

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

The Crossbeam

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



Sunday, February 15, 2026 Transfiguration of Our Lord, Year A

TODAY'S FESTIVAL IS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE ADVENT-CHRISTMAS-EPIPHANY CYCLE THAT COMES TO A CLOSE TODAY AND THE LENT-EASTER CYCLE THAT BEGINS IN SEVERAL DAYS. ON A HIGH MOUNTAIN JESUS IS REVEALED AS GOD'S BELOVED SON, ECHOING THE WORDS AT HIS BAPTISM.

THIS VISION OF GLORY SUSTAINS US AS JESUS FACES HIS IMPENDING DEATH IN JERUSALEM. WE TURN THIS WEEK TO ASH WEDNESDAY AND OUR YEARLY BAPTISMAL JOURNEY FROM LENT TO EASTER. SOME CHURCHES PUT ASIDE THE ALLELUIA AT THE CONCLUSION OF TODAY'S LITURGY. THIS WORD OF JOY WILL BE OMITTED DURING THE PENITENTIAL SEASON OF LENT AND WILL BE SUNG AGAIN AT EASTER.



From the Pastor's Desk

EXODUS 24:12-18

12 THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, "COME UP TO ME ON THE MOUNTAIN AND WAIT THERE; I WILL GIVE YOU THE TABLETS OF STONE, WITH THE LAW AND THE COMMANDMENT, WHICH I HAVE WRITTEN FOR THEIR INSTRUCTION." 13 SO MOSES SET OUT WITH HIS ASSISTANT JOSHUA, AND MOSES WENT UP ONTO THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD. 14 TO THE ELDERS HE HAD SAID, "WAIT HERE FOR US, UNTIL WE COME BACK TO YOU. LOOK, AARON AND HUR ARE WITH YOU; WHOEVER HAS A DISPUTE MAY GO TO THEM."

15 THEN MOSES WENT UP ON THE MOUNTAIN, AND THE CLOUD COVERED THE MOUNTAIN. 16 THE GLORY OF THE LORD SETTLED ON MOUNT SINAI, AND THE CLOUD COVERED IT FOR SIX DAYS; ON THE SEVENTH DAY HE CALLED TO MOSES OUT OF THE CLOUD. 17 NOW THE APPEARANCE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD WAS LIKE A DEVOURING FIRE ON THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN IN THE SIGHT OF THE ISRAELITES. 18 MOSES ENTERED THE CLOUD AND WENT UP ON THE MOUNTAIN. MOSES WAS ON THE MOUNTAIN FOR FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS.

"I HAVE WONDERED AT TIMES ABOUT WHAT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WOULD HAVE LOOKED LIKE IF MOSES HAD RUN THEM THROUGH CONGRESS."

—RONALD REAGAN.

"IF YOU OBEY ALL OF THE RULES, YOU MISS ALL OF THE FUN."

—KATHERINE HEPBURN.

"THE GOLDEN RULE IS THAT THERE ARE NO GOLDEN RULES."

—GEORGE BERNARD SHAW.

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!



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



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14 @ 5PM
MEGAN MARRANO- PREACHING
KEN KLOPFER- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15 @ 9AM
TOM AND DEB FOX- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15 @ 10:30AM
PAT LIPKA- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15 @ 9AM
LEE DELANEY- USHER

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15 @ 10:30AM
SHAWN VOIT- USHER

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15 @ 10:30AM
BROOKE DELANEY- ACOLTYE

ALTAR GUILD FOR FEBRUARY:
JUDY KELLY
NANCY WEBER



ANNOUNCEMENTS & **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY 15TH
YOUTH GROUP
SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER**

**BIBLE STUDY
FEBRUARY 19 @ 6PM**

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

DINING OUT

THE NEXT DINING OUT WILL BE AT FRANKS GRILLE ON BROADWAY IN LANCASTER. THIS WILL BE ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26TH @ 5PM.
SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE FOYER.
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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 15TH

GIVING STATEMENTS

GIVING STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE
IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW.
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 2/15 - 2/21

TODAY:

9 A.M. WORSHIP W/ SCS
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP
YOUTH SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER
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 P.M. ROCK VOICES
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY

11 A.M. SPOKEN WORD SERVICE
6 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL
7 P.M. TRADITIONAL SERVICE

THURSDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
12 P.M. NA
5 P.M. ZUMBA
6 P.M. BIBLE STUDY
7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

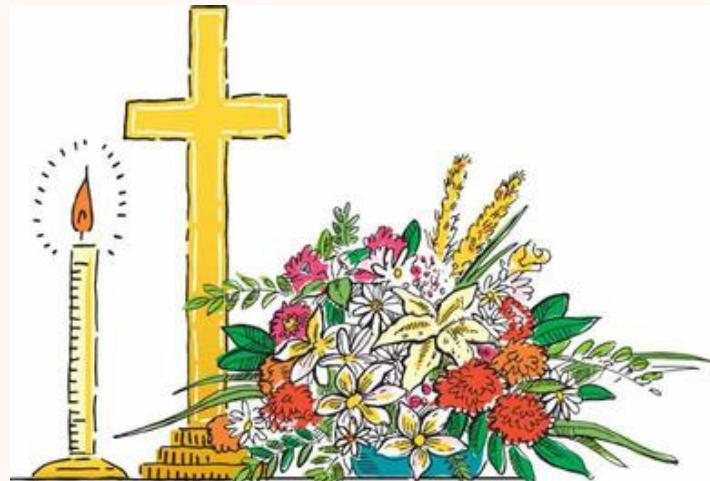
10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)
10 A.M. SPROUTS
7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

SATURDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
5 P.M. WORSHIP

COLLECTION FOR BOOK AND JIGSAW PUZZLE SALE

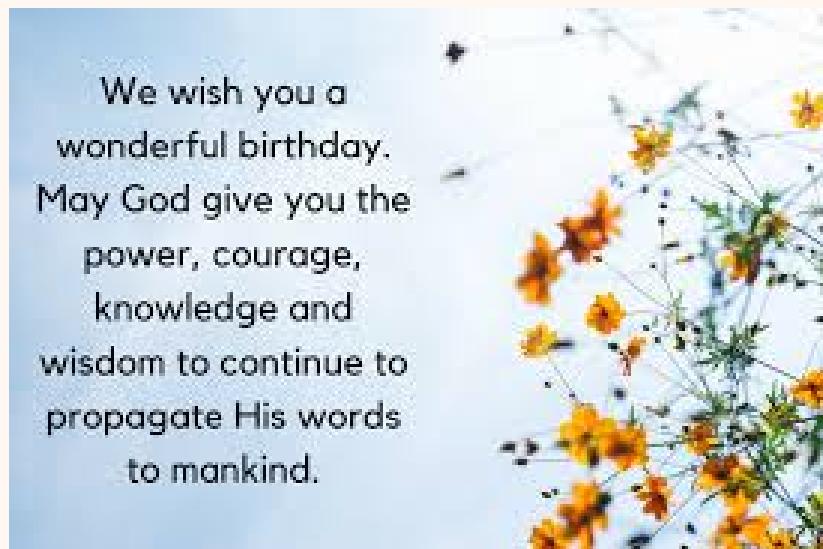
WE ARE NOW COLLECTING BOOKS AND PUZZLES FOR THE SALE IN APRIL. LAST DAY TO DONATE WILL BE APRIL 5TH. THEY CAN BE LEFT ON THE PEW IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. ALSO, NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS, MAGAZINES OR MEDIA.



Altar Flowers

**REMEMBERING GRANDMA A ON HER BIRTHDAY WITH LOVE
FROM CHARLIE AND CONNIE ARNOLD**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PASTOR VALERIE!
FROM THE ST. JOHN'S CONGREGATION**



PASTOR VALERIE SUGGESTS WE PAUSE THE WEEKLY ALTAR FLOWER'S DURING THE LENTEN SEASON . WE WILL RESUME WITH FLOWERS AT EASTER SYMBOLIZING THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION AND THEN EVERY SUNDAY AFTER.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT AT THAT TIME WITH OUR THANKS.

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.

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