

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

A holy hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction will be held on **Thursday, September 25th** at 7:00 PM. Come and adore the Lord Jesus bodily present in the Eucharist.

St. John's Playgroup Resumes

St. John's Tuesday Morning Playgroup has resumed. The Group meets Tuesday 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!

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Sunday, September 28, 2008 at 10:30 AM

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the 10:30 Mass on September 28th. Those who wish to be anointed are kindly asked to contact Wanda Gregory at 732-8521. There will be reserved seating for those to be anointed during the Mass. There is an area in one of the pew sections that can accommodate persons in wheelchairs. The entrance to the Church near the Oxford Rd parking lot is handicapped accessible. **This parking lot will be reserved for handicapped persons. Other parishioners are asked not to park in this lot for this Mass.** Volunteers will be in Church to assist anyone who needs help entering Church or getting seated. Transportation will have to be arranged by the family or caregiver. Refreshments will be served after the Mass.

Adult Choir Needs YOU!

Our Adult Choir has resumed singing at the 10:30 Mass. 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 seeing you on the 24th.



Coffee/Cookie Social

Please join us in the church auditorium after the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, September 21st, for our monthly Coffee/Cookie Social. Meet some of your fellow parishioners and enjoy some delicious coffee and cookies.

Golf Tickets

Thanks to all of our golf fans who supported our ticket sale. Purchases totaled \$1,870, which will be refunded in total to St. John's because we exceeded the qualifying threshold of \$1,000 necessary to retain proceeds. Enjoy the tournament!

MASS INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER 20 - 28

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

Monday, September 22 – Weekday

6:45 Marion Meehan Belden – Agnes Meehan Grygiel
9:00 Susan Duffy Flaherty – Gloria Duffy

Tuesday, September 23 – St. Pio of Pietrelcina

6:45 The People of St. John's
9:00 Mollie DeGironimo – St. John's Parish
9:00 Daniel Callan – Bill & Rosemary Ashmore

Wednesday, September 24 – Weekday

6:45 Frederick Dwyer – Friend
6:45 Stanley F. Krauza – Tebsherany Family
9:00 Anne & Alan Wood – The McCann Family
9:00 Richard Sheehan – Teresa Sheehan

Thursday, September 25 – Weekday

6:45 William Fulmer – The Giffune Family
9:00 Kathleen McGinty – Mollie Provasnik
9:00 Frank Tobiasz – John McMillan

Friday, September 26 – Sts. Cosmas & Damian

6:45 Rita McKeon – Family
9:00 Charles Dino (Anniv) - Wife
9:00 Jack Alofs – Family
9:00 90th Birthday for Frances Utton – Lee McGrew & Alice Hart

Saturday, September 27 – St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 Marie Martell – Wanda Gregory
8:00 Kaylee Brooks – Family
8:00 Deceased Members of the Carney Family – Family

Saturday, September 27 – (Vigil) 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 Barbara Bonanza – John & Barbara Klein
5:00 Thomas J. Miller – Gertrude Miller
5:00 Mary Virkler – George & Mary Kazanjian & Family

Sunday, September 28 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Special Intention for Marie Potter – Mary Ann Marshall & Nick Sheldon
9:00 Richard Ryan – Raymond A. Hensel
9:00 Mary Murad – Steve & Beth Guzski
9:00 Richard P. LaMonte – Sister Carolyn & Family
10:30 Jane Hiller – Russell & Genevieve Cahill
10:30 Camilla Jerominek – Wanda Gregory
10:30 Elizabeth Ball – William & Terena Ball

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

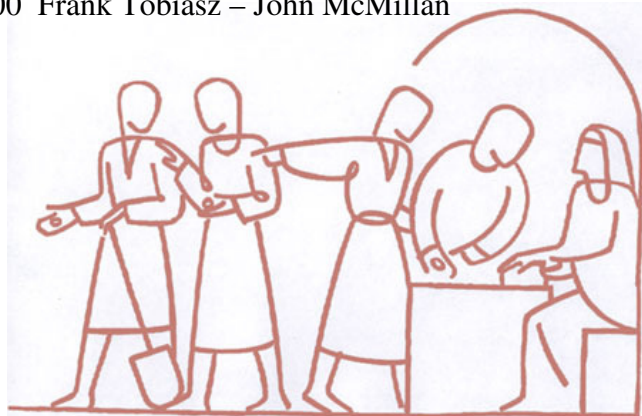
Ezekiel 18:25-28 (136A0; Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Matthew 21:28-32

Gospel question of the week for September 28th

Adult: In what ways have I resembled both sons in today's Gospel?

Child: What stories have helped me become a better Christian?

*"The last will be first,
and the first will be last."*



ADULT DINING CENTER

Monday, September 22 – Yoga, Watercolor Class, Spanish, Knitting & Crocheting, Aerobics, Theater Group

Tuesday, September 23 – Bridge, Entertainment, BINGO

Wednesday, September 24 – Yoga, Chair Yoga, Mark Wolber, Esq. presents “Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Power of Attorney, Senior Issues”

Thursday, September 25 – Pinochle, Ballroom Dancing, Computer, AARP Driving

Friday, September 26 – Bridge, Aerobics, AARP Driving

Mark Wolber, Esq. to address Senior Issues

On Wednesday, September 24th at 11:00 AM, Mark Wolber, Esq. will be at the Center to advise senior citizens about health care proxies, living wills, power of attorney and other senior issues.

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.

Help Wanted: Meal Site Manager PT

The Town of New Hartford has an opening for a part time Meal Site Manager in the Adult Dining Center beginning immediately. The position is for 3 – 4 hours a day, Monday – Friday and pays \$10.78/hr. Position involves responsibility for overseeing the service of food, maintenance of the cleanliness in the kitchen and dining areas; participate in the work and oversee the activities of volunteer helpers. Applicant should have knowledge of the proper methods of sanitary food service; sanitary requirements and proper care for dining materials; ability to coordinate the delivery and service of food; ability to get along well with elderly people and keep records and prepare reports. Minimum qualifications: one year of experience in food service. Interested candidates can obtain an application from the Town of New Hartford Personnel Office located at Butler Hall, 48 Genesee St, or call 733-7500 X 2335.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education begins this week for Kindergarten through grade 9. Parents are invited and encouraged to come to the first class, meet the teachers and see the materials.

Confirmation II class meets at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 22nd in the Parish Center. Father Joe Zareski will be our speaker.

This is **Catechetical Sunday**. Our Catechists will be blessed at all the Masses.

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

Youth Ministry

The first meeting of the Youth Group will be Sunday, September 21, 2008 at 4:00PM. Topics of discussion will be: Raffle for new TV; **Haunted House**; Movies & Schedule of events. Please come and join the fun. We look forward to seeing you at 4:00 PM.

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.

FINANCES

Collection –	Week Ending:	September 14, 2008
Regular Collection	\$	7,877.00
Loose Cash	\$	844.85
Total	\$	8,721.85
Thank You		
This Weekend:		Catholic University



THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 - 10:30 AM MASS

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass on Sept. 30, 2007. 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 are forgiven by the anointing.”

(Quotations taken from “*We Believe...*” *A Survey of the Catholic Faith*, Liguori Publications, 1990, pp. 138 & 139 respectively.)



Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord

About Junior Choir...It's time to join!!!

If you are in Grade 3 – High School, you can join St. John's Junior Choir!!!

We always welcome new members!

Junior Choir practices on Wednesdays and sings Sunday at the 10:30 Mass, once each month.

Junior Choir is a place you can meet other terrific kids who like to sing about their love for God.

Young people can be leaders in the Church by singing in the Junior Choir!

Join us on Wednesdays for rehearsal from 6:00 – 6:45 PM in the Choir loft.

Come give it a try, and bring along a friend.

Additional information can be obtained in the rectory.

