

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

The Crossbeam

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



*Sunday, September 28, 2025
16th Sunday after Pentecost,
Year C*

CONSIDERATION OF AND CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED (ESPECIALLY THOSE "AT OUR GATE," VISIBLE TO US, OF WHOM WE ARE AWARE) IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF GOOD STEWARDSHIP. IT IS IN THE SHARING OF WEALTH THAT WE AVOID THE SNARE OF WEALTH. IT IS THE ONE WHOM DEATH COULD NOT HOLD—WHO COMES TO US RISEN FROM THE DEAD—WHO CAN FREE US FROM THE DEATH GRIP OF GREED.



From the Pastor's Desk

AMOS 6:1A, 4-7

1A WOE TO THOSE WHO ARE AT EASE IN ZION
AND FOR THOSE WHO FEEL SECURE ON MOUNT SAMARIA.
4 WOE TO THOSE WHO LIE ON BEDS OF IVORY
AND LOUNGE ON THEIR COUCHES
AND EAT LAMBS FROM THE FLOCK
AND CALVES FROM THE STALL,
5 WHO SING IDLE SONGS TO THE SOUND OF THE HARP
AND LIKE DAVID IMPROVISE ON INSTRUMENTS OF MUSIC,
6 WHO DRINK WINE FROM BOWLS
AND ANOINT THEMSELVES WITH THE FINEST OILS
BUT ARE NOT GRIEVED OVER THE RUIN OF JOSEPH!
7 THEREFORE THEY SHALL NOW BE THE FIRST TO GO INTO EXILE,
AND THE REVELRY OF THE LOUNGERS SHALL PASS AWAY.

"WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION, RARELY IS A CONCEPT MORE MISUNDERSTOOD THAN PROPHECY. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS MISINTERPRETATION WREAKS HAVOC ON OUR SOCIETY IN THE FORM OF DOOMSDAY SOOTHSAYERS, APOCALYPTIC DREAMERS AND MILITANT REVOLUTIONARIES. THE CRUX OF THE MISUNDERSTANDING IS THIS: PROPHECY IS NOT THE RESULT OF SEEING INTO THE FUTURE. INSTEAD, PROPHECY IS THE FAITHFUL DECLARATION OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF CURRENT ACTIONS ON THE FUTURE, WITH THE HOPE OF HAVING AN IMPACT ON BOTH. FOR INSTANCE, ONE NEED NOT BE A ROCKET SCIENTIST TO FIGURE OUT THAT INCREASING ECONOMIC INEQUITIES LEAD TO SOCIAL DISSOLUTION AND FRAGMENTATION. SO SOMEONE WITH THE COURAGE TO SAY THAT WEALTH ACCUMULATION LEADS TO THE DESTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY, AND THAT THE RESULT WILL BE A FUTURE AWASH IN VIOLENCE, ISN'T LOOKING INTO A CRYSTAL BALL. THEY'RE SIMPLY SENSITIVE TO INEVITABILITIES.
-BOB HULTEEN, "ONCE A MILLENNIUM," SOJOURNERS, JULY-AUGUST 1998, 65.

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
9A.M.-IN-PERSON SERVICE W/ SCS
10:30A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 2ND, 9TH, 16TH @ 6PM
BIBLE STUDY**

**OCTOBER 12TH @ 10AM
SOUP SALE**

**OCTOBER 19TH @ 12PM
TRUNK OR TREAT**



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ELNA DELANEY**
BY JAY AND SYLVIA DELANEY

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 SEPTEMBER 27 @ 5P.M.
VICKY WIENKE- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 @ 9 A.M.
NADINE BROWN- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 @ 10:30 A.M.
NATHAN SETLOCK- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 @ 9 A.M.
KRISTEN HOCHULSKI- USHER

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 @ 10:30 A.M.
ROGER MCGILL- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR SEPTEMBER
RHONDA DREZEK
CONNIE ARNOLD

THIS WEEK 9/28 - 10/4

TODAY:

9 A.M. WORSHIP W/ SCS
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY:

10 A.M. SPROUTS
1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP
6 P.M. SPROUTS
6:45 P.M. ZUMBA
7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

TUESDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
12 P.M. TAI-CHI
6 P.M. ROCK VOICES
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
6 P.M. BIBLE STUDY
7 P.M. WORSHIP & MUSIC
7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)
10 A.M. SPROUTS
7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

SATURDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
10 A.M. GIRL SCOUTS
5 P.M. WORSHIP

UPCOMING AGAPE MEAL DATES:

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.

SIGN UP SHEETS

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK IN THE FOYER AND SIGN UP FOR ANY AND ALL
EVENTS THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN.
SO MANY FUN AND EXCITING THINGS GOING ON HERE AT ST. JOHN'S!!

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TRUNK OR TREAT

AGAPE MEAL

DINING OUT

LABYRINTH PRAYER

BURRITTO PROJECT

OUR NEXT TREK TO FEED AND CARE FOR THE HOMELESS IN DOWNTOWN
WILL BE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH. TO PREPARE FOR IT, WE NEED
TO REPLENISH OUR SUPPLIES. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE DO.

SADLY, WE HAVE RECENTLY LOST TWO PEOPLE THAT WERE VERY
GENEROUS TO THE BURRITTO PROJECT. THAT LOSS WILL BE FELT.
WHATEVER YOU CAN DO TO PROVIDE AID IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED
BY THE HOMELESS PEOPLE WE SERVE. THE GREATEST NEEDS ARE FOR
THESE ITEMS:

CHAP STICK
HAND WIPES
PONCHOS

TOOTHPASTE
SHAMPOO
LADIES UNDERWEAR

SANITARY PADS / TAMPONS

THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION BOX IN THE FOYER TO RECEIVE YOUR
DONATIONS.
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR PRAYERS, FOOD, FLOWERS AND CARDS DURING MY MOST RECENT ILLNESS. I HOPE TO BE BACK SOON.

SINCERELY,
PAT LIPKA

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.

A HUGE SHOUT OUT & THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS @ BURCHFEST '25!

YOUR HARD WORK, DEDICATION, AND POSITIVE ENERGY MADE THE
EVENT RUN SMOOTHLY & SUCCESSFULLY!
THE LIST OF INDIVIDUALS IS LONG!

THANK YOU TO THE PROPERTY CREW: RUSS, RICK & RON! THE PROPERTY
CREW PREPPED OUR PROPERTY BUT ALSO FINISHED TEAR DOWN
DURING THE WEEK. THANK YOU TO CONNIE, MARY, NANCY AND JODIE
FROM DIRECTING VENDORS TO SPACES, TO ANSWERING QUESTIONS, TO
BEING THE ENTHUSIASTIC FACE OF ST. JOHN'S TO THE PUBLIC! THANK
YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS NATALIE, XANDER, JACK, LILY & GIA! THESE
STUDENTS FROM THE WEST SENECA COMMUNITY SPENT THE WHOLE
DAY WITH US AND DIRECTED PEOPLE TO SPACES, PICKED UP GARBAGE,
CLEANED UP THE GROUNDS AND HELPED TEAR DOWN!

LASTLY THANK YOU, THE CONGREGATION (PAST & PRESENT!) FOR
SUPPORTING OUR BURCHFEST CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW! WE SAW YOU!
WE APPRECIATE YOU & WE LOVED VISITING WITH YOU!

THIS EVENT COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT EACH AND EVERY
ONE OF YOU!

BLESSINGS, KATHY M

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. JOHN'S,

AS WE FACE THESE DIFFICULT TIMES TOGETHER, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT OUR FAITH AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT US THROUGH EVERY CHALLENGE. GIVING GENEROUSLY, ESPECIALLY DURING TOUGH PERIODS, IS AN ACT OF TRUST AND LOVE THAT HELPS SUSTAIN OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRIES, OUTREACH, AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN NEED.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT EVERYONE'S CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT, AND WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE. EVEN SMALL ACTS OF GENEROSITY CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE AND REFLECT OUR COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER AND GOD'S WORK.

LET US LEAN ON OUR FAITH, KNOWING THAT GOD BLESSES JOYFUL AND WILLING HEARTS. TOGETHER, AS A LOVING FAMILY, WE CAN CONTINUE TO BE A SOURCE OF HOPE AND SUPPORT FOR ALL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING FAITHFULNESS AND GENEROSITY.
BLESSINGS,
RICK LIPKA

QUILT RAFFLE

THE ALTAR GUILD HAS BEEN GIVEN A LOVELY FULL SIZE QUILT THAT BEVERLY WEIXLMANN'S MOTHER FLORENCE MADE FOR US TO RAFFLE OFF TO BENEFIT THE GUILD.

FLORENCE WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE GUILD AND WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE ONE OF HER CREATIONS TO HELP AN ORGANIZATION SHE SERVED IN FOR MANY YEARS.

WATCH FOR IT TO BE ON DISPLAY EACH WEEKEND IN OCTOBER ALONG WITH RAFFLE TICKETS AT \$2.00 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5.00. THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AFTER THE AGAPE SERVICE IN NOVEMBER.