

JUNE 28, 2026

The Crossbeam

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



Sunday, June 28, 2026
5th Sunday after Pentecost,
Year A

THE WELCOME OF BAPTISM IS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN. THIS BAPTISMAL GIFT SETS US FREE FROM THE POWER OF SIN AND DEATH. IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, CHRIST PROMISES THAT THE DISCIPLE WHO GIVES A CUP OF COLD WATER TO THE LITTLE ONES SERVES CHRIST HIMSELF. FROM WORSHIP WE ARE SENT ON OUR BAPTISMAL MISSION: TO SERVE THE LITTLE ONES OF THIS WORLD AND TO BE A SIGN OF GOD'S MERCIFUL WELCOME.



From the Pastor's Desk

MATTHEW 10:24-39

[JESUS SAID TO THE TWELVE:] 24 "A DISCIPLE IS NOT ABOVE THE TEACHER NOR A SLAVE ABOVE THE MASTER; 25 IT IS ENOUGH FOR THE DISCIPLE TO BE LIKE THE TEACHER AND THE SLAVE LIKE THE MASTER. IF THEY HAVE CALLED THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE BEELZEBUL, HOW MUCH MORE WILL THEY MALIGN THOSE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD!

26 "SO HAVE NO FEAR OF THEM, FOR NOTHING IS COVERED UP THAT WILL NOT BE UNCOVERED AND NOTHING SECRET THAT WILL NOT BECOME KNOWN. 27 WHAT I SAY TO YOU IN THE DARK, TELL IN THE LIGHT, AND WHAT YOU HEAR WHISPERED, PROCLAIM FROM THE HOUSETOPS. 28 DO NOT FEAR THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY BUT CANNOT KILL THE SOUL; RATHER, FEAR THE ONE WHO CAN DESTROY BOTH SOUL AND BODY IN HELL. 29 ARE NOT TWO SPARROWS SOLD FOR A PENNY? YET NOT ONE OF THEM WILL FALL TO THE GROUND APART FROM YOUR FATHER. 30 AND EVEN THE HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL COUNTED. 31 SO DO NOT BE AFRAID; YOU ARE OF MORE VALUE THAN MANY SPARROWS.

32 "EVERYONE, THEREFORE, WHO ACKNOWLEDGES ME BEFORE OTHERS, I ALSO WILL ACKNOWLEDGE BEFORE MY FATHER IN HEAVEN, 33 BUT WHOEVER DENIES ME BEFORE OTHERS, I ALSO WILL DENY BEFORE MY FATHER IN HEAVEN.

34 "DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME TO BRING PEACE TO THE EARTH; I HAVE NOT COME TO BRING PEACE BUT A SWORD.

35 FOR I HAVE COME TO SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER,
AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER,

AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW,

36 AND ONE'S FOES WILL BE MEMBERS OF ONE'S OWN HOUSEHOLD.

37 "WHOEVER LOVES FATHER OR MOTHER MORE THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME, AND WHOEVER LOVES SON OR DAUGHTER MORE THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME, 38 AND WHOEVER DOES NOT TAKE UP THE CROSS AND FOLLOW ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME. 39 THOSE WHO FIND THEIR LIFE WILL LOSE IT, AND THOSE WHO LOSE THEIR LIFE FOR MY SAKE WILL FIND IT."

"WHEN WE CONSIDER THE FINAL MOMENTS JESUS SPENT WITH THE DISCIPLES BEFORE HIS ARREST, WE DISCOVER JESUS LIFTED A CUP, NOT A SWORD. A CUP OF SALVATION Poured OUT FOR ALL."

HOMILETICS, JUNE 21, 2020

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 27 @ 5PM
ALICE COOLEY - ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY JUNE 28 @ 10:00AM
NADINE BROWN- ASSISTING MINISTER
LAURA LOEHR- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR JUNE:
LINDA BARROWS
MARY BLAUFUSS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 15TH
PENNY SALE

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

HANDMADE · LOCAL · UNIQUE · CREATIVE
SUPPORT · LOCAL · ARTISTS

THIS WEEK 6/28- 7/4

TODAY:

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
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

WEDNESDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP
6 P.M. THEATER GROUP

THURSDAY:

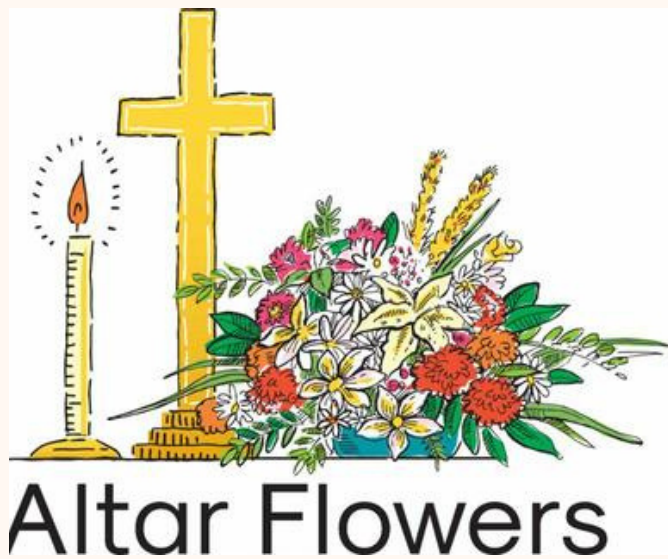
9 A.M. ZUMBA
12 P.M. NA
5 P.M. ZUMBA
7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

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

SATURDAY: HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

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.

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.

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!.