



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 .*

He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:6

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!

Now, let me call attention to the obvious: we proclaim the Resurrection in the present tense. We don't say, "Alleluia! Christ rose!" or "The Lord rose indeed!" The core of the Easter message, of the Gospel, is not a claim about what happened "once upon a time." It is a joyful announcement of what IS.

If we're tempted to downplay or even forget that basic fact, it may be because the resurrection is not at all easy to explain, so if it remains fixed in antiquity and shrouded by the mists of time, that maybe helps us accept the mystery. Or it may be—and this is the more troubling possibility—that if Jesus' resurrection is just a thing of the past, we can keep our distance from him. The Resurrected Christ can remain someone we know something *about*, rather than someone we *know*.

So how do we come to know him? Well, Luke's Gospel (Chapter 24) gives us an account of how some disciples met the risen Christ that points to the answer. Jesus invites them to see his wounds, to touch him, to feed him and eat with him. Think about just the last one. Jesus asks a simple question: "Have you anything to eat?" The disciples give Jesus a piece of fish, and they eat. Their joyful—still confused, uncertain, wondering, but joyful—experience of the real Risen Lord is in the simplest acts of human sharing, and in the meeting of the most basic human needs. Jesus doesn't come back and explain the resurrection. He encourages his disciples to discover it for themselves—by seeing, by touching, by sharing, by celebrating.

The great Helen Keller wrote, "Touch brings the blind many sweet certainties which our more fortunate fellows miss, because their sense of touch is uncultivated. When they look at things, they put their hands in their pockets. No doubt that is one reason why their knowledge is so often vague, inaccurate and useless." I suspect too many of us are Christians with our hands in our pockets, with knowledge of Jesus that is vague, inaccurate, even useless, because we too seldom get in touch with Christ.

If we want to know the Risen Christ now: See, touch, serve. Recognize, reach out, respond. That right there is the heart of our being Easter people, of knowing Christ IS risen!

Fr. Dan+

Priest's Schedule

May 5th Father Dan
12th – Fr. Dan
19th - Mother Barbara
May 26th – Alison Martin Memorial Day
Weekend

May Lunch & Learn Series

Great Women Saints are the focus of our
May Lunch and Learn Series.

May 1st – Hildegard of Bingen – Mother
Barbara
May 8th - Julian of Norwich - Father Dan; 7
pm
May 15th - Evelyn Underhill – Father Dan
May 22nd - Martha of Bethany - Mother
Barbara
May 30th - Vida Dutton Scudder – Father Dan

Vestry Report

The vestry met on April 10th.

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

The glitches in the sound system have all
been worked out!!

Lunch & Learn Lenten series Max Lucado's
"Be Anxious for Nothing." Fr. Dan is
impressed with the content and said that it
has been unqualifiedly successful as a series.

Stewardship – 18 pledges in the amount of
\$16,038. Mike reported pledge income –
what has been received – is up over last year.
2nd letter will go out to those we haven't
heard from yet.

Planning for the Strawberry Fest continues.

The next vestry meeting will be May 15th at 7
pm.

Thank You!

Thank you! Thank you! To everyone who
made our Holy Week services so moving and
beautiful. Special thanks to Karran Swayze
and all of the Altar Guild, to Carole Harris
and all our musicians, Chris Foster and all
who decorated the church. Well done!!

Covenant Team Meeting

Will be held at St. John's on Thurs. May 23rd
at 7pm.

UTO

It's time to express our thanks for the gifts in
our lives by giving to UTO during the next
two Sundays.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a
ministry of The Episcopal Church for the
mission of the whole church. Through UTO,
individuals are invited to embrace and
deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of
gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice
the good things that happen each day, give
thanks to God for those blessings and make
an offering for each blessing using a UTO
Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the
offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what
is collected to support innovative mission
and ministry throughout The Episcopal
Church and Provinces of the Anglican
Communion.

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.

There is also Wear N Share in the Community Resource Center at Lewiston Porter. All clothes are given to those who want them. Please consider donating your spring and summer clothing now.

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 May 15th from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm. Please contact Mother Barbara to help.

Home Delivered Meals

Niagara County Office for the Aging is looking for people to deliver meals in the area. Mileage is reimbursed. There is a detailed flyer on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

May Birthdays

- 1 Kay Collard
- 12 Doreen Enman
- 13 Ryan Comerford
- 24 Conner Lynch

May Anniversaries

- 31 Donald & Heather Finkle

Prayer List in Church Bulletin

We have decided to return to using full names in the Bulletin Prayer List so we are beginning a new list. If you would like someone added to this list (can be first name or full), please phone your request to the office at 716-745-3369 or email it to

stjohnsytown@verizon.net. You may also leave your request in the prayer request box in the back of the church. It is very helpful if you let us know when the prayers are no longer needed so we can keep the list current. Thank you.

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is always available. You call 716-263-0210 to request prayer. The members of the Prayer Chain are contacted and pray for your request. We respect your privacy. Immediate prayer is a great comfort in time of need. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, please let us know.

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.

Spring Clean-Up

We will be having a Spring Clean-Up of the grounds, Church and Parish Hall before the Strawberry Festival. The date will be announced. Please plan to come and help with this. Many hands make light work and is much more fun!!

Strawberry Festival Weeks Away!

It's time to pray for good weather and strawberries and to create baskets for the Basket Raffle for the VFW. Sign-up sheets will be in the church soon. We're having a party!!

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. Sean Rowe

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

See us on Facebook at:

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



Service of Lament and Hope

for those who have experienced
loss of a child or inability to have children

May 11th at 5 pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, Wilson

431 Lake Street, Wilson NY

Questions 778-7633

Cosponsored by St. Andrew's, Burt; St. John's, Youngstown;
St. Paul's, Lewiston, and St. John's, Wilson



**St. John's
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Church**
Main &
Chestnut St.
Youngstown

Saturday, June 22
11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Featuring homemade strawberry shortcake!

Youngstown Lions

will be serving grilled foods!



Church is open continuously for self-guided tours

Donuts D. Clown performing 12 – 3 p.m.

Red House Band 2 p.m

Basket Auction to benefit Youngstown VFW #313

Bring a lawn chair for the concert

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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