



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 .*

Rector's Ramblings:

The Road

Ride on in glory,
knowing what's ahead.

Ate a meal with your friends,
as servant to all.

Offered your body and blood,
as a sacrifice for all.

Betrayed by trust,
with an act of love.

Dragged before the leaders,
condemned to death.

Tortured and mocked,
a spectacle for all.

Hung on a cross,
asked your Father to forgive.

Taken by friends,
and laid to rest.

Mary came to tend your body,
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Alleluia!!

Pastor Alison+

Vestry Report

Ashes to Go was a great success with repeat customers lined up when Alison & Mike got there. The bible study is going very well with great participation.

Property issues: with this beginning as a wetter year, we may have flooding issues in the parish hall again which will have to be addressed. We have continued to have issues with the furnace. We are going to get bids to replace it in the summer when we can get a better deal than we would if it breaks. The cost savings from a more efficient furnace will also help our fuel bills.

The Strawberry Fest, June 17th is shaping up well. It will be held from 11:30am-5:30pm. The Youngstown Lions Club will be cooking again - Yumm! The Lockport Community Band will be playing at 2pm. The strawberries have been ordered and the Boy Scouts will be helping us once again.

The Stewardship Campaign is going well and we have heard back from almost every one! Contributions are good so far this year.

For Palm Sunday we will start the service in the Church blessings the palms there.

The Vestry has decided to increase our presence in the community by having our Church participate in the Summer Street Dance and have a table giving out Christian coloring books and crayons and also have information on Scams. If you have any other

ideas on what we might do/offer, please let us know. We are also becoming more personally involved in the Christmas Baskets as Peggy Hanson is stepping down as the coordinator. A committee will be created and we will be part of it and will take on responsibilities as needed.

We have moved the piano in the church to the other side. We are going to decide what to do with the extra pew. We cannot put it on the other side because it is shaped for the left side of the church not the right. It is currently at the back of the church on the right side but is blocking access into the storage. We look forward to Carole playing both the organ and piano during the service.

**Next Vestry Meeting:
April 5th at 1pm**

Next Work Session: April 29th 10 am
This is a working meeting on moving into the future. Please come to this meeting to help discern God's will for our Church.

Bible Study for Lent

For Lent this year we will be doing a Bible study based on the Gospels for the week.

A Space for Grace is a study offered by the Diocese focusing on the Gospels and the people in our communities. We will begin on **Sunday following the 10:00 service**. Grab a cup of coffee and come together as we discover Christ in our midst.

Prayer Chain:

Members of our Church are available for prayers whenever they are needed. One call, and the Prayer Chain is activated to pray for your needs or the needs of family, loved ones, friends, strangers, whomever you know

is in need of prayer. It is a powerful ministry. If you want prayer, please call Deacon Vickie Suitor at 716-628-0821 or Shawn D'Luhy at 716-263-0210. If you are interested in joining our Prayer Chain contact Shawn.

Our Newest Ministry: Prayer Bears!!!

Love bears all things." 1 Corinthians 13:7

They are here, sitting in the pews, hearing scripture, the Word preached, hymns sung, and prayers prayed. They will be blest this Sunday. When someone is in need of healing, we are asking our parishioners to personally give one of these bears to the person in need as an expression of God's love and healing and our prayers and caring for them. They have a tag on them that explains this. They are a special reminder of God's healing power and wonderful love. We pray they are a blessing to everyone.

April Birthdays

- 3 Randy Walck
- 12 Kelsey Jeffs
- 14 Brittany Machmer
- 17 Michael Wilson
- 20 Christine Foster
- 21 Casey Jordan
- 23 Lisa Leffler
- 24 Judy Hannah
- 24 Vickie Suitor
- 27 Annie Givens

April Anniversaries

- 6 Valerie & Mike Banks
- 22 Raleigh & Linda Reynolds



Prayers for Our Church

God, open my eyes that I might see my church as You see it. Let me see where change needs to take place, even if it is painful to me. And use me, I pray, to be an instrument of the change whatever the cost.

God, please let me be part of the solution and not the problem. Show me what I need to see. Open my eyes to Your reality. And give me the courage to move forward in the direction You desire.

Rainer, Thom S. *Autopsy of a Deceased Church*. Nashville: B&H Publishing Group, 2014

Getting Together For Prayer

We have a Prayer Group meeting on Wednesday afternoon every other week in a private home. Another Prayer Group will meet every other week on Thursday nights at 7pm starting **April 6th**. Would you like to join them or develop another small group of our members to get together for prayer and fellowship? If you are interested, please contact Shawn at 745-3124.

Comment heard about St. John's:

For a little Church, they give the most.

Personal Care Kits For Community Missions!

“Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.”

1 Timothy 6:18

Thank you to all those who helped in the assembly of personal care kits which were donated to Community Missions on March 12. The items in the kits were selected to assist individuals who arrive at the Mission without the basic necessities required for personal care. Also included in the items donated were socks and undergarments for children and adults, baby diapers and feminine care products. The purchase cost for the items was made possible through outreach funds allocated by your Vestry.

Most of the items included were purchased from the Dollar General Store in Lewiston. The manager and staff at this store have been very helpful in the collection of the many articles needed. The manager has graciously offered to conduct a basket raffle to help benefit the funding of future personal care kits if St. John's continues this outreach activity in the future.

Kay and Tony Collard

Bible Study

I will be teaching another Bible class on four Tuesday nights 7-8:30 PM beginning May 9 at Youngstown Presbyterian Church

Topic: Lesser Known Scriptures

May 9th. Spies Double Agents and Assassins

May 16th Wild Women of the Bible

May 23rd Monsters Giants and a Talking Donkey

May 30th Giants Dragons Witches and a Demon Lover

Phone 745-7067 to register Charles Lamb

Bravo, Bravo, Very Well Done!!!

A big thank you to Karran Swazey and the Corn Beef Crew. The corn beef dinner was excellent. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed it. We should do things like this more often.

Save A Life: Learn to use Narcan

The opioid addiction has reached epidemic proportions. And it's happening here!

April 30th at 11:30 am, the Wellness Team at St. Peter's, Eggertsville, is sponsoring a workshop on the use and administration of Narcan or Naloxone. For more information and to register, contact:

Lois Tripp at ljt203@yahoo.com - or -
Sue Gunn at sgunn@sixgunns.com

Barbara

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.

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. 12:30 PM – 3:00PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays- Lewiston Library.
Call- 754-4720. 11:45AM-3:30PM

Alternating Fridays starting February 3rd.
Youngstown Presbyterian Church. Call
745-7067. 11:00AM- 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.
- A copy of your **2015 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 2016 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.

We will be using new software this year so it is very important that you bring all of the items listed above.

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

Jim Poole



Holy Week

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

April 9, 10:00 am

**Service will begin
in the Church**

Maundy Thursday

April 13, 7:00 pm

Good Friday

Tennebrae

April 14, 7:00 pm

Easter

April 16, at 10:00 am



We are asking each of you to pray for our members on this list by name this month as part of our discernment process for our church. Thank you.

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, Marilyn Furry
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, J. Michael Hinde, 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, Phyllis Norwich, Marie Oblamski
21. Karen Oddy , Deborah Pauline, James Pauline
22. Shirley Oldfield,, Helene Pavlock,
23. Sally Phillips, James Poole, Nancy Poole
24. Linda Reynolds, Raleigh Reynolds, Carol Reinbird,
25. Jane Richardson, 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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716-881-0660

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716-983-0262

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Vestry

2017

Lark Mattoon, 716-745-3431

2018

Mike Banks 716-745-3828

2019

Don Henry 754-1080

Treasurer

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THE SAINT
APRIL 2017

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Rev. Alison Martin, Priest
716-983-0262

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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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