

MAY 10, 2026

# *The Crossbeam*

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



*Sunday, May 10, 2026*  
*6th Sunday of Easter,*  
*Year A*

JESUS DOES NOT ABANDON HIS FOLLOWERS. THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, JESUS COMES TO ABIDE WITH HIS DISCIPLES OF EVERY GENERATION. AS PENTECOST DRAWS NEAR, WE ARE REMINDED THAT THE RISEN CHRIST DWELLS IN US AS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH. WE RECEIVE THIS SPIRIT IN BAPTISM AND PRAY THAT IN OUR GATHERING AROUND THE LORD'S TABLE THE SPIRIT WILL TRANSFORM US TO BE THE BODY OF THE RISEN CHRIST IN THE WORLD.



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

1 PETER 3:13-22

13 NOW WHO WILL HARM YOU IF YOU ARE EAGER TO DO WHAT IS GOOD? 14 BUT EVEN IF YOU DO SUFFER FOR DOING WHAT IS RIGHT, YOU ARE BLESSED. DO NOT FEAR WHAT THEY FEAR, AND DO NOT BE INTIMIDATED, 15 BUT IN YOUR HEARTS SANCTIFY CHRIST AS LORD. ALWAYS BE READY TO MAKE YOUR DEFENSE TO ANYONE WHO DEMANDS FROM YOU AN ACCOUNTING FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU, 16 YET DO IT WITH GENTLENESS AND RESPECT. MAINTAIN A GOOD CONSCIENCE SO THAT, WHEN YOU ARE MALIGNED, THOSE WHO ABUSE YOU FOR YOUR GOOD CONDUCT IN CHRIST MAY BE PUT TO SHAME. 17 FOR IT IS BETTER TO SUFFER FOR DOING GOOD, IF SUFFERING SHOULD BE GOD'S WILL, THAN TO SUFFER FOR DOING EVIL. 18 FOR CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED FOR SINS ONCE FOR ALL, THE RIGHTEOUS FOR THE UNRIGHTEOUS, IN ORDER TO BRING YOU TO GOD. HE WAS PUT TO DEATH IN THE FLESH BUT MADE ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT, 19 IN WHICH ALSO HE WENT AND MADE A PROCLAMATION TO THE SPIRITS IN PRISON, 20 WHO IN FORMER TIMES DID NOT OBEY, WHEN GOD WAITED PATIENTLY IN THE DAYS OF NOAH, DURING THE BUILDING OF THE ARK, IN WHICH A FEW, THAT IS, EIGHT LIVES, WERE SAVED THROUGH WATER. 21 AND BAPTISM, WHICH THIS PREFIGURED, NOW SAVES YOU—NOT AS A REMOVAL OF DIRT FROM THE BODY BUT AS AN APPEAL TO GOD FOR A GOOD CONSCIENCE, THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST, 22 WHO HAS GONE INTO HEAVEN AND IS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, WITH ANGELS, AUTHORITIES, AND POWERS MADE SUBJECT TO HIM.

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"SOME PEOPLE PRESERVE STAINS AS WARNINGS. A US TALK SHOW HOST, SETH MEYERS, KEEPS THE INKY BLACK SPIDER OF AN EXPLODED BALLPOINT PEN ON HIS OFFICE WALL, A REMINDER TO TRY NOT TO LOSE HIS TEMPER AGAIN. THE STAIN IS A POTENT METAPHOR IN OUR LANGUAGE, BECAUSE IT IS A VISIBLE REMINDER OF A PAST MISFORTUNE OR MISTAKE THAT IS HARD TO ERASE."

—TOM LAMONT, "THE HUMAN STAIN REMOVER: WHAT BRITAIN'S GREATEST EXTREME CLEANER LEARNED FROM 25 YEARS ON THE JOB," THE GUARDIAN, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025.

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

10A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM  
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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



SATURDAY MAY 9 @ 5PM  
ADAM WOLFF- PREACHING  
KEN KLOPFER - ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY MAY 10 @ 10AM  
ADAM WOLFF- PREACHING  
MARK SCHNITZER - ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY MAY 3 @ 10AM  
SHAWN VOIT- USHER  
TOMMY PROVOST- ACOYLTE

ALTAR GUILD FOR MAY:  
BARBARA KWIECINSKI  
SYLVIA DELANEY



**ANNOUNCEMENTS &  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BIBLE STUDY @ 6PM  
MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> & 21ST**

**NEW MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
MAY 17TH @ 11AM**

**THANKSGIVING AT RETIREMRNT OF DEBT  
MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> @ 10AM**

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> AFTER AGAPE MEAL**

**NEXT AGAPE MEAL  
JUNE 7TH  
@ 9:45 AM**

**ONE SERVICE AT 10AM WILL  
START MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AND CONTINUE  
THROUGH SUMMER**

**ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!**

AN INFORMATION MEETING WITH A SNACK WILL BE HELD  
MAY 17 AFTER OUR 10 AM SERVICE.  
RSVP TO AMY AT 716-668-2152.

# **THIS WEEK 5/10- 5/16**

## **TODAY: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

10 A.M. WORSHIP

7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

## **MONDAY:**

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP

6:45 P.M. ZUMBA

7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

## **TUESDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA

12 P.M. TAI-CHI

2 P.M. WELCA

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)

7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

## **SATURDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA

5 P.M. WORSHIP



# Altar Flowers

**IN HONOR OF AMANDA ALTMAN  
ON HER GRADUATION**

**PRAYERS FOR MY HUSBAND BILL**

*GIVEN BY KIM CROOKS*

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.

A graphic with a pink background. On the left, there are several tulips in shades of pink and white, and a small gift box wrapped in light brown paper with a pink ribbon. The text is written in a mix of cursive and sans-serif fonts.

*Mother's Day Prayer*

Dear Lord,  
We thank You for the gift of mothers, for their love, guidance, and care. Please bless them with Your grace, strength, and wisdom as they continue to nurture and support their families. Surround them with Your love and peace, and let them know how deeply they are appreciated and cherished. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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### **PENTECOST GERANIUMS**

I WOULD LIKE TO APPOLOGIZE FOR THE LATE NOTICE. EASTER CAME AND WENT SO FAST AND PENTECOST IS HERE BEFORE WE KNEW IT. DUE TO THE LATE NOTICE, THE GERANIUMS WILL BE LISTED IN THE BULLETIN THE WEEK AFTER PENTECOST, MAY 31ST. WITH THAT BEING SAID, IT IS TIME TO ORDER RED GERANIUMS FOR THE WOODEN CROSS PLANTER IN ST. JOHN'S LOT BY THE PARKING LOT.

THESE ARE ORDERED IN MEMORY OF HONOR OF A LOVED ONE AND PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN. THEY WILL BE PLANTED WHEN WEATHER PERMITS.

PLEASE USE THE ORDER FORM ON THE COUNTER IN THE FOYER. THEY ARE \$2.50 EACH. CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO ST. JOHN'S ALTAR GUILD.

LAST DAY TO ORDER IS MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL CONNIE 716-674-2409

THANK YOU FOR HELPING BEAUTIFY THIS PART OF OUR PROPERTY.