

JULY 26, 2026

The Crossbeam

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



*Sunday, July 26, 2026
9th Sunday after Pentecost,
Year A*

AS SOLOMON PRAYS FOR WISDOM, WE SEEK TO MORE DEEPLY KNOW THE TREASURES OF FAITH. IN TODAY'S GOSPEL JESUS OFFERS EVERYDAY IMAGES THAT REVEAL TO US THE REIGN OF GOD: A TREE THAT BECOMES A SHELTERING HOME, YEAST THAT PENETRATES AND EXPANDS, A TREASURED PEARL, A NET THAT GAINS A GREAT CATCH. EVEN AS WE SEEK THE RICHES OF GOD'S REIGN, THE GREAT SURPRISE IS THAT GOD'S GRACE FINDS US FIRST!



From the Pastor's Desk

1 KINGS 3:5-12

5 AT GIBEON THE LORD APPEARED TO SOLOMON IN A DREAM BY NIGHT, AND GOD SAID, "ASK WHAT I SHOULD GIVE YOU." 6 AND SOLOMON SAID, "YOU HAVE SHOWN GREAT AND STEADFAST LOVE TO YOUR SERVANT MY FATHER DAVID BECAUSE HE WALKED BEFORE YOU IN FAITHFULNESS, IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND IN UPRIGHTNESS OF HEART TOWARD YOU, AND YOU HAVE KEPT FOR HIM THIS GREAT AND STEADFAST LOVE AND HAVE GIVEN HIM A SON TO SIT ON HIS THRONE TODAY. 7 AND NOW, O LORD MY GOD, YOU HAVE MADE YOUR SERVANT KING IN PLACE OF MY FATHER DAVID, ALTHOUGH I AM ONLY A LITTLE CHILD; I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO GO OUT OR COME IN. 8 AND YOUR SERVANT IS IN THE MIDST OF THE PEOPLE WHOM YOU HAVE CHOSEN, A GREAT PEOPLE SO NUMEROUS THEY CANNOT BE NUMBERED OR COUNTED. 9 GIVE YOUR SERVANT, THEREFORE, AN UNDERSTANDING MIND TO GOVERN YOUR PEOPLE, ABLE TO DISCERN BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL, FOR WHO CAN GOVERN THIS GREAT PEOPLE OF YOURS?"

10 IT PLEASED THE LORD THAT SOLOMON HAD ASKED THIS. 11 GOD SAID TO HIM, "BECAUSE YOU HAVE ASKED THIS AND HAVE NOT ASKED FOR YOURSELF LONG LIFE OR RICHES OR FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR ENEMIES BUT HAVE ASKED FOR YOURSELF UNDERSTANDING TO DISCERN WHAT IS RIGHT, 12 I NOW DO ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD. INDEED, I GIVE YOU A WISE AND DISCERNING MIND; NO ONE LIKE YOU HAS BEEN BEFORE YOU, AND NO ONE LIKE YOU SHALL ARISE AFTER YOU."

ON A LIGHTER NOTE:

"THINGS WE'VE ALWAYS WONDERED ABOUT ... MAYBE WE SHOULD ASK SIRI OR ALEXA:

- + WHY IS AN ALARM CLOCK GOING "OFF" WHEN IT ACTUALLY TURNS ON?
- + WHY IS IT CALLED A "DRIVE THROUGH" IF YOU HAVE TO STOP?
- + WHY DOES MINERAL WATER THAT HAS "TRICKLED THROUGH MOUNTAINS FOR CENTURIES" GO OUT OF DATE NEXT YEAR?
- + WHY IS AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET CALLED AN OUTLET WHEN YOU PLUG THINGS INTO IT? SHOULDN'T IT BE CALLED AN INLET?
- + WHY DOES GOOFY STAND ERECT WHILE PLUTO REMAINS ON ALL FOURS? THEY'RE BOTH DOGS!
- + WHY DO MOST CARS HAVE SPEEDOMETERS THAT GO UP TO AT LEAST 130 WHEN YOU LEGALLY CAN'T GO THAT FAST ON ANY ROAD?
- + WHERE IN THE NURSERY RHYME DOES IT SAY HUMPTY DUMPTY IS AN EGG?
- + HOW COME YOU PRESS HARDER ON A REMOTE CONTROL WHEN YOU KNOW THE BATTERY IS DEAD?
- + IF AN ORANGE IS ORANGE, WHY ISN'T A LIME CALLED A GREEN OR A LEMON CALLED A YELLOW?
- + IF A CAT ALWAYS LANDS ON ITS FEET, AND BUTTERED BREAD ALWAYS LANDS BUTTER SIDE DOWN, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU TIED BUTTERED BREAD ON TOP OF A CAT?
- + IF THE #2 PENCIL IS THE MOST POPULAR, WHY'S IT STILL #2?
- + WHERE'S THE EGG IN AN EGG ROLL?
- + WHERE IS THE LEAD IN A LEAD PENCIL?

--VARIOUS INTERNET SOURCES."

HOMILETICS, JULY 30, 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

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



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



SATURDAY JULY 25 @ 5PM
ALICE COOLEY- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY JULY 26 @ 10AM
NANCY KESSLER- ASSISITING MININSTER
KRISTEN HOCHULSKI- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR JULY:
NADINE BROWN

PRAYERS NEEDED

PLEASE KEEP ISABEL STUDER AND HER FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS
AS SHE IS AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. SHE WAS IN A CAR ACCIDENT
JULY 7TH AND IS CURRENTLY HEAVILY SEDATED AND
DIAGNOSED WITH A SEVERE TBI.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND THEM A CARD:

181 BARNSDALE AVENUE
WEST SENECA NY 14224

**ANNOUNCEMENTS &
UPCOMING EVENTS**

AUGUST 2ND @ 9:45AM

AGAPE MEAL

OCTOBER 3RD

BURCHFEST

OCTOBER 15TH

PENNY SALE

BURCHFEST '26

"FALL INTO THE ARTS" ARTISAN, VENDOR & CRAFT SHOW,
SATURDAY 10/3

OUTSIDE VENDOR SPACES ARE AVAILABLE ON A LIMITED BASIS!
RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW TO BE PART OF THIS
WONDERFUL FALL TRADITION.

EMAIL: BURCHFESTSTJOHNS@GMAIL.COM

LUTHERAN CHARITIES BISONS NIGHT

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$15

TICKETS WITH DISCOUNTED CONCESSIONS \$25
(INCLUDES 1 HOT DOG AND SMALL SODA)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST @6:35PM

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED TOGETHER TO SIT TOGETHER
TICKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED.

PICK UP AFTER 5PM TO THE RIGHT OF THE SWAN STREET
ENTRANCE TO THE BALLPARK

FORMS ON COUNTER FOR THOSE INTERESTED

THIS WEEK 7/26- 8/1

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 P.M. ROCK VOICES
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
6 P.M. ROCK VOICES
7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

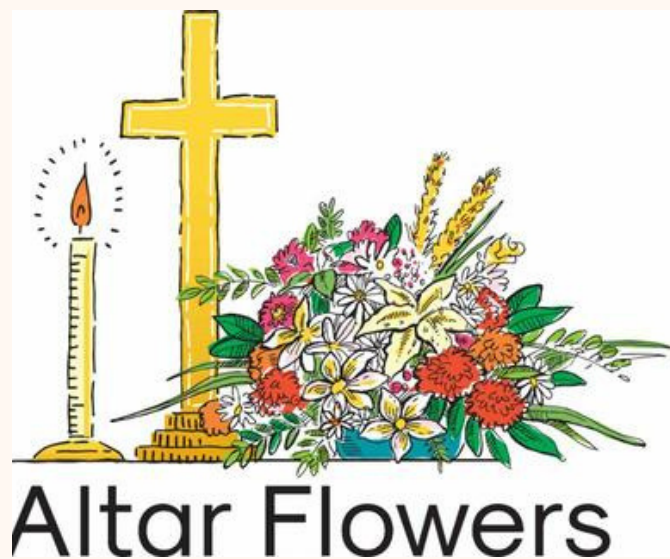
10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)
7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

SATURDAY:

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

AGAPE MEAL DATES:

AUGUST 2ND
SEPTEMBER 6TH
OCTOBER 4TH
NOVEMBER 1ST
DECEMBER 6TH



DEB AND TOM FOX

IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE WEIXLMANN

BY BEVERLY WEIXLMANN

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.

WHILE WE REALIZE A LOT OF OUR MEMBERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SUMMER WEATHER TO TAKE A VACATION; HOWEVER OUR BILLS COME IN RAIN OR SHINE. WE ARE CURRENTLY RUNNING IN THE NEGATIVE SO PLEASE KEEP YOUR DONATIONS COMING IN!

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.