

JUNE 21, 2026

The Crossbeam

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



*Sunday, June 21, 2026
4th Sunday after Pentecost,
Year A*

GOD DOES NOT PROMISE THAT THE PATH OF THE DISCIPLE WILL BE EASY.

JEREMIAH FEELS THE PAIN OF REJECTION FROM THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT TO HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY. JESUS DECLARES THAT HIS WORDS MAY BRING STARK DIVISION. EVEN SO, WE NEED NOT BE AFRAID FOR GOD ACCOUNTS FOR EACH HAIR ON OUR HEADS. THOUGH WE MAY EXPERIENCE REJECTION, FRUSTRATION, DIVISION, AND DEATH, GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE MAKE US A NEW CREATION EACH DAY. MARKED WITH THE CROSS AND FILLED WITH HOLY FOOD, WE ARE SENT FROM WORSHIP TO WITNESS TO CHRIST IN THE WORLD.



From the Pastor's Desk

ROMANS 6:1B-11

1B SHOULD WE CONTINUE IN SIN IN ORDER THAT GRACE MAY INCREASE? 2 BY NO MEANS! HOW CAN WE WHO DIED TO SIN GO ON LIVING IN IT? 3 DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT ALL OF US WHO WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST JESUS WERE BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH? 4 THEREFORE WE WERE BURIED WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH, SO THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, SO WE ALSO MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.

5 FOR IF WE HAVE BEEN UNITED WITH HIM IN A DEATH LIKE HIS, WE WILL CERTAINLY BE UNITED WITH HIM IN A RESURRECTION LIKE HIS. 6 WE KNOW THAT OUR OLD SELF WAS CRUCIFIED WITH HIM SO THAT THE BODY OF SIN MIGHT BE DESTROYED, SO WE MIGHT NO LONGER BE ENSLAVED TO SIN. 7 FOR WHOEVER HAS DIED IS FREED FROM SIN. 8 BUT IF WE DIED WITH CHRIST, WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM. 9 WE KNOW THAT CHRIST, BEING RAISED FROM THE DEAD, WILL NEVER DIE AGAIN; DEATH NO LONGER HAS DOMINION OVER HIM. 10 THE DEATH HE DIED, HE DIED TO SIN ONCE FOR ALL, BUT THE LIFE HE LIVES, HE LIVES TO GOD. 11 SO YOU ALSO MUST CONSIDER YOURSELVES DEAD TO SIN AND ALIVE TO GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.

"A POPULAR WORD THESE DAYS IS 'REINVENT.'

HAVE YOU TURNED 40? YOU WILL WANT TO REINVENT YOURSELF, AND THERE'S PLENTY OF HELP IN A BOOKSTORE OR ON THE INTERNET.

HAVE YOU GONE THROUGH A DIVORCE? YOU MAY NEED TO REINVENT YOURSELF. HAVE YOU JUST BEEN THE VICTIM OF DOWNSIZING? YOU WILL DEFINITELY NEED TO REINVENT YOURSELF.

HAVE YOU RETIRED? IF YOU DON'T REINVENT YOURSELF, YOU'LL BE DEAD WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

HAVE YOU JUST GOTTEN MARRIED? NO NEED TO REINVENT YOURSELF; YOUR SPOUSE WILL HANDLE THAT."

HOMILETICS, JUNE 14, 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

10:00A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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SATURDAY JUNE 20 @ 5PM
VICKY WIENKE- PREACHING
KEN KLOPFER - ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY JUNE 21 @ 10:00AM
PASTOR DEAN HUNNESHAGEN- PRESIDING
TOM FOX- PREACHING
NANCY KESSLER- ASSISTING MINISTER
SHAWN VOIT- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR JUNE:
LINDA BARROWS
MARY BLAUFUSS

ANNOUNCEMENTS &
UPCOMING EVENTS

**NEXT AGAPE MEAL
JULY 5TH
@ 9:45 AM**

**ONE SERVICE AT 10AM WILL
CONTINUE THROUGH SUMMER**

BURCHFEST
FALL ARTISAN CRAFT SHOW
FALL INTO THE ARTS
CALLING
ARTISANS & VENDORS!
Join us for Burchfest
at St. John's Lutheran Church!
OCTOBER 3RD, 2026

SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT | CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY! | BE PART OF A WONDERFUL FALL TRADITION!

VENDOR SPACES AVAILABLE!
Interested?
✉ burchfeststjohns@gmail.com

THIS WEEK 6/21- 6/27

TODAY: HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

10 A.M. WORSHIP

7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY:

PRE SCHOOL GRADUATION

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP

6:45 P.M. ZUMBA

7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

TUESDAY:

POLLING SITE

12 P.M. TAI-CHI

6 P.M. ROCK VOICES

6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

WEDNESDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP

THURSDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA

12 P.M. NA

5 P.M. ZUMBA

6 P.M. ROCK VOICES

7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

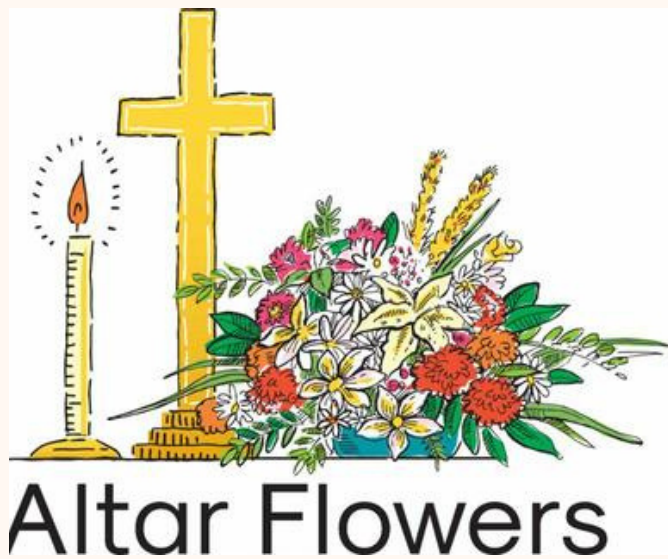
10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)

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

SATURDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA

5 P.M. WORSHIP



Altar Flowers

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY BILL

LOVE KIM, BILLY AND ZACH CROOKS

CELEBRATING ALL DAD'S AND DAD HELPERS

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.

DINING OUT

SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!

WE ARE GOING TO BW'S BARBEQUE ON LAKE AVE IN BLASDELL. THIS IS THE LAST DINING OUT UNTIL SEPTEMBER

HELP NEEDED

THE CHURCH IS IN NEED OF SOME HELP WITH MAINTENANCE AROUND CHURCH. IF YOU HAVE ANY TIME TO SPARE WE CAN USE YOUR HELP. ANYDAY ANYTIME THAT WORKS FOR YOU. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE 716-668-2152

MEMBERS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP THE CHURCH OFFICE APPRAISED OF ANY CHANGE IN PHONE, EMAIL OR ADDRESS SO WE CAN KEEP THE CHURCH DIRECTORY UP TO DATE.

PASTOR AWAY

PASTOR VALERIE WILL BE AWAY FROM MONDAY JUNE 15TH THROUGH TUESDAY JUNE 23RD

BURRITO PROJECT

THE NEXT BURRITO PROJECT VENTURE WILL BE ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF JUNE. THAT IS THE 30TH. WE WILL ONCE AGAIN BE GOING INTO DOWNTOWN BUFFALO TO PROVIDE FOOD AND HYGIENE ITEMS TO HELP THE HOMELESS. THEY ARE UNBELIEVABLY GRATEFUL FOR WHAT WE PROVIDE TO THEM, AND THE NEED IS GREAT.

WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED BY THE GENEROSITY OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, AND OTHER KIND PEOPLE, WHO HAVE HELPED US BY PROVIDING THE MATERIALS THAT WE TAKE DOWNTOWN TO DISTRIBUTE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR IN NEED, THESE ARE THE ITEMS THAT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL AT THIS TIME.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR
SHAVING CREAM

WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR
POCKET SIZE KLEENEX

WE WILL ONCE AGAIN HAVE A COLLECTION BOX AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL.
THANK YOU!.

