

JANUARY 11, 2026

# The Crossbeam

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



## Sunday, January 11, 2026 Baptism of Our Lord, Year A

IN THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN, JESUS IS REVEALED AS THE BELOVED SON OF GOD. THROUGH THIS GREAT EPIPHANY, JESUS FULFILLS ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS AND BECOMES THE SERVANT OF GOD WHO WILL BRING FORTH JUSTICE AND BE A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS. IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM WE TOO ARE WASHED BY THE WORD, ANOINTED BY THE SPIRIT, AND NAMED GOD'S BELOVED CHILDREN. OUR BAPTISMAL MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS TO ALL WHO ARE OPPRESSED OR IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING.



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

ISAIAH 42:1-9

1 HERE IS MY SERVANT, WHOM I UPHOLD,  
MY CHOSEN, IN WHOM MY SOUL DELIGHTS;  
I HAVE PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM;  
HE WILL BRING FORTH JUSTICE TO THE NATIONS.  
2 HE WILL NOT CRY OUT OR LIFT UP HIS VOICE  
OR MAKE IT HEARD IN THE STREET;  
3 A BRUISED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK,  
AND A DIMLY BURNING WICK HE WILL NOT QUENCH;  
HE WILL FAITHFULLY BRING FORTH JUSTICE.  
4 HE WILL NOT GROW FAINT OR BE CRUSHED  
UNTIL HE HAS ESTABLISHED JUSTICE IN THE EARTH,  
AND THE COASTLANDS WAIT FOR HIS TEACHING.  
5 THUS SAYS GOD, THE LORD,  
WHO CREATED THE HEAVENS AND STRETCHED THEM OUT,  
WHO SPREAD OUT THE EARTH AND WHAT COMES FROM IT,  
WHO GIVES BREATH TO THE PEOPLE UPON IT  
AND SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO WALK IN IT:  
6 I AM THE LORD; I HAVE CALLED YOU IN RIGHTEOUSNESS;  
I HAVE TAKEN YOU BY THE HAND AND KEPT YOU;  
I HAVE GIVEN YOU AS A COVENANT TO THE PEOPLE,  
A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS,  
7 TO OPEN THE EYES THAT ARE BLIND,  
TO BRING OUT THE PRISONERS FROM THE DUNGEON,  
FROM THE PRISON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS.  
8 I AM THE LORD; THAT IS MY NAME;  
MY GLORY I GIVE TO NO OTHER,  
NOR MY PRAISE TO IDOLS.  
9 SEE, THE FORMER THINGS HAVE COME TO PASS,  
AND NEW THINGS I NOW DECLARE;  
BEFORE THEY SPRING FORTH,  
I TELL YOU OF THEM.

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"DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DID NOT BEGIN WITH 'I HAVE A STRATEGIC PLAN.'" -UNKNOWN.

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  
9 A.M. SERVICE W/SCS

10:30A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM  
BROADCAST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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



SATURDAY JANUARY 10@ 5PM  
VICKY WIENKE- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY JANUARY 11@ 9AM  
NADINE BROWN-ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY JANUARY 11@ 10:30AM  
PAT LIPKA- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY JANUARY 11@ 9AM  
LEE DELANEY- USHER

SUNDAY JANUARY 11@ 10:30AM  
LAURA LOEHR- USHER

SUNDAY JANUARY 11@ 10:30AM  
IVY DELANEY- ACOLYTE

ALTAR GUILD FOR JANUARY:  
BETH VOSSLER



# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> AFTER  
10:30AM WORSHIP  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

**JANUARY 14TH @ 6PM  
PRAYER LABYRINTH**

**UPCOMING AGAPE MEAL DATES:  
FEBRUARY 1ST  
MARCH 1ST**

**UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY DATES:  
JANUARY 15 @ 6PM**

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM SERVICE. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING.

IF ALL COMMITTEE HEADS COULD HAVE THEIR REPORT INTO THE OFFICE BY DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>.

PLEASE EMAIL TO [SJLCWS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SJLCWS@GMAIL.COM)  
THANK YOU!

# **THIS WEEK 1/11 - 1/17**

## **TODAY:**

9 A.M. WORSHIP W/ SCS  
YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY  
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP  
11:30 A.M. ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING  
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  
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

## **WEDNESDAY:**

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP  
6 P.M. PRAYER LABYRINTH  
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. NA

## **FRIDAY:**

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

## **SATURDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA  
1 P.M. NA EVENT  
5 P.M. WORSHIP

## **COLLECTION FOR BOOK AND JIGSAW PUZZLE SALE**

THE PLANNING IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY FOR THE NEXT SALE.

START COLLECTING BOOKS AND PUZZLES TO DONATE. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH WHEN YOU CAN START BRINGING ITEMS IN. THANK YOU!



## **Altar Flowers**

***IN MEMORY OF***

***JEN KONARSKI***

BY RON

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF***

***DOROTHY BONIFACE***

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.

## **DINING OUT**

TIME FOR DINING OUT!

PLEASE JOIN US ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 ,5:30 PM  
AT POTTERS FIELD, 425 POTTERS ROAD.

WE WILL BE IN THE BACK ROOM.

ALL ARE WELCOME. PLEASE USE THE SIGN UP SHEET ON THE  
FOYER COUNTER.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

## **GIVING STATEMENTS**

GIVING STATEMENTS WILL BE READY AT THE END OF THE MONTH.  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW.

ONCE THEY ARE READY I WILL GET THEM TO THOSE THAT NEED IT.

716-668-2152 OR EMAIL SJLCWS@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE IT  
PRINTED AND MAILED OR EMAILED.

THANK YOU!