

AUGUST 17, 2025

# *The Crossbeam*

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S PARISH MEMBERS  
AND FRIENDS



*Sunday, August 17, 2025*  
*10th Sunday after Pentecost,*  
*Year C*

THE WORD OF GOD IS A REFINING FIRE. JESUS IS THE GREAT DIVIDE IN HUMAN HISTORY. HE INVITES OUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION AND DEVOTION.

TODAY IN WORSHIP WE ARE SURROUNDED BY A GREAT "CLOUD OF WITNESSES." IN THE WORD AND IN HOLY COMMUNION WE ARE INVITED YET AGAIN TO LOOK TO JESUS, "THE PIONEER AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH."



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

LUKE 12:32-40

[JESUS SAID:] 32 "DO NOT BE AFRAID, LITTLE FLOCK, FOR IT IS YOUR FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM. 33 SELL YOUR POSSESSIONS AND GIVE ALMS. MAKE PURSES FOR YOURSELVES THAT DO NOT WEAR OUT, AN UNFAILING TREASURE IN HEAVEN, WHERE NO THIEF COMES NEAR AND NO MOTH DESTROYS. 34 FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.

35 "BE DRESSED FOR ACTION AND HAVE YOUR LAMPS LIT; 36 BE LIKE THOSE WHO ARE WAITING FOR THEIR MASTER TO RETURN FROM THE WEDDING BANQUET, SO THAT THEY MAY OPEN THE DOOR FOR HIM AS SOON AS HE COMES AND KNOCKS. 37 BLESSED ARE THOSE SLAVES WHOM THE MASTER FINDS ALERT WHEN HE COMES; TRULY I TELL YOU, HE WILL FASTEN HIS BELT AND HAVE THEM SIT DOWN TO EAT, AND HE WILL COME AND SERVE THEM. 38 IF HE COMES DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT OR NEAR DAWN AND FINDS THEM SO, BLESSED ARE THOSE SLAVES.

39 "BUT KNOW THIS: IF THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE HAD KNOWN AT WHAT HOUR THE THIEF WAS COMING, HE WOULD NOT HAVE LET HIS HOUSE BE BROKEN INTO. 40 YOU ALSO MUST BE READY, FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COMING AT AN HOUR YOU DO NOT EXPECT."

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"THE PATRON SAINT OF TWEETERS MAY BE U.S. PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE, KNOWN FOR THE BREVITY OF HIS ANSWERS AND RESPONSES, TO WIT: ONE DAY, AFTER ATTENDING CHURCH, COOLIDGE FOUND HIMSELF IN THE PRESENCE OF A NEWSPAPER REPORTER. WHAT WAS THE SERMON ABOUT, THE REPORTER WANTED TO KNOW?

'SIN,' REPLIED THE PRESIDENT.

AND WHAT DID THE PREACHER HAVE TO SAY ABOUT SIN?

'HE WAS AGAINST IT.'

MORE QUOTES FROM COOLIDGE:

- NO ONE EVER LISTENED HIMSELF OUT OF A JOB.
- I'VE NEVER BEEN HURT BY SOMETHING I DIDN'T SAY.
- THE BUSINESS OF AMERICA IS BUSINESS.
- IF YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHING, YOU WON'T BE CALLED ON TO REPEAT IT.
- IF YOU SEE 10 TROUBLES COMING DOWN THE ROAD, YOU CAN BE SURE THAT NINE WILL RUN INTO THE DITCH BEFORE THEY REACH YOU."

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SOMETHING TO PONDER TODAY.  
PEACE AND BLESSINGS THIS DAY.  
PASTOR V



### IN-PERSON WORSHIP

THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS PEOPLE AROUND THE MEANS OF GRACE—  
THE SAVING WORD OF GOD AND THE SACRAMENTS.

FEATURED THIS WEEK:  
SATURDAY SPOKEN WORD  
5 P.M. - IN-PERSON

THE SUNDAY ASSEMBLY  
10A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM  
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> @ 12PM  
WEST SENECA BAND CONCERT HERE  
AT ST. JOHN'S**

**SEPTEMBER 13TH  
BURCHFEST**



**IN HONOR OF ALL YOU  
GOOD NEIGHBORS**  
*FROM TOM AND DEB FOX*

YOU CAN REMEMBER OR HONOR A LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION BY ORDERING A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT USING THE ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.



SATURDAY AUGUST 16 @ 5P.M.  
VICKY WIENKE- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY AUGUST 17 @ 10 A.M.  
NADINE BROWN - ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY AUGUST 17 @ 10 A.M.  
LAURA LOEHR - USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST  
SONI SCHNITZER

## **UPCOMING AGAPE MEAL**

### **DATES:**

**SEPTEMBER 7**

**OCTOBER 5**

**NOVEMBER 2**

**DECEMBER 7**



# **THIS WEEK 8/17 - 8/23**

## **TODAY:**

10 A.M. WORSHIP

7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

## **MONDAY:**

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP

6 P.M. KNITTING GROUP

6:45 P.M. ZUMBA

7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

## **TUESDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA

12 P.M. TAI-CHI

6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

## **WEDNESDAY:**

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP

6 P.M. PARKINSONS GROUP

## **THURSDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA

12 P.M. NA

5 P.M. ZUMBA

6 P.M. BARRE CLASS

7 P.M. NA

## **FRIDAY:**

10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)

7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

## **SATURDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA

5 P.M. WORSHIP

## **PASTOR AWAY**

PASTOR VALERIE WILL BE AWAY STARTING SATURDAY AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>,  
THROUGH TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND.

## **WEST SENECA BAND CONCERT**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH @ 12PM

THE WEST SENECA BAND WILL BE PUTTING ON A CONCERT FOR THE  
COMMUNITY HERE AT ST. JOHN'S.  
THE CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON THE LAWN.  
BRING A BLANKET OR LAWN CHAIR

## **3RD ANNUAL HARVEST HOUSE BABY SHOWER**

AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>- SEPTEMBER 14TH

ST. JOHN'S WILL AGAIN FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR BE PARTICIPATING IN THE  
ANNUAL HARVEST HOUSE BABY SHOWER.

IN 2024, HARVEST HOUSE WAS HELPING 600 CHILDREN PER MONTH.  
THIS YEAR, THAT NUMBERS HAS SWELLED TO ALMOST 800  
CHILDREN A MONTH.

FEDERAL POVERTY INCOMES WILL INCREASE BY JUST 5% IN 2025. BASIC  
BABY SUPPLIES ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 24% OR MORE. THIS  
WILL FORCE FAMILIES TO DECIDE BETWEEN PAYING RENT, UTILITY BILLS  
OR CARING FOR THEIR CHILDREN.  
YOUR HELP IS CRITICAL!!

## **BRAND NEW ITEMS NEEDED MOST:**

**DIAPERS (SIZES 2-5)      SOCKS FOR CHILDREN AGE 3+**  
**CLOTHING (NEWBORN TO 5T)      BOTTLES AND FEEDING SUPPLIES**  
**BABY HYGIENE PRODUCTS (WIPES, CREAMS, ETC...)**

## **WEST SENECA COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES CROP WALK AND CHICKEN DINNER**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH AT QUEEN OF HEAVEN RC 4220 SENECA ST, WS

WEIDNER'S CHICKEN DINNER \$15.00 - 12:30PM-3:30PM

WALK - 1:00PM-3:00PM

CHILDREN SUMMER GAMES WILL BE AVAILABLE!

PROCEEDS FOR CROP,  
COMMUNITIES RESPOND TO OVERCOME POVERTY.