



## 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**

### *From the Pastor*

Some years ago three of my grandchildren went to church camp together. When they arrived home, I asked them what were the highlights of the camp experience. They cited a game called “Romans and Christians.” The gist of the game was this: the counselors were the Romans and the kids were the Christians. The Romans hunted the Christians with flashlights and if they caught a Christian, that person would have to go to prison – UNLESS he or she could defend his or her faith in Jesus Christ. “Why do you believe in God?” “Who is this Jesus Christ you claim to follow?” “What does it mean to be a Christian?” If they could answer questions like that, they could stay out of the Roman prison.

Okay, adults. If you were caught and threatened with prison, could you defend your faith well and thoroughly enough to escape?

It used to be that Christianity was the accepted majority religion in the USA. People were expected to have a church affiliation and a Christian education. I remember in my lifetime what was called ‘religious release time’ when kids were let out of school early one day a week to be able to attend Christian formation classes at their own church. Those days are long gone. The times, they are a-changin’.

Sports and other activities (sleeping? shopping?) now compete with Sunday morning activities, so that many children are reliant on their primary caregivers to provide whatever Christian formation they may receive. The home has become the Christian school – or not, as the case may be. The times, they are a-changin’.

I can tell you that in ultra-conservative denominations and homes, Christian education is not being neglected. Rather, many children and young people are growing up indoctrinated in a manner no less pervasive and severe than that of little Chinese children in the times on Chairman Mao. I overheard a “Bible study” at a restaurant lately where the leader was saying (I’m not making this up) that the primary message of Scripture was about “power” – no mention was made of this being the power of love, the power of service, or the power of sacrifice. It was a message about dominance, about who’s ‘right’ and who’s ‘wrong’, about who’s ‘in’ and who’s ‘out’. Could you defend your faith against that? Because of the internet age and modern communication, messages like this can bombard us and our children in ways that may even make

some of them, as (unprepared) young adults, turn away from Christianity as a hypocritical and unloving religion. The times, they are a-changin'. Or maybe not.

Remember your history lessons? Remember the Inquisition? Or how about Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter" – a novel about Christian cruelty and judgmentalism?

I pray that each one of us knows who Jesus is and why they want to follow him. I hope we know how much God loves us. I hope we are learning about love and sharing and service. And I hope we are prepared to communicate our faith in both word and action. May that never change.

Mother Barbara

## *Priest's Schedule*

July 22nd – Mother Barbara

July 29th – Mother Barbara (staying for coffee hour)

August 5th – Fr. Dan

August 12th – Mother Barbara

August 19th – Mother Barbara (staying for coffee hour)

August 26th – Fr. Dan

September 2nd – Fr. Dan

September 9th - 11 am - Service in the Park and 12 noon Parish Picnic – Mother Barbara (joined by Dan and Wayne later if possible)

## *Vestry Report*

At our Vestry meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>, the vestry unanimously approved the Spiritual Covenant with St. Paul's. St. Paul's vestry has also unanimously approved it. Hooray!! The Holy Spirit has moved in a mighty way in our churches!! Thanks Be To God!

The vestry will not be meeting in July and August and we will have a summer Saint to cover July and August. The next meeting of the vestry will be Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

We will be having a joint picnic with St. Paul's on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer.

Our church clean-up was a great success!! Our special thanks to Lark Mattoon, Mike Banks, Mary Ellen Aureli, Jane Richardson and Shawn D'Luhy for their mighty efforts!

## *Strawberry Festival*



There are some wonderful pictures in the parish hall.

The Strawberry Fest was a great success!! God answered our prayers and the light rain in the beginning became sunshine in the afternoon! We had a great turn out, steady with people all day long. Donuts D. Award Winning Clown blessed everyone with joy, face painting and balloons. The Youngstown Lions cooked like crazy and helped us in every way possible. They very generously donate 25% of their proceeds which was \$407!! They also collected the bottles and cans from the Strawberry Festival

and returned them, they also gave us the money from them! They are outstanding partners!!

Lisa Leffler stepped up and ran the basket raffle for the Senior Van Fund Drive. It was an outstanding success!! Almost \$1,800 was donated towards the Senior Van Fund Drive. Lisa you did an outstanding job! And the same comment was heard over and over again: “we are so glad you are having the basket raffle this year!”

Speaking of stepping up, Valerie Banks and Chris Foster did just that, making shortcake and whipped cream with Mary Wieland. Wonderful job ladies!!

Don Henry chaired the beverages again this year and gave away a record breaking amount of coffee in addition to water and pop.

Lark Matoon was in charge of serving the strawberry shortcake. Yumm! It was so good this year. The strawberries went! What a success!

Kay Collard put together the strawberry hulling and the 100 quarts of strawberries were quickly done. Mike White, strawberry washer extraordinaire, emulated Bob Jones’s victory lap with the last of the berries. We had a wonderful time doing these. Jim and Nancy Poole bought the supplies, Mary Ellen Aureli did the advertising and banner, Mike Banks coordinated the tent & dumpster, and Mary Wieland kept us all on track as she chaired the festival. St. John’s members were everywhere, doing everything! In addition to the people named above, our thanks to: Marie Oblamski, Ed McGreevy, Ed Tormey, Doreen Enman, Shirley

Oldfield, Kris Jordan, Alan Aureli, Drew Banks, Carol Reinbird, and Jane Richardson who helped us tremendously!

Our covenant parish St. Paul’s showed up in droves: at the hulling, serving beverages and shortcakes and supporting us in every way possible. Your presence was a blessing and we greatly appreciated it!!

Our parish members were present and helping. Everyone had a good time and we were all blessed as we blessed our community. It is such an incredible experience to see how beautifully we all work together.

Boy Scout Troup 855 helped us with the set up and tear down again this year. These outstanding young men and their parents truly bless us and make the strawberry festival possible.

The Red House Band was a great hit with everyone singing along and there was some dancing going on as well!

A total of \$1,822 was donated to the Strawberry Festival from the letter that was sent out. A \$1,000 was donated through the free will offering at the festival. Our expenses include the strawberries, whipped cream, biscuits, tent, the band, supplies, beverages, Donuts D Clown, the Boy Scouts and the etc.

### *July Birthdays*

- 1 Jane Richardson
- 7 Shirley Oldfield
- 20 Sarah White
- 23 Greg Jordan
- 24 Shawn D’Luhay

## *August Birthdays*

- 1 Ben Stayner
- 7 Tony Collard
- 10 Rev. Alison Martin
- 13 Dr. Michael Wilson
- 21 Karen Oddy
- 30 Priscilla Eodice

## *July Anniversaries*

16 Mark & Lisa Leffler

## *August Anniversaries*

- 27 Larry & Randy Walck
- 28 Tony & Kay Collard
- 30 Harold & Vickie Sutor

### *July 29<sup>th</sup> Cabaret at Community Missions*

We are joining with St. Paul's to provide a July Cabaret at Community Missions on July 29th. We will need cookies for during the Cabaret, people to help prep salads and desserts at 3:30 pm, People to serve dinner at 5:00 pm and people to help with the Cabaret at 6:00 pm. We are looking for trivia questions and ideas for prizes. This is a wonderful experience! Please join us!

## *Little Roses Tea & Basket Raffle*

We will be 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.

### *Youngstown Village Picnic*

*August 4<sup>th</sup> Noon - 4 pm*

St. John's is serving the food at this year's Youngstown Village Picnic in Faulkner Park from Noon - 4 pm. Please join us in your red shirts and help us be more visible in our community!

## *Episcopal Day At Darien Lake*



The First Thirty Ministries is hosting Episcopal Day at Darien Lake on Saturday September 8th. The park is open from 11 am to 7 pm. Come spend the day

in fellowship with people from around our diocese riding rides and sharing a meal. The Bishop is always looking for Episcopalians to go on rides with, especially the bumper cars. Dinner will be served between 3 and 5. The cost is \$25 for both admission and dinner, and \$10 for those that have a season pass and just need dinner.

To order tickets, please download the [Darien Lake Flyer](#) and send to the address on it. For questions, contact Wendy Schumacher, First Thirty Event Coordinator, at [weschumacher@episcopalwny.org](mailto:weschumacher@episcopalwny.org).

## *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).

## *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 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## *Save the Date:*

October 20<sup>th</sup> is our joint retreat with St. Paul's at Stella Niagara.

What Brings You Joy?

What is Your Sacred Story.

Please plan to attend. It will be a very special experience.

## 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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**See us on Facebook at:**

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

# **We Are Having A Picnic!!**



**Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Fort Niagara State Park Shelter 3G**

**(by the beach, past the rest rooms)**

**SUNDAY SERVICE 11 am**

**& PICNIC Noon**

**Bring a dish to share.**

**This year St. John's is cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers and St. Paul's has reserved the shelter. Beverages will be provided.**

## ***It's That Time for School Supplies!!***

Once again, we are donating school supplies to the students at Lew-Port. They need backpacks, pencils, erasers, pens, lined paper, notebooks, colored pencils, crayons, highlighters, folders, glue sticks, etc.. They do not need jump drives this year.

You can put your supplies in the back of the church. Thank you!!

**THE SAINT  
SUMMER 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.

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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