



## 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 .*

*Alleluia!  
The Lord is risen!  
The Lord is risen indeed!  
Alleluia!!*

### *From the Pastor*

Perhaps more than other years, we have been aware of the cycles of nature these past several months. I know my awareness has been heightened because the cycles have been rather abnormal: a winter that was cold enough for the snow to stay on the ground, as I remember from my childhood. Little green shoots coming out of the ground in late February have been covered with snow for most of March. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, we will be deep in the midst of the cycle of spring.

Our church year has cycles, too. Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. We have been in the purple season of Lent, beginning our white season of Easter on April 1st with our celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Our church year cycle recalls the major events in the life of Jesus Christ: expecting his arrival, his birth, his showing forth to the world, his teachings and struggles before crucifixion, his resurrection, and his sending of his Spirit to be among us.

Although we recall these events each year, we do not recreate them. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ was a once-and-for-all event intended for the salvation of the whole world. Scripture tells us not only that we will join Christ in resurrected life when we die, but there will be a whole new creation – a new heavens and a new earth.

Right now, we are bound in time and the cycles of nature and the cycles of the church's memory repeat again and again. Eventually, on the other side of time as we know it, the cycles will end. Humanity and creation will exist in perpetuity in joy, peace, beauty, and love.

For now, it is enough for us to be present to the cycles of creation and the church. It is enough to remember what Jesus Christ did for us and the hope that awaits us. For the promises of God are neither cyclical nor time-dependent. They are true and everlasting.

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*(Hymn 204 – John MacLeod Campbell Crum, author)*

Mother Barbara

## ***Priest's Schedule***

4/1 - Easter – Mother Barbara officiating  
Fr. Dan preaching

4/8 – Fr. Dan

4/15 – Mother Barbara

4/22 – Mother Barbara staying for coffee  
hour

4/29 – Fr. Wayne

## ***Vestry Report***

At the March 14<sup>th</sup> vestry meeting we discussed the plans for Holy Week. We also discussed the Strawberry Festival and we are on schedule in our preparations.

Chairpersons are in place. We will see if we can get Donuts D. Clown again and have coloring books for the children who attend.

We will not be participating in the Beginning of Summer Street Dance this year as it is two days before the Strawberry Festival.

St. Stephen's has requested that we sell or give them our 9am Service sign as they have a 9 am service once a month. We decided to give it to them if we can find it. We have looked. If anyone knows where it is, please let Mary or Shawn or Kay Collard know. Thank you.

For our next joint get together with St. Paul's, we will be hosting a Game Night Pot Luck on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

We also discussed the needed repairs to the church: the broken slat in the belfry has to be repaired and the belfry has to be inspected to see where the birds were coming in last year and where the rain was coming in and any necessary repairs made. As you probably saw the gutter on the north side of the church sustained damage from the snow and ice this winter. It was taken down. We need to replace that and the church itself needs a gentle power-washing and some paint touch ups. Ingersoll will be doing this work. They are excellent at working with historical buildings. We have found an electrician that will do the high work in the church to add some additional high lighting and to replace the fans. We are hoping fans will help with the bubbling on the roof and help the wood in the church.

We also discussed the Youngstown Senior Van which is reaching the end of its life. We decided to spearhead a fund drive to replace it. We will be forming a committee and will be reaching out to the community. We also decided to have a basket raffle at the Strawberry Festival to raise funds towards this effort. The Senior Van provides rides to seniors in Youngstown and Porter so they

can get to their dialysis, doctor's appointments, shopping, and the Senior Center.

Our next Vestry meeting will be Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### *Lenten Programs*

The Lenten Programs were a great success and so interesting! Thank you to all of you who attended and presented. We were greatly blessed by all you had to share.

Special Thanks to Hari and Mike Kless and the Rev. Alison Martin for sharing their pilgrimages with us. And thank you to Fr. Wayne and Fr. Dan for their insights.

### *UTO*

“United Thank Offering Spring 2018”  
Ingathering Sundays will be  
May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please look for an informative and in-depth article in the May Saint.

### *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

### *Free Tax Preparation*

**Free Tax Preparation Service Available-**  
Starting **February 1<sup>st</sup>** 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 weekly schedule and the number to call to set up your appointment:

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays- Lewiston Library.  
Call- 754-4720. 11:30AM-2:30PM

Alternating Fridays starting February 2nd.  
Youngstown Presbyterian Church. Call  
745-7067. 11:30AM- 1:30PM

To process your returns you must bring the following documents:

- You must bring some form of **photo ID** such as a driver's license, passport or some other form of government issued photo ID. This requirement is to protect against identity theft. To file a New York State return you must bring your driver's license and if a joint return your spouse's driver's license.

- A copy of your **2016 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 2017 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

### *From The Diocese* **Intercessory Prayer for our Children!**

St. John's in Youngstown and St. Paul's in Lewiston 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).

The Episcopal News Service had an article about the disappearance of churches designed by John Upjohn, a world renowned architect. Our church is one of his board and batten churches.

Here are parts of the article which focuses on the sole remaining Upjohn Church in South Dakota. The article reminds us of what a treasure we have in our church.

In the center of a little former frontier town in northeastern South Dakota stands an Episcopal sole survivor.

The one-room wooden Trinity Episcopal Church was built only three years after the town of Groton was organized as a railroad stop in 1881. [Groton](#) is now a city of 1,400 people, according to the last U.S. census.

This simple, white-painted church is [listed on the National Register of Historic Places](#), representing significant mid-19th century revival architecture, exploration and settlement.

The church's cachet also stems from its architectural design. It was created by renowned church architect and Episcopalian Richard Upjohn, who designed the majestic [Trinity Church Wall Street](#) in downtown Manhattan and founded the American Institute of Architects.

"More important for the architect's and the revival's overall impact was the fact that Upjohn donated plans for many small churches and made it a policy to design one mission church each year," she said.

"With these plans, they could build churches very quickly," Breck said. "The directions were so complete. It's fascinating to me how they did it."

There once were 153 churches built from Upjohn's designs in South Dakota, and this is the only one remaining.

The article was written by Amy Sowder and the complete article on Small, Rural Episcopal Churches ...disappearing can be found at: <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2018/03/20/>

## 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, 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, Ed Tormay
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.

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The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin

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All other church concerns, contact the

Wardens

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### **Wardens**

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### **Vestry**

Mike Banks 716-745-3828

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Lark Mattoon, 716-745-3431

### **Treasurer**

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

# GAME NIGHT

## Potluck

April 27<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

St. Paul's & St. John's next event at  
St. John's Episcopal Church

Bring yourself

Bring a friend

Bring some food

Bring your appetite

and if you want, bring a game.

**We are going to PLAY!!!**



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mother's Day Luncheon & Dessert Auction

## To benefit – The Hope Center

(The Hope Center is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a safe environment 24/7 for 12-Step meetings and clean and sober fellowship events.)

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
400 Ridge Street  
Lewiston

Doors open @ 11am  
Luncheon @ noon  
Auction to follow

Tickets \$15.00 ea

Includes: Entry, Luncheon &  
1 ticket for wine pull

Tables of 10 - \$100.00

Includes: same as above per person



**ONLY 100 TICKETS AVAILABLE!!**

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

**THE SAINT  
APRIL 2018**

**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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