

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.

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"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!



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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



**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 26<sup>TH</sup> @ 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](mailto: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)

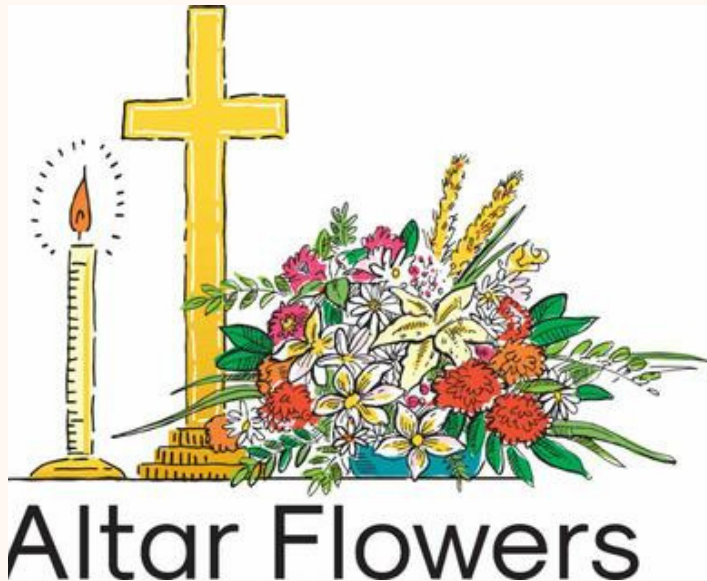
### **SATURDAY:**

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.

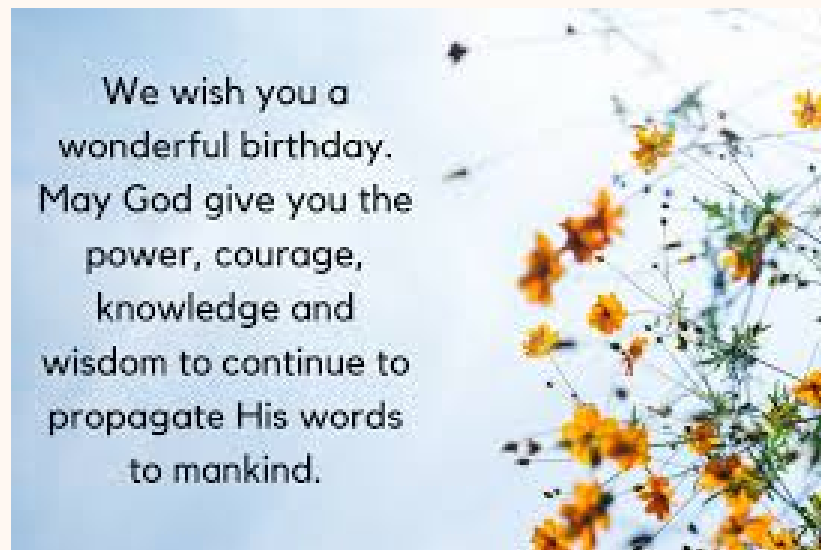


**REMEMBERING GRANDMA A ON HER BIRTHDAY WITH LOVE**

*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 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAYS (WEATHER PERMITTING) YEAR ROUND. OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 6PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY