

A WARM WELCOME TO JAMIE SCHULTZ

This weekend at all the Masses, please say hello to our seminarian, Jamie who will be with us at St. John's until next Spring. Jamie is 34 years old, hails from the Norwich/Sherburne area and will be ordained a priest in 2011. Welcome to St. John's, Jamie!!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: There will be NO Daily Masses on Tuesday, Sept 16th or Wednesday, Sept 17th due to the Annual Clergy Conference.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

A holy hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction will be held on **Thursday, September 18th** at 7:00 PM. Come and adore the Lord Jesus bodily present in the Eucharist.

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III. Thomas Platt & Susan Smith



St. John's Playgroup Resumes

St. John's Tuesday Morning Playgroup will resume on Tuesday, Sept 16, 2008. The Group meets Tues mornings from 9:15 – 11:15 AM in the basement Nursery Room. Parents, caregivers and children of all ages are welcome. For more info, contact Laura at 735-8361. New members are always welcome!

Newsletter Committee Opening

The newsletter committee is looking for people who have access to & knowledge of Microsoft Publisher or similar software. If you would like to hone your skills by helping with the quarterly publication of *The Evangelist*, please contact the rectory office at 732-8521 or email at irenestjohnsnh@adelphia.net. We are looking for photographs of activities here at St. John's, parishioner news, ideas, suggestions, etc, for inclusion in the Newsletter. Let us know what is happening that is interesting to you!

Fellowship/Hospitality

The Fellowship/Hospitality Group will meet on Wednesday, September 17th in the Hayes Room at 9:30 AM. All parishioners are invited to join in for coffee, cakes and socialization. We come together to meet and visit with fellow parishioners and to learn of some of the events taking place in our parish. There are no membership fees or obligations to participate in activities. Please come and bring a friend. We hope to see new faces, along with our regular attendees. For more info call Milly at 732-2037.

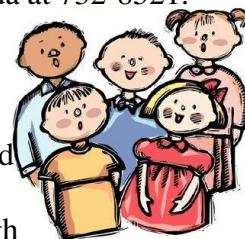
Adult Choir Needs YOU!

Our Adult Choir will resume singing at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, September 14th. As every year, we again look for new singers. We are a friendly, congenial group and the music we sing is varied and not difficult. The joy of singing will be a reward in itself, not to speak of the blessings the Lord gives to those who give of themselves. If you would like to give it a try or would just like to check it out, come to a rehearsal! We hope that you will give some serious thought to becoming a member of our choir. **Regular rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the choir loft. Please join us!** For more info, call Thilda at 732-8521.



Young Singers of St. John's, Your Parish Needs You!

Many parishioners are asking for the Junior Choir! Your voices add so much to the liturgy. Boys and girls from grade three through high school, who like to sing, please join us! Help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Music is a special gift that brings you and the entire congregation closer to God. Rehearsals start on Wednesday, September 24th at 5:30 PM. On that evening we will have a pizza party in the Daly Room. Parents are invited to join us for a piece of pizza and a short meeting at 6:15 PM to discuss plans for the coming year, scheduling, etc. We look forward to the 24th.



Collection Volunteer Needed

We need a volunteer or volunteers, who can work 2 ½ - 3 hours on Sundays (9:30 AM until work is finished) to supervise our student collection cashiers. Our longtime supervisor, Jack Hart, is retiring after 20 years of volunteering in that capacity. We cannot thank Jack enough for his 20 years of conscientious service. May God Bless you Jack, and your wife Rosemary too, for your generous donation of time and talent.

MASS INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER 13 - 21

Saturday, September 13 – (Vigil) Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5:00 Ron Jones – The Spellman Family
5:00 Stanley Kupiec – Kupiec Family
5:00 Jerry Schillo - Family

Sunday, September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 Edward Ziobro – St. John’s Parish
7:30 L. Daniel Callan – St. John’s Parish
7:30 Jack Alofs – Wife Marguerite
9:00 Mary & Robert Zito – Maida Family
9:00 James Riley – Wife Jackie
9:00 Henry J. Ziemba, Parents Apolonia & Alexander - Daughters
10:30 Francis P. Campion – Daughter & Family
10:30 Jacob Van Ravenzwaaij – Russell & Genevieve Cahill
10:30 Richard Teesdale – Godchild Karen

Monday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

6:45 The People of St. John’s
9:00 Eileen Howe – Jean Thomas
9:00 Daniel Callan – Margaret Fariello

Tuesday, September 16 – Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

NO MASSES TODAY, CLERGY CONFERENCE

Wednesday, September 17 – St. Robert Bellarmine

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Thursday, September 18 – Weekday

6:45 Mary Szymkiewicz - Family
9:00 Daniel Callan – Bill & Mary Bonsted
9:00 Kathleen McGinty – St. John’s Parish
9:00 Louis D’Ambro – Ron & Joan Evans



Friday, September 19 – St. Januarius

6:45 Carl Nelson – St. John’s Parish
9:00 John R. McGough (1st Anniv) Wife Josephine
9:00 Deceased Members of the Maguire & McCann Families – Hank & Marie McCann
5:00 Platt/Smith Wedding

Saturday, September 20 – Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang

8:00 Antoinette Griffith – St. John’s Parish

Saturday, September 20 – (Vigil) 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 Thomas Croghan – Bob & Jill Humphrey
5:00 Marion Meehan Belden – Joe Ficano
5:00 David Riggles, I – George & Mary Kazanjian & Family

Sunday, September 21 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Marion Belden - Family
7:30 Joan Kearns – Celeste Peters Pylman
9:00 Arthur Trozzi, Sr. – Steve & Beth Guzski
9:00 Jennie Parlato – Husband Joseph
9:00 Bill Grygiel, Sr. - Family
10:30 Marguerite Nobles – Pat & Lorne Willis
10:30 Rita Xavier - Family
10:30 Pat Ficano – Sally Landrio

NEXT SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-9 (133A); Philipians 1:20c-24, 27a;
Matthew 20:1-16a

Gospel question of the week for September 21st

Adult: When have I, in my humanness, limited the scope and breadth of God’s grace?

Child: In your experience, when has God acted in a way that went beyond your expectations?

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

ADULT DINING CENTER

Monday, September 15 – Yoga, Watercolor Class, Spanish, Knitting & Crocheting, Aerobics, Theater Group

Tuesday, September 16 – Bridge, Entertainment, BINGO

Wednesday, September 17 – Yoga, Chair Yoga, Robert Black, RPH talk on “Shingles Shots”

Thursday, September 18 – Pinochle, Ballroom Dancing, Computer, Birthday Party, AARP Driving

Friday, September 19 – Bridge, Aerobics, AARP Driving

Make a Difference Breakfast

On Saturday, October 18th from 7:30 – 10:30 AM, the Senior Center will hold a “Make a Difference Breakfast” with a rummage sale. Donated items for the rummage sale may be brought to the Center on weekdays between 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM. Proceeds will go to the Hope House and Your Neighbors, Inc.

Smart Shopper Books

We continue to sell Smart Shopper books for '09, “Lights of the City”, and “Entertainment” books at the Center for \$20. While supplies last, you can get both the '08 & '09 Smart Shopper books (2 for the price of one!). Monies raised will help benefit our Senior Center. Thank you in advance for your support.

Shingle Shots

On Wednesday, September 17th at 11:00 AM, Robert Black, owner of Randall’s Pharmacy, will speak to seniors about up-to-date information on shingle shots.

FINANCES

Collection –	Week Ending:	September 7, 2008
Regular Collection	\$	10,245.50
Loose Cash	\$	607.50
Total	\$	10,853.00
Water for Life Missions	\$	4,153.00

Thank You

Next Weekend: Catholic University

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education letters will be mailed this week. If you have not registered, please do so now as we need them as soon as possible. Classes for Kindergarten through grade 9 begins on September 22nd.

Confirmation II class begins at 7:00 PM on September 15th in the Parish Center.

Catechists are busy people who make sharing their faith a priority in their lives. Please consider how you could be part of this important ministry. We will bless the Catechists next week at all the Masses

Child Church takes place during the 10:30 Mass. Children are welcome.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry will be starting up again on Sunday, Sept 21st from 4:00 – 5:30 PM in the Youth Ministry room. All youths in grades 7 – 12 are invited to join us! For our first get-together we will be discussing a new television and the ever-popular Youth Ministry sponsored **Haunted House**. Come and bring a friend. See you there! ~Sr. Lynn

Journey of Faith 2008

The Word of God in the Life of the Church

Join other people of faith as we experience the many ways the Word of God continues to be present to us today. Dan Schutte’s keynote reflection and music (*Here I Am, Lord; Table of Plenty; Gather the People*), beautiful prayer experiences & a variety of workshops – all bring the Word of God to life. Concert is Friday, September 26th at 7:00 PM at St. Margaret’s Church in Mattydale. Prices are Adults-\$15, students under 18-\$8. Conference is Saturday, September 27th from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the OnCenter in Syracuse. To register for Conference, contact your parish catechetical leader or www.syracusediocese.org.



THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK SEPTEMBER 28, 2008



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass on September 28, 2008. The information below explains who should receive this sacrament. Those who wish to be anointed are kindly asked to contact Wanda Gregory at 732-8521.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should be given to those of the faithful who are seriously ill. It is not only for those who are at the point of death. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, citing the Second Vatican Council, states that “as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, then the fitting time for him or her to receive this sacrament has certainly arrived.” (CCC, 1514) For example, an elderly person who has become weakened to the point that death could ensue, even if death may not be imminent and he or she is not gravely ill, nevertheless should be anointed. For many centuries, until only recently, the Anointing of the Sick was almost exclusively understood as preparation for imminent death. Father Oscar Lukefahr explains the shift in the church’s pastoral practice that was brought about by the Second Vatican Council’s renewed understanding of the holistic benefit of this sacrament:

“The pastoral practice of the Church today calls for the Anointing of the Sick in case of serious illness-physical, emotional or mental. Thus a person might be anointed when sick with pneumonia, when preparing for surgery, when seriously depressed or when weak from the burdens of old age. Anointing would not usually be administered for colds or other minor illnesses.”

The ritual for the Sacrament of Anointing explains that this sacrament gives God’s grace to the sick for the good of the whole person. The sick are encouraged to trust in God and are fortified against temptations and anxiety. They are helped to bear suffering bravely and to conquer it. They are strengthened by God for a return to health if this will be beneficial to their salvation, or for their entry into everlasting life. If they are unable to receive the sacrament of penance, their sins will be forgiven by the anointing. (Quotations taken from “*We Believe...*” *A Survey of the Catholic Faith*, Liguori Publications, 1990 pp. 138 & 139 respectively.)