

APRIL 28 2024

The Crossbeam

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



Sunday, April 28, 2024 *Fifth Sunday of Easter,* *Year B*

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

From the Pastor's Desk

Psalm 22:25-31

25From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.

26The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

28For dominion belongs | to the Lord,

who rules o- | ver the nations.

29Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the Lord.

30Their descendants shall | serve the Lord,

whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

31They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,

saying to them, "The | Lord has acted!"

A few thoughts:

"The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true."

--James Branch Cabell, *The Silver Stallion*.

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorns have roses."

--Alphonse Karr, *A Tour Round My Garden*.

"The man who is a pessimist before 48 knows too much; if he is an optimist after it he knows too little."

--Mark Twain.

Something to ponder today.

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
9 A.M.- IN-PERSON & SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
10:30 A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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



SOUP COOK OFF
APRIL 28TH 1PM-4PM

MOTHER'S DAY TEA
MAY 12TH BETWEEN SERVICES

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL/ LAST DAY OF SCS
MAY 19TH BETWEEN SERVICES



Altar Flowers

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ARNOLD DOSTER***

FROM CHARLIE AND
CONNIE ARNOLD

***IN HONOR OF
SHIRLEY JOHNSON'S
94TH BIRTHDAY***

GIVEN BY PEGGY CRAMER,
ADDISON, AUBREE AND
NOAH POOLE

VACATION

PASTOR VALERIE WILL BE AWAY
FROM FRIDAY APRIL 26TH
THROUGH MONDAY APRIL 29TH
FOR ANY PASTORAL
EMERGENCIES PLEASE CONTACT
PASTOR DEAN HUNNESHAGEN
716-440-7739
716-662-6037



SATURDAY APRIL 27 @ 5 P.M.
ANN FALLS- ASSISTING MINISTER
LYNN GRUCZA- READER

SUNDAY APRIL 218@ 9 A.M.
NATHAN SETLOCK- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY APRIL 28 @ 10:30 A.M.
NANCY KESSLER- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY APRIL 28 @ 9 A.M.
LEE DELANEY - USHER

SUNDAY APRIL 28 @ 10:30 AM
LAURA LOEHR- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR APRIL
DANESE DICK
SHIRLEY JOHNSON
DEB FOX

LCLC CAMP

WITH SUMMER APPROACHING MEANS
THE START OF CAMPS AT LCLC.
YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO DONATE TO
LCLC TO HELP ANY YOUTH THAT MAY
WANT TO ATTEND SOME OF THE CAMPS.
YOU CAN DO THIS ONLINE IN TITHLEY
OR LABEL YOUR ENVELOPE LCLC

PRAYER LABYRINTH

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PRAYER
LABYRINTH IS WEDNESDAY MAY 8TH.
THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET
IN THE FOYER

BOOK AND PUZZLE SALE

IT'S TIME TO START COLLECTING BOOKS
AND JIGSAW PUZZLES FOR THE SALE!

WE WILL BE COLLECTING FROM APRIL
1ST THROUGH APRIL 30TH

PLEASE, NO MAGAZINES OR
ENCYCLOPEDIAS

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
RENEE THEN 716-903-6163
PAT LIPKA 716-867-1980

BOOK AND PUZZLE SALE

May 17, 2024 5pm-8pm

May 18, 2024 9am-1pm

St. John's Lutheran Church
3512 Clinton Street
West Seneca, NY 14224
716-668-2152



HOLD THE DATE!

WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH REMEMBER CHURCH DIRECTORIES TO HAVE NEW PICTURES TAKEN FOR OUR MEMBERS ON JULY 24-27 HERE AT THE CHURCH. THEY WILL BE TAKING SIGN-UPS BETWEEN 2-8:30 P.M. DURING THE WEEK AND 10-4:30 PM ON SATURDAY. THE NEW BOOK WILL BE 8-1/2" X 11".

TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY AND RECEIVE A FREE 2024 DIRECTORY, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN AND SIT THROUGH A VIEWING SESSION OF YOUR TAKEN PICTURES. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDARS AND SEE WHAT TIMING WOULD WORK FOR YOU AS SIGN-UPS WILL BEGIN THE END OF APRIL.



THIS WEEK 4/28 - 5/4

TODAY:

9 A.M. WORSHIP
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP
1 P.M. SOUP COOK OFF
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY:

10 A.M. SPROUTS
1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING CLASS
6 P.M. SPROUTS
6:45 P.M. ZUMBA
7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

TUESDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
10:30 A.M. SPROUTS
12:15 P.M. TAI-CHI
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

WEDNESDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE CLASS
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. WORSHIP & MUSIC
7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

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

SATURDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
10 A.M. BAND REHEARSAL
5 P.M. WORSHIP

CLOTHING DRIVE
HELP SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE
WHILE DOING YOUR SPRING-CLEANING

THE WNY FOSTER CLOSET HELPS PROVIDE CLOTHING, HYGIENE CARE ITEMS, AND TOYS TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE! ST. JOHN'S IS DOING A SPRING-CLEANING EVENT TO HELP WNY FOSTER CLOSET CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR THOSE IN NEED.

ITEMS NEEDED INCLUDE:

NEW OR EXCELLENT CONDITION CLOTHING
(SIZE PREMIE TO ADULT 3X),

PAJAMAS AND FOOTWEAR, THESE ITEMS SHOULD STILL LOOK LIKE THEY WOULD CURRENTLY BE SOLD AT YOUR FAVORITE SHOPPING STORE.

UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS MUST BE NEW AND IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING.

BLANKETS AND CRIB SHEETS MUST NOT HAVE ANY RIPS, HOLES OR STAINS AND PURCHASED WITHIN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT HOSPITAL BLANKETS

DIAPERS, WIPES, LOTIONS, CREAMS, SHAMPOOS, CONDITIONERS, HAIR PRODUCTS, BRUSHES AND COMBS, MUST ALL BE NEW AND IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING

BELTS, HATS, PURSES, WALLETS, BACK-PACKS MUST FOLLOW THE EXCELLENT CONDITION RULE ALONG WITH IT BEING SOMETHING THAT WOULD STILL CURRENTLY BE SOLD AT YOUR FAVORITE SHOPPING STORE

WE WILL HAVE MULTIPLE DROP OFF LOCATIONS INCLUDING THE EDUCATION BUILDING AND THE MAIN FOYER.

MARCH FINANCIALS

ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH AVERAGED 97
ATTENDANCE FOR EASTER WEEK THURSDAY 11AM 14
THURSDAY 7PM 99
FRIDAY 7PM 75
SATURDAY 5PM 28
SUNDAY 9AM 75
SUNDAY 10:30AM 120

ACCOUNTS:

M&T ADVANCED BUSINESS CHECKING AVAILABLE BALANCE - \$59,731.99
M&T COMMERCIAL SAVINGS - \$41,212.79
CITIZENS BUILDING SAVINGS - BUSINESS GREEN CHECKING -1315 -
\$2777.27
CITIZENS BUILDING TRANSFER - BUSINESS GREEN CHECKING -4616 -
\$8,023.47
CITIZENS MIF - CLEARLY BETTER BUSINESS CHECKING -7073 - \$7,472.01
CITIZENS YOUTH SAVINGS - BUSINESS GREEN CHECKING -7057 -
\$8,398.92

MARCH 2024 TOTAL EXPENSES \$30,457.62
MARCH 2024 TOTAL REVENUE \$33,855.76
MORTGAGE MIF. \$374,417.38 3.875%

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHT: AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF \$3575.00 WAS APPLIED TO THE PRINCIPAL OF THE MORTGAGE AND AN ADDITIONAL \$8,140 WILL BE APPLIED IN APRIL FROM REVENUE RECEIVED THROUGH OUR MORTGAGE ELIMINATION APPEAL. YOUTH POPCORN FUNDRAISER GENERATED \$827.00 TOWARDS THE YOUTH GATHERING TRIP. YOUTH PIEROGI SALE WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL GENERATING \$1470.24 FOR THE YOUTH.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
RICK LIPKA
TREASURER