

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

The Crossbeam

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



Sunday, November 2, 2025
All Saints Day,
Year C

IN HOLY BAPTISM GOD MAKES SAINTS OUT OF SINNERS. IN HOLY COMMUNION GOD FORGIVES THE SINS OF ALL THE SAINTS. IN WORSHIP TODAY WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE SAINTS "WHO FROM THEIR LABORS REST." IN THE SAME BREATH WE PETITION OUR GOD FOR THE STRENGTH TO HEAR AND TO HEED THE ADMONITIONS OF JESUS IN TODAY'S GOSPEL.

SEALED BY THE SPIRIT AND SUSTAINED BY THE SAVIOR'S BODY AND BLOOD, WE LIVE WITH JOY AS GOD GIVES US BREATH, TO THE PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY.



From the Pastor's Desk

DANIEL 7:1-3, 15-18

1 IN THE FIRST YEAR OF KING BELSHAZZAR OF BABYLON, DANIEL HAD A DREAM AND VISIONS OF HIS HEAD AS HE LAY IN BED. THEN HE WROTE DOWN THE DREAM: 2 I, DANIEL, SAW IN MY VISION BY NIGHT THE FOUR WINDS OF HEAVEN STIRRING UP THE GREAT SEA, 3 AND FOUR GREAT BEASTS CAME UP OUT OF THE SEA, DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER.

15 AS FOR ME, DANIEL, MY SPIRIT WAS TROUBLED WITHIN ME, AND THE VISIONS OF MY HEAD TERRIFIED ME. 16 I APPROACHED ONE OF THE ATTENDANTS TO ASK HIM THE TRUTH CONCERNING ALL THIS. SO HE SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCLOSE TO ME THE INTERPRETATION OF THE MATTER: 17 "AS FOR THESE FOUR GREAT BEASTS, FOUR KINGS SHALL ARISE OUT OF THE EARTH. 18 BUT THE HOLY ONES OF THE MOST HIGH SHALL RECEIVE THE KINGDOM AND POSSESS THE KINGDOM FOREVER—FOREVER AND EVER."

ONE OF MY FAVORITE ILLUSTRATIONS.

"A MAN WITH A TERMINAL DISEASE IS IN THE EXAMINING ROOM WITH HIS DOCTOR. HE SAYS, 'DOC, I'M AFRAID TO DIE. WHAT DO YOU THINK LIES ON THE OTHER SIDE?'

THE DOCTOR SAYS, 'I DON'T KNOW.'

THE MAN SAYS, 'WE GO TO THE SAME CHURCH. YOU'VE DEALT WITH DEATH A LOT MORE THAN SOMEONE LIKE ME. SURELY YOU HAVE SOME IDEA.'

AT THAT POINT THERE CAME A SCRATCHING ON THE EXAMINING ROOM DOOR. THE DOCTOR OPENED IT AND IN BOUNDED HIS DOG. THE DOCTOR SAYS, 'THIS IS MY DOG. HE'S NEVER BEEN IN THIS ROOM BEFORE. HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS INSIDE. HE JUST KNEW THAT HIS MASTER WAS IN HERE, AND WHEN I OPENED THE DOOR, HE CAME IN WITHOUT FEAR. I KNOW LITTLE OF WHAT IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF DEATH, BUT I BELIEVE ONE THING — MY MASTER IS THERE, AND THAT'S ENOUGH!'"

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!



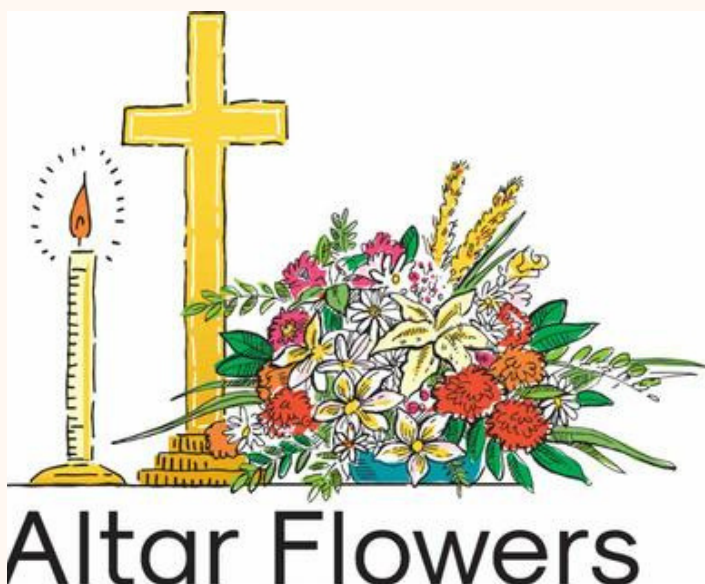
[This Weeks Bulletin \(click here\).](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**BIBLE STUDY
NOVEMBER 6TH, 13TH, 20TH**

**NOVEMBER 9TH
SOUP SALE**

**NOVEMBER 16TH
YOUTH BAKE SALE**



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY
BROTHER ARTHUR VOGEL**

BY SHIRLEY JOHNSON

*FLOWER DEDICATION FROM LAST
WEEK THAT WAS MISSED*

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.



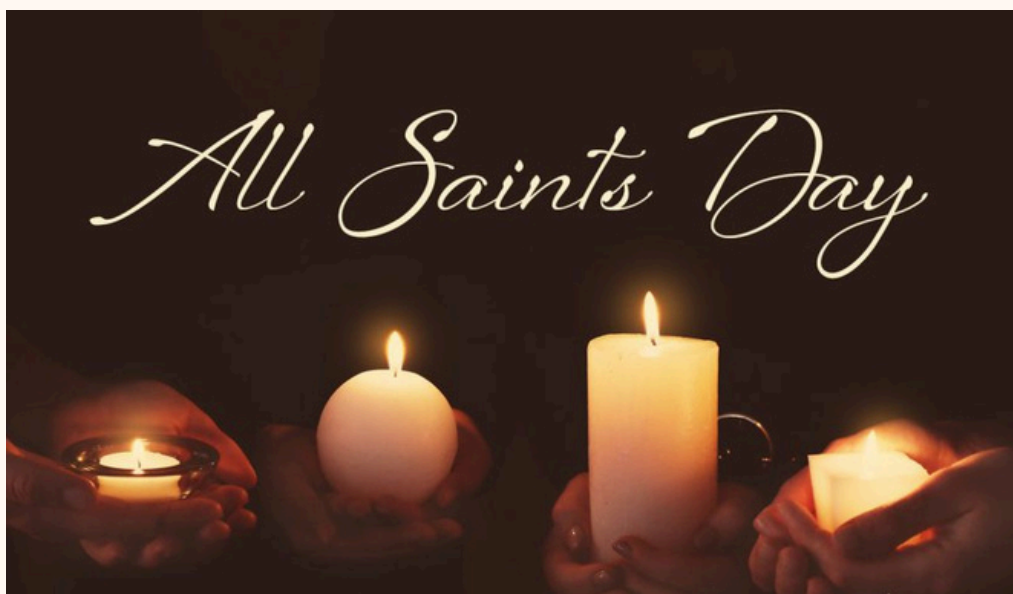
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1 @ 5P.M.
VICKY WIENKE- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2 @ 10 A.M.
ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2 @ 10 A.M.
RON WIRTH- USHER
LEE DELANEY- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR NOVEMBER:
NANCY WEBER
JUDY KELLY



All Saints Day

ALMIGHTY GOD, TODAY WE RECALL WITH THANKSGIVING THOSE SAINTS WHO WERE TAKEN FROM US IN THE CHURCH MILITANT AND CARRIED BY THE ANGELS TO YOU AND THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT. ESPECIALLY, WE GIVE YOU PRAISE FOR OUR DEPARTED FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US IN FAITH AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS THIS DAY:

JON GRAUER NOVEMBER 6, 2024
ROSE DOSTER DECEMBER 28, 2024
JOHN ANDERSON MARCH 4, 2025
SANDRA NOYES MARCH 15, 2025
JENNIFER KONARSKI JULY 10, 2025
NANCY WRIGHT JULY 29, 2025
DORICE RAW AUGUST 1, 2025
JULIE K. SMITH SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

AND ANYONE ELSE NOT MENTIONED

TO THESE, YOU HAVE GRANTED ETERNAL REST THIS PAST YEAR, WE THANK YOU FOR GIVING THEM NEW LIFE IN CHRIST WHILE ON THIS EARTH AND FOR SUSTAINING THEM IN TRUE AND SAVING FAITH THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFE. WE PRAISE YOU FOR FINALLY GIVING THEM THE FULFILLMENT OF YOUR PROMISES OF SALVATION AND ETERNAL LIFE. STRENGTHEN AND SUSTAIN US IN THIS SAVING FAITH SO THAT WE MAY ALSO JOIN WITH THE ANGELS AND ARCHANGELS AND ALL THE COMPANY OF HEAVEN IN JOYFUL PRAISE, PEACE, AND REST FOREVER; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

THIS WEEK 11/2 - 11/8

TODAY:

9:45 A.M. AGAPE MEAL

7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY:

10 A.M. SPROUTS

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP

6 P.M. SPROUTS

6 P.M. KNITTING GROUP

6:45 P.M. ZUMBA

7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

TUESDAY:

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. SPROUTS

10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)

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

SATURDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA

5 P.M. WORSHIP

UPCOMING AGAPE MEAL DATES:

NOVEMBER 2

DECEMBER 7

REMINDER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND IS THE END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS. SO THE CLOCKS WILL GO BACK ONE HOUR. THIS IS ALSO THE DATE OF THE AGAPE MEAL.

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.

HELP NEEDED

WE ARE IN NEED OF LITURGICAL READERS
FOR THE SATURDAY 5PM SERVICE.

HELP IS ALSO NEEDED FOR THE COFFEE HOUR.
A FEW MINUTES TO HELP SET UP AND CLEAN UP IS ALL THAT'S NEEDED.

THANK YOU!!!

THIS YEAR ST. JOHN'S COLLECTED

1,384 ITEMS

FOR THE FEED NORTHEAST 2025.
THANK YOU TO ALL!!! THIS WAS AMAZING

BOOK AND SIGSAW PUZZLE MEETING

DECEMBER 7TH

AFTER AGAPE MEAL AND SERVICE

LOOKING FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE SALE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE RENEE THEN.

DEAR ST. JOHN'S ,

I AM PLEASED TO SHARE THAT WE HAVE MADE POSITIVE PROGRESS IN PAYING OFF OUR MORTGAGE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT. HOWEVER, TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL SOONER AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY, WE NEED TO STEP IT UP COLLECTIVELY. LET'S CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH FAITH AND DETERMINATION. EVERY CONTRIBUTION COUNTS, AND TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A LASTING IMPACT.

NEW YORK STATE IS ISSUING INFLATION REFUND CHECKS BASED ON YOUR 2023 NY TAX RETURN. CHECKS WILL VARY FROM \$150 TO \$400. SINCE THIS AMOUNT IS TOTALLY UNEXPECTED, HOW ABOUT TITHING AT LEAST A PORTION AS AN EXTRA GIFT TO REDUCE THE CHURCH MORTGAGE? CHECKS STARTED A FEW WEEKS AGO AND MAY TAKE A COUPLE MONTHS FOR ALL TO BE ISSUED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.

BLESSINGS,

RICK LIPKA TREASURER/ PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

TURKEY BOXES

THE SIGN UP SHEETS AND LISTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER. WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON WITH INFLATION AND THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN ALL OF THE FOOD PANTRIES ARE GOING TO BE A LOT BUSIER THAN USUAL. AS WE ENTER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, THERE IS AN INCREASE IN FOOD INSECURITY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO, PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING EXTRA THIS YEAR TO ASSIST DURING THIS TIME.

"DO NOT NEGLECT TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE, FOR SUCH SACRIFICES ARE PLEASING TO GOD." HEBREWS 13:16 "



PASTA IS FUN!

OUR PRESCHOOL'S FUNPASTA FUNDRAISER HAS BEEN
EXTENDED ONE WEEK!

THERE ARE SO MANY PASTA SHAPES TO CHOOSE FROM, INCLUDING
SOUPS AND CHILI'S TOO!

ALL ORDERS ARE SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME.

FUN PASTA IS FUN & DELICIOUS !
DON'T DELAY, ORDER TODAY!

WE'D APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT! THANKS FOR LOOKING!
(YOU'LL NOTICE THE LINK IS MRS. MOODY'S LINK!)

***CURRENT STUDENTS CREATE YOUR OWN LINK FOR CONTEST CREDIT-
SEE YOUR EMAIL OR SEE MRS. DUNN OR MRS. GALLEY***

HERE'S OUR LINK:

[HTTPS://FUNPASTAFUNDRAISING.COM/2025-FALL-ST-JOHN-S-COMMUNITY-
PRESCHOOL/ALLIESIBBY-MOODY/](https://funpastafundraising.com/2025-fall-st-johns-community-preschool/alliesibby-moody/)