backpacks)
September 1st – Back to regular times and places for two worship services

VestryReport

The Vestry met on June 13,2019.

Father Dan will be away for 2 weeks during the month of July.

Spring clean-up took place; *thankyou* to all who helped.

The vestry is evaluating the future upkeep of flowerbeds around the church.

Final planning stages for the “Strawberry festival” took place.

Vestry discussed savings to take place using Blue Rock Solar(off sight solar energy).

Cello Concert at St John’s discussed.

Stair chair was fixed and is now operational.

Summer Services with St Paul’s, Lewiston as follows:

August 4th- Picnic at Fort Niagara shelter 3F

August 11th, 18th 25th at St. John’s at 9:30am.

September- Return to normal schedule.

Next Vestry meeting – September 11th at 7pm.

Lisa Leffler

Strawberry Festival



The Strawberry festival was a *Great Success!!!* The strawberries came through for us as did Mary Wieland for staying on top of their progress and giving us a play by play as our prayers unfolded into ripened strawberries, just in time for the Strawberry Festival.As in typical St. John’s fashion, everyone came together for a fun filled day of work and play. Thanks to all who helped with the basket donations and assembly, the hulling of the strawberries, a long night of preparing the basket raffle and a long day of preparing the strawberry shortcake. Thanks to those who put so much thought and time into the organization of the Strawberry Festival and the basket raffle. From finding entertainment and sending out letters to rounding up donations and setting up all the tables, it was a great way to celebrate each other and our community together as one. What a great way to share the love with one another!

There were nothing but words of praise from all who attended and the VFW had such kind, thankful words to offer about the effort that

went into making such a phenomenal donation of \$1335.00. Let's get planning for next year!

Lisa Leffler

Care N Share

We are collecting for the Care N Share food pantry in Ransomville. You can leave your groceries in the back of the church. Thank you for caring. They have expanded their times for people to get food to three days a week because the need is so great.

The Calm Respite Program

It is not too late to become a part of the Calm Respite Program. The next Calm Respite Program will be held on August 21st from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm. Please contact August Mother Barbara to help.

Pray for our Children...

St. Paul's in Lewiston and St. John's in Youngstown invite us all to join them in prayer every day to End the Violence in Schools and For the Safety of All Children.

Summer Church Schedule

The summer church schedule will remain the same in June and July. In August the first Sunday, August 4th, will be our joint picnic with St. Paul's at Shelter 3F at Fort Niagara. The remaining Sundays in August, Sunday service will be held at St. John's for both churches at 9:30am. Jean and John Gerlach have graciously offered to coordinate the picnic.

Concert!!

July 11th Concert at Saint John's- Keely Mackey/Mac Buckholtz
Keely Mackey, MA, and Max Buckholtz, MA, are both graduates of Lewiston Porter, Class of 1990. Keely grew up in Youngstown, and has lived in Albuquerque, NM since 1994, while Max grew up in Lewiston and resides in Ithaca, NY.

Max began his violin studies at the age of three, and obtained a graduate degree in violin performance and orchestration from Ithaca college. Since 2011, Max has been the director of Journey West, which is an educational program that chronicles the migration of melody through an interactive multi-media performance. Additionally, he is an arranger and publisher of string orchestra parts and scores focusing on music of varying cultures, and among other things, has worked at Cornell University as accompanist, composer, music director and performer, for the past twenty years.

Keely's classical cello studies began at age nine, which continued formally through undergraduate and graduate school. Since eighteen, Keely has been improvising, collaborating, performing and recording across multiple genres, including: classical, jazz, soul, funk, progressive rock, and Kirtan. Exploring electric cello, and amplified looping cello with effects began five years ago. These combined experiences, over the past 37 years, have allowed Keely to compose her own music. For the past year, she has been intensely composing, memorizing and recording music for her

upcoming debut solo album, to be released later this year.

A concert will be held by these musician composers at St. John's Episcopal Church, on Thursday, July 11, 2019. Doors will open at 6 pm. Concert is from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Tickets may be purchased online at the following link. Tickets are \$5 for seniors (over 65) and \$10 for the general public. Some tickets will be reserved for cash sale at the door, at 6 pm on the date of the concert.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/keely-mackey-cello-and-max-buckholtz-violin-tickets-64018909281>

School supply collection



The people of St. John's generously donate backpacks and school supplies to Lewiston-Porter students ever since the diocese started the "Backpack Blessing" several years ago.

Many parishioners take advantage of local "back to school sales" throughout the summer so school supplies will be available to students the first week of school.

If you purchase school supplies, please leave them in the back of the church for this worthy cause.

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, Jennifer Andrews, 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,
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. Don Henry, 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,
20. Irene Myers, Marie Oblamski
21. Karen Oddy , Deborah Pauline,
22. Shirley Oldfield,, Helene Pavlock,
23. James Poole, Nancy Poole
24. Linda Reynolds, Raleigh Reynolds, Carol Reinbird,
25. Jane Richardson, Kellie Smith, Mickey Sutor, Deacon Vickie Sutor

- 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. Kristen Wilson, Luke Wilson, Barbara Yandian.

Team Coordinator/Associate Priest
Rev. Canon Barbara Price

Deacon
Vickie Sutor

Wardens

Lisa Leffler Shawn D’Luhy

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Don Henry Lark Matoon,
Mike White

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The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe

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**St. John’s Episcopal,
Youngstown NY**

**THE SAINT
SUMMER 2019**

ST JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:30 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.