



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 .*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God

1 John 4:7

From the Pastor

On one of the Sundays of Lent we usually recite the Ten Commandments, also called the Decalog. Some years I have done a preaching series during Lent about what the Commandments mean for our lives. This year, I didn't do that, so I thought it might be helpful if we revisited these simple (but complex!) rules for living as we enter the Season of Pentecost.

Over the ages, many questions have swirled around these passages found in Scripture (Exodus 20:2-17). Did God really give these rules to Moses on stone tablets? Did Moses go up the mountain once or twice? If Moses broke the first set of tablets, did God write a second set? How come different Scriptures (and faith traditions) have different orders for these Laws? How come sometimes there's ten and sometimes only nine? And on and on and on....

I have a question in response to these other questions: How come over the centuries people have sometimes paid more attention to these details than they have to what the Commandments actually say about how we should live our lives? I think I know the answer to that: it's far easier and more fun to keep the magnifying glass focused on anything other than ourselves.

Spiritually speaking, whether we call them The Ten Commandments, The Ten Words or by some other name, they are intended to help us live in peace with God, our neighbors, and ourselves. I've taken the liberty of reworking them so that (perhaps) they are more understandable. As individuals, we may find that they are very hard to follow – and yet they hold the key to faithful, holy living. Simply put:

The Ten Commandments – Contemporary Language Version¹

1. Don't put anything or anyone above your love for God.
2. Don't worship anything (or anyone) that isn't God.
3. Don't use God's name for personal gain or for negative purposes, like cursing.
4. Remember to worship God on the day of rest (Sabbath), and be sure to take a day of rest once a week.

¹ Mother Barbara J. Price's wording, May 21st, 2018.

5. Listen to those who love you and are trying to help you to grow into being all that God intended you to be.
6. Do not murder anyone.
7. For married people, do not look for a mate other than your own husband or wife.
8. Do not steal from anyone.
9. Do not lie about your neighbor.
10. Do not be so jealous of what your neighbor has that you plot how to get it away from him/her for yourself.

When we have figured out how to follow all of these laws faithfully, then maybe we can debate about the year they were written, or the kind of stone God used. Till then, let's give thanks for the love of God the Father, communicated through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit, who gives us the strength and the desire to even try to follow the rules.

Mother Barbara

From Father Wayne

Happy Summer Everyone! I hope everyone has a great summer. After such a long winter, the warmth will be greatly appreciated.

As you may know, I have been called to be your pastoral care priest. Providing good pastoral care is more than just showing up at the hospital when the unfortunate happens or visiting with you when I am privileged to preach for you all. It is also being able to anticipate your needs individually and anticipating the needs of the congregation. It is also searching for ways to help us all work together to grow as a supportive community.

With this in mind, I would like to set up some times to get to know you better. What I would like is to set some time up to just get together and chat. Help me to learn about your life; what are the joys in your life, what are the challenges you are dealing with. These meetings could either be at your home, at a coffee shop, or at the church. Whatever would be the most comfortable for you.

If we have time, and if you are so inclined, I would also like to take some time to discuss some end of life things. I know that these are things that we never really like to discuss, but it is so much better to do so when everyone is doing well. This way we can discuss your wishes for funeral services and be sure your wishes are known. But if this is too uncomfortable, please do not let it stop you from making an appointment, chatting is still a good thing!

I can bring communion for you. I always enjoy sharing communion with those around me. Just let me know!

I look forward to sharing time with you and getting to know you better! If you wish to arrange a time, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church or give me a call at 716-880-0461 and we can set up a time.

Have a great summer! Fr. Wayne

Priest's Schedule

June 3rd – Mother Barbara
June 10th –Fr. Dan
June 17th –Fr. Dan staying for coffee hour
June 24th –Mother Barbara
July 1st – Fr. Wayne
July 8th – Fr. Dan (Mother Barbara at General Convention)
July 15th – Mother Barbara

Vestry Report

Plans for the Strawberry Festival are in full swing. A change to our normal tent set-up night has been made. We will be setting up the tents and moving the baskets into the church on Thursday, June 21st. On Friday at 9 am we will be hulling strawberries. At 10:30 am on Saturday we will be setting up for the festival. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for hulling strawberries on Friday morning. Sign-up sheets are also there for Saturday for serving strawberry shortcake, serving beverages, working the basket raffle, set-up and clean-up, working in the kitchen: washing dishes and making whipped cream, and for runners to take supplies out to where they are needed.

Mother Barbara is on vacation until June 1st.

At this year's Beginning of Summer Street Dance, Fr. Wayne, aka Giant Strawberry, will be leading a band of merry St. John's members in their red shirts through the party to distribute flyers about the Strawberry Festival. Please join us! June 21st at 6pm. Meet in front of the Youngstown Galley.

We will be hosting a Cabaret at Community Missions on July 29th with St. Paul's. We are

looking for games to play. Let us know your ideas.

The Senior Van Drive Committee has sent out letters to area businesses and posters have been put up to inform everyone. To date, \$1,525 has been donated to the Fund Drive.

Ingersoll will be repairing the gutters, checking the belfry and gently powerwashing the church.

The Game Night Pot Luck was a rousing success!! Thank you to all who participated.



SPRING CLEANING

We will be doing our Spring Cleaning on June 9th from 10 am until noon! Please come and help. Bring your tools. There are all different things to be done, not just gardening. We have something for everyone!!!

Basket Extravaganza!!

On Tuesday, June 19th from 6pm – 8 pm we will be making our baskets look beautiful for the Youngstown Porter Senior Van Fund Drive basket raffle at the Strawberry Festival. Please come out and help us!

Thank you! Thank you!

We assembled 48 personal care kits for Community Missions after church on May 20th. Thank you to everyone who helped put them together, helped set them up and very special thanks to Kay And Tony Collard for heading up this effort! Also if you go to Dollar General in Lewiston, please thank them for contributing to this cause.

Before and After!!



June Birthdays

- 5 Karran Swayze
- 6 Ron Gonder
- 7 Mark Foster
- 14 Kris Jordan
- 15 Carol Reinbird
- 21 Jack James
- 22 Linda Reynolds

- 27 Debbie Comerford
- 29 Marie Stephens
- 30 Ed McGreevy

June Anniversaries

- 1 Greg & Kris Jordan
- 3 Harold & Donna Jeffs
- 3 Jerry & Mary Lou Freischlag
- 26 John & Carla Lynch
- 28 John & Jean Gerlach

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).

VERY IMPORTANT!!

Covenant Team Report

The Covenant Team met on May 24th to review a Spiritual Covenant prepared by their Ad Hoc Committee. This is the Spiritual Covenant that they unanimously approved. It will be voted on at the Vestry Meeting on June 13th. Please review this carefully and prayerfully and let your Vestry members know if you want St. John's to do this. St. Paul's is doing the same. Here is the document:

Spiritual Covenant
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lewiston
St. John's Episcopal Church, Youngstown
Established xx/xx2018

Making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

Believing that God has brought our parishes together through the workings of the Holy Spirit, we make this Spiritual Covenant. The goal of this Spiritual Covenant is to seek to do God's will and to grow in God's image and love as expressed through our care for one another and those whom God guides us to or brings to us.

As part of this covenant our churches will work together, sharing some church services during the year, alternating locations for other services, praying together, and working together at each other's events. We will also come together several times during the year for the purpose of discernment and fellowship through retreats, sharing sessions, and Christian Education. We will break bread together at least four times a year as a family of Christians whom God has brought together. As we do this we will retain our individual identities as churches and remain separate legally, financially, and physically, joined by the Spirit alone.

We share our team of Priests, our love, our prayers, our burdens, our challenges, and our support. Contractual matters with the Priests shall be handled by separate Letters of Agreement, which are separate from, but responsive to, the intent for ministry collaboration between the parishes. We will all be a team for God's purpose and to God's Glory.

With God's grace we will treat each other with loving kindness and compassion rather than with judgement. We will try to listen to each other with open ears, hearts, and minds rather than try to convince others to change their point of view to ours. We will fall short in our humanness and will try to look to each other to lift ourselves up to be better Christians because of our frailty. This is only possible with the Grace of God.

Our parishes will have one Covenant Team to make plans and review the progress of this Covenant. The Covenant Team is comprised of any and all members of both parishes. The Covenant Team will meet as needed and will bring any proposals for changes and actions to the Vestries of both St. Paul's Lewiston and St. John's Youngstown. Both Vestries will make their own decisions on these items and the results will be disseminated to the parishes. All work done by the Covenant Team and the Vestries will be openly shared with both congregations.

This Covenant may be renewed and reaffirmed annually by the Covenant Team, the Vestries, and congregations at the individual parishes. If either congregation shall choose not to renew this agreement, there shall be no renewal.

This we agree to in the sight of God and with willing and open hearts, seeking to do God's will in this covenant as we go forward.

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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**St. John's Episcopal,
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**St. John's
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**Main &
Chestnut,
Youngstown**

Saturday, June 23

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.

LOCKPORT COMMUNITY BAND 2 P.M

BASKET AUCTION TO BENEFIT SENIOR VAN FUND DRIVE

Bring a lawn chair for the concert

THE SAINT
JUNE 2018

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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If you would like more information about St. John's, have a prayer request
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