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*Rooted in the Evangelical
and Reformed Traditions*

*We are Sowing Seeds of Hope
in a Time of Chaos*

So We May All Be One



Pentecost

Sunday

May 24, 2026

Memorial Day Sunday

Outdoor Drive-in Service: 8:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.

May 24, 2026

Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

Sanctuary Service

10:30 am

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude "Shine Jesus Shine" Kendrick Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" **No. 595**
(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

- 1) **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2) **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**
- 4) **Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place

All: **And suddenly a sound came from Heaven like the sound of a mighty wind**

Leader: And they saw what appeared to be tongues of fire that rested over each one of them

All: **Peter rose and declared what had been written by the prophet Joel that "God would pour out His Spirit on all people."**

Leader: And Peter went on to proclaim that "All who call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved."

All: **We call out to You *this morning* Lord with faith, hope, trust and love**

Leader: Send Your Holy Spirit upon us yet again.

All: **As we Worship You *this morning* in Spirit and in Truth**

***Please stand if you are able**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: Living Lord, on this day we celebrate Your sending the Holy Spirit and creating Your Church. Today we ask that You do it again. Fill us afresh and anew with Your Holy wind and fire. Remove our fear, ignite our passion, and give us the presence of mind, agility of body and courage of spirit to share Your message with the world around us both near and far. Guide our worship, transform our hearts and empower our mission and ministry as we pray the words of faith and action You taught us;....

***The Lord's Prayer –**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the One Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Special Music (10:30 a.m.)

Jane Shoemaker

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” arr. by Larson

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

No. 306

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

Choir Anthem

“Swinging Jazzy Saints” Rentz

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19: 11-12

Jeff Conner

Scripture Reading

Acts 2: 1-8

Sermon

“The Power of Pentecost”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

Hymn

“Sweet Sweet Spirit”

No. 261

1) There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

Invitation for Faithful Giving

Offertory

“Battle Hymn of the Republic” Howe

Todd Baldosser

***Doxology**

No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Offering**

All: Holy Spirit breathe into us and fill us with Your peace. Let Your Presence be known in every life. Touch the ministry of this Church here at home and around the world. Receive these tithes and offerings as the outpouring of grateful and faithful hearts. Use them to fan the flame of Your work, that lives may be transformed, spirits strengthened and Your Word proclaimed to the ends of the earth. In Jesus' Name. Amen

***Closing Hymn "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"**

No. 720

(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 3)

- 1) **O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed full grace on thee,
and crown thy good with servanthood
from sea to shining sea.**

- 2) **O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine.**

- 3) **O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

***Benediction**

***Please join us in the singing of the Congregational Benediction**

Go Now In Peace/Never be afraid/God will go with you/Each hour of ev'ry Day/Go now in Faith/Steadfast, strong and true/Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in Love/And show you believe/Reach out to others/So all the world can see/God will be there/Watching from above/Go now in Peace/In Faith and in Love. Amen/Amen/Amen.

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Postlude

"God Bless America" Berlin

Todd Baldosser

Pastor Steve's Quote of the Week

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its trouble but empties today of its joy."

George Seaton Bowes

19th Century Pastor and Professor

Dr. Swisher's message next week:

Sunday, May 31, 2026

"A Vacation Invitation from Jesus"

Matthew 11: 28-30

Sermon Notes

To our members, dear friends and visitors:

You are an important part of the worship and ministry that goes on here and we are thankful for your presence. Please sign the attendance pads on the tables. Thank you!



Sally Kay Penrose

Born: October 8, 1943

Died: April 11, 2026

A member of St. John's since 1956

A Memorial Service will be at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2026, after our 10:30 a.m. service.



Charles David "Dave" Carpenter

Born: July 17, 1935

Died: May 18, 2026

A member of St. John's since 1962

Visitation will be Wednesday at Brucker and Kishler from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and funeral service on Thursday at 11 a.m.



Strengthen the Church

Today, May 24, 2026, is Pentecost Sunday, a day when we celebrate the birth of the church. Many people will wear red (which is traditional to the celebration).

We will collect a special offering within the UCC today called "Strengthen the Church." This is our opportunity to build up the body of Christ. Funds are used to support leadership development, provide grants to new congregations, and equip youth and young adult ministry. Envelopes are included in the bulletin. Thank you for your support of this outreach ministry.

Read the Bible in a Year

Journey Together: Our Year in the Bible

Reading Guides and bookmarks are available in the Fellowship room and on line at www.stjohnsnewark.org

Additional Books & Resources in the Church Library

Reading List for May 24 —May 30 (Days 260-266)

Sunday—Daniel 10-12

Thursday—Hosea 11-14

Monday— Hosea 1-3

Friday—Joel 1-3

Tuesday—Hosea 4-6

Saturday—Amos 1-3

Wednesday—Hosea 7-10

Memorial Day 2026

Tribute



Colonel John Jansheski - Navy

Connor Boyce - Navy



Sharon Foucht Alvarez
– Air Force

Glenn C. Applegate –
Navy

Ed Bagent – Army

“Red” Bebout – Navy

Richard Boyd – Army

Larry Crane – Army

Joan Mumaw

Claypool-

Air Force

Ron Claypool –

Air Force

Scott Claypool –
Air Force

Richard Conner –
Navy

Mel Cunningham –

Army & Air force

Wilbert Davis – Army

Charles E. Dudley –

Army

Weldon Dudley, Jr –

Army

Joseph Dunn

Richard E. (Dick) Dunn
– Army

James Everett – Army,
National Guard

Gerald F. Farmer –
Marines

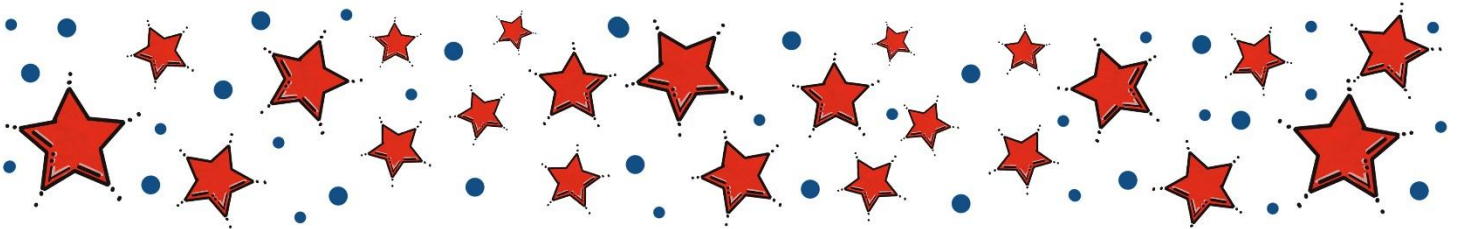
Kenneth Ford, Jr –

Marines

Charles Foucht – Navy

Steve Foucht –

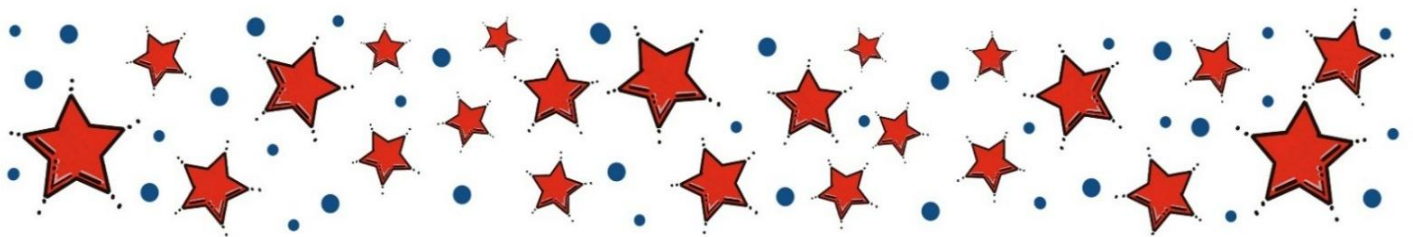
Air Force



Ed Fulk – Army
Charles Gillham –
Army
Ron Gordon –
Air Force
Larry Hamm – Army
Nat'l Guard, Army
Reserves
Don Handel – Army
Larry Handel - Army
Lester Handel – Army
Loren Hewitt – Army
Richard Hickman –
Army
Terry Hill – Army
James Hostetler - Army
& Ohio Nat'l Guard
Pat Huff – Women's
Army Corp
David Hummel – Navy
Edward F. Hummel –
Army
Edward C. Hummel –
Navy
Melvin Imler –
Air Force
Ralph William (Bill)
Jackson –Navy
Waide James – Army

John Jansheski –
Air Force
William Jansheski –
Navy
Larry Jones – Air Force
Will Kern – Air Force
Gary Kinser – Marines
Louis Lammers, Jr. –
Marines
William E. Lange –
Army - Spec 4 & Air
Force Reserves
William Lavelle –
Army
Dr. Owen Lee – Army
Charles May - Air
Force
Christopher W.
McInturf – Marines
Timothy W. McInturf –
Marines
George McInturf –
Navy
William Miller – Army
Brodi Moeller – Army
Michael Moeller –
Marines
Richard K. Muhleman
– Army

Kelly Ann Nill -
Air Force
Spencer Penrose -
Air Force
John Pfeffer- Army,
Air Force (POW)
Terry Priest
Rev. Glenn Rettig –
Army - WWII
Grant A. Rhodes –
Army
Jerry Satterfield –
Air Force
Merle E. Scheetz –
Army
Russell Snider – Army
Brice D. Shumaker –
Army
James L. Shumaker -
Army
Allie Snow – Air Force
Allen Tilton –
Coast Guard
Don Trout – Air Force
Ernest Vannest – Army





SALUTING

THOSE FROM OUR ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FAMILY WHO LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE IN MILITARY SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES

St. Joseph Painter - d. [10/22/43](#) in North Africa

Staff Sgt. Herbert Bostwick - d. [6/3/44](#) in the South Pacific

Grant A. Rhodes - d. [4/1/66](#) in Viet Nam

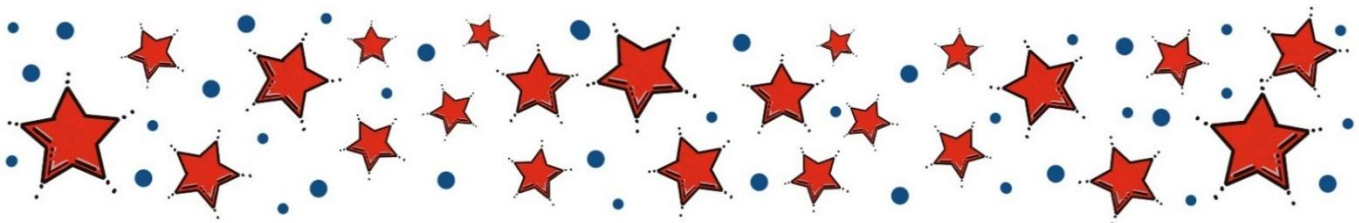
Lance Corporal Kenneth Ford, Jr. - d. [12/16/69](#) in Quang Nam, South Viet
Nam

Sgt. Rolando T. Alvarez - d. [6/17/72](#) in Pittsville, PA

Sgt. Sharon Kay Foucht Alvarez O [6/17/72](#) in Pittsville, PA

Specialist Waide T. James - d. [12/1/2009](#) in New York, NY

SFC Bradley F. Hughes - d. [4/24/2011](#) in Afghanistan

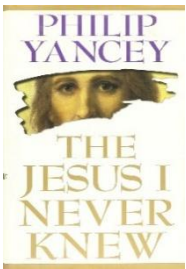




St. John's Little Free Pantry

Take what you need. Give what you can.

To replenish our food pantry every day we need your help every week. There are collection boxes near each entrance to the Church. Keep in mind that many of the people using this pantry have limited cooking facilities. Ollie's, Dollar Tree, and Aldi's are good places to find foods at good prices. Cans with pull tabs when possible and no glass containers! Thanks for your support! <https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>



Book Study Group

The book study group meets every Thursday at the River Road Coffee House on the north side of the square in downtown Newark. We will gather on May 28 at 11am to enjoy fellowship and conversation about our recent book selection. We are reading "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey. This book won the Gold Medallion Christian Book of the Year Award in 1996 and looks at Jesus Christ - his teachings, his miracles, and his death and resurrection. The book is available online. We would love to have you join us. We will continue to get together in June to enjoy food, fellowship and learning together as we discuss "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Phillip Yancy. Come join us, we'll have a place at the table for you.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – PRAYER LIST

OUR PRAYER LIST IS DEDICATED TO BEA PURSLEY, WHO LOVINGLY DEDICATED HER TIME TO OUR CHURCH MINISTRY AND PROVIDED THIS LIST FOR SEVERAL YEARS.



Bea's Blessings! will transition back to its original email prayer chain as of June 1, 2026, since we have been able to add the prayer chain list to our newer Constant Contact platform that we use for the bulletin preview and the monthly Chimes newsletter.

During May, we will list Bea's Blessings! prayer requests on both the back of the bulletin and on the email prayer chain in order to give you additional time to sign up for Bea's Blessings email list. We will then discontinue the bulletin version on June 1. Please fill out the Stay Connected form below to add your name to continue to receive Bea's Blessings! if you are not already on the list. This prayer list is for prayer concerns for anyone, like friends, neighbors, etc.

stayCONNECTED

St. John's has many ways for you to stay up to date and connected with all the events and happenings.

To add to or change your current requests, fill out the information below and drop it in the offering plate.

_____ Sunday Preview: Email of the Sunday bulletin and special events.

_____ Bea's Blessings: Emailed Prayer Circle including a wider network of requests.

_____ One Call Now: A phone call for cancelations and special announcements.

_____ The Chimes newsletter delivered by mail.

_____ The Chimes newsletter delivered electronically by email.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

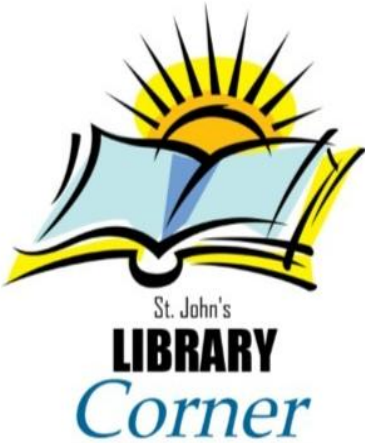


SEE ALSO



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Summer Reading Program!



Designed for **adults, teens, and kids**—because everyone needs a place to learn, connect, and be inspired. Whether you're diving into deeper study, exploring new stories, or reading with your child - discover the joy of reading.

June through August
New books arriving soon!

Continue to let us know what books you are interested in by filling in the information below and drop in the collection plate or write it on the **NEW white board** in the Church Library.



Book Title: _____ Author: _____

Suggested by: _____ Contact information: _____

If you have any questions, see our librarian Catherine Lim or email stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net.

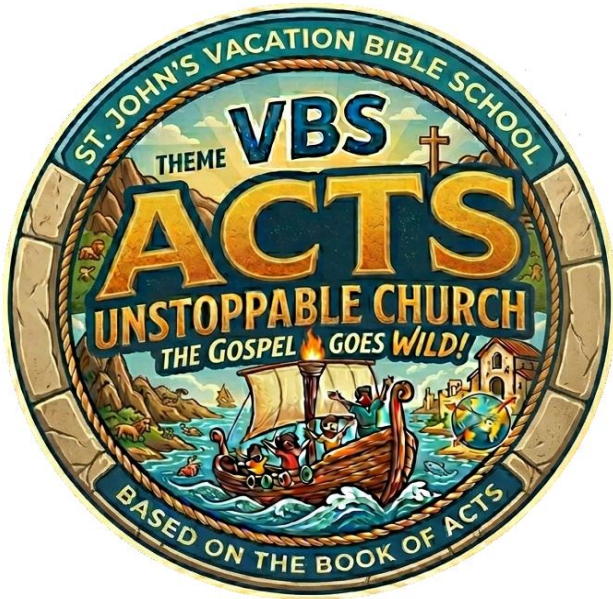
Finances for the Month and Year to Date

<u>General Fund Income</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
Congregation giving (Faith Promise)	8,869.52	38,181.33
Income from Foundation Fund	11,500.00	46,000.00
Monthly Income from Emerson Miller Fund	3,758.33	15,033.32
Month & YTD Total Income	25,552.99	103,315.37
General Fund Expenses	23,936.03	101,811.19
Over/Under Month & YTD	\$ 1,616.96	\$ 1,504.18



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St. John's United Church of Christ



Vacation Bible
School

June 23 - 27

9:00AM—11:30-AM

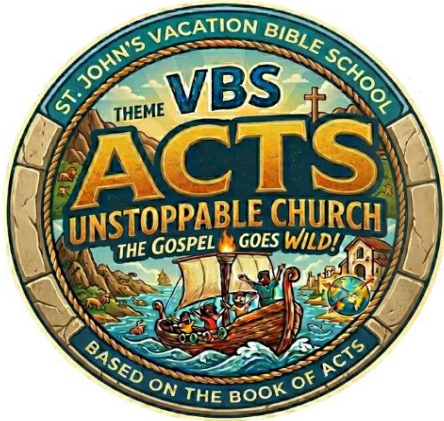
This year, we will follow the leaders of the early church through their wild adventures unbelievable challenges!

Join us for a week filled with Bible stories, crafts, science, games, and FUN!

Donations of vanilla pudding cups, pretzel rods, coco puffs, Oyster crackers, fruit roll-ups, goldfish crackers, red and blue Hawaiian punch are appreciated

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Preschool through Sixth Grade

June 22 - 26, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Child's age: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

In case of emergency (when the parent/guardian cannot be reached), please contact:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Please list any allergies (including food allergies) the VBS staff should be aware of: _____

Person responsible for picking up this child at the end of each VBS day:

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Photographs (Please sign only to disallow photo use)

I Do Not allow photographs and/or video representations of me or my child to be taken for the express purpose of telling stories about the church VBS experience and/ or promoting church activities in the future.

Signature _____ Date _____



General Prayers: Charlie Bruah,
Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout,
Eli Taylor, Carl Kochendorfer, Trisha
Boehmer, Delores Williams & family and friends of
David Carpenter.

**Church Members Homebound and Nursing
Facility Residents:** Bonita Farmer, Patricia Gilbert,
Paula Hatfield, Rosalie Johnson, Faith Kelly,
Delores and Harold McDonald, Esther Gillham,
Helen McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler, Molly
Sheets, Debi Snow, & Lois Meyers



**Additional prayer requests on Bea's
Blessings:**

- Dennis Maddy – Rebecca Swartz's brother
- Rev. Harvey Antle – is home now after a stroke
(Terry Hill's uncle in Kentucky)
- Ashley (Robin Green's Granddaughter) – Recent
Lupus diagnosis
- Beth Crawford – has improved, moved to a long
term care facility!
- Carly (Teresa McCoy's daughter)
- Calvin Campbell –shoulder surgery went well.
- Christina (Carolyn Igo's daughter) –
Cancer diagnosis
- Mr. Ron Baker (Chuck Chirdon's father
under Hospice Care)
- Mrs. Barbara Swisher

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

10:30 a.m. Diane Reef

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Terry Gano,

Barry Dooley, Gary Kinser

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer

Bible Discovery Zone:

No Class – Summer Break

Media Worship Team:

Sound & Video:

8:00 am: Mike Dooley

10:30 am: Ken Kroah & Julie Kroah

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 9am –12
pm. Please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a
message to make any additional appointments.
Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S GLANCE



**Sunday: May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

10:30 am Sanctuary Service

Monday: Memorial Day
Office closed

Wednesday:

6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus

Thursday:

11:00 am Thursday Book Study, THE
JESUS I NEVER KNEW by
Phillip Yancey at River
Road Coffee on the Square

Sunday: May 31, 2026

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

10:30 am Sanctuary Service

11:30 am Sally Penrose Memorial
Service

Live streaming is now available on Facebook. If you
missed the Live stream, you can watch a replay anytime
on our YouTube or Facebook pages. Links for both of
these sites can be found on our church website at
www.stjohnsnewark.org

Attendance Report for Sunday, May 17, 2026
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Sunday, May 17 Live Stream Views – 214

Thank you for your continued support! In
addition to your giving in person, by drop
off, by mail, or by clicking on the donate
button on the website, you can also scan
this QR Code. We continue to find new
ways to connect with our members and
our community that are convenient, secure, helpful, and
relevant to the ways in which some people prefer to
donate. We thank God for our ability to offer these
methods for those who may choose to use them.

