



St. John's Episcopal Church

The Saint

March 2019

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

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Dear People of St. John's,

Several weeks ago, at one of our Lunch and Learns, I decried “extremism” and “extremists,” and one of the folks participating called me on it—and rightly so! I really meant “fundamentalism,” which is always tied up with a dangerous lack of moral humility, some version of “I myself know the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so anyone who sees things differently is not only wrong but evil.” Extremism, however, is not necessarily bad, as The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. makes clear in his *Letter from Birmingham Jail*:

“Though I was initially disappointed at being categorized as an extremist, as I continued to think about the matter I gradually gained a measure of satisfaction from the label. Was not Jesus an extremist for love? ‘Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.’... So, the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice or for the extension of justice?”

Dr. King was right. We're called to be *extremists for love*. And Jesus' words from chapter 6 of Luke's Gospel, telling us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us and pray for those who use us are *extreme* directions from our Lord. They call us, as Jesus says, to “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” Jesus isn't simply saying “be nice” or “play fair.” It's more extreme than that. He's saying, “love as your Father loves.” He's saying, “behave like God!”

And Jesus is telling us to try to live like that, to ask God's help to live like that, because that's how we make the coming kingdom of God present in the present. It's how we make others aware of God in their midst: by loving as God loves.

We must remember, though, that kind of love isn't passive. It's active. It desires and works toward the good of the other, and if, in your best Christian discernment, the good of the other is helping that person understand what they don't yet understand, or repent and face and accept justice, or if it means refusing to allow them to hurt themselves by continuing to hurt you,

then those are acts of love in themselves. But they are done from a place of genuinely wanting and working for what is best for them. No, God's love isn't passive. And, to quote St. Paul, it isn't envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It is not irritable or resentful, and it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. What God's love is, is patient. Love is kind. That's the love with which we love all, even and including our enemies.

God bless you all as you continue to seek and serve God in all people, loving your neighbors as yourselves.

Father Dan+

Priest's Schedule

March 3rd – Mother Barbara
6th - Ash Wednesday - 11 am - SJY - Dan;
Ashes to Go noon
7 pm Barbara St. Paul's

March 10th SPRING FORWARD!!

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 March and through Lent.

There will not be a Lunch & Learn on Ash Wed.

Wednesday, March 13th – “Rejoice in the Lord Always”

Wednesday, March 20th – “Let Your Gentleness be Evident to All”

Wednesday, March 27th – “Present Your Requests to God”

Wednesday, April 3rd – “The Peace of God Will Guard Your Heart”

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Ash Wednesday

11:00 am St. John's Youngstown



Noon – 1pm in front of Melloni's

7 pm St. Paul's

Vestry Report

The vestry meeting had to be postponed until Feb. 24th due to the weather which has had a great impact on us. One Sunday service, two lunch and learns and the Cabaret at Community Missions were cancelled.

There are new “The Way Of Love” trifold brochures and Lenten booklets available in the back of the church. Please help yourself.

Our fax machine has lived out its life. We are now using the fax function on the copier. The copier must remain on at all time.

We purchased a new wireless system and over the ear microphone for our priests and have added another hard wired microphone on the lectern. This should correct the problems we have had.

Our employees are receiving a three percent raise this year. We are grateful for all they do for us with such willing hearts.

Our thanks to Fr. Wayne for the many ways he has blessed us. We wish him all the best as he continues his journey forward. We also thank Ed McGreevey, Doreen Enman and Lark Matoon for coordinating our thank you celebration for Wayne and for all who helped make it a great success!

Great news! Pledges came in at \$1200 over budget so far this year.

Strawberry Fest – the decision was made to give the proceeds of the basket auction to VFW Youngston Post 313 for their capital project.

Altar Flowers

Our price for purchasing the flowers for the altar have gone up \$5 a vase. We wanted to know how the Church would like us to handle this. We want everyone to be able to afford to provide the flowers. Currently we pay \$40 donation and multiple people can go

in on flowers. Last year Last year, we spent \$2180 on flowers for the altar and \$1045 was given towards flowers. 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 March 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 on March 30th at the Youngstown Village Diner 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.

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 Cattaragus/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

We will be collecting for this. Please notate your check Bishop Franklin’s fund. We will round up your donations to the nearest \$100. All congregations of the Diocese are asked to take up a collection for a parting gift for Bishop Franklin. Please make your donation to the church by check, made payable to the church, with a memo on the check for The Franklin Fund.

Calling Team

It’s time to resurrect our Calling Team. We can do this one of two ways. We can have a calling tree where one person calls two people who call two people who call two people. Or we can have a coordinator who will call people who have offered to be on the team. The team members will have a short list of people to call. Please let the vestry know your preferences and if you are willing to help. Thanks.

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).

See us on Facebook at:

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

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.

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

Wardens:

Shawn D'Luhy

Lisa Leffler

Vestry:

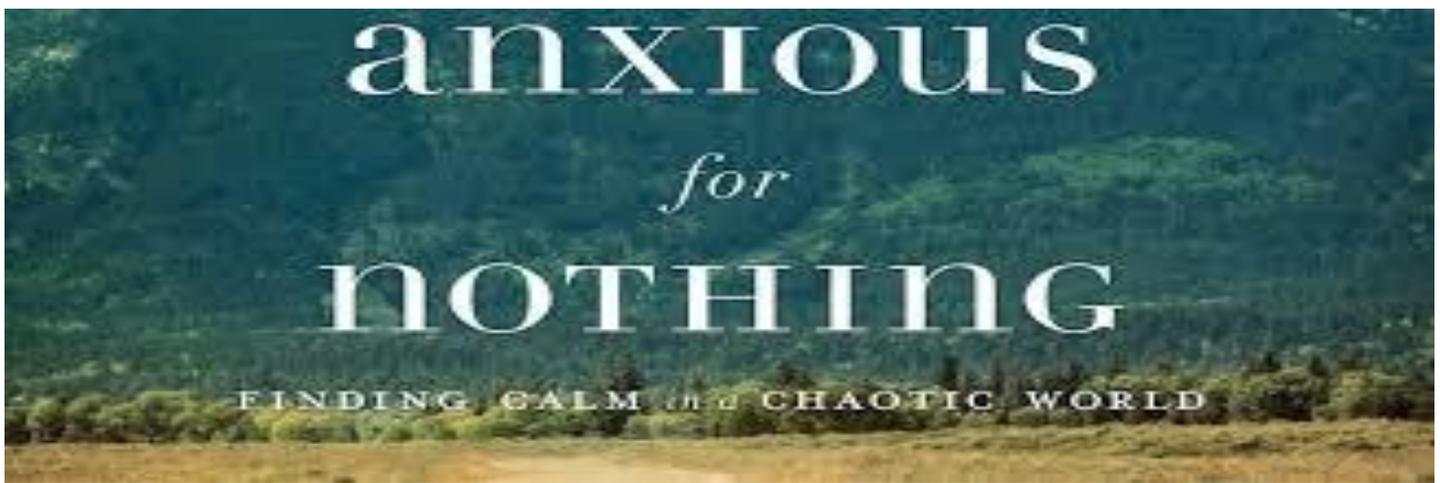
Don Henry

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Mike White

Treasurer

Mike Banks



A Lenten Study Series by Max Lucado

Wednesdays

11:30 am (bring a bag lunch)

St. John's Episcopal Church

100 Chestnut St. Youngstown NY

in the Parish Hall directly behind the church (stair chair access)

and

7 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

400 Ridge St., Lewiston NY (elevator access)

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While anxiety is a *part* of life, it doesn't have to *dominate* life. With God as your helper, and God's promises at your side, you can discover a life of calm and develop tools for combating the onslaught of anxiety.

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.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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