

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

The Crossbeam

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



Sunday, February 8, 2026
5th Sunday after Epiphany,
Year A

LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS FOR THE UPRIGHT, THE PSALMIST SINGS. ISAIAH DECLARES THAT WHEN WE LOOSE THE BONDS OF INJUSTICE AND SHARE OUR BREAD WITH THE HUNGRY, THE LIGHT BREAKS FORTH LIKE THE DAWN. IN ANOTHER PASSAGE FROM THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, CALLS HIS FOLLOWERS TO LET THE LIGHT OF THEIR GOOD WORKS SHINE BEFORE OTHERS. THROUGH BAPTISM WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SHINE WITH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.



From the Pastor's Desk

PSALM 112:1-9 [10]

1 HALLELUJAH! HAPPY ARE THEY WHO | FEAR THE LORD
AND HAVE GREAT DELIGHT IN | GOD'S COMMANDMENTS!
2 THEIR DESCENDANTS WILL BE MIGHTY | IN THE LAND;
THE GENERATION OF THE UPRIGHT | WILL BE BLESSED.
3 WEALTH AND RICHES WILL BE | IN THEIR HOUSE,
AND THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL | LAST FOREVER.
4 LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS | FOR THE UPRIGHT;
THE RIGHTEOUS ARE MERCIFUL AND FULL | OF COMPASSION.
5 IT IS GOOD FOR THEM TO BE GENER- | OUS IN LENDING
AND TO MANAGE THEIR AF- | FAIRS WITH JUSTICE.
6 FOR THEY WILL NEV- | ER BE SHAKEN;
THE RIGHTEOUS WILL BE KEPT IN EVERLAST- | ING REMEMBRANCE.
7 THEY WILL NOT BE AFRAID OF ANY | EVIL RUMORS;
THEIR HEART IS STEADFAST, TRUSTING | IN THE LORD.
8 THEIR HEART IS ESTABLISHED AND | WILL NOT SHRINK,
UNTIL THEY SEE THEIR DESIRE UP- | ON THEIR ENEMIES.
9 THEY HAVE GIVEN FREELY TO THE POOR, AND THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS STANDS |
FAST FOREVER;
THEY WILL HOLD UP THEIR | HEAD WITH HONOR.
[10 THE WICKED WILL SEE IT AND BE ANGRY; THEY WILL GNASH THEIR TEETH AND
| PINE AWAY;
THE DESIRES OF THE WICK- | ED WILL PERISH.

"IF YOU TELL THE TRUTH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMEMBER ANYTHING."

— MARK TWAIN.

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
AGAPE MEAL

BROADCAST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7@ 5PM
VICKY WIENKE- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 @ 9AM
NADINE BROWN-M ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 @ 10:30AM
NANCY KESSLER- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 @ 9AM
KRISTEN HOCHULSKI- USHER

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 @ 10:30AM
LAURA LOEHR- USHER

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 @ 10:30AM
HAYLIE APGAR- ACOLTYE

ALTAR GUILD FOR FEBRUARY:
JUDY KELLY
NANCY WEBER



ANNOUNCEMENTS & **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY 8TH
SOUP SALE**

**FEBRUARY 15TH
YOUTH GROUP
SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER**

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

**UPCOMING AGAPE MEAL DATES:
MARCH 1ST
MAY 3RD**

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 2/8 - 2/14

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
6:45 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:

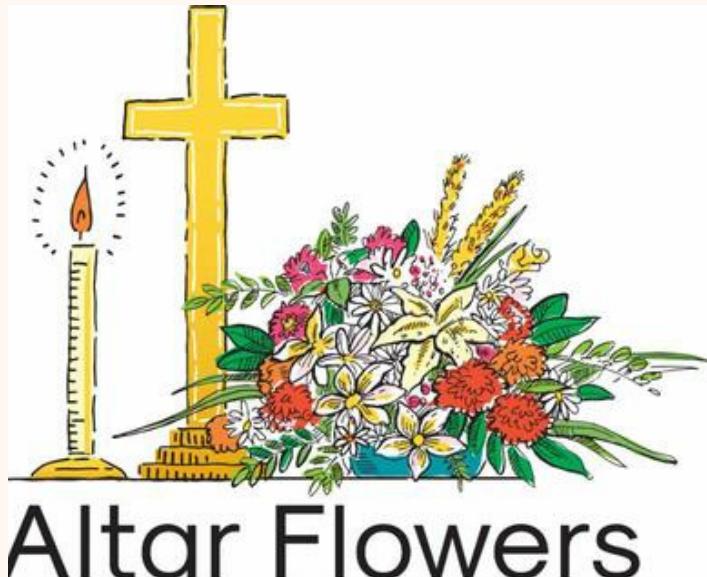
10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)
10 A.M. SPROUTS
7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

SATURDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
5 P.M. WORSHIP - SPOKEN WORD ONLY

COLLECTION FOR BOOK AND JIGSAW PUZZLE SALE

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING BOOKS AND PUZZLES FOR THE SALE IN APRIL. LAST DAY TO DONATE WILL BE APRIL 5TH. THEY CAN BE LEFT ON THE PEW IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. ALSO, NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS, MAGAZINES OR MEDIA.



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.

KNITTING MINISTRY

THE KNITTING MINISTRY HAS REBRANDED THEMSELVES TO THE HANDMADE & HEARTFELT CREW. DO YOU KNIT, CROCHET, SEW OR MAKE FLEECE BLANKETS? WE CREATE ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION FOR THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER SHAWLS, HATS, SCARVES, MITTENS OR BLANKETS. PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CREATING AND SOCIALIZING. WE MEET ON THE 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS (WEATHER PERMITTING) YEAR ROUND. OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 2ND AT 6PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



**IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS PAST WEEKEND SERVICES.
I AM THRILLED TO SHARE WONDERFUL NEWS WITH ALL OF
YOU—OUR CHURCH MORTGAGE HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL!
THIS INCREDIBLE MILESTONE IS A TESTAMENT TO THE FAITH,
GENEROSITY, AND DEDICATION OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
YOU. TOGETHER, WE'VE DEMONSTRATED WHAT CAN BE
ACHIEVED WHEN WE COME TOGETHER IN UNITY AND
PURPOSE. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND
COMMITMENT TO ST. JOHN'S. BECAUSE OF YOUR
CONTRIBUTIONS AND PRAYERS, WE NOW HAVE THE FREEDOM
TO FOCUS EVEN MORE ON ENRICHING OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES
HERE WITHIN OUR WALLS AND SERVING OTHERS BEYOND.**

**THE EXISTING MORTGAGE ELIMINATION FUND WILL NOW BE
CONVERTED TO A BUILDING MAJOR REPAIR FUND. AS THE
BUILDING GETS OLDER MORE AND MORE EXPENSES ARE
REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN IT.**

**BUT FOR NOW LET US CELEBRATE THIS MOMENT!
THANK YOU
RICK LIPKA
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/ TREASURER**

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.

RIDE NEEDED

MARY BLAUFUSS IS IN NEED OF A RIDE TO AND FROM DAY SURGERY ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH. SHE NEEDS TO BE AT WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DOWNTOWN BY 9:45AM. THE TIME OF PICK UP IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME YET. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP HER THIS DAY WITH EITHER A RIDE THERE, BACK HOME OR BOTH, PLEASE REACH OUT TO HER.

716-935-8598

THANK YOU!

THRIVENT DOLLARS

REMINDER, IF YOU HAVE THRIVENT DOLLARS STILL, YOU HAVE UNTIL THE END OF FEBRUARY TO DONATE THEM TO A DEDICATED PLACE.