



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 .*

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Lent's drawing to a close, and Easter is nearly upon us. Before we leave this season of reflection and penitence for our season of most joyous celebration, let's consider the very last day of Lent: Holy Saturday. There's a liturgy for that day, very short and (sadly) rarely offered. I encourage you to look at it on page 283 of the BCP, perhaps even pray it at home on April 20th. Its opening rubric matter-of-factly makes one of the most sobering statements in our Prayer Book: *There is no celebration of the Eucharist on this day.*

Of the things many of us tend not to do well, two are *rest* and *wait*. "To rest" can just mean "to distract ourselves with internet chatter or online games." And as for waiting, well, whether it's a few minutes in a checkout line or even a few seconds for a traffic light to turn green, waiting is seen as practically a social evil to be eliminated.

But consider the wisdom in this quotation attributed to the composer Claude Debussy: "music is the space between the notes." In music there's a great deal happening when nothing may seem to be happening. Debussy implies that resting and waiting—real resting and waiting—is deeply meaningful. It's true for other things, too. For instance, creators of picturebooks for children take great care with "page turns"—the points at which they choose to break the text and illustrations between pages—because they know the second or two when the child is turning the page—her mind at once remembering what she last saw and anticipating what surprises await—that moment is in fact integrally important to the understanding and effectiveness of the book. So often the time of rest is not mere emptiness, but the necessary prelude to fulfillment.

In that light, we might ponder what Holy Saturday is all about. It is, after all, a day of rest when we hear about our Lord laid to rest, and we simply wait for what will come next. Between the hammering of the Crucifixion on Friday and the Hallelujahs of Easter Sunday, we find ourselves in something very close to silence. But might we understand the music of Easter to be made in part by the resting and waiting of the day before?

There must be a pause, a moment when we consciously turn the last of forty Lenten pages, reflecting on all that has happened, anticipating all that is to come. There must be a pause for us

to get a sense of the full shape of this mystery of the Cross and Resurrection, so that the two don't just collapse into one another. But there is more than that. Some space for reflection today reminds us that this pausing is ours, not God's. God was very much at work on that first Holy Saturday. A great deal was happening when nothing seemed to be happening. Christ descended to the dead in an act of supreme love and mercy, one that shows us that nothing and no one need be forever lost. And that act reminds us we worship neither a dead body nor a clean Cross. We worship the living God whose steadfast love permeates *all* creation. It's a love we see in the Crucifixion, and in the Resurrection, and at any time we accept God's invitation to rest and wait.

May God's blessing be upon you,
Fr. Dan

From Mother Barbara

We are midway through Lent and it's already April. People are saying "Easter is late this year." Here's what's on the calendar for the month:

Sunday, April 7th – There will be a special service at St. Paul's Cathedral for the 'passing of the crozier' between out-going Bishop R. William Franklin and our new Provisional Bishop-elect, Bishop Sean Rowe. Bishop Rowe serves now as bishop of the Diocese of Northwestern PA. Their diocesan offices are in Erie, PA. Bishop Rowe will begin serving both NWPA and WNY effective after the service on the 7th.

Wednesday, April 10th – The fifth and final installment of our Lenten series takes place at Lunch and Learn (SJY) and in the evening (SPL). The topic for the week will be "Meditate on These Things."

Maundy Thursday, April 18th – A joint service between SPL and SJY will be held in the chapel at SPL at 7 pm.

Good Friday, April 19th – A joint service between SPL and SJY will be held at SJY in the church at 7 pm.

Saturday, April 20th – Church decorating for Easter takes place in the morning at both SPL and SJY.

Sunday, April 21st – We begin the day with a community Easter Sunrise Service at the French Castle at Fort Niagara State Park at 6:30 am. This is followed by services at 9:30 am at SJY and 11 am at SPL. Father Dan and Mother Barbara will be at both these services. There will be special music offered.

I encourage you to take part in as much as you are able, and I pray that we will have glorious spring weather as we continue to move closer to our joyous celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

In Peace,
Mother Barbara +

Thank You!

Dear People of St. John's,

“...and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.” (Luke 9:2)

”Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:14)

Jesus, as we all know, did not merely conduct a ministry of healing—he *lived* it. And he entrusted His healing ministry to His Church, which we continue to this day. At St. John's, of course, we anoint and offer laying on of hands one Sunday a month during corporate worship. Away from the parish, this ministry is offered whenever Mother Barbara or I visit someone who is ill or distressed, at hospital or at home.

It has been a source of frustration and some embarrassment for me that I did not have an oil stock of my own to take with me for this ministry. Thus, I am especially grateful to all of you for your generosity in purchasing an oil stock for me. Special thanks to Karran Swayze for seeing to its order and delivery, and to Mother Barbara for blessing it recently. Thank you so much! I am blessed to serve Christ with all of you!

Fr. Dan +

Priest's Schedule

April 7th - Mother Barbara

14th – Fr. Dan

18th - Maundy Thursday - 7 pm – St.

Paul's Joint Service - Mother Barbara

19th - Good Friday - 7 pm – St. John's Joint Service - Fr. Dan

21st Easter – 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Fort Niagara Fr. Dan

21st Easter 9:30 am Fr. Dan and Mother Barbara

28th – Fr. Dan

May 5th – Fr. Dan

12th – Fr. Dan

19th - Mother Barbara

Memorial Day Weekend - to be determined

Lunch & Learn

The final Max Lucado's Anxious for Nothing Lenten Lunch and Learn will be held on Wednesday, April 10th from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm – “Meditate on These Things”.

Vestry Report

The vestry met on March 13th.

Fr. Dan will be participating in the Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am at Fort Niagara.

Our thanks to Mickey Suitor came and bled the lines of the boiler in the parish hall. We need to have the boiler service yearly (in the fall before the heat goes on). We are going to use Gray Furnace do the work on our boiler.

Mike Banks reported that our pledge income is up \$3,249.

Planning for the Strawberry Fest continues.

Covenant Team Meeting

The Covenant Team met and reviewed the rest of the year's schedule. There are still no guests for the CALM respite program which is to be expected in the winter. Participation in the Anxious for Nothing sessions has been very positive.

It is proposed that SJY and SPL consider having a joint service during the summer months. The specifics of the proposal are:

1. One service at SJY (air-conditioned) at 10 am, beginning on June 30th and running through August 25th.

2. Three Saturday evening services at SPL at 5 pm on June 29th, July 27th, and August 24th at 5 pm. These would also be joint services with SJY.

3. Weather permitting, Saturday evening services and/or a following program might be offered on the lawn. Suggestions for programming include the Gospel Groove Band from St. Andrew's, Burt. Music at these services would be contemporary, with guitars and keyboard. We could ask Joyful Noise (the Cathedral band) to play for a service and Father Dan, Mother Barbara, and Mark Leffler could also play for one or more of these services.

4. All joint services would have participants scheduled from both congregations for roles like usher, lector, Eucharistic minister, etc.

5. Incentives might be considered, such as a small 'prize' for people who attend all three Saturday services.

6. Coffee hour would be held every Sunday, with people from SPL and SJY sharing responsibility. Refreshments (or even a meal) might be offered on Saturdays after the service.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers have gone up \$5 a vase. Last year, we spent \$2180 on flowers for the altar and \$1045 was given towards flowers. The Vestry discussed this after listening to input from parishioners. Ideas to offset the

shortfall included asking for a one time donation towards the purchase of flowers from the congregation, towards the purchase of flowers, having a donation box in the church for flowers and using the loose plate offering from one week a month. Please share your thoughts on this and let Fr. Dan or the vestry know what you think.

The Calm Respite Program

It is not too late to become a part of the Calm Respite Program. Please contact Mother Barbara if you are interested in helping regularly or on an occasional basis. The next Calm Respite Program will be held on April 24th from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm. Please contact Mother Barbara to help.

April Birthdays

- 3 Randy Walck
- 12 Kelsey Jeffs
- 14 Brittany Machmer
- 17 Michael Wilson
- 20 Christine Foster
- 21 Casey Jordan
- 23 Lisa Leffler
- 24 Judy Hannah
- 24 Vickie Suitor
- 27 Annie Givens

April Anniversaries

- 6 Valerie & Mike Banks
- 22 Raleigh & Linda Reynolds

Calling Team

Fr. Dan is going to head up our calling team. He would text those members who want to be texted. Then those who were texted and are willing will call the message on to other

specific members until everyone is contacted. This should ensure all messages reach everyone accurately. There is a form attached to sign up for this.

2nd Annual Mother's Day Luncheon & Dessert Auction

St. Paul's Episcopal Church's Sat. May 4th
To benefit – Mason's Mission Foundation (Mason's Mission set out to build an all-inclusive, ADA approved special needs playgrounds. Proceeds will go to help build a playground in Marilyn Toohey Park, located in the heart of the Village of Lewiston.)

Doors open @ 11am Luncheon @ noon
Auction to follow
Tickets \$20.00 each Includes: Entry, Luncheon & 1 sheet of tickets for basket auction
Tables of 10 - \$160.00 Includes: same as above per person

ONLY 100 TICKETS AVAILABLE!!

For tickets or Info call: 716-754-4591
Must be present to win

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.

Free Tax Preparation Service

Trained AARP Volunteer Tax Aides will be available at the Lewiston Library, Lewiston Senior Center and the Youngstown Presbyterian Church to help prepare and file both federal and state tax returns. Although primarily focused on assisting seniors, this free service is open to all. You do not need to be an AARP member. To get your taxes done you will need to make an appointment. Here is the schedule:

Mondays- Lewiston Senior Center- Call 754-2071.
11:30 AM – 2:30PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays- Lewiston Library. Call- 754-4720. 11:30AM-2:30PM
Also one Saturday per month.

Alternating Fridays starting February 1st.
Youngstown Presbyterian Church. Call 745-7067.
11:30AM- 1:30PM

To process your returns you must bring the following documents:

- **For a Joint return both spouses must be present.**
- You must bring some form of **photo ID** such as a driver's license, passport or some other form of government issued photo ID.
- A copy of your **2017 tax returns**. This will help the preparer to identify any carryover credits.
- **Written proof of the Social Security numbers** for any person that will be listed on the return. You, your spouse, your dependents. The best proof is the actual Social Security Cards.
- **All of your 2018 tax documents.** W-2s, 1099s, broker statements, etc.
- Your **check book** or your bank book that shows the routing number and account numbers of your bank accounts. These are required if you wish to have your refund/amount owed credited or debited directly to your bank account.

There are certain complex returns such as those involving rental property and businesses with income in excess of \$25,000 that are beyond the scope of this program.

The Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave.
Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for His sun so bright.
Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is the sins we made.
White is for the Grace He gave.
Purple is for His hours of sorrow.
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat.

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.

Diocese of Western New York

Bishop

The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin

Priest in Charge

Rev. Dr. Dan Pinti

Team Coordinator/Associate Priest

Rev. Canon Barbara Price

All other church concerns, contact the
Wardens

Deacon

Vickie Sutor

Wardens

Lisa Leffler

Shawn D'Luhy,

Vestry

Don Henry

Lark Mattoon,

Mike White

Treasurer

Mike Banks

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Youngstown NY**

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Main at Chestnut Street in Youngstown

All are welcome at our Holy Week and Easter services



Palm Sunday Service



April 14 at
9:30 am.

Maundy Thursday

Service: April 18, 7 pm at
St. Paul's, Lewiston

Good Friday Service

April 19, 7 pm at St. John's
Youngstown

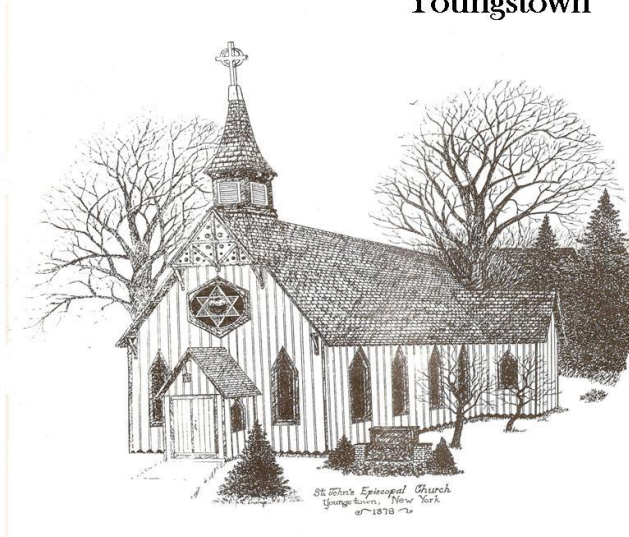
Easter Sunday Service


April 21 at
9:30 am





Ecumenical
Easter Sunrise
Service @ Old

Fort Niagara Castle, 6:30 am



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ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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