

## Diocesan Survey

The Diocesan Stewardship Office of the Syracuse Diocese will be conducting a telephone survey of randomly selected parishioners throughout the diocese between December 15, 2008 and January 15, 2009. The survey, similar to one conducted in 2006, will ask your opinions on a variety of church issues. If contacted, we would appreciate your participation. Thank you in advance for your help.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

A holy hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction will be held on **Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** 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 are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Rectory office.**

### Attention Instrumentalists

Anyone who would like to participate in our Christmas music, either before the 5:00 PM Children's Mass on Christmas Eve or as part of the Carol Service before Midnight Mass, please contact Thilda Orrico no later than December 18<sup>th</sup>.



### Children's Christmas Liturgy – Dec 24/5:00 PM

Children are invited to participate in acting out the Christmas story. Our high school seniors will be Mary, Joseph, the Angel and the Shepherd. Children can be angels, shepherds, animals or kings. Children supply their own costumes. We will have one rehearsal on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at Noon. If your child wants to be in the pageant and cannot come to the rehearsal, call Sr. Martha at 724-4347.

### 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 put it in the collection basket clearly marked for Fr. Andy, stop by the rectory office or give it to Mollie Provasnik. The names of those contributing will be sent with the gift.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 (11B); Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

**Giving Tree gifts are due back this weekend. Please bring wrapped gifts with the star firmly attached by Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

### Christmas Flowers

If you would like to contribute toward the flowers this Christmas, please use the envelope provided in your packet, or send a donation along with your request to the rectory. Names will appear in the bulletin.

### Christmas Volunteers

If you can help load Christmas Boxes on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, please call the rectory office or use the sign up sheet in the rectory hallway.

### Looking for Tree Trimmers

On Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, our new pre-lighted Christmas trees will be in place in the sanctuary-altar area. We need a few volunteers to help shape out the new trees that day, anytime after the 9:00 AM Mass. Please sign up in rectory hallway if you are able to help.

### Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers

Sign up sheets for the Christmas Masses are in the rectory hallway. Please sign up for whichever Mass you will be attending.



### Looking for a Christmas gift for that special man?

Join over 1,000 men of the diocese on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the OnCenter in Syracuse from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM for an amazing day that could change your life! Former NFL player and coach Danny Abramowitz, Catholic Evangelist Fr. Stan Fortuna and former Senator Rick Santorum are among the featured speakers at "Ignite 2009". Christmas gift certificates will be sold at all the Masses the weekend of December 20/21 for this conference. Please see Jamie Schultz, St. John's parish captain for this event, for information or gift certificate. Cost is \$45.

## MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 13- 21

### Saturday, December 13 – (Vigil) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

4:00 Ida Millett & James Millett – Margaret Millett  
& Family  
4:00 John Boyle – Mark & Bonnie Montana  
4:00 Michael Craig – George & Mary Kazanjian &  
Family

### Sunday, December 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:30 Monica Martyniak – Fran Gerling  
7:30 Helen Ferris - Family  
7:30 Gina Deyo – Judith Meislin  
9:00 Antoinette Griffith – Monica Grygiel  
9:00 Dominick & Mamie Donato – Dr. & Mrs.  
Robert Hobaica  
9:00 Bernice Luker – Don & Wanda Gregory  
10:30 Carl Danzi – Mark & Liz Halpin & Family  
10:30 Daniel Callan – John & Cathy Nobles  
10:30 Mary Shkane - Family

### Monday, December 15 – Advent Weekday

6:45 The People of St. John's  
9:00 Special Intention for Healing for Katherine  
Smith – Husband Robert  
9:00 Robert McKennan – St. John's Parish  
9:00 Dan Gastom - Family

### Tuesday, December 16 – Advent Weekday

6:45 Joseph G. Karam – St. John's Parish  
6:45 Special Intention for Healing for Katherine  
Smith – Husband Robert  
9:00 Stephen Butler – Matthew & Patricia Bohn  
9:00 Michael Cardillo, Jr. – St. John's Parish  
9:00 Special Intention for Healing for Katherine  
Smith – Husband Robert

### Wednesday, December 17 – Late Advent Weekday

6:45 Arthur Wordworth - Wife  
6:45 Special Intention for Healing for Katherine  
Smith – Husband Robert  
9:00 Corrado Getti – St. John's Parish  
9:00 Janet Ostanek – Janet Larrabee  
9:00 Thomas Hart – Margaret Fariello

### Thursday, December 18 – Late Advent Weekday

6:45 Marilyn Ambrose – St. John's Parish  
6:45 Special Intention for Healing for Katherine  
Smith – Husband Robert  
9:00 Dorothy Lafferty – St. John's Parish  
9:00 Bradley Fedor – Goldrick Family  
9:00 Kathleen Caruana – St. John's Parish

### Friday, December 19 – Late Advent Weekday

6:45 Mary Cafarell – St. John's Parish  
6:45 Special Intention for Healing for Katherine  
Smith – Husband Robert  
6:45 Joseph Cioch – Gary & Linda Reinhardt  
9:00 Arthur Hahn – Anne Hahn  
9:00 Janet Ostanek – Margaret Fariello  
9:00 Robert McKennan – Carol Burke

### Saturday, December 20 – Late Advent Weekday

8:00 Robert P. Trevisani – St. John's Parish  
8:00 Joseph Angrisano, Antoinette Angrisano &  
Louis Gelfuso, Jr. – Elaine  
8:00 Special Intention for Healing for Katherine  
Smith – Husband Robert

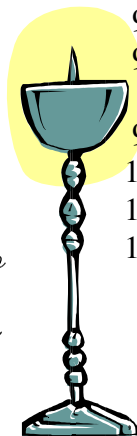
### Saturday, December 20 – (Vigil) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

4:00 Joseph, Jack & Paul Carey - Jane  
4:00 Joseph P. Miller – Wife & Family  
4:00 Mary Zaik – Daughter, Son-in-law &  
Grandchildren

### Sunday, December 21 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:30 Christopher Connors – Barb & Rich Cooper &  
Family  
7:30 Lula M. Pettit – Daughter & Son-in-law  
Pauline & Ken Foster  
7:30 Special Intention for Healing for Katherine  
Smith – Husband Robert  
9:00 Jack Eichler – Jackie Riley  
9:00 Moses & Helen Hobaica – Dr. & Mrs.  
Robert Hobaica  
9:00 Dr. Nichols Peters, Sr. - Wife  
10:30 Ron Jones – Wanda Gregory  
10:30 Rita Xavier - Family  
10:30 Marguerite Nobles – Betty Frank

*Sanctuary Light in Memory of Santo  
Palmano requested by Wife & Family*



*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert."*

## ADULT DINING CENTER

**Monday, December 15** – Yoga, Water color & Spanish, Knitting & Crocheting, Aerobics, Senior Theatre Group

**Tuesday, December 16** - Bridge Entertainment, BINGO

**Wednesday, December 17** – Yoga, Chair Yoga, Christmas Dinner w/New Hartford High School Choir

**Thursday, December 18** – Pinochle, Computer, AARP Driving

**Friday, December 19** – Bridge, Aerobics, AARP Driving

## Warm Clothing Collection

The Senior Center will be collecting warm clothing for those less fortunate. If you have any sweaters, coats, hats, gloves, scarves in good condition that you would like to donate, they may be dropped off at the Center on weekdays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

## Christmas Party

The Senior Center will celebrate its annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. The New Hartford High School Choir under the direction of Alicia Loomis will provide beautiful Christmas music. Reservations for this party may be made up to 24 hours in advance by calling 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:	December 07, 2008
Regular Collection		\$ 10,147.50
Loose Cash		\$ 617.00
Total		\$ 10,764.50

Thank You

## End of Year Contributions

Contributions for calendar year 2008 must be received no later than December 31, 2008. Contributions received after 1-1-09 will be posted for the year 2009.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religious Education** classes are at the usual times this week.

**Confirmation I students** meet Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

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

**Mitten Tree** – The Religious Education students are collecting mittens, hats, scarves and other winter clothing, new or good used condition. Please leave items by the Tree in the front hall of the Parish Center.

## Youth Ministry - Sr. Lynn Abdelnour

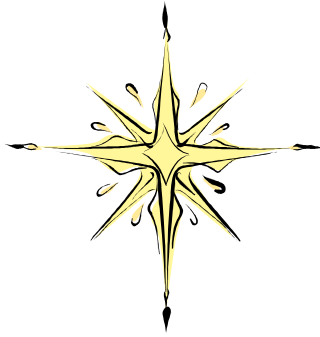
The Youth Ministry will be putting on the Breakfast with Santa this Sunday. Come down to the Auditorium and have a chat and breakfast with Santa.

## *Angels Among Us*

Volunteers are needed to work two hour shifts at the Hope House Angels of Hope sale at Sangertown Square through December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please call Joe at 272-7443 if you can help.

**Gift Cards** for the “*Come to the Table*” cookbook to benefit the Hope House are available at the rectory office. Order early and save \$5.00 off the cost of the cookbook.

Have you shopped at Chanatry’s Supermarket this week? Did you know that 5% of what you spend comes back to Angels Among Us through our gift certificate program? The way this program will benefit us most is the regular purchase of the gift certificates for your everyday grocery needs. Anyone can participate in this program. Pick up one of the bright yellow brochures available at the Church entrances or at the customer service counter at Chanatry’s. Be sure to submit your entry for the \$500 gift certificate drawing, no purchase necessary. Every \$100 purchased in gift certificates entitles you to another chance in the drawing. ***Please note: the certificate must be used in its entirety; they do not carry a balance.*** Small denominations are recommended for all your grocery shopping needs.



*You are invited*  
to the  
*Hospitality/Fellowship*  
**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**



*Enjoy a delicious brunch, relax and  
spend time with fellow parishioners*

*on*

*Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>*

*at*

*9:30 AM in the Hayes Room*

*Please join us!*

*RSVP by MONDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> Call Mary  
Carole at 732-6591 to make your reservation and  
tell what food item you will bring to share.*

