



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 .*

Let us be thankful. Hebrews 12:28

From the Pastor

We are rapidly approaching the celebration of Thanksgiving here in the United States. St. Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians directs us to "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (I Th 5:17-18) Notice what it *doesn't* say: "Give thanks *for* all circumstances" – rather it asks us to "Give thanks *in* all circumstances." Even that is a tall order.

There is a true story told by a tribal elder from Mogopa, South Africa that I'd like to share with you.

Mogopa, a village to the west of Johannesburg, was to be demolished and its inhabitants forcibly removed at gunpoint to a homeland in apartheid's forced population-removal schemes. On the eve of their departure, a vigil with church leaders from all over South Africa was held in Mogopa. The village clinics, shops, schools, and churches had all already been demolished. At about midnight an elder of the doomed village got up to pray and he prayed a strange prayer that I will never forget. He said, "God, thank you for loving us so much."

Several years later, apartheid is dead and the people of Mogopa have returned to their village, which they are rebuilding. God did indeed love them very much, it seems.

When I first read this true story, I was challenged to understand how the elder could be giving thanks in these circumstances. But when I read it again I focused on this sentence: "a vigil with church leaders from all over South Africa was held in Mogopa" the night before the village was to be emptied. I believe it was the great cloud of witnesses all around them that gave the elder such a sense of the presence of God in their midst. It was the prayers of the faithful, the solidarity in suffering, that made all the difference. It helped those villagers know that Jesus Christ was still incarnate in their midst, walking with them on their journey. And so it is with us, in good times and bad, when it's easy to be thankful and when we struggle to find even one good thing for which to rejoice.

Regardless of how your day has been today, regardless of your current life circumstances, take a moment *right now* to find five things for which to give thanks. If you

can't think of anything, start with your own face: give thanks for eyes to see, a mouth to eat, a nose to smell the flowers....you take it from there. Attitude is everything. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances....."

In Christ,

Mother Barbara

Priest's Schedule

11/4 – Fr. Dan
11/11 – Mother Barbara
11/18 – Mother Barbara - HARVEST ALTAR
11/25 – Fr. Dan

Diocesan Convention

The Episcopal Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York voted to share a bishop and a staff for the next five years as they explore a deeper relationship focused on creating new opportunities for mission. The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania, for a five year term as its provisional bishop. Rowe will assume the office upon the retirement of Bishop William Franklin in early April. During the first three years of the partnership, the two dioceses will work together to deepen relationships and develop shared mission priorities. In October 2021, they will re-evaluate the partnership and in October 2024, decide

Important Dates!!

Note: SJY = St. Johns, SPL= St. Paul's

Thursday, November 1st - 6:30 pm All Saint's Day Eucharist at SPL - Fr. Dan
Wed., Nov. 7th - 11:30 to 1:00 - Lunch and Learn - "What is Hell? An Introduction to Dante
Wed., Nov. 14th – 11:30 to 1 Lunch & Learn TBA
Wed., Nov. 21st - 11:30 to 1 - Lunch and Learn - "Gratitude in C.S. Lewis" –Fr. Dan
Wed., Nov. 21st - 7 pm - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Lewiston Presbyterian Church
Wed., Nov. 28th - 11:30 to 1 pm - "How do we know God's will?" – Mother Barbara
Fri., Nov. 30th - 10am to 1 pm - Alzheimer's Training at SPL
Saturday and Sunday, December 2nd - Christmas Walk at SPL 10 to 5;
Dec. 3rd - Joint Worship at SJY at 9:30 am

Vestry Report

The Vestry Meeting for October was cancelled due to conflicts with the Pre-Conference meeting.

The next Vestry Meeting is November 14th at 7pm. All are welcome!

Great News!!

Ingersoll has completed their work on our Church. They did a wonderful job! They covered the wooden louvers with white aluminum on every exterior service and covered the wood on the inside with oil based primer to protect it. The layers on the louvers are small mesh on the inside (to keep out birds and critters) then screen between the mesh and the louvers (to keep out bees). Our steeple will last for a long time!

Lunch and Learn Series

1130am-1pm

November 7

Dante's Spirituality for Today: Hints of Hell, Purgatory, & Heaven. - Rev Dr Dan Pinti

November 14

Topic to be Announced

November 21

"Gratitude in C.S. Lewis" - Rev Dr Dan Pinti

November 28

"How do we know God's will?" -
Very Rev Canon Barbara Price

November Birthdays

- 5 John Lynch (son)
- 6 Greg Robertson
- 9 Delores Jones
- 12 Carla Lynch
- 20 Brandon Comerford
- 23 Kit Williams
- 29 John Lynch

November Anniversaries

26 Mother Barbara & Al Price

27 Jim & Nancy Poole

The Mitten Tree

WOW! Can you believe another year has flown by, and we again make preparations for the "Mitten Tree". It was such a huge success last year (2017) and you all were so very supportive with all of your generous donations to this project. We plan to have the tree set up and ready to go for the 1st Sunday of Advent (Dec. 2nd) and it will be there until the 4th Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23rd).

75 or more items will be delivered to the Village for their Christmas Baskets (after Church on Dec. 9th) and the rest will be delivered to the Ransomville Food Pantry (Care N Share) who and believe me there are many, help feed the hungry in Lewiston, Youngstown, Ransomville and the Town of Porter area.

Donations for the tree in 2017 were 167 items which included mittens, gloves, winter caps, scarves, socks (short & knee length) mens caps and gloves, head bands, throws, sweat shirts, slippers, coloring books, 1 move and crawl ball, stuffed puppy dogs and 1 Disney character along with baby items. Last year 250 hams were given out by the food pantry and turkeys from the Village.

We again ask for our help and the opening again of your hearts. Remember "Charity Begins at Home"

God Bless you all and a million thanks.
In Christ Jesus, Shirley, Randy, Kris & Casey

Lord, we pray for the safety of all children and for an end to the violence.

And please restore our world to sanity and civility. Amen

Covenant Team Meeting

Wed., Dec. 5th at 7pm at St. Paul's in Lewiston. All are welcome to attend.

Craft Show & Basket Raffle...

St. Paul's Lewiston is having their Craft Show & Basket Raffle on Sat. Dec. 1st & Sun. Dec. 2nd from 10 am – 5 pm.

In addition to the Vendor Show, we will once again host a basket raffle. The vendors will each be providing a basket as well as church sponsored or individual donations. If you would like to donate toward one of the church baskets, we could really use lottery tickets for a lottery tree basket.

Tickets for the raffle are \$6.00 for a sheet of 25 or 3 sheets for \$15. Drawing will be on Dec. 2nd at 4:15. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Social Respite Program

Are you currently living with dementia or do you provide care in your home for a loved one with a memory impairment?

This free program offer social companionship, meaningful activities and active engagement in a safe space so care partners have an opportunity to socialize and tend to their own healthcare needs.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
400 Ridge Street, Lewiston
3rd Wednesday of every month - 11am-3pm

*Pre registration is required by calling
Barbara Price at (716) 754-4591*

This program is supported in part by funding through the New York State Department of Health.

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Social Respite Volunteers Needed!

Can you share your time and compassion for just 4 hours a month? We will be offering a social respite program at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lewiston and we need volunteers to help us!



The Alzheimer's Association WNY Chapter will provide no-cost volunteer training on **Friday, November 30 from 10am-1pm** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 400 Ridge Street in Lewiston.

For additional details and to reserve your seat for the training, call Barbara Price at (716) 754-4591.

This program is supported in part by funding through the Dobrak and Fial Foundations administered by the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo.

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS DECEMBER 2ND, 2018

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Church will be held on Sunday, December 2nd following the regular 9:30 am service in the Parish Hall. A light lunch will follow the meeting. The ballot will include:

- 1. A warden for a 2-year term**
- 2. A vestry person for a 3-year term**
- 3. Convention/Deanery Delegates-(3) in all for a 1-year term**

Vestry will appoint a treasurer and a clerk at the first regular meeting of the vestry in January 2018.

If interested in any of these positions, please see a warden.

Who is eligible to vote?

According to our By-laws a qualified voter is a baptized member of the parish at least 18 years of age, a regular attendant at worship, and a contributor to the support of St. John's for at least the previous 12 months.

Who is eligible to run for election?

According to our By-laws you may run for election if you are a qualified voting member and a confirmed communicant in good standing.

What are the responsibilities of the offices?

Wardens and Vestry members attend monthly meetings, which are currently held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. They serve on at least one Parish Ministry Team. They may also be asked to attend some special meetings, training sessions or retreats.

Wardens also attend a second monthly meeting with the priest to plan the monthly Vestry meeting. They run the monthly Vestry meeting in rotation with the priest and are administratively responsible for the Parish in the absence of a rector.

Deanery Council & Diocesan Convention Delegates and Alternates attend quarterly Deanery meetings and Diocesan Convention.. Diocesan Convention is the last weekend of October.

Nominations

Voting members may submit written nominations for all available positions to the wardens or the nominating committee by November 20th.

Please remember that you **must have the consent of the person you are nominating.**

What does it take to be on the Vestry?

A willing spirit, a love of St. John's and an interest in being a part of its future. A member of the vestry attends the monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. They last about two hours. Members of the vestry also take a leadership role in the Strawberry Festival and fulfill other needs in the Church as they can. It is a rewarding job and a wonderful way to serve God at St. John's.

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.

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716-440-2950

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Wardens

Mary Wieland 716-745-7440
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Vestry

Mike Banks 716-745-3828
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Lark Mattoon, 716-745-3431

Treasurer

Mike Banks 716-745-3828

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

Youngstown Porter Senior Van Fund Drive



Our Fund Drive has ended!!

We Raised \$ 8142 !!!

What a successful venture and our Community response was Great!!

On Thursday, November 8th at 7pm our Church has been invited to attend the Youngstown Village Board Meeting.

We will be presenting a check for all the money raised for the Senior Fund Drive. All

THANK YOU! To those who donated!

THANK YOU! To those who helped in myriad ways!

GOD BLESS YOU!!

For all your help and for giving to this great cause!

**THE SAINT
NOVEMBER 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 or would like to talk to the clergy, please call or e-mail the office.

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