

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

The Crossbeam

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



**Sunday, February 1, 2026
4th Sunday after Epiphany,
Year A**

WHO ARE THE BLESSED ONES OF GOD? FOR MICAH, THEY ARE THOSE WHO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, AND WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD. FOR PAUL, THEY ARE THE ONES WHO FIND WISDOM IN THE WEAKNESS OF THE CROSS. FOR JESUS, THEY ARE THE POOR, THE MEEK, THE MERCIFUL, THE PURE IN HEART, THE PEACEMAKERS, THOSE WHO MOURN, AND THOSE WHO HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS. IN BAPTISM WE FIND OUR BLESSED IDENTITY AND CALLING IN THIS COUNTERCULTURAL WAY OF LIVING AND SERVING.



From the Pastor's Desk

PSALM 15

1 LORD, WHO MAY DWELL IN YOUR | TABERNACLE?
WHO MAY ABIDE UPON YOUR | HOLY HILL?
2 THOSE WHO LEAD A BLAMELESS LIFE AND DO | WHAT IS RIGHT,
WHO SPEAK THE TRUTH | FROM THEIR HEART;
3 THEY DO NOT SLANDER WITH THE TONGUE, THEY DO NO EVIL | TO THEIR
FRIENDS;
THEY DO NOT CAST DISCREDIT UP- | ON A NEIGHBOR.
4 IN THEIR SIGHT THE WICKED ARE REJECTED, BUT THEY HONOR THOSE WHO |
FEAR THE LORD.
THEY HAVE SWORN UPON THEIR HEALTH AND DO NOT TAKE | BACK THEIR
WORD.
5 THEY DO NOT GIVE THEIR MONEY IN HOPE OF GAIN, NOR DO THEY TAKE BRIBES
A- | AGAINST THE INNOCENT.
THOSE WHO DO THESE THINGS SHALL NEVER BE | OVERTHROWN.

“HOUSE RULES’ ARE SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS THAT APPLY IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS SUCH AS BARS AND CASINOS. OR A HOST MAY ESTABLISH HOUSE RULES FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS FRIENDS WHO’VE COME OVER FOR A POKER GAME. HOUSE RULES ARE ALSO ESTABLISHED BY PARENTS TO PROVIDE BOUNDARIES AND LIMITS FOR CHILDREN. ONCE AGAIN, THE RULES MAY VARY FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE. IN SOME HOMES, CHILDREN MAY BE ABLE TO JUMP UP AND DOWN ON THE SOFA, USING IT LIKE A TRAMPOLINE. IN OTHER HOMES, THIS BEHAVIOR IS NOT ALLOWED. A WELL-KNOWN POSTING OF HOUSE RULES INCLUDES THESE: ‘IF YOU OPEN IT, CLOSE IT; IF YOU MAKE A MESS, CLEAN IT UP; IF YOU MOVE IT, PUT IT BACK’ AND OTHERS. PSALM 15 IS A SET OF HOUSE RULES. YOU WANT TO LIVE IN GOD’S ‘TENT’ (V. 1)? THEN, HERE ARE THE RULES THAT APPLY.”

HOMILETICS, JANUARY 29, 2017
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
9:45A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM
AGAPE MEAL
BROADCAST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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SATURDAY JANUARY 31@ 5PM
VICKY WIENKE- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1 @ 9:45AM
KRISTEN HOCHULSKI- USHER
RON WIRTH- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR FEBRUARY:
JUDY KELLY
NANCY WEBER



ANNOUNCEMENTS & **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY 8TH
SOUP SALE**

**FEBRUARY 15TH
YOUTH GROUP
SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER**

**BIBLE STUDY
FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19 @ 6PM**

**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 2/1 - 2/7

TODAY:

9:45 A.M. AGAPE MEAL

7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP

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 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 MEETING

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

COUNCIL

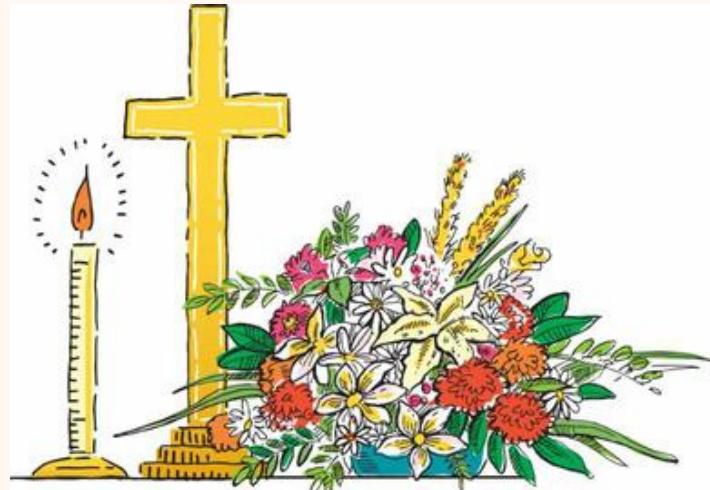
WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME RICK LIPKA, KRISTEN HOCHULSKI
AND VICKY WIENKE TO COUNCIL.

THANK YOU TO NANCY KESSLER, EDIE SIMS AND KATHY MOODY
WHO CAME OFF COUNCIL.

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

LAST WEEK'S FLOWERS:

CELEBRATING RUSS THEN'S 70TH BIRTHDAY!

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.

BURRITO PROJECT

A VERY BIG THANK YOU! THIS PAST MONTH THE BURRITO PROJECT RECEIVED A VERY GENEROUS DONATION OF FLEECE JACKETS AND BLANKETS THAT WERE DISTRIBUTED.

READERS NEEDED

WE COULD USE MORE LITURGY READERS FOR THE 5PM SATURDAY SERVICE. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU DO RECEIVE THE READINGS AHEAD OF TIME TO PRACTICE AND HELP IS AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED IT FOR PRONUNCIATION PURPOSES.