

ST. A'S NEWS

Remember in prayer

Alan, Ed Baker, Barb, Bert, Bev, Carol, Charlotte Birchard, Bob, Christine, Christy, Debbie, Guy Costa, Jeb Davis, Kelly DelGaizo, Ellen Gracie, Bill Elliott, John Fleming, Edith Ghere, Melissa Grettler, John Griffin, Jack Grippe, Patti Havrilla, David Holmstrom, Zak Irwin, John, Judith Johnston, Kelly, Eileen Kneppshield, Lil, Linda, Lisa, Maggie, Mary, Michelle Means, David Nicolls, Jan O'Donnell, Paisley, Peter, John Reibel, Lou Salzer, Peggy Schenck, Sondra, Stacey, Doug Trabert, Russ Vaughn, Victoria, Sue, Bradd Webber, Sue Wendell, Sally & Tony Williams, Zara, victims of war and world peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST HAPPY

BIRTHDAY greetings to:

Kitty Tarbell 8/15
Zoe Rupert 8/17
Edith Ghere 8/22
Nathan Bond 8/28
Jamie Roberts 8/31

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Thank You!

Also a big Thank You to all those who help to bring you information on our Facebook page, New Website, and the Newsletter.

[The Bible Project](#)

-Outreach-

♦ This year we are collecting water bottles and gift cards to Walmart and Dollar General for the children at the Safe Journey shelter for women's shelter through August 3. Thank you for your generosity

♦ Please continue to donate gently used or new clothing, household appliances, and accessories to help families make a new start.

♦ **Social Knitworking/Makers:** Thursday August 7, 10am, Tuesday August 19, 7pm. More than knitting or crochet happens during this time. Some people are collaging, or other paper crafting, some weaving, knotting, painting, drawing, carving. Ideas are shared, techniques taught. We also distribute hats and scarves to various non profit organizations for winter distribution. For more information contact Pam Ostrander.

♦ **Friendship Quilt Group:** No meeting at the church in August.

-News of Note-

♦ You can keep up with the events at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Erie at by clicking on the following link: [Cathedral of St. Paul](#)

♦ We can always use a few more LEM's to help with the Sunday services. If you are interest in becoming a LEM please contact Fr. Dave.

-Views From the Pews-

August is a tender month. It doesn't shout like December or race like May. It simply arrives—quiet, golden, and a little worn around the edges. For many of us, this time of year no longer means backpacks or lunchboxes. We may not feel the tug of back-to-school like we once did. But August still invites us to prepare—not our calendars or closets—but our hearts.

We prepare not for classes, but for change. For the quiet shift in season. For the way God keeps shaping us—no matter our age, no matter the season of life we're in. Even if your calendar looks less full than it once did, your presence still matters deeply in the life of this church. Whether through prayer, a phone call to someone hurting, or a smile offered on Sunday morning—God continues to use your wisdom and faith as a blessing to others.

Some seasons of life are loud and full—raising children, building careers, chasing time. Others are quieter. We move more slowly. Our days may be more open, yet somehow more sacred. August is one of those “in-between” months—a time to sit with what's passed and gently open our hearts to what's coming.

If you're in a season of slower days, know this: God is still preparing you. Still teaching. Still inviting you to grow in Him. Take a moment. Sit on the porch. Open your Bible to a familiar psalm. Let the breeze carry your prayers!

Ask the Lord what are you calling me to do in this next Season? Let's walk into the fall ready—not rushed, not worried—but renewed.

Cyndi Altman



The Lectionary

Sunday August 3

[Hosea 11:1-11](#)
[Psalm 107:1-9, 43](#)
[Colossians 3:1-11](#)
[Luke 12:13-21](#)

Sunday August 10

[Isaiah 1:1, 10-20](#)
[Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24](#)
[Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](#)
[Luke 12:32-40](#)

Sunday August 17

[Isaiah 5:1-7](#)
[Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18](#)
[Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#)
[Luke 12:49-56](#)

Sunday August 24

[Jeremiah 1:4-10](#)
[Psalm 71:1-6](#)
[Hebrews 12:18-29](#)
[Luke 13:10-17](#)

Sunday August 31

[Jeremiah 2:4-13](#)
[Psalm 81:1, 10-16](#)
[Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16](#)
[Luke 14:1, 7-14](#)

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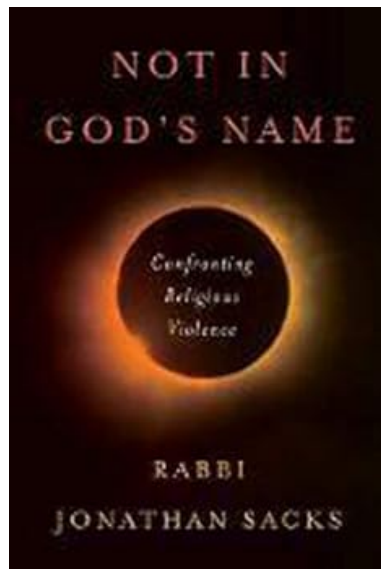
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Let Us Pray:

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with *thy* most gracious favor, and further us with *thy* continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in *thee*, we may glorify *thy* holy Name, and finally, by *thy* mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

-A Good Read-



In this powerful and timely book, one of the most admired and authoritative religious leaders of our time tackles the phenomenon of religious extremism and violence committed in the name of God. If religion is perceived as being part of the problem, Rabbi Sacks argues, then it must also form part of the solution.

When religion becomes a zero-sum conceit—i.e., my religion is the only right path to God, therefore your religion is by definition wrong—and when individuals are motivated by what Rabbi Sacks calls “altruistic evil,” violence between peoples of different beliefs appears to be the inevitable outcome. But through an exploration of the roots of violence and its relationship to religion, and employing groundbreaking biblical analysis and interpretation, Rabbi Sacks shows that religiously inspired violence has as its source misreadings of biblical texts at the heart of all three Abrahamic faiths. By looking anew at the book of Genesis, with its foundational stories of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, Rabbi Sacks offers a radical rereading of many of the Bible’s seminal stories of sibling rivalry: Cain and Abel, Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers, Rachel and Leah.

Here is an eloquent call for people of goodwill from all faiths and none to stand together, confront the religious extremism that threatens to destroy us all, and declare: Not in God’s Name.

You can purchase at [Amazon](#)

-Vicar’s Note-

I received this note from Pam Ostrander this week and thought it would be good to share it with you. Pam speaks about friend who suddenly passed and her thoughts on losing her friend I believe are profound and important.

“I got a call about the sudden passing of a long time friend, someone with whom I had plans for lunch this coming week. I’m trying to grasp their absence and recalled In younger years my parents playing “peek a boo” with me. This silly game teaches object permanence, the idea that things and people don’t cease to exist simply because they are out of sight. I was grateful for this memory. My friend is not “gone” but still part of the communion of saints. They exist in another form in constant unity with God and others who have gone before. I can’t fully understand the mystery of it all but I can think of “peek a boo”, I’ll see you again my friend when my time comes because my hope is in the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting through Jesus Christ.”

Pam

As Christians our hope is in the resurrection and life beyond the grave. The communion of saints of which we are members is the eternal community of souls that live on beyond physical death. May we all live with hope that one day we and all of God’s children will be reunited in God’s eternal kingdom where we will live forever in peace and harmony with each other and our creator.

Peace,

Fr. Dave +