

Holy Week is Here!

As we begin the most important week in the church calendar, our wish for you is that it will be a very fruitful week. Take advantage of the special services and Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us all. Have a Holy Week!

~ Fr. Joe, Fr. Ralph & Staff

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be NO 6:45 or 9:00 AM Mass on Thursday, March 20th or Friday, March 21st. See insert for Holy Week Mass and services schedule.

NO Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction this week

There will be no Holy Hour this Thursday, March 20th. Instead, please join us for our celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM. This Mass is followed by a procession to the altar of repose. Children are invited to participate in this procession. Please call Sr. Martha if you would like to take part. Altar Servers are also needed for this procession. Following the Mass, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 PM.

Palm Sunday Procession

At each of the Masses on Palm Sunday, after the celebrant has blessed the palms, we ask that the parishioners in the first four pews of the center section join in the procession by following the altar servers.



Easter Sign up Sheets

Eucharistic Minister sign up sheets for Holy Week and the Easter Masses are in the rectory hallway. Please sign up for whichever Mass or Service you plan on attending.

Confessions Holy Week

Confessions will be heard here at St. John's on Monday, March 17th and Wednesday, March 19th at 1:00 & 6:30 PM.

Parish Pastoral Council Opening

We currently have openings on the Parish Pastoral Council. For an application or for information, contact the rectory office at 732-8521.

Please note: All parish offices will be closed on Friday, March 21st in observance of Good Friday.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to contribute toward the flowers this Easter, please use the envelope provided in your packet, or send a donation along with your request to the rectory. Names of persons in whose honor or memory they are given will be listed in the bulletin.



Morning Rosary – The rosary is recited every morning immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass.

Blessing of Food

Easter food will be blessed on Saturday, March 22nd at Noon here in church.

Volunteers needed to help decorate

We will begin decorating the altar for Easter on Saturday, March 22nd at 7:00 AM. Please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number if you are able to help.



St. John's Nursery School

St. John's Nursery School is currently accepting applications for the 2008/2009 school year. At St. John's we have a 3 yr old program and a 4 yr old program with a full time teacher and teacher assistant in each classroom. Our program offers story time, music, directed crafts, creative art projects, computer basics, improvement of small and large motor skills, beginning Sign language, beginning Spanish, Kindermusik and more, all in a loving and caring environment. The emphasis in our 3 yr old program is socialization and in the 4 yr old program it is on Kindergarten readiness. For times and availability please call Anne Freytag at 724-4347. Visit the website at www.number1preschool.com.

MASS INTENTIONS: MARCH 15 - 23

Saturday, March 15 (Vigil) Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

4:00 Thomas A. Scalzi – Donna Maunz & Walter
Jadniak

4:00 Joseph P. Miller – Wife & Family

4:00 John C. Waszkiewicz – Joe & Kay Zalewski

Sunday, March 16 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

7:30 Deceased Members of the Carney Family –
Family

7:30 Christine Geiersbach Usmail – Family

7:30 Arden Atkins – St. John's Parish

9:00 Don Snook – Madelin Ostrom

9:00 Joyce Teesdale – Children & Family

9:00 Joseph Hamlin – Martin Hernon Family

10:30 Henry J. Ziemba & Parents Apolonia &
Alexander – Ziemba Estate

10:30 Mathilda Boyer – Ken & Loretta Boyer

10:30 William Ball, Sr. – William & Terena Ball

Monday, March 17 – Monday of Holy Week

6:45 Helen Pardi – Nicole Hobika & Jason Pardi

6:45 Margaret Stima – M/M Louis Nagy

6:45 Ben Hobe – Denise & Joe Luker

9:00 In Honor of St. Patrick

9:00 Patrick Orsino – Bonnie Backman

9:00 Carol Sator – Wanda Gregory

Tuesday, March 18 – Tuesday of Holy Week

6:45 Daniel Kelly – Catherine Sleeper

6:45 Sr. Catherine Giglio – Dcn Ed & Cathy Kernan

9:00 Bernard Perri – Nelli & Francis Perri

9:00 Eugene Pasciak – St. John's Parish

Wednesday, March 19 – Wednesday of Holy Week

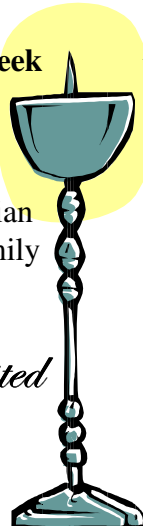
6:45 The People of St. John's

9:00 In Honor of St. Joseph

9:00 Helen Stemmer – Stemmer Family

9:00 Catherine Riggles – George & Mary Kazanjian
& Family

*Sanctuary Light in Memory of
Christine Geiersbach Usmail Requested
by the Connie Michaelsen Family.*



Thursday, March 20 – Mass of the Lord's Supper NO 6:45 OR 9:00 AM MASS TODAY

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 21 – Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

NO 6:45 OR 9:00 AM MASS TODAY

3:00 PM Good Friday Solemn Liturgy

7:00 PM Tenebrae Service

Saturday, March 22 – Easter Vigil

NO 8:00 AM OR 4:00 PM MASS TODAY

7:00 PM Easter Vigil – The People of St. John's

Sunday, March 23 – Easter Sunday

7:30 Bernice Lowell – Husband Ken

7:30 Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Hayes – Family

7:30 Henry J. Ziemba & Parents Apolonia &
Alexander – Ziemba Estate

9:00 Patricia Ficano – John & Anita Inman &
Family

9:00 Jack Carey - Jane

10:30 John C. Waszkiewicz, III – Salvatore & Marcia
Rizzo

10:30 Raymond Randall, Sr. – Wife & Children

10:30 Marian Hamlin & Joseph Hamlin – Joseph
Hamlin Family

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4;
John 20:1-9

Gospel question of the week for March 23rd

Adult: What can I point to in my own behavior as a sign of the power of Christ's resurrection working in my life?

Child: What is one good deed that I can do for someone this week to show that I am a child of the light?



St. John the Evangelist Church

ADULT DINING CENTER

Monday, March 17 – St. Patrick’s Flag Raising,
Music with Jeff Glatt, Watercolor Class, Knitting &
Crocheting, Aerobics, Computer

Tuesday, March 18 – Bridge, Entertainment,
Computer

Wednesday, March 19 – AARP Tax Aide, Yoga,
Chair Yoga, BINGO

Thursday, March 20 – Pinochle, Ballroom Dancing,
Computer

**Friday, March 21 – Center Closed in observance
of Good Friday**

St. Patrick’s Day Celebrations

On Monday, March 17th New Hartford Seniors, representatives of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Town, Village, County Officials and Irish Citizens will help celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with festive music by Jeff O’Glatt. At 11:30 AM there will be an Irish Program and flag raising ceremony in front of the Center followed by a corned beef and cabbage luncheon. Call the Center for lunch reservations.

Free Income Tax Assistance

Free income tax assistance for seniors will be provided on Wednesday, March 19th from 9:00 AM – Noon. Appointments for this service can be made by calling the Senior Center at 724-8966.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to please be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East to protect the Holy Places and Christian Shrines. Few places in the world are as precious to Catholics as those where Jesus Christ, Our Savior, walked and taught...lived and died. Your generosity can help keep alive those Holy Places and the Franciscan Missionaries who serve the people there. Please be as generous as you can to our less fortunate sisters and brothers in the Holy Land when the annual collection for the people of the Holy Land is taken up on Good Friday, March 21st at the 3:00 PM celebration of the Lord’s Passion.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes are at the usual times Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

Thursday is Holy Thursday. Children are invited to be part of the Holy Thursday procession. Please let Sr. Martha know if you will be present.

First Communion Parent and child, session 3 will meet next week on Thursday, March 27th at 6:15 PM and Saturday, March 29th at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center.

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors will have rehearsal for Confirmation on Saturday, March 29th at Noon in Church. If your sponsor cannot be present, please bring a substitute to rehearsal.

The bishop’s office has scheduled **Confirmation for March 30th at 1:00 PM.**

Child Church takes place at the 10:30 AM Mass. All children are invited.

Sr. Lynn Abdelnour Youth Ministry

The Youth Group will meet on Sunday, March 16th from 4:00 – 5:30 PM in the Youth Ministry Room.

Thank you from the Youth Group

The Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone for supporting our Spaghetti Dinner and the recent \$1.00 collection after all the Masses last weekend. The Youth Group was able to make up 78 Easter Baskets for underprivileged children. We appreciate all that you do to help our youth ministry.

FINANCES

Collection –	Week Ending:	March 09, 2008
Regular Collection		\$ 9,861.50
Loose Cash		\$ 689.00
Total		\$ 10,550.50

Thank You



Palm Sunday

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE 2008



HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008

No 6:45 or 9:00 AM Mass

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00 PM

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until

11:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2008

SOLEMN LITURGY

3:00 PM

TENEBRAE SERVICE

(SCRIPTURE, MUSIC AND PRAYER)

7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2008

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

12:00 NOON IN CHURCH

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL LITURGY

7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

MARCH 23, 2008

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

