

The St. John's Journal Community Connect

A Monthly publication of St. John's Lutheran Church, Depew, New York



June 2026



Saturday, June 27th

The St. John's Screaming Eagles are once again riding for families affected by cancer. We invite you view our current list and add any names of people or families who have experience cancer on the board in the Narthex.

Our current year's riders, Mike Brown, Grace and Mike Stever, Dave and Laura Tirone, Kyle Tirone & Emma

Kinz. All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship and ride with us!



Thanks again for supporting this important cause! Did you know, Every \$1 donated, Roswell raises \$23 in grants. **Questions?** Please call Grace Stever: 716-982-6733; Laura Tirone: 716-432-7930; Mike Brown: 716-901-6219



Scan the QR Code to make a donation to the St. John's Screaming Eagles Team!

(select any rider to donate as all riders are required to raise a minimum of \$200 in order to qualify to ride. If you choose to donate by check, make check payable to Ride for Roswell and give to riders or leave in church office.

Check out more photos from last year's ride inside the Journal! → →



The Mission of St. John's is grounded in the presence of Christ in God's Word and in the Sacraments. We are called by the Holy Spirit to spread the Kingdom of God through ministering to all of our members and sharing the love of Christ with all people by preaching the true Word of God, providing ongoing Biblical education for spiritual growth and reaching others with God's love in all we say or do.

Weekly Worship

Sunday Traditional Worship
8:30am

Sunday Contemporary Worship 11:15am

Sunday Evening Blended
Worship 4:30pm

Sunday Morning BLAST!
September—June 10:00am

Worship Broadcast
WXRL— AM 1300 / FM
95.5 at 11:00am

June Mission and Ministry Prayers

WNY Law Enforcement Helpline

For all Police officers, firefighters, emergency responders, and dispatchers that God would be their refuge and strength as they respond to the difficult situations within their communities. Help them to reach out for help when burdened by the traumas associated with their service. We pray especially for the Western New York Law Enforcement Helpline which seeks to aid officers and their families.

Family Ministry

For Family Ministry at St. John's as each of these groups seek to care for, nurture, teach and cultivate relationships between families and the church. Bless the leaders organizers; help them to seek wisdom from you. Open the hearts of the members of St. John's that they might be encouraged to take advantage of the various ministry opportunities.

Lectionary & Communion Schedule



June 7, 2026

Pentecost 2

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a,
51-60; 1 Peter
2:2-10; John
14:1-14



June 14 2026

Pentecost 3

Acts 17:16-31; 1
Peter 3:13-22;
John 14:15-21



June 21 2026

Pentecost 4

Acts 1:12-26, 1
Peter 4:12-19,
5:6-11; John
17:1-121



June 28 2026

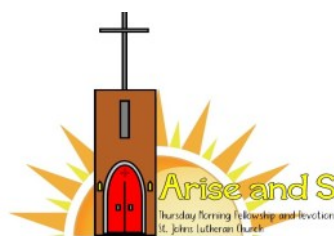
Pentecost 5

Num 11:24-30;
Acts 2:1-21;
John 7:37-39

Arise and Shine

The 1st & 3rd Thursdays
at 10:00am

*Will resume
in September!*



The 3rd Thursdays
At 6:00 pm

Will resume September!

May Council Highlights

As reported on 5/11/26

- New Business— Summer Church Picnic: Depew Pavilion reserved 8/9/26
- Elders— Rod Lorenz— Confirmation reviews with Elders. Confirmation 5/24/26. Blast assisting service on 5/31. Baptismal candles and future use discussion. New member class 5/27. Vicar/SMP review responsibilities. Set up microphone for Sue Bluhm.
- Stewardship—Ed Lorenz— Requests that crosses go into the packages that are sent to the 316th command through the BLAST May Mission Project.
- Family Ministry— Jen Anthony— Youth Group held a Lock-ion on April 17 and Youth Retreat to Pioneer on the Lake 5/15 - 5/17
- Trustees— Larry R., Joe M., Norm H.— Office printer/copier change date moved to 6/1, Obtaining pricing for parking lot sealing and striping. Two parking area lights out on east side will be addressed. Tree limb trimming near flag-pole complete. Church basement wall removed to create larger space for tool storage, workshop area. Stairway tread enhanced visibility work is complete.
- Board of Education— Kim Lorenz— Family Day 5/31, grades 3-6 assisting. May Mission—rec'd request for supporting Army 316th Expeditionary Support Command stationed in the Middle East. Command in need of personal care supplies. Collection through end of May. Children to put bags together and cards for the service men and women. June 7th Last day of BLAST. Classes to resume September 13th (Labor Day 9/7).
- Shepherd's Staff—Rae Carier— Plant Sale pick up 5/16. Thank you to Lois for all her hard work! Geraniums for Pentecost 5/24. Thank you to Helana for coordinating again!
- Pastor—Music programs at both morning services going very well.

Next Council Meeting: 6/8/26 7:00pm



Financial Director's Report

As we enjoy the coming summer, God continues to bless us.
Electronic Giving is available using the QR code or by mailing
in your offering.

In Thankfulness, Mike Brown, Financial Director



Report as of May 31st, 2026 — Budget: \$124,040

Giving	\$ 116,125	Up 2.2% over Last Year
Ministry Expense	\$ 133,736	Up 8.9% over Last Year
Net Income	(\$ 17,638)	

Note: Gas & Electric up 45% over last year.
Radio: Decreased sponsorship from \$180 to \$150 per Sunday.



Thank you to everyone who supported
this year's Plant Sale
With your support,
we were able to raise \$2,351
for Jaclyn Munzel and her family



This fundraiser would not be the success it has been without your continued purchase of plants, donations and the help of unloading the truck and pre-sorting the orders. This year we had 54 flats, 45 hanging baskets, 13 dozen geraniums and an assortment of herbs and cherry tomato plants. *Thank you!!!* – Lois Will



Those Serving June 2026

	8:30AM		11:15AM	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>
6/7	John Gauthier	Norm Hirschey	Karen Lorenz	Karen Lorenz
6/14	John Gauthier	TBA	Karen Lorenz	Karen Lorenz
6/21	Rob Redenbach	Sue Bluhm	Steve Plewik	Steve Plewik
6/28	John Gauthier	Ed/Deann Lorenz	Karen Lorenz	Karen Lorenz
<u>4:30</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	
6/7	Ken Schabert	Ken Schabert	Linda Plewik Karen Plewik	
6/14	Karen Lorenz	Karen Lorenz		
6/21	Betty Cavaleri	Vicar		
6/28	Tom Stutzman	Tom Stutzman		



*God Bless our
2026 Confirmands:
Abigale Blackwell
Nathan Bluhm
Morgan Delconte
Aisley Sharpe*

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS and FAMILIES!!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN
THE GRADUATION STEPPING STONE?
JUNE 28TH, 2026

PLEASE LET PASTOR OR THE OFFICE KNOW
IF YOU WILL PARTICIPATE
AND WHICH SERVICE YOU WILL ATTEND ON 6/28



May Radio and Flower Sponsorships

5/3	Cathy & John Fragale <i>In thanksgiving to God as we celebrate our grandson, Evan, as he receives his Doctorate of Optometry and our granddaughter, Hayden, as she receives her white coat as a Physicians Assistant.</i>	Sue Reitzel <i>In loving memory of my mom, Rita Krickovich and all the May birthdays in our family.</i>
5/10	Charmaine AfterBuffalo <i>Dedicated to the St. John's Choir — We celebrate being able to share our voices and reach our listeners through the airwaves. Thank you to each member for sharing your gift, and to our dedicated director for guiding our harmony.</i>	The Herbold Family <i>In celebration of our son Evan's official doctoral convocation this weekend, and with heartfelt thanks to God for His grace, love, and guidance throughout this journey.</i>
5/17	Michael & Grace Stever <i>In celebration of 33 years of marriage and for all blessings received.</i>	
5/24	Ron & Lynn Hensel <i>In loving memory of our parents, grandparents, and siblings who have gone home to eternal peace with our Lord.</i>	
5/31	The Keller & Dowd Families <i>In loving memory of Ruth Dowd.</i> Rae Carier <i>For God's blessings on our family with three first time mother's to be, Elise, Kaleigh and Katie</i>	The People of St. John's <i>To the Glory of God!</i> <i>(This Sunday was not sponsored)</i>

Interested in sponsoring a broadcast or flowers?

Openings are still available!

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board near the church office.

Full broadcast is \$150.00 (or \$50.00 per line)

Flowers: \$25.00/weekend





Wendy	Latalladi	1
June	Goga	1
Ethan	Blackwell	4
Dana	Besch	4
Joseph	Baird	5
Joanne	Phillips	6
Jason	Bluhm	7
Madison	Kilanowski	7
Gretta	Geisen-Garbacz	9
Katherine	Manna	11
Salvatore	Springer	12
Wayne	Dziengielewskl	13
John	Sabadasz Jr.	14
Kevin	Wright	17
Hazel	Radt	17
Darlene	Vogel	18
Christopher	Milam	19
Colleen	Kilanowski	19
Joann	Martina	19
Marsha	McKinney	19
Thomas	Mudd Sr.	20
Benjamin	Barber	20
Edward	AfterBuffalo	20
Rosalie	Mondo	20
Jacob	Sharpe	21
Hannah	Mayback	21
Gary	Geitter	21
Ken	Schabert	22

Sylvia	Andolina	24
Killian	Geitter	24
Jennifer	Cocco	25
Rodney	Lorenz	26
Ronney	Lorenz	26
Kinsley	Orth	26
Linda	Bernfeld	28
Kimberly	McFarland-Faltisco	30



7	Andrea & Thomas Mudd
9	Kenneth & Susan Schabert
10	Peter & Cristin Blackwell
11	Darryl & Julie Gorski
16	Michael & Janice Brown
18	Ed & Charmaine AfterBuffalo
19	Daniel & Kendra Herbold
21	Joseph & Joelle Baird
22	Neal & Ruth Schlesinger
23	Scott & Helana Geisen
26	Carol & William Pawlak
26	Rae & Tom Carier
26	Jennifer & David Anthony
28	Rev. Howard & Lin Warner
29	Rev. Galen & Jen Purpura

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Office Closed 7:15p– Elders Meeting	2 5:30p– Girl Scouts #31133	3 Office Closed 8p– A.A.	4	5 Office Closed 5p– Scrapbooking	6 8a– Men’s Group 8p– A.A
7 Pentecost 2 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 10:00a– BLAST 11:00a—Choir 11:15a–Worship w/ H.C. 4:30p– Worship w/ H.C.	8 Office Closed 7p– Council Meeting	9 6:30p– Girl Scouts #34670	10 Office Closed 8p– A.A.	11 6p– Girl Scouts #30984	12 Office Closed 6p– Girl Scouts #31973	13 8p– A.A
14 Pentecost 3 8:30a– Worship 4:30p– Worship 11:15a–Worship No BLAST until 9/13/26	15 Office Closed	16	17 Office Closed 8p– A.A.	18 6p– Girl Scouts #30984	19 Office Closed	20 8a– Men’s Group 8p– A.A
21 Pentecost 4 Father’s Day 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 11:15a–Worship w/ H.C. 4:30p– Worship w/ H.C. 	22 Office Closed	23	24 Office Closed 8p– A.A.	25 6p– Girl Scouts #30984	26 Office Closed 6p– Girl Scouts #31973	27 8p– A.A.
28 Pentecost 5 8:30a– Worship 11:15a–Worship 4:30p– Worship	29 Office Closed	30				

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(Ride for Roswell 2023)



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