

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be NO 6:45 AM Mass on Thursday, November 20th.

There will be NO 9:00 AM Mass on Monday, November 17th or Friday, November 21st.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

A holy hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction will be held on **Thursday, November 20th** at 7:00 PM. Come and adore the Lord Jesus bodily present in the Eucharist.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

If you are interested, have any questions or would like to register for classes, please call Fr. Joe at 732-8521. *Classes will begin on Tuesday, December 2nd.*

COME TO THE TABLE – HOPE HOUSE COOKBOOK

We are still in need of recipes for our Hope for the Hungry Project, the *COME TO THE TABLE* cookbook to benefit Hope House. Please pick up an information sheet at the entrances. We will be collecting recipes until the deadline date of January 15, 2009. Gift certificates for the cookbook will be available by Thanksgiving weekend. (Cookbooks will come out sometime in April, but will still make a great Christmas gift!) Anyone receiving a gift certificate will be able to submit recipes for this publication up until the deadline and will be also be invited to the International Festival of Nations Dinner to be held here at St. John's on Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 2:00 PM for a pot luck dinner featuring a variety of the recipes submitted for the cookbook. It will be a celebration of the diversity of our area. Give the gift that gives again, include the *COME TO THE TABLE* gift certificate in your gift giving this holiday season and help support the good work of the Hope House.

Father Andy's Christmas Cheer

We are once again collecting for a Christmas gift for Father Andy. If you would like to contribute to his mission in Ghana, you may either put it in the collection basket clearly marked for Fr. Andy or stop by the rectory office. The names of those contributing will be sent with the gift.

Concert Honoring Mary the Mother of God

Please join us on Sunday, November 16th at 3:00 PM for a concert honoring Mary the Mother of God, featuring Guest Organist Lauralee Driscoll, a String Quartet from members of the Utica Symphony Orchestra and our soloists and choir. Concert is free with a reception to follow in the church auditorium.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday, November 18th at 7:00 PM in the Hayes Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Fellowship/Hospitality

The Fellowship/Hospitality Group will meet on Wednesday, November 19th in the *Daly 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 information call Milly at 732-2037.

Lectors

The October through January schedule has been mailed, with a holiday lector availability form to return to Jerry Pitarresi for upcoming liturgies **ASAP**. If you have not received your copy, please call the rectory at 732-8521.

We are always in need of more lectors.

If you would like to become a part of this very important ministry, please call Jerry at 797-7822 for more information or training.

The 2009 Lector workbooks have come in. Please look for your labeled copy in the Sacristy.

Faith Connection

Pick up and read a copy of the *Faith Connection* which can be found at the entrances of the church. If you do, you will get more from the readings at Sunday Mass.

Prayer Group - Meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Church.

MASS INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 15 - 23

Saturday, November 15 – (Vigil) 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 Gail Sheridan – Mary Hamlin & Children

4:00 Kathleen Owens – Daughter Joan

4:00 George Dougherty – Sister Mildred

Sunday, November 16 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Monica Martyniak – Frances Bazan

7:30 Louise Balasco – Dr. & Mrs. Charles Gabelman

7:30 Santina McNamara – Daughter Barbara

9:00 John P. Brady – John Lanz

9:00 Mrs. Jeannette McArdle – Son Carton

9:00 Helen Stemmer - Family

10:30 Margaret Townsend – Carolyn Mohr & Family

10:30 Joseph Hamlin – Mary Hamlin & Children

10:30 Henry Ziemba, Parents Apolonia & Alexander & Grandson Shawn Carroll – Ziemba Estate

Monday, November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

6:45 The People of St. John's

NO 9:00 AM MASS TODAY

Tuesday, November 18 – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

6:45 Sr. Veronica Lonergan – Agnes Grygiel

9:00 Robert J. McGuinness – St. John's Parish

9:00 Roseanne Long - St. John's Parish

9:00 Thomas Hart – The Hart Family

Wednesday, November 19 – Weekday

6:45 Sarah A. Meehan – Agnes Meehan Grygiel

9:00 James Kelly – Pat Cox

9:00 Thomas J. Madden, Sr. – Wife Rita Madden

9:00 Monica Martyniak – Rosemary Elsenbeck

Thursday, November 20 – Weekday

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9:00 Carl & Pauline Roemer – Family

9:00 Special Intention - Sara

9:00 Christopher Connors – Bill & Mary Bonsted

Friday, November 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 Holy Souls

NO 9:00 AM MASS TODAY

Saturday, November 22 – St. Cecilia

8:00 Stanley Babrowicz – Wanda Gregory

8:00 Bernice Luker – Monica Grygiel

Saturday, November 22 – (Vigil) Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

4:00 John Simonetti – Joe & Patti Fariello

4:00 Michael Riggles – George & Mary Kazanjian & Family

4:00 Jean, Vincent & Jerome Cianciolo – Lee & Joe Cianciolo

Sunday, November 23 – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

7:30 Deceased Members of the Carney Family – Family

7:30 Ron Jones – Bill & Fran Gerling

7:30 Jack Eichler – Jackie Riley

9:00 Stephen J. Wameling – Rita Maddden

9:00 Robert & Doris Sherman – Wheatley Family

9:00 Josef Bieganski – Sister, Helena

10:30 Thomas C. Panzone – Bob Miller

10:30 Antoinette Griffith – Wanda Gregory

10:30 Suzanne Toukatly – Gloria Duffy

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 (160A); 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

Gospel question of the week for November 23rd

Adult: How well do I understand the connection between praying "Thy kingdom come" and acting ("thy will be done") in a way that brings it about?

Child: How carefully do I think about what I am saying each day when I pray the Lord's Prayer?



*Sanctuary Light in Memory of Walter
Guentert requested by the Reitz Family.*

St. John the Evangelist Church

ADULT DINING CENTER

Monday, November 17 – Yoga, Water color & Spanish, Knitting & Crocheting, Aerobics, Senior Theatre Group

Tuesday, November 18 - Bridge Entertainment

Wednesday, November 19 – Yoga, Chair Yoga, Thanksgiving Dinner, Ecumenical Service & Memorial Plaque

Thursday, November 20 – Pinochle, Computer by appointment, AARP Driving

Friday, November 21 – Bridge, Aerobics, AARP Driving

Memorial and Ecumenical Services

On Wednesday, November 19th, please come and join us in celebrating a very special day at the Senior Center. A Memorial Service at 11:00 AM will be held with family and friends to honor our seniors who have passed away during the year. At 11:15 AM an Ecumenical Service to give thanks for all our blessings will be conducted by area clergy.

Immediately following these inspirational programs, we will celebrate our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. If you wish to place reservations for dinner, kindly contact the Center at 724-8966.

Bad Weather Alert

Please...if our area is experiencing inclement weather, it would be a good idea to listen to your radio or watch TV before leaving home. If schools in the New Hartford School District close, the Senior Center will also close. For your safety, consider staying home during bad weather to avoid the chance of serious injury.

FINANCES

Collection –	Week Ending:	November 2, 2008
Regular Collection		\$ 12,495.00
Loose Cash		\$ 795.00
Total		\$ 13,290.00

Thank You

This Weekend: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes for kindergarten through 9 are at the usual times this week.

Confirmation I students meet Monday, November 17th in the Parish Center at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Cornue, regional director, will speak on Social Justice.

Sunday Morning Gospel for Confirmation I and II will be after the 10:30 Mass in the Hayes Room.

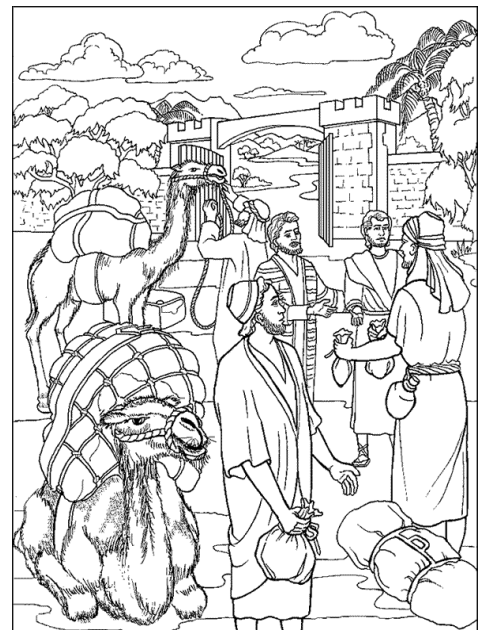
First Reconciliation: Parent and child session 3 takes place in the Parish Center on Thursday, November 20th at 6:15 PM and Saturday, November 22nd at 9:30 AM.

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

Youth Ministry - Sr. Lynn Abdelnour

The next meeting of the Youth Ministry will be held on Sunday, November 16th at 4:00 PM in the Youth Ministry Room.

The Youth Group would like to thank the Piper Family for the donation of a much-needed large screen television for the Youth Ministry Room. Your generosity to the youth of our parish is greatly appreciated.



Well done, my good and faithful servant.

Thanksgiving Tradition at St. John the Evangelist Church

In answer to several of our parishioners and those newcomers to our parish who have asked about our Thanksgiving Food Basket Program, we would like to provide a brief explanation as to how the program actually works. We hope this will assist everyone's understanding and promote even more support for the program this year and in future years. To begin, several years ago, St. John's initiated a program of assistance to provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need. Charitable agencies were contacted which provided lists of families that needed help. Following several early years of struggling with the logistics and after employing various methods to accomplish the task of accumulating enough food from donations, we decided to streamline the process in order to make it easier for staff and volunteers and for the many parishioners who gave their time. So, we changed from soliciting actual foodstuffs from parishioners for the food baskets to a program of voluntary monetary contributions. The cash contributions made it possible for us to purchase all needed items and precluded the necessity of last minute buying to complete the baskets – as it was done before.

With experience gained from handling the agency lists over the years, we now know the exact quantities of foodstuffs we require according to family size, as well as the number of families for which we need to pack baskets in each size category.

Therefore, with your cash contributions, we are now able to purchase all necessary items in bulk, and have our order delivered on site to the rectory garage. Having everything required to fill the baskets in a single location facilitates the packing, organizing and grouping of baskets. The packing is accomplished in a single evening by Religious Education students and adult volunteers in time for all baskets to be ready for pick-up the following day by the various agencies.

We hope this explains how our tradition of providing Thanksgiving baskets has evolved into a method that seems to benefit all concerned. If you are interested and would like to help in this endeavor, please call the rectory at 732-8521. We always have room for more volunteers; especially to check the baskets to be sure they are complete and for loading agency vehicles on pick-up day, which is Tuesday, November 25, from 10:00 AM – Noon.

Sign-up sheets will be in the rectory hallway as we get closer to Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Baskets

It is time to begin preparations for St. John's Thanksgiving Basket Program. Judging by last year's figures, we expect to distribute over 75 dinner "baskets" to families in need. If you would like to help families in need of a Thanksgiving dinner this year, please either use the Thanksgiving envelope provided with your weekly envelopes, place a monetary donation in the collection basket or leave it at the rectory office. Please make sure that donations are placed in an envelope clearly marked "Thanksgiving Basket Donation". No foodstuffs of any kind can be accepted due to the difficulty of handling, inadequate storage space and health issues presented by lack of refrigeration. Distribution will take place **Tuesday, November 25, 10:00 AM – 12 Noon.**

