

JANUARY 18, 2026

The Crossbeam

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



**Sunday, January 18, 2026
2nd Sunday after Epiphany,
Year A**

TODAY'S GOSPEL OPENS WITH FURTHER REFLECTION ON JESUS' BAPTISM. HE IS THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD AND THE ONE ANOINTED BY THE SPIRIT. IN THE LITURGY WE COME AND SEE CHRIST REVEALED AMONG US IN WORD AND MEAL. WE GO FORTH TO INVITE OTHERS TO COME AND WORSHIP THE HOLY ONE AND TO RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF GRACE AND PEACE MADE KNOWN AMONG US.



From the Pastor's Desk

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

1 PAUL, CALLED TO BE AN APOSTLE OF CHRIST JESUS BY THE WILL OF GOD, AND OUR BROTHER SOSTHENES,

2 TO THE CHURCH OF GOD THAT IS IN CORINTH, TO THOSE WHO ARE SANCTIFIED IN CHRIST JESUS, CALLED TO BE SAINTS, TOGETHER WITH ALL THOSE WHO IN EVERY PLACE CALL ON THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BOTH THEIR LORD AND OURS:

3 GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

4 I GIVE THANKS TO MY GOD ALWAYS FOR YOU BECAUSE OF THE GRACE OF GOD THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN YOU IN CHRIST JESUS, 5 FOR IN EVERY WAY YOU HAVE BEEN ENRICHED IN HIM, IN SPEECH AND KNOWLEDGE OF EVERY KIND 6 JUST AS THE TESTIMONY OF CHRIST HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED AMONG YOU 7 SO THAT YOU ARE NOT LACKING IN ANY GIFT AS YOU WAIT FOR THE REVEALING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. 8 HE WILL ALSO STRENGTHEN YOU TO THE END, SO THAT YOU MAY BE BLAMELESS ON THE DAY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. 9 GOD IS FAITHFUL, BY WHOM YOU WERE CALLED INTO THE PARTNERSHIP OF HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

"SAD INSIDE, IN THIS LIFE,
UNSATISFIED PRAYING.
SAD INSIDE IN THIS LIFE,
UNSATISFIED WAITING.

ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH AN AVERAGE LIFE?

DO I NEED TO LIE TO MAKE MY WAY IN LIFE?

ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH AN EASY RIDE?

ONCE YOU CROSS THE LINE WILL YOU BE SATISFIED?"

--FROM THE SONG, "ARE YOU SATISFIED?" PERFORMED BY MARINA AND THE DIAMONDS.

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 17@ 5PM
VICKY WIENKE- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY JANUARY 18@ 9AM
TOM AND DEB FOX-ASSISTING MINSTER

SUNDAY JANUARY 18@ 10:30AM
SAM REILLY- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY JANUARY 18@ 9AM
KRISTEN HOCHULSKI- USHER

SUNDAY JANUARY 18@ 10:30AM
SHAWN VOIT- USHER

SUNDAY JANUARY 18@ 10:30AM
IVY DELANEY- ACOLYTE

ALTAR GUILD FOR JANUARY:
BETH VOSSLER



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 8TH
SOUP SALE**

**FEBRUARY 15TH
SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER**

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

SOUPER BOWL

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!
WE'LL BE COLLECTING CANS OF SOUP TO BENEFIT OUR WEST
SENECA NEIGHBORS!

COLLECTION DATES: JANUARY 31ST - SUNDAY, FEB 8TH

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!

THIS WEEK 1/18 - 1/24

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 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
6 P.M. PARKINSON'S 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

OFFICE CLOSED

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY JANUARY 20TH

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!



TO THE GLORY OF GOD
FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

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.