



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 .*

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.**

To God Be The Glory!

I am writing this just after our Bishop's wonderful visit to St. John's on January 27th. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the worship and the fellowship that day so beautiful! I know the Bishop greatly enjoyed being with us, and what's more, he really does see the way St. John's is "being church"—our covenant with St. Paul's, our care for one another, our generosity to the community—as something of a model, and an inspiration, for what parish life can be now. As he said in his sermon, we can't go back to "the glory days." But we can, I would say, move forward to new "glory days." And those glory days will depend not on the size of our congregation but on the steadfastness of our faith, on our living with "to God be the glory" on our lips and in our hearts.

One of my great pleasures that Sunday was sharing with Bishop Bill the article in the Lewiston-Porter Sentinel about the dedication of the town's Senior Van. As the article pointed out (and as the sticker on the back of the van reminds everyone!), it was St. John's that spearheaded the fundraising for that van and made its purchase possible. That, my sisters and brothers, is Christian witness! I thought about the Gospel that Sunday (Luke 4:14-21), when Jesus says that he has been sent to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy of captives released, the blind given sight, the oppressed freed. There will be people in the community of Youngstown feeling captive in their homes who will be released by that van. There will be people whose sight is limited by their own four walls who will see beyond them because of that van. There will be people feeling oppressed by being homebound who will enjoy some freedom because of that van. You who are the Body of Christ helped fulfill that prophecy in their hearing.

And to God be the glory!

In Christ, Fr. Dan+

Priest's Schedule

February 3rd – Mother Barbara
10th – Fr. Dan
17th - Mother Barbara
24th – Fr. Wayne & Fr. Dan
 Reception for Fr. Wayne following the
 service
March 3rd - SJY and SPL - Barbara
6th - Ash Wednesday - 11 am - SJY - Dan;
 Ashes to Go noon
 7 pm Barbara St. Paul's
10th – Fr. Dan
17th – Fr. Dan
24th - Mother Barbara
31st – Fr. Dan

April 7th - Mother Barbara
14th – Fr. Dan
 18th - Maundy Thursday - 7 pm -
 Mother Barbara
19th - Good Friday - 7 pm – Fr. Dan
21st (Easter) – 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

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Wednesdays will
continue in February .

February 6th - Biblical Roots of Martin
Luther King Jr's Dream - Fr. Dan
February 13th - Absalom Junes - Fr. Wayne
 February 20th - Frederick Douglass -
 Fr. Wayne
February 27th - Praying with Icons and
Beads - Mother Barbara

Vestry Report

The first Vestry meeting of the year brought us a new vestry member, Mike White and a new warden, Lisa Leffler! Mary Ellen Aureli was appointed Clerk of the Vestry! John Rolfe will become our Treasurer.

It's official, Fr. Dan is our Priest in Charge!! Thank you Dan for doing this. He will also be increasing his hours to eight hours a week. Mother Barbara will continue as Team Coordinator/Associate Priest. You can call Fr. Dan and Mother Barbara for pastoral care.

Fr. Wayne will be leaving us at the end of the month. What a gift he has been. He has helped us in so many ways. He joined us for Pastoral Care and presided at five funerals. Wayne has a stunning gift for listening to loved ones and then presenting us the very essence of our departed as though he had known them all his life. That's a rare and precious gift. Wayne also has the gift of compassion, love and respect. He also has the gift of puns, and stained glass making and all things creative. Wayne we thank you for being the gift to us that you are. We wish you all the best and we know that God has great things planned for you. **Thank you!!**

We will be having a reception for Fr. Wayne on Sunday, Feb. 24th after the service.

Our Christmas collection for our priests was \$585!! Our priests are deeply touched by your generosity. Checks for \$195 each were given to Community Missions for Fr. Dan, The Hope Center for Mother Barbara, and to the Youngstown Garden Club for Fr. Wayne. They are grateful and the recipients are as well.

Mike Banks has agreed to chair the By-Laws Committee. He will be contacting those of you who offered to be on the committee to set up a meeting. Thanks to all of you.

The annual statements were mailed last week with your stewardship letter. We apologize for the delay this year and promise to do better this year.

Cabaret for Community Missions

Sunday, Feb. 24th 5:30 pm
with St. Paul's. This is a FUN event. We are doing our Trivia again! When someone answers a trivia question correctly, they win a prize! We ask questions, ask people to tell a story, sing or dance. This evening is full of JOY! Come join us!

We are collecting donations to be used as prizes for Trivia. We are looking for: Razors/shaving cream/gel (men & women), Small hand held games, Matchbox cars, Barbie dolls, Socks (men,women,kids), Lip balm/chap stick, Nail grooming kits,Brushes/combs, Paper towels, dish soap, Single serving drink mixes (that you mix in water bottles), Granola bars, Nuts or anything else you would like to donate. St. Paul's is collecting other items.

We will be putting together the gift bags on Sunday, Feb. 24th after Church. Many hands make light work. We will then load the prizes into cars to take them to Community Missions.

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 February 20th from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm. Please contact Mother Barbara to help.

“Wish List.” For the calm respite program.

1. Small prizes for Bingo.
2. Decaf coffee pods for a Keurig machine.
3. Regular balloons (not water balloons).
4. A subscription to “Reminisce” magazine, or old copies.
5. Old magazines, especially ones with lots of photos, like “Arizona Highways,” or “Ideals.”

Thanks so much in advance for your willingness to support this effort to reach out and help our neighbors.

Last Saturday Lunch Bunch

Our next Last Saturday Lunch Bunch will be at the Youngstown Galley at 11:30am. All are welcome. Please let Valerie Banks know (745-3828) if you are planning to attend. It's a great way to get together and break bread together.

Mitten tree

I want to thank all of you, our wonderful parishioners, for all that you gave. God Bless Each and Every One of you who opened your hearts.

Secondly, I must thank my two wonderful daughters, Kris & Randy for putting up the

Mitten Tree and taking it down, replacing it with the Christmas Tree. I do not know what I would do without them. Also special thanks to Jean Gerlach & Jane Richardson for helping to take down the tree & decorations. I can only say GOD is so GOOD and Jesus is with us always.

I love you all my dear friends & church family and again, God Bless.
Shirley Oldfield.

The complete list of donations is on our bulletin board up the stairs in the Parish Hall.

Farewell Bishop Franklin

There are three farewell events for Bishop Bill, two regional gatherings and one more formal service to "Pass the Crozier" from Bishop Bill to Bishop Sean, followed by a reception at the Guaranty Building.

Mark your calendars now!

Regional Gathering One

hosted by the Standing Committee and the Deaneries of Genesee, Northern Region, Central Erie and Eastern Erie on Sunday March 17, at St. James, Batavia, 3 pm to 4:30 pm.

Regional Gathering Two

hosted by the Standing Committee and the Deaneries of Cattaraugus/Chautauqua and Southern Erie on Saturday March 23 at St. Luke's, Jamestown, 3pm-4:30 pm
These Regional Gatherings are designed to be "good old fashioned church potlucks," so plan on bringing your best "dish to share" and have an opportunity to say good-bye to Bishop Bill.

A Service of Good-Bye and Hello

On Sunday April 7 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, 3 pm there will be a service where we will celebrate Bishop Bill's ministry among us as well as formally welcoming Bishop Sean as our Bishop, Provisional.

Immediately following the service is a reception at the Guaranty Building (across the street from the Cathedral).

Please plan on joining Bishop Bill at one (or all!!) of these events.

PLEASE no ducks...if you wish to do something to honor the Bishop, donations to the Franklin Fund are most appreciated!

Collection for the Franklin Fund

All congregations of the Diocese are asked to take up a collection for a parting gift for Bishop Franklin. The request is for each congregation to make a donation to The Franklin Fund, which will be used for future Diocesan ministries. Please make your donation to the church by check, made payable to the church, with a memo on the check for The Franklin Fund. We will collect during the month of February. Thank you in advance for your generosity in memory of Bishop Franklin's service to our Diocese.

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 at noon to End the Violence in Schools and For the Safety of All Children.

Just a simple "I pray for the end to violence in our schools and for the safety of all children" will do. If you would like something more formal, Bishop Bill suggests

the Collect for Peace found on page 99 of the Book of Common Prayer (Morning Prayer II).

Free Tax Preparation Service Available

Starting February 1st 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.

If you have any questions about this service please give me a call at 745-3726.

Jim Poole

Note: people are already calling for appointments. Don't miss out.

February Birthdays

- 3 John Gerlach
- 8 Jerry Freischlag
- 11 Jean Gerlach
- 12 Sandy Hays Mies
- 19 Carole Harris
- 22 Ed Tormay
- 25 Sabra Whipple

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 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. Kristen Wilson, Luke Wilson, Barbara Yandian.

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Fr. Wayne Knockle

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All other church concerns, contact the
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**St. John's Episcopal,
Youngstown NY**

Thank you ALL for a job well done!!



**THE SAINT
FEBRUARY 2019**

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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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