



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 .*

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever; Sirach 51:12**

Sunday, Sept. 9th

SUNDAY SERVICE 11 am

& PICNIC Noon

Fort Niagara State Park Shelter 3G

(by the beach, past the rest rooms)

**We will have hot dogs and hamburgers. Condiments and
Beverages are provided. Bring a dish to share.**

From the Pastor

Every year at this time I begin my September newsletter articles by saying something about how quickly the summer has flown by, and every year that sense of the rapid passing of time becomes more and more real.

It was just one year ago that we – that is, St. Paul's, Lewiston and St. John's, Youngstown – had our first joint parish picnic at Ft. Niagara State Park. Do you remember? The weather was warm and the sky above us was a stunningly beautiful blue with fluffy white clouds. It seemed as if God was smiling on our new relationship and blessing us.

On July 1st of this year, we made our **Covenant** relationship official and at our picnic this year we will all have the opportunity to sign our covenant statement, affirming our intent for our parishes to embrace our spiritual unity. For each parish individually and for both of our parishes

together, we are seeking to discern Christ's Spirit in one another and in our respective faith communities and to bring Christ's Love to one another and to our wider civic context(s).

Whether our endeavors are undertaken separately or together, we have learned that the key to the spiritual covenant is mutual support. It is my sense that we are moving forward to find balance in our new relationship, ever remembering to hold one another in prayer and to seek God's guidance in our decision-making. Some of the decisions we have made include these upcoming activities.

On Saturday, September 22nd St. Paul's will offer **Pet Blessings** at Grandpaws in Lewiston for the pets of members of the church and wider community. St. John's Pet Blessings will take place on Sunday, September 30th, time and place to be announced.

In mid-autumn we will begin a "**Lunch and Learn**" program for members of BOTH parishes (and open to the wider community). This will take place at St. John's every Wednesday from 11:30 to 1 pm, starting on October 3rd. Topics will vary week to week or month to month – sometimes 'sacred' and sometimes 'secular.' I will be our presenter for the first session, followed by Germain Ludwig on October 10th, 17th, and 24th. Please see further information about Germain's program elsewhere in this newsletter.

In late autumn, St. Paul's will embark on hosting a **Memory Care Respite** program on one Wednesday a month from 11 am to 3:30 pm. This program will seek volunteers from the wider community as well as the church to work one-on-one with clients having memory issues. Their caregivers can use their free time for whatever they wish. One option will be for them to attend a support group and/or education program designed to help them in their caregiving role. The Vestry of St. John's will be considering at their September meeting whether or not they choose to be the host site for the caregiver support portion of this program.

Finally, remember to save the date of October 20th for a **Retreat at Stella Niagara**. All members of both parishes are invited and welcome. We will think and pray together about "**What Brings You Joy?**" and "**What is Your Sacred Story?**"

These wonderful events will be upon us before we know it. Fall's crispness will be in the air and the next thing you know we'll be carving pumpkins! Please do begin praying and planning now for your own participation in some or all of these opportunities.

In Christ,
Mother Barbara

Priest's Schedule

September 2nd – Fr. Dan
September 9th - 11 am - Service in the Fort
Niagara Park and 12 noon Parish Picnic –
Mother Barbara & Fr. Dan
Sept. 16th – Fr. Dan
Sept. 23rd – Mother Barbara
Sept. 30th – Fr. Wayne

Vestry Report

Mother Barbara and Fr. Wayne have been working with the Alzheimer's Association to set up a **Memory Care Respite** program on one Wednesday a month from 11 am to 3:30 pm. See Mother Barbara's message.

St. John's will be deciding at the Sept. 12th Vestry meeting if St. John's would like to offer a corresponding program of a Caregiver Support Group and/ or a Caregiver Education Session at the same time. Please let your Vestry know if you are interested in having St. John's do this.

Fr, Wayne is scheduling visitations to parishioners. Please contact him at 716-880-0461 to schedule yours. He will be in Iowa from Sept. 9th – Sept. 22nd for a wedding. If you need pastoral care during this time, please call Mary Wieland or Shawn D'Luhy.

Treasurer's Report

Mike compared 2017 with 2018 to date. We are better financially for 2018 than 2017. That might be because of Alison's retirement last year and our new team of priests this year.

Our investment income for 2018 is not as great as it was in 2017 with the up and down market

Diocesan Convention

On Sunday, Sept. 16th, your Convention Delegates: Mary Wieland, Karran Swayze, and Mary Ellen Aureli, will be having a special Coffee Hour so everyone can discuss the upcoming Convention and the vote concerning the election of Bishop Provisional. This is very important and we hope you all will attend and let your delegates know how you feel. They want to truly represent St. John's at the Convention.

Repairs to the Church

We contracted with Ingersoll to: replace the gutters, powerwash the church and to check and repair what was needed in the steeple. As you remember, we had leaks, birds in the church and needed to find out what was wrong. They came and did a wonderful job. The steeple had problems. They repaired gaps in the base of the steeple, discovered a squirrel had made the steeple home with a hoard of nuts, there were bees in the steeple and also woodpecker damage. They fixed the gaps, put narrow chicken wire in the south and west side of the steeple, replaced the broken slats and painted it. They also filled in and painted the pediment in the front of the church. They also checked for insects as that is what causes the woodpeckers to make the holes in the wood and could not find any. They haven't been back. Unfortunately, the squirrel(s) has. The next day, the beautiful repair and paint job was marred. Ingersoll went up in the lift and confirmed that it was squirrel damage. After consultation with Mike Banks, Ingersoll and Mary Ellen and Allan Aureli, Allan came up with the perfect solution: replacing the wooden louvers in the steeple with aluminum.

So here are the costs for all of this. The original work cost \$ 6,028. The additional work will cost \$3,821 and the custom aluminum louvers will run between \$2,500 and \$3,500. The total is \$12,349 to 13,349. The use of the lift to do the repairs is \$500 a day or \$1,000 a week so \$2,000 of the costs are just for the lift. We will put screens (to keep out the bees) and narrow chicken wire (to keep birds out) on all four sides. They will also lubricate the bell. These repairs should prevent any further damage from critters in the future.

Session on the General Convention Actions

All clergy and interested laity are invited and encouraged to attend an educational session on the actions taken by the 79th General Convention, presented by Bishop Franklin and the Western New York deputation. It will take place at the Diocesan Ministry Center (1064 Brighton Road in Tonawanda) on Tuesday, September 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

September Birthdays

- 3 Marie Oblamski
- 5 Betty Ames
- 6 Andrew Banks
- 7 Marie Pinti
- 8 Donald Finkle
- 9 Michael Banks
- 11 Deb White
- 13 Kellie Smith
- 19 Allan Aureli
- 24 Don Henry
- 25 Donna Jeffs

September Anniversaries

- 17 Stu & Debbie Comerford

The Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas

On Saturday, September 15 at 3 pm at the [Diocesan Ministry Center](#), the Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, dean of Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary and author of “Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God,” will

give a public address and answer questions from the audience. A reception will follow. There is an online RSVP on the Diocesan website or you can call the Diocese at 716-881-0660.

Little Roses Tea & Basket Raffle

The Tea will be held Sept. 25th at the Diocesan Center. Please see Karran if you are interested in going.

Karran will also have the list of all the baskets for the raffle. You will be able to purchase tickets on Sunday Sept. 16th and choose the baskets you wish to try for. Karran will take your tickets to the Diocesan Center and put them in the appropriate bag. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

We are putting together a basket for the Little Roses Tea. We decided to do the “Everything but the Kitchen Sink” basket again so please bring something in to add to this basket. There will be a table set up in the Parish Hall for this. Please write your gift on the list by the basket.

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

What Brings You Joy? What is Your Sacred Story?

October 20th is our joint retreat with St. Paul’s at Stella Niagara. Lunch will be served. This will be an enlightening

experience and we would like everyone to attend.

School supply collection



The people of St. John's have generously donated backpacks and school supplies to Lewiston-Porter students ever since the diocese started the "Backpack Blessing" several years ago. This year, parishioners stepped up again and donated two large tubs filled with pencils, pens, crayons, glue sticks, highlighters, index cards, backpacks, notebooks, paper, folders and other school supplies. Many parishioners took advantage of local "back to school sales" throughout the summer so that the school supplies would be available to students the first week of school. Thanks, everyone!

Lunch and Learn

Our Lunch and Learn will begin on Wed., Oct. 3rd from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. These programs are for members of St. Paul's and St. John's as well as the general public. Mother Barbara will be the first presenter followed by Germain Ludwig who will be presenting this excellent program: Untethering Your Inner Self. This is an exploration of the topics of critical thinking and how that process can be used to free ourselves from being trapped by the limitations of our self-imposed world.

It provides the opportunity to view your 'self' from different angles. And although the journey is primarily an inner one, it will draw upon every aspect of your life. We will be seeking the root of our 'self,' which means what we are actually seeking is you.

It is a how-to session on looking at your inner growth and how it is completely dependent upon the realization that the only way to find peace and contentment is to stop thinking about yourself.

Could your thoughts be creating barriers to your growth? Do you believe you can reprogram your "self" to be more open? How do you protect your self-concept? Do these acts of protection help you? If you continue to protect your "self", you will never be free.

If you really want to see why you do things, then don't do them and see what happens. This seems so simple. Have you ever abruptly stopped doing something—a negative habit or behavior? Have you ever truly examined the assumptions that drive all of your behavior?

The session helps you explore the difference between avoiding pain and fear, and simply releasing it. We present a powerful practice to help you with this transformation. See the possibility of relaxing every time you feel the energy of fear, anger, or insecurity, and that, how over time, the energy of those emotions would pass through and have less influence on your life?

Learn to stop resisting reality, and what used to look like stressful problems will begin to look like the stepping-stones of your spiritual journey. We will create dialog about what it would be like to live a life free of resistance. What would the world be like if everyone lived this way?

The session will be presented in a three-part series of 60-90 minute segments given on on October 10th, 17th and 24th from 12 noon to 1:30 (bring your own lunch).

It will be facilitated by Germain Ludwig, a member of St Paul's Lewiston congregation, and is based on his own research and writings on critical thinking and a book by author Michael Springer; the Untethered Soul.

Blessing of the Pets



The Blessing of the Pets

St. Paul's will be having a Blessing of the Pets at Grandpaw's in Lewiston on Sept. 22nd.

St. John's will be having a Blessing of the Pets at Faulkner Park on Oct. 7th at Noon. All Pets are welcome.

Line Dancing Returns!

Suzanne Dietz will be having her Line Dancing classes in the Parish Hall beginning Sept. 25th through Dec. 11th. They will be held on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays of each month.

Contact:

Dancing.With.Suzanne.Diez@gmail.com If you are interested in attending.



Our friend, Ed Tormay, died peacefully on Sunday.

His funeral will be Sat. Sept. 15th at 2 pm at the church.

Visitation will be held Fri. Sept. 14th from 4 pm – 8 pm at the Rhoney Funeral Home, 901 Cayuga St., Lewiston.

May Ed's soul and the souls of all the departed Rest In Peace.

Our deepest condolences to Ed McGreevy.

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, 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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SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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