

OCTOBER 5, 2025

The Crossbeam

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



Sunday, October 5, 2025
17th Sunday after Pentecost,
Year C

A LITTLE FAITH GOES A LONG WAY IS JESUS' POINT IN THE GOSPEL. A MUSTARD SEED'S-WORTH OF FAITH HAS MIRACULOUS POTENTIAL. THE PATIENCE, TENACITY, AND ENDURANCE REQUIRED FOR THE LIFE OF FAITH ARE THE BLESSINGS RECEIVED IN HOLY BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION, AND THE WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED IN THIS ASSEMBLY. ANTICIPATE THEM. RECEIVE THEM WITH THANKSGIVING.



From the Pastor's Desk

PSALM 37:1-9

1 DO NOT BE PROVOKED BY | EVILDOERS;

DO NOT BE JEALOUS OF THOSE | WHO DO WRONG.

2 FOR THEY SHALL SOON WITHER | LIKE THE GRASS,

AND LIKE THE GREEN GRASS | FADE AWAY.

3 PUT YOUR TRUST IN THE LORD | AND DO GOOD;

DWELL IN THE LAND AND | FIND SAFE PASTURE.

4 TAKE DELIGHT | IN THE LORD,

WHO SHALL GIVE YOU YOUR | HEART'S DESIRE. R

5 COMMIT YOUR WAY TO THE LORD; PUT YOUR TRUST | IN THE LORD,

AND SEE WHAT | GOD WILL DO.

6 THE LORD WILL MAKE YOUR VINDICATION AS CLEAR | AS THE LIGHT

AND THE JUSTICE OF YOUR CASE LIKE THE | NOONDAY SUN.

7 BE STILL BEFORE THE LORD AND WAIT | PATIENTLY.

DO NOT BE PROVOKED BY THE ONE WHO PROSPERS, THE ONE WHO SUCCEEDS
IN | EVIL SCHEMES.

8 REFRAIN FROM ANGER, LEAVE | RAGE ALONE;

DO NOT BE PROVOKED; IT LEADS ON- | LY TO EVIL.

9 FOR EVILDOERS SHALL | BE CUT OFF,

BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD SHALL POS- | SESS THE LAND.

"THIS PSALM DOES NOT ADVOCATE DOING NOTHING TO RESIST EVIL AND
WRONGDOING. CLEARLY, THE PROPHETIC WORD IS THAT WE MUST RESIST
INJUSTICE WHEREVER IT IS FOUND. THE WORD OF THE LORD IN THIS PSALM IS
THERAPEUTIC. WE SHOULD FIGHT AGAINST THE UNRIGHTEOUS BUT NOT GO
CRAZY DOING SO. WE GO ABOUT OUR WORK OF RESISTANCE WITHOUT FRETTING
AND WE 'REFRAIN FROM ANGER, AND FORSAKE WRATH' (V. 😊). ONE PROBLEM
WITH FRETTING ABOUT THE WICKED IS THAT SUCH WORRY ASSUMES THAT WE
ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OUTCOME."

HOMILETICS, OCTOBER 5, 2025

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 9TH, 16TH @ 6PM
BIBLE STUDY**

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

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

**OCTOBER 26TH @ 10AM
REFORMATION SUNDAY
COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION**



Altar Flowers

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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 OCTOBER 4 @ 5P.M.
VICKY WIENKE- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5 @ 10 A.M.
ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY OCTOBER 5 @ 10 A.M.
USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR OCTOBER
SYLVIA DELANEY
BARBARA KWIECINSKI

THIS WEEK 10/5 - 10/11

TODAY:

10 A.M. AGAPE MEAL
2 P.M. GIRL SCOUTS
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY:

10 A.M. SPROUTS
1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP
6 P.M. KNITTING MINISTRY
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
6 P.M. LABYRINTH 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. COUNCIL
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
5 P.M. WORSHIP

THANK YOU!

A VERY SINCERE THANK YOU TO, ALL WHO DONATED TO THE HARVEST
HOUSE BABY SHOWER!

THIS IS OUR 3RD YEAR AT ST. JOHN'S COLLECTING FOR THIS CAUSE.
LAST YEAR WE COLLECTED 1400 DIAPERS AND 35 PACKAGES OF WIPES
ALONG WITH BOTTLES, CREAMS AND SOCKS.

**THIS YEAR WE COLLECTED 2235 DIAPERS AND
57 PACKAGES OF WIPES**
AGAIN, IN ADDITION TO BOTTLES, WASH, CREAMS,
SOCKS AND CLOTHING.



DINING OUT

THE NEXT DINING OUT WILL BE ON OCTOBER 23, AT COLDEN COUNTY INN, BOSTON STATE ROAD IN THE HEART OF COLDEN @ 5PM.
SIGN UP SHEET ON FOYER COUNTER, ALL WELCOME.

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!!

ACOLTYE

TRUNK OR TREAT

AGAPE MEAL

DINING OUT

LABYRINTH PRAYER

UPCOMING AGAPE MEAL DATES:

NOVEMBER 2

DECEMBER 7

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.

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

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

ST. JOHN'S HAS APPLIED FOR A SPECIAL THRIVENT GRANT TO RESTOCK
THE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY AT SENECA STREET.

WE NEED TO COLLECT 500 ITEMS IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN
EXTRA \$500 FOR THE FOOD PANTRY.

PLEASE HAVE ITEMS INTO THE CHURCH BY OCTOBER 26, 2025

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR
SENECA STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

NOTE: ITEMS NEEDED ARE CANNED,
NOT FRESH OR FROZEN

STRAWBERRY JELLY/JAM

PEANUT BUTTER

BBQ SAUCE, CONDIMENTS

CHILI

BAKED BEANS

CARROTS

KIDNEY BEANS

SPAGHETTI SAUCE

TOMATO SAUCE, TOMATOES (CRUSHED DICED ETC.)

CANNED PASTA - RAVIOLI, SPAGHETTIOS, ETC.

SOUPS ESPECIALLY CHICKEN NOODLE

RAMEN NOODLES

TUNA, CANNED CHICKEN

GRAVY, INSTANT POTATOES

PASTA, RICE, CRACKERS

FRUIT

SINGLE SERVING CEREAL BOWLS

SNACKS

THANK YOU!