



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 .*

Prepare the way for the Lord. Mark 1:3

From the Pastor

We will soon be welcoming the New Year – 2019! Where has the past year gone? We have many plans already in place for the New Year at St. Paul's. Mark your new calendars for these activities and special times:

Sunday, January 6th – 11:00 am – Epiphany Sunday -- We celebrate the arrival of the Wise Men.

Saturday, January 27th – 11:00 am – This will be Bishop Franklin's last visit to St. John's and St. Paul's prior to his retirement in April. We are having a joint luncheon/reception at 12 noon at St. Paul's after the service. The reception will be at St. Paul's. Please mark your calendars and plan on being present for this major event in the life of our two parishes.

*O God, whom neither time nor space can limit, hold, or bind,
look down from heaven, thy dwelling place,
with love for humankind.*

*Another year its course has run; thy loving care renew;
forgive the ill that we have done,
the good we failed to do.*

*In doubt or danger, all our days, be near to guard us still;
let all our thoughts and all our ways
be governed by thy will.*

*O help us here on earth to live from selfish passions free;
for us at last in mercy give
eternal life with thee.*

(Hymnal 1962 #251)

Mother Barbara

Priest's Schedule

1/6 Mother Barbara
1/13 Mother Barbara
1/20 Fr. Dan
1/27 Bishop Franklin's last visit St. John's
Reception at St. Paul's after their service

Lunch & Learn

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Wednesdays will
continue in January .

January 9th - "Baby it's Cold Outside:
Christian Response to Cultural
Controversies" - Fr. Dan
January 16th - Stages of Faith - Fr. Wayne
January 23rd - Stages of Moral Development
- Fr. Wayne
January 30th - Praying with Icons and Beads
- Mother Barbara
February 6th - Biblical Roots of Martin
Luther King Jr's Dream - Fr. Dan
February 13th - Absalom Junes - Fr. Wayne
February 20th - Frederick Douglass - Fr.
Wayne
February 27th - Praying with Music and
Poetry - Mother Barbara

Vestry Report

The results from the nini ministerial review
we did at the annual meeting were discussed.
Please see them at the end of the Saint!

We thanked Mary Wieland, Mike Banks and
Lisa Leffler for serving St. John's so well.
Their continued gifts of service to St. John's
are truly appreciated.

St, John's had a strong presence at the
Community Christmas baskets. Many

families were helped to have a Merry
Christmas!

Mary Wieland has started getting
chairpersons for the Strawberry Festival
which will be held from 11:30am-5:30 pm on
June 22nd. Please see Mary if you would
like to help. This year the Red House Band
will be playing again!

The next Calm Respite Program will be held
on January 16th from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm.
Please contact Mother Barbara to help.

Cabaret for Community Missions

Sunday, Feb. 24th 6pm with St. Paul's.
We are collecting donations to be used as
prizes for Trivia. We are looking for:
Razors/shaving cream/gel (men &
women), Small hand held games,
Matchbox cars, Barbie dolls, Socks
(men,women,kids), Lip balm/chap stick,
Nail grooming kits,Brushes/combs, Paper
towels, dish soap, Single serving drink
mixes (that you mix in water bottles),
Granola bars, Nuts or anything else you
would like to donate. St. Paul's is
collecting other items.
Please join us that day for the joy that will
fill everyone!!

The Calm Respite Program

The CALM Respite program began at St.
Paul's on December 19th. We received our
materials from the Alzheimer's Association
and have enough games and crafts to last at
least a year. They even provided us with a
CD player for our musical needs. Their
support has been wonderful.

At this time, we have six trained volunteers prepared to do one-to-one accompaniment of “guests.” We are open for business! Please feel free to share the flyer found elsewhere in this newsletter. Post it where you work or shop or meet folks for coffee. Tell your friends.

That’s one way you can help support this effort. Another is through supplying any items on our “Wish List.” Here’s what we need:

1. Small prizes for Bingo.
2. Decaf coffee pods for a Keurig machine.
3. Regular balloons (not water balloons).
4. A subscription to “Reminiscence” magazine, or old copies.
5. Old magazines, especially ones with lots of photos, like “Arizona Highways,” or “Ideals.”

Thanks so much in advance for your willingness to support this effort to reach out and help our neighbors.



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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.

Mitten tree

Our mitten tree was a HUGE success!! 112 items were donated to the Youngstown Community Christmas Baskets. Then, another 100 items were donated to the Care N Share food pantry for a total of 112 items!! So many hearts and bodies were warmed by your loving kindness this Christmas! Many thanks to Shirley Oldfield and her delightful daughters, Kris Jordan and Randy Walck doing the mitten tree again! Well done thou good and trusted servants!!

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 schedule:

Mondays- Lewiston Senior Center- Call 754-2071. 11:30 AM – 2:30PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays- Lewiston Library. Call- 754-4720. 11:30AM-2:30PM

Also one Saturday per month.

Alternating Fridays starting February 1st. Youngstown Presbyterian Church. Call 745-7067. 11:30AM- 1:30PM

To process your returns you must bring the following documents:

- **For a Joint return both spouses must be present.**
- You must bring some form of **photo ID** such as a driver's license, passport or some other form of government issued photo ID.
- A copy of your **2017 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 2018 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.

If you have any questions about this service please give me a call at 745-3726.

Jim Poole

Note: people are already calling for appointments. Don't miss out.

January Birthdays

- 9 Lark Mattoon
- 10 Mark Leffler
- 21 Michael White
- 23 Larry Walck
- 25 Jim Poole
- 26 John Mies
- 26 Nancy Poole
- 28 Donna Huggins
- 31 Gillian Game

January Anniversaries

- 2 Rev. Wayne Knockle & Jim Lynch

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 Suitor, Deacon Vickie Suitor
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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Bishop

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All other church concerns, contact the
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Wardens

Mary Wieland 716-745-7440

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716-263-0210

Vestry

Mike Banks 716-745-3828

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Lark Mattoon, 716-745-3431

Treasurer

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See us on Facebook at:

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

A Mini-Review of the Life and Ministry Of St. John's, Youngstown December 2nd, 2018

¹ The (1) on this scale = "I am very dissatisfied." The (5) on this scale = "I am very satisfied."

1. Overall satisfaction with Parish Life and Ministry:

(1) (2) (3) **1 - 3.5** (4) (5) **7** (6)¹ **12**

2. Worship (Holy Eucharist, participation in liturgy; special roles – lectors, servers, etc.):

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) **7** (6) **13**

3. Doctrine (Preaching; teaching, such as Lunch and Learn programs; parishioners' awareness of the Christian Life, etc.):

(1) (2) (3) (4) **1** (5) **7** (6) **12**

4. Action (Outreach, stewardship, evangelization, community presence, etc.):

(1) (2) (3) (4) **2** (5) **4** (6) **14**

5. Pastoral Care (Clergy care of parishioners; lay caring and calling ministries; etc.)

(1) (2) (3) **3** (4) **1** (5) **5** (6) **11**

6. Oversight (Clergy and lay leaders serving, guiding, leading and managing the life of the congregation into an appropriate and full living of the Christian Life; bringing and preserving a proper order/shape to the parish's life; a sense of direction; etc.)

(1) (2) (3) (4) **2** (5) **5** (6) **12**

7. Are there any areas of concern you've not already noted? Anything you'd like to see changed? Built up? Any particular areas of weakness? Strength? Other comments you'd like to make?

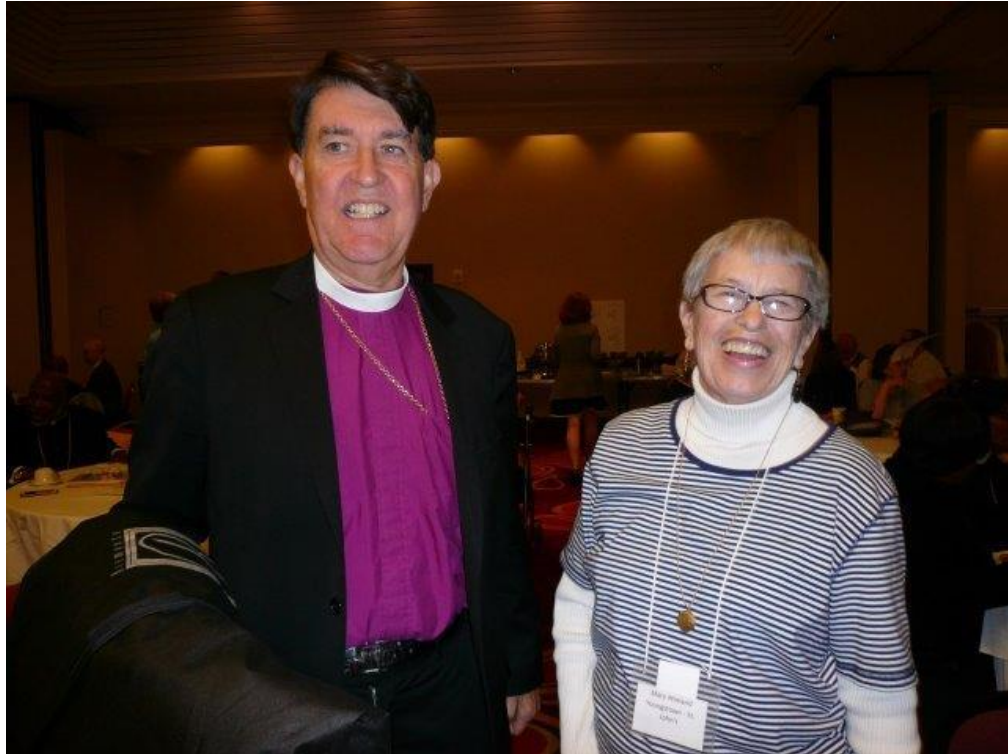
There were three areas of concern expressed:

1. The number of people who participate actively in ministries within the church and/or attending the programs that are offered.
2. The need for follow-up with lay caring and calling ministries and the overall coordination of pastoral care. Included in this would be reaching out to homebound and lapsed parishioners.
3. A perceived resistance to change on the part of a few and/or resistance to sharing information and leadership.

Particular strengths were noted as:

1. Clergy and staff of the parish. More than one response indicated the strength of the preaching.
2. Anxiety about the future of the church has diminished substantially.

The Bishop is Coming! The Bishop is Coming!



Bishop Franklin's Last Visit will be Jan. 27th.

He will celebrate with us at our 9:30am service then go to St. Paul's for their 11:00am service.

Then both churches will have a joint luncheon celebration at St. Paul's after their service.

Karran Swayze has graciously offered to coordinate with St. Paul's. Please see her to see how you can help. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church when the menu is decided.

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.

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