



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 .*

And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” Luke 1:17

From the Pastor

We're about half way through another season of Lent. Here are some commonly asked questions about this church season

Why are we marked with Ashes on Ash Wednesday?

In times gone by, people wore clothes made of sacks and put ashes on their heads to show they were sorry for something they had done. The ashes of Ash Wednesday remind us about growing closer to God. These ashes come from the burnt palms we carry on Palm Sunday.

Why do we use purple in the church for Lent?

Purple was the color of kings in the olden days; it is also the color for penance (being sorry for what we've done wrong). Purple helps us focus on the spiritual royalty of Jesus as the King of Kings and to remember to try to grow in faith, hope, and love, with God's help.

Why does Lent last forty days?

Forty was a number used in the Bible for many important events, for example: the great flood with Noah and the Ark; the people of Israel in the desert with Moses leaving Egypt for the Promised Land; and Jesus' time in the wilderness before beginning his public ministry. We use the forty days of Lent to search our hearts and to work on changing our ways to be more who Jesus is calling us to be. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Maundy Thursday. We don't count the Sundays as 'Lent' because we celebrate the resurrection every Sunday and, therefore, Sunday is always a 'feast' day. Taking out those days, Lent equals forty days.

Why do we “give up” things during Lent?

We give things up during Lent to practice controlling our desires and to learn to think of others first and what God wants for us. We can give things up, like gossiping, and we can do more, like helping our neighbors. Instead of giving something up, some people take on something more during Lent, such as additional prayer, action, or study.

Why don't we say "alleluia" during Lent?

The word alleluia is a Hebrew word meaning "praise God." It is associated with joy and festivity. We "put away" all alleluias during Lent as we reflect on the last days of Jesus' life, and his crucifixion and death. During the Easter season, we sing and pray many alleluias as we celebrate our new life in Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Lenten Blessing

May you have a holy Lent.

May you be strengthened in your faith..

May you be a bit kinder, more loving, and more prayerful.

May you find ways to help others, and to care for yourself.

May the blessing of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit –

Be with you throughout Lent and always.

Mother Barbara

Priest's Schedule

3/4 – Fr. Dan

3/11 – Mother Barbara (staying through
Coffee Hour)

3/18 – Mother Barbara

3/25 – Fr. Dan

3/29 - Maundy Thursday combined service at
SJY 7 pm – Fr. Dan

3/30 - Good Friday combined service at SPL
7 pm – Mother Barbara

4/1 - Easter – Mother Barbara

Vestry Report

At the February 14th Vestry meeting Fr. Wayne and Mother Barbara brought us up to date on their many activities.

New letters of understanding were given to our priest for the next year. Their combined salaries will be under \$30,000 for the year! Our arrangements from the original LOAs are the same. The agreements run from March 1, 2018 until February 28, 2019. We

are so blessed to have this wonderful team of priests!!

We are having a Strawberry Festival June 23rd from 11:30am to 5:30pm. The Youngstown Lions will be serving their delicious hamburgers and hotdogs again this year.

The Rev. Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims informed us that a covenant relationship with St. Paul's is not a legal relationship, rather an agreement that spells out the relationship. Covenant Relationships from two churches in the Diocese were reviewed by the Vestry. When the Planning & Visioning Team meets, they will discuss this some more.

Lenten Programs

These are being held Wednesdays in our Parish Hall. Bring a bag lunch.

March 7th - 11:30 am – Noonday Prayer; 12 to 1 pm – "I am the Light of the world" – John 8:12-20 - How does this "I AM" statement apply to our lives? – Fr. Dan Pinti

March 14th – 11:30 am – Noonday Prayer; 12 to 1 pm – “I am the Resurrection and the Life” – John 11:17-27 - What is Jesus claiming about himself? – Fr. Wayne Knockel

March 21st – 11:30 am – Noonday Prayer; 12 to 1 pm – “My Pilgrimage to the Holy Land” – presented by The Rev. Alison Martin

Or you can attend one of the programs at St. Paul’s in Lewiston.

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Discover Sundays in March

All are welcome to attend these free diocesan sponsored events. Come and enjoy!

Afternoon at the Movies: "Hidden Figures"

"Hidden Figures" tells the amazing true story of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson, who were three brilliant African American women working at NASA and who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn. This stunning achievement turned around the space race. The visionary trio crossed all gender and racial lines, and inspired

generations. An introduction to the movie will be given by Edward H. Snell, PhD, Chief Executive Officer at Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, and former scientist at NASA. Free popcorn, candy and beverages will be offered for all to enjoy during the show.

Everyone is invited – Pre-registration is appreciated but not required.

Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 2:30 pm in the Diocesan Ministry Center (1064 Brighton Rd. in Tonawanda)

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Chili Cook-Off!!!

Our joint Chili cook-off with St. Paul’s on Souper Bowl Sunday was a great! Lot’s of chili with great flavors competed! The other pot luck offerings completed the meal. As usual there was more than enough to go around. Lots of soup was donated to the Care-N-Share Food Pantry. What shall we do next?

Backpacks for Casey House

Our Outreach of backpacks began helping the moment they were brought to Family and Children’s Services. There was an immediate need for two teenagers that were there. This is a ministry that we might want to continue throughout the year.



Cabaret Night

The Cabaret Night at Community Missions was a great success!! Six members of St. John's and three members of St. Paul's worked together and everyone had a great time!!

March Birthdays

5 Luke Wilson
5 Helene Pavlock
6 Shannon Jeffs
13 Kristen Aureli
15 Raleigh Reynolds
15 Mary Wieland
17 Pat Lloyd
26 Kyndall Game
31 Mary Lou Freischlag

Free Tax Preparation

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 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.

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).

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.

Diocese of Western New York

Bishop

The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin

Team Coordinator/Priest in Charge

Rev. Canon Barbara Price

Associate Priest Rev. Canon Dan Pinti

Associate Priest/Pastoral Care

Fr. Wayne Knockle

All other church concerns, contact the

Wardens

Deacon

Vickie Sutor

Wardens

Mary Wieland

Shawn D'Luhy,

Vestry

Mike Banks

Don Henry

Lark Mattoon,

Treasurer

Mike Banks

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Youngstown NY**



HOLY WEEK Services

Palm Sunday

9:30 am St. John's

11:00 am St. Paul's

Maundy Thursday

Combined service at

7:00 pm St. John's

Good Friday

Combined service at

7:00 pm St. Paul's

Easter Sunday

9:30 am St. John's

11:00 am St. Paul's

EASTER FLOWERS

April 1, 2018

Would you like Easter flowers offered as a Memorial or in Thanksgiving?

Please fill out and return it with your offering. You may drop it in the offering basin or mail it in to the Parish Office. We are asking for a \$15.00 donation.

Please have all requests in by Sunday, March 25, 2018 so we have time to put it in the bulletin.

Thank You. Chris Foster

Easter Flower Request

Memorial for: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

Given by: _____

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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