St. John
The Apostle
"one sent forth - a messenger"

OCTOBER 2023

APOSTLE DEADLINE
OCTOBER 5

MARRIAGES

6-3	Austin Hornberger & Victoria Bright
8-27	Savanna Stanakis & Adam Slavinsky
9-16	Bethany Costello & Chadd Vanemon

BAPTISM

9-3 At Brandonville we welcomed Isla Margaret O'Donnell, daughter of Steven & Sara (Anthony) O'Donnell, into our Lord's Family by baptism.

TRANSFER OUT

9-6 Rngtn	Betty Marcoux

PRAYER FOR OUR PASTORAL VACANCY

Gracious God, as we prepare to call a new pastor, may we count on the support and prayers of our members just as we trust your Spirit to guide us. During this time of pastoral vacancy, we pray for patience through the call process, that when your time is right, you will lead us to our new pastoral leadership. We pray that you would keep us strong in our faith and worship life; and we thank you for blessing us with supply pastors, and worship leaders. As pastoral candidates review our ministry profile, we pray for them and their families. We ask that you would be with them as they prayerfully consider their decision to accept our call. We ask that you work through our Call Committee and guide them in their duties; give them wisdom in choosing a pastor to lead us into the future and an exciting new chapter in our life of faith and ministry. All this we ask in your Holy name. Amen

PASTOR'S PAGE

The Pastor's Page is provided by Pastor Philip Smith who is our visitation pastor during the pastoral vacancy. He will take care of hospital visits, weddings, funerals, First Communion, Catechism, pre baptismal meetings, etc.

PASTORAL CONTACT INFORMATION

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Phil Smith, visitation pastor, 570-384-3645, the church office 570-889-5203 or Marion Chupasco 570-889-3393; and she will contact pastoral coverage.

WORSHIP COMMITTEES FOR OCTOBER 2023

Brandonville
Altar: Kawa Family

Ringtown
Altar: Choir
Ushers: Ron & Ann Brown
Communion Glass Usher: Laura

PrayerPartners

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As a continuation of the on-going ministry of the Prayer Partners; you are invited to pray for members, family, friends, and the ongoing ministry of the Brandonville-Ringtown Lutheran Parish.

This list is provided for your use so that we might support each other in our efforts to be a caring Family of God.

Some people you may know well; and others not as well. A new list will appear each month.

Pray for their health, their daily ministries, their homes, families, and for their spiritual growth.

Pray that God would guide and direct their lives. Pray that they may be thankful for God's blessings and for His strength when they face difficulties.

Put the list where you will see it often---on the refrigerator, in the car---wherever you will be reminded.

Then, having been reminded, offer your prayers to God on their behalf.

Who knows the joy, comfort, or blessings that can result because we are each remembered by others in prayer. (If your APOSTLE arrives late, please include the members and petitions for those days that may have been delayed.)

IN OUR PRAYERS:
Shirley, Gary, Rod Currier, Rose, Fred Warren, Mary, Pat, Billie Jo, Albert, Lovell Kahley, Lynn Schreffler, Phyllis Shehan, Tina Shehan, Michael McColl, Erica Miscannon, Arlene, John, Pam, Mikaela, Gertrude, Dale, Eileen, Stacey Rentschler, Kat, Billy Klingerman, our Parish during the vacancy and call process, those in the armed services, our companion congregation, the Amani Parish and the South Central Diocese of Tanzania, all facing conflict and violence, all doctors, nurses, medical staff, emergency services, police, businesses, restaurants, schools, parents, family, friends, neighbors, and ministers sharing God's Words of comfort during these challenging times.

The promise of resurrection to eternal life for Betty Lawson and Robert Westervelt; and shared grief for their families.

PRAYER LIST NOTE: **To respect privacy, please be sure to ask permission from the person or their family before placing his/her name on our prayer list.**