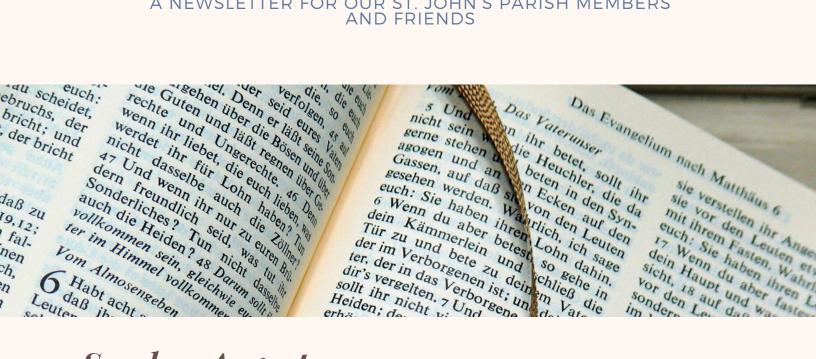
The Crossbeam

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 BANOUET TABLE. WHEN. BY THE POWER OF THAT SAME SPIRIT. HUMILITY AND MUTUAL LOVE CONTINUE AMONG US. THE CHURCH CAN BE MORE INVITING STILL.



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 OUITE 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 INGENIOUSLY 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

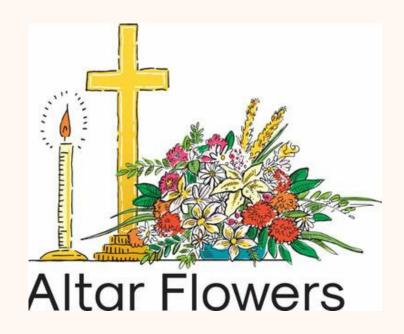
BROADCAST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



This Weeks Bulletin (click here)



SEPTEMBER 7TH AGAPE MEAL AND RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 13TH BURCHFEST



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 NUMBERE 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!



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