

AUGUST 9, 2026

The Crossbeam

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



Sunday, August 9, 2026
11th Sunday after Pentecost,
Year A

ELIJAH FINDS THE PRESENCE OF GOD NOT IN EARTHQUAKE, WIND, OR FIRE, BUT IN THE SOUND OF SHEER SILENCE. WHEN THE DISCIPLES FACE A GREAT STORM ON THE SEA, THEY CRY OUT WITH FEAR. JESUS SAYS: "TAKE HEART, IT IS I; DO NOT BE AFRAID." AMID THE STORMS OF LIFE, WE GATHER TO SEEK THE CALM PRESENCE OF CHRIST THAT SOOTHES OUR FEARS. IN COMFORTING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE AND IN THE REFRESHING BREAD AND CUP OF THE EUCHARIST, GOD GRANTS US PEACE AND SENDS US FORTH TO BE A SIGN OF GOD'S PRESENCE TO OTHERS.



From the Pastor's Desk

PSALM 85:8-13

8 I WILL LISTEN TO WHAT THE LORD | GOD IS SAYING;
FOR YOU SPEAK PEACE TO YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE AND TO THOSE WHO
TURN THEIR | HEARTS TO YOU.
9 TRULY, YOUR SALVATION IS VERY NEAR TO | THOSE WHO FEAR YOU,
THAT YOUR GLORY MAY DWELL | IN OUR LAND.
10 STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS HAVE | MET TOGETHER;
RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE HAVE | KISSED EACH OTHER.
11 FAITHFULNESS SHALL SPRING UP | FROM THE EARTH,
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL LOOK | DOWN FROM HEAVEN.
12 THE LORD WILL INDEED | GRANT PROSPERITY,
AND OUR LAND WILL | YIELD ITS INCREASE.
13 RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL GO BE- | FORE THE LORD
AND SHALL PREPARE FOR | GOD A PATHWAY.

"PEACE IS NOT SOMETHING YOU MUST HOPE FOR IN THE FUTURE. RATHER,
IT IS A DEEPENING OF THE PRESENT, AND UNLESS YOU LOOK FOR IT IN THE
PRESENT YOU WILL NEVER FIND IT."

--THOMAS MERTON.

HOMILETICS, DECEMBER 4, 2011

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 AUGUST 8 @ 5PM
ALICE COOLEY- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY AUGUST 9 @ 10AM
KAREN ROTHENBERGER- ASSISTING MINISTER
LEE DELANEY- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST:
SONI SCHNITZER

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. ISABEL IS MAKING SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS. SHE HAS HAD HER BREATHING TUBE REMOVED AND IS BREATHING WELL ON HER OWN. SHE DID HAVE A CT SCAN WHICH REVEALED FLUID ON HER BRAIN WHICH THEY WANT TO LOOK AT DEEPER BECAUSE IT SHOULDN'T BE THERE. SO THEY SCHEDULED HER FOR A MRI. HOPEFULLY IT'S NOTHING TOO BAD, BUT EVERYTHING IT COULD BE CAN BE FIXED SO ACCORDING TO THE NEUROLOGIST THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND THEM A CARD:

181 BARNSDALE AVENUE
WEST SENECA NY 14224



**OCTOBER 3RD
BURCHFEST**

**OCTOBER 15TH
PENNY SALE**

BURCHFEST '26

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BURCHFEST 2026!

BURCHFEST IS BACK, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026, ST. JOHN'S WILL WELCOME HUNDREDS OF SHOPPERS, ARTISANS, AND VENDORS FOR OUR ANNUAL BURCHFEST – FALL INTO THE ARTS! THIS COMMUNITY WIDE EVENT IS ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, YOUTH (COUNTS TOWARDS COMMUNITY SERVICE), AND FRIENDS TO HELP WITH TASKS SUCH AS:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SET UP TABLES
LABEL VENDOR SPACES
VENDOR SET-UP AND CHECK-IN
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE
HOSPITALITY FOR VENDORS
GENERAL EVENT SUPPORT
GARBAGE PICK UP
SECURITY
CLEAN-UP AT THE END OF THE DAY

WHETHER YOU CAN VOLUNTEER FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS OR THE ENTIRE EVENT, YOUR TIME AND TALENTS WILL MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE. BURCHFEST RUNS FROM 10AM TO 2PM. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT FROM 8AM TO 3PM.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE CONTACT KATHY AT 716-208-9043 (TEXT OR VOICEMAIL) OR SIGN UP AT CHURCH.

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF THE BURCHFEST TEAM!

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK—AND TOGETHER WE'LL MAKE BURCHFEST
ANOTHER WONDERFUL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!**

THIS WEEK 8/9 - 8/15

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. LABYRINTH GROUP
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

WEDNESDAY:

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

THURSDAY:

12 P.M. NA
7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

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

SATURDAY:

5 P.M. WORSHIP

PASTOR AWAY

PASTOR VALERIE WILL BE AWAY FROM MONDAY AUGUST 10TH
THRU MONDAY AUGUST 24TH.

IN CASE OF PASTORAL EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT
PASTOR DEAN HUNNESHAGEN

716-440-7739 CELL

716-662-6037

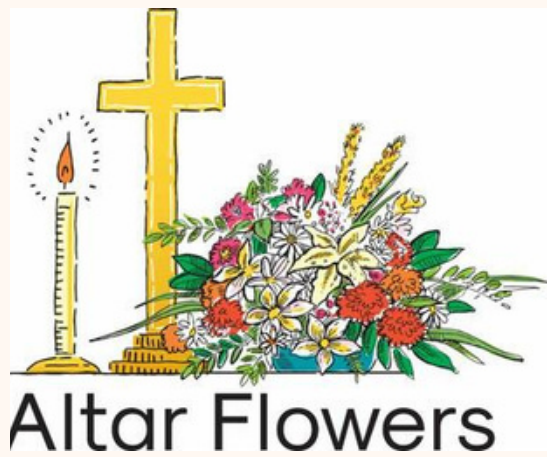
AGAPE MEAL DATES:

SEPTEMBER 6TH

OCTOBER 4TH

NOVEMBER 1ST

DECEMBER 6TH



IN MEMORY OF RICHARD LEHMAN

IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVING HUSBAND AND FATHER BILL

BY KIM, BILLY AND ZACH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NANA CONNIE

FROM CHAROLETTE

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!

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