

AUGUST 31, 2025

The Crossbeam

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



Sunday, August 31, 2025
12th Sunday after Pentecost,
Year C

INVITED AND INVITING—THAT IS THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH. BY GOD'S GRACE IN HOLY BAPTISM WE HAVE A PLACE AT CHRIST'S BANQUET TABLE. WHEN, BY THE POWER OF THAT SAME SPIRIT, HUMILITY AND MUTUAL LOVE CONTINUE AMONG US, THE CHURCH CAN BE MORE INVITING STILL.



From the Pastor's Desk

LUKE 13:10-17

10 NOW [JESUS] WAS TEACHING IN ONE OF THE SYNAGOGUES ON THE SABBATH.
11 AND JUST THEN THERE APPEARED A WOMAN WITH A SPIRIT THAT HAD
CRIPPLED HER FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS. SHE WAS BENT OVER AND WAS QUITE
UNABLE TO STAND UP STRAIGHT. 12 WHEN JESUS SAW HER, HE CALLED HER OVER
AND SAID, "WOMAN, YOU ARE SET FREE FROM YOUR AILMENT." 13 WHEN HE LAID
HIS HANDS ON HER, IMMEDIATELY SHE STOOD UP STRAIGHT AND BEGAN
PRAISING GOD. 14 BUT THE LEADER OF THE SYNAGOGUE, INDIGNANT BECAUSE
JESUS HAD CURED ON THE SABBATH, KEPT SAYING TO THE CROWD, "THERE ARE
SIX DAYS ON WHICH WORK OUGHT TO BE DONE; COME ON THOSE DAYS AND BE
CURED AND NOT ON THE SABBATH DAY." 15 BUT THE LORD ANSWERED HIM AND
SAID, "YOU HYPOCRITES! DOES NOT EACH OF YOU ON THE SABBATH UNTIE HIS OX
OR HIS DONKEY FROM THE MANGER AND LEAD IT TO WATER? 16 AND OUGHT NOT
THIS WOMAN, A DAUGHTER OF ABRAHAM WHOM SATAN BOUND FOR EIGHTEEN
LONG YEARS, BE SET FREE FROM THIS BONDAGE ON THE SABBATH DAY?" 17 WHEN
HE SAID THIS, ALL HIS OPPONENTS WERE PUT TO SHAME, AND THE ENTIRE
CROWD WAS REJOICING AT ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS BEING DONE BY HIM.

"HYPOCRISY IN ANYTHING WHATEVER MAY DECEIVE THE CLEVEREST AND MOST
PENETRATING MAN, BUT THE LEAST WIDE-AWAKE OF CHILDREN RECOGNIZES IT,
AND IS REVOLTED BY IT, HOWEVER INGENUOUSLY IT MAY BE DISGUISED."

—LEO TOLSTOY.

"HYPOCRISY: PREJUDICE WITH A HALO."

—AMBROSE BIERCE.

"BE WHO YOU ARE AND SAY WHAT YOU FEEL BECAUSE THOSE WHO MIND DON'T
MATTER AND THOSE WHO MATTER DON'T MIND."

—DR. SEUSS.

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

**SEPTEMBER 7TH
AGAPE MEAL AND RALLY DAY**

**SEPTEMBER 13TH
BURCHFEST**



Altar Flowers

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CINDY**

BY THE WARD FAMILY

**IN HONOR OF OUR
62ND ANNIVERSARY**

WAYNE AND CHRIS CHARNOCK

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 30 @ 5P.M.
KEN KLOPFER- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY AUGUST 31 @ 10 A.M.
SAM REILLY - ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY AUGUST 31 @ 10 A.M.
LEE DELANEY - USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST
SONI SCHNITZER

THANK YOU

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A VERY HEARTFUL THANK YOU TO:
TOM FOX, MEGAN MARRANO, ADAM WOLFF,
AND EVERYONE ELSE THAT LENDS A HAND TO MAKE SURE SERVICE
GOES ON WHILE PASTOR IS AWAY.

THIS WEEK 8/31 - 9/6

TODAY:

10 A.M. WORSHIP
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY: LABOR DAY

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
7 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
12 P.M. NA
5 P.M. ZUMBA
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 23RD,
THROUGH TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND.

PASTOR ROGER WILL BE COVERING FOR ANY
PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

716-913-9365

UPCOMING AGAPE MEAL DATES:

SEPTEMBER 7

OCTOBER 5

NOVEMBER 2

DECEMBER 7

LOOKING FOR EXTRA HANDS TO HELP WITH THE AGAPE MEAL.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH AN AGAPE MEAL SERVICE
PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE FOYER.

3RD ANNUAL HARVEST HOUSE BABY SHOWER

AUGUST 10TH- SEPTEMBER 14TH

ST. JOHN'S WILL AGAIN FOR THE 3RD 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...)

PRESCHOOL

ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL IS CURRENTLY ENROLLING
3 YEAR OLDS FOR ITS TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY CLASS.
PLEASE CALL 716-668-3584 TO ENROLL.

BURCHFEST

BURCHFEST IS UPON US AND WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND CUSTOMERS!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH FROM 8:30 - 3:30.

ONE HOUR, TWO HOURS OR WHATEVER YOU CAN DO WILL BE
APPRECIATED.

STUDENTS WHO NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS, PLEASE SIGN UP
FOR TEAR DOWN AND CLEAN UP AT 3PM,
WE ARE USUALLY DONE BY 3:45.

SUPPORT BURCHFEST AT ST. JOHN'S! WE'RE OPEN 10AM - 3PM ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH! PLEASE VISIT OUR CRAFTERS & FOOD
TRUCKS! WE'D LOVE TO SEE ST. JOHN'S SUPPORT THIS WEST SENECA
WIDE EVENT!



BurchFest 2025

Celebrating the Charles Burchfield Family

Save the date!

Saturday, Sept. 13th

Be sure to check out the activities, tours, classes
and other events throughout West Seneca!



For more details, scan this code or visit
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