Marriages:
Steven Gonda
and Toni Brest
July 2, 2016
"Those whom God has
joined together let no
one put asunder"

Baptisms:
Steven Gonda
Steven Gonda, Jr.
July 17, 2016
"Sealed by the
Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ’s
own forever"

Change of
Address:
Sandy Geiwitz
453 McCleery St., Apt. 4
Sharon  16146

E-mail Address
Correction:
Lois Tamplin’s
e-mail address is:
loiet08@gmail.com

Sunday School
Sunday School begins on
Sunday, September 18 at
9:00 am.
Registration forms can
be found in the Narthex,
Allen Hall entrance, parish
house lounge and parish
house hallway as well as
on our website.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you are all able to join us on September 11th at 4:00pm as we continue our Parish's 150th Anniversary Celebration with a Festive Service of Evening Prayer. Bishop Sean will be joining us as our preacher for the service, and we are inviting friends from throughout the Diocese and throughout the area. A reception will follow. Thanks to all who have helped with this special evening.

Thanks, too, to the many volunteers who helped with Bible School, and especially to Katherine Huff, Laura Peretic, and Amy Clark for their leadership. Children from our parish and from the wider community enjoyed two wonderful days of creativity and learning about God's love.

At the end of August, we had an indoor parish picnic. In addition to the joyful time of fellowship, we also heard from those who have been working on our Reaching New People effort. Earlier this year, the team attended a workshop where they learned about changes in people's lives today that make some traditional church efforts to attract new people less effective, while also discovering ways that are helping churches grow, even in communities that are facing tougher times. Their plans for the next few months include member-guest events, having church meetings in public places where the church can be visible, prayerwalks, and have me hold “office hours” in places like the Penn State Shenango cafeteria and at Laurel Technical Institute so that St. John's can be present and build relationships with the next generation of potential parishioners. Look for more information about these efforts to be shared with the parish as a whole in the near future.

Peace, Adam

Buhl Memorial Service-Oakwood Cemetery
Monday, September 5 • 9:00 a.m.

A Memorial Service honoring Frank Henry and Julia Forker Buhl will be an official part of the Buhl Day ceremonies. The service will be conducted by Fr. Trambley in the Chapel at Oakwood Cemetery where the Buhls are buried.

ECW Chautauqua Retreat

The Episcopal Church Women’s Chautauqua Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, September 17. The featured speaker is Sandi Matts, author of Listen to the Whisper - Freedom in the Midst of the Storm.

Registration is $20, and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration deadline is September 10th. If you have questions or wish to make a reservation contact dianepyle@windstream.net or maryblaineprince@atlanticbb.net.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE
Time to Clean Out those Closets!

The Rummage Sale will be held for three days:

Thursday, October 13th, from 9am to 4pm
Friday, October 14th, from 9am to 4pm
Saturday, October 15th, from 9am to 2pm

Be sure to set aside good wearable items for the Rummage Sale as you change your closet over to fall attire. Plan to help with the set-up beginning Monday, October 10th at 9pm...it is like a treasure hunt going through all those goodie bags!

Donations may be placed in the downstairs hallway outside of the Sewing Room. Please do not wait till the last moment to bring in your donations. Deadline to bring in items is October 7th.
of the best “learning experiences” however, were meeting so many folks from around the country who did exactly what I do; that is, they worked in medium or small parishes much like ours that have all the same challenges. To connect with them and share stories, difficulties, triumphs and strategies was the most invaluable education I could hope for. In fact, my facebook friend list has expanded greatly with these fine musicians and now friends.

So it was certainly an “out of the box” adventure. You know, sometimes we have to take the courage to travel far afield from the familiar and well known in order to discover how much more we can do and be. Oh,...(this is a secret) I went music shopping! So watch for new choral pieces from Rob Lehman, Herbert Howells, Roland Martin (a composer I had supper with!), John Rutter and more. Speaking of new and out of the box, the choir is transitioning to new robes after many, many years. If you’d like to support us in replacing those old, somewhat tattered ones for a fresh new look, even the smallest donation would be greatly appreciated.

So as we get ready to enjoy Labor Day and say goodbye to Summer, keep in mind that the only thing that is constant is change! The only real question is this, will we embrace it confident in faith that the Lord is indeed paving our way to His greater Glory?

Ron Gracilla

Believe and Prepare Capital Campaign

You’ve had to notice! Yes, some piles of materials, caution tape blocking off areas and work trailers in the middle of the parking lots. If driving by mid-week you can see the workmen in action. Not attractive or beautiful, you say? Well, we are smiling. The exterior masonry work and re-pointing of the bricks is work that has been long overdue. It has been postponed, talked and prayed about for many years. Unable to be done in the last capital campaign, it was a high priority for this campaign.

Speaking of the campaign we are now beyond the half-way point of this five-year campaign and are grateful to have the funds available to pay this major expense. Your continued pledge contributions and any miscellaneous donations are truly appreciated. And, as always, we ask that you please keep our campaign in your prayers.

Most Sincerely, Donna and Angelo Stamoolis, Co-chairs

VBS Recap

This year’s Vacation Bible School was titled “Bible Art Camp”. The kids learned to make a variety of art projects in the context of Creation. In addition to the artwork, we had a variety of other activities including games, music, a guest origami teacher (thank you, Tony Kropp!) and holy yoga. It was so good to see all those little faces running around Allen Hall having fun!

Many thanks go out to our volunteers, especially those who sweltered in the kitchen, and outside at the games, and all of those who donated supplies and food. The Bible says “Ask and you shall receive”, and we certainly did; your generosity was overwhelming. Special thanks go to Katherine Huff, Amy Lynn Clark and Laura Peretic for creating and implementing an original program this year, which the kids loved. Make sure to check out their art pieces to be placed shortly on the Irvine Avenue side of the building.

Congratulations to Mike Mackalica who was named a Quaker Steak and Lube Employee of the Month. Great job!
Dear Fr. Trambley, Madge and people of St. John’s:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus the Christ. Amen.

I write to express my gratitude for the “utter surprise” that met me as guest celebrant on July 31. Madge, your “sneaky” behind the scenes preparations for a singular surprise were stupendous.

Fr. Trambley, as you knew, one reason for my accepting the July 31st “supply responsibilities” during your vacation was so that I could proclaim the Word and administer the Sacrament as a central part of the 45th Anniversary of my Ordination on August 1. I did not at all expect the lovely reception in my honor after each liturgy...and the delicious cake. The fact that you would—before going on vacation—make sure that this would happen means a great deal. I thank you for your friendship and collegial support.

Sally and I were deeply touched by your kindness and hospitality out of which sprang the receptions. One of the aspects of post-retirement recognitions of key ordination anniversaries is the absence of a parish community with whom to celebrate. Your kindness reminded us all that Ordination and the subsequent anniversaries are--at best--celebrations by the whole church of this sacred Call. I am so pleased to have been presiding and preaching at St. John’s on this occasion. You have all been so welcoming of us during my retirement.

All of you have been so kind to Sally and me. We appreciate it very much. Please convey our appreciation to the parish who assured a most lovely and meaningful observance of my 45th Ordination Anniversary.

In the peace of Christ and with a grateful heart,
Pastor Martin and Sally Roth

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From Our Music Director, Ron Gracilla

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Sunday, September 11th, 2016
for a Festive Service of Evening Prayer

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of
St. John’s Episcopal Church, Sharon

Reception to follow:
226 West State Street, Sharon, PA
www.stjohnssharon.org • 724.347.4501

September Events at Cana’s Corner

September 2:
“Rick Bruening”
Storyteller and folk songs

September 16:
“Two For One”
Duet singing oldies and gospel

September 30:
“Chuck Thorpe and Friends”
Singing country and gospel - bluegrass

Cana’s Corner is located in the lounge at St. John’s
7-9 PM • Refreshments and nursery are available

News from St. John’s Library

Recently two children’s books were added to our library. Keith and Tammy Rowlands donated The Christmas Story by Patricia Pingry and Baby Jesus is Born by Gloria Truitt. Both are delightful stories and illustrations of Jesus’ birth. The library would like to thank them for the additions to our children’s collection.

Barb Bogolin, Librarian • 724-347-1197

New Sign

After looking at a number of options for a new sign with a letterboard, the Vestry has decided to go with a two-pronged approach suggested by Steve VanWoert of Signs of an Art Attack. First, Steve will refurbish the current sign that stands in the parking lot, and is showing signs of wear. Second, he is rebuilding a “classic” church letterboard sign that has copper trim and will fit the feel of our building. This sign will likely go on the corner of State and Irvine. He will be able to do both of these within the budget of donations we have received, and the Vestry believed it would best fit the look of the church.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.

We will resume regular office hours beginning Tuesday, September 6.
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-Noon (closed for lunch) and 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

October 2016 Newsletter Deadline:
Please have articles for the October newsletter submitted to the office by Monday, September 19. Please e-mail all articles/events to the church or please type/print and deliver to the parish office in person.
E-mail: stjohns@stjohnssharon.org
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