

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Father's Intentions For January

General Intention: That the family may become more and more a place of training in charity, personal growth and transmission of the faith.

Mission Intention: That the different Christian denominations, aware of the need for a new evangelization in this period of profound transformations, may be committed to announcing the Good News and moving toward the full unity of all Christians in order to offer more credible testimony of the Gospel.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

There will be NO Holy Hour this week. Holy Hour will resume on **Thursday, January 8th**.

Food Collection Sunday

Our collection for St. John's Outreach at St. Francis de Sales Food Pantry will be held the weekend of January 3/4. Your continued support is beneficial to helping the needy of our area. Thank you.

Christmas Flowers

Name	In Memory of
Mrs. Elizabeth Griggs	<i>Robert E. Griggs, Suzanne E. Griggs, Michael Paul Griggs</i>
Mrs. Johnathan Ostrander	
M/M Frederick Kostolecki	<i>Edward & Mary Zaik</i>
M/M Donald Moore	<i>Deceased Members of the Howard Bohling & Edward Moore Families, John & Mabel Hayden, Christopher Knoth</i>
Cynthia Lane/Harry Rowland	<i>Betty S. Jones</i>
Bob & Carol Murray	<i>Mabel Irion</i>
Bob & Carol Murray	<i>Deceased Members of the Murray & Talerico Families</i>
Wife Patricia	<i>Jerome Ullinski</i>
Daughter	<i>Joseph & Flora Worosylo</i>
Corr & Callan Families	<i>L. Daniel Callan, Officer Joseph Corr, Deceased Members of the Corr & Callan Families</i>
Lucille Iuorno	<i>Joseph Iuorno, Deceased Members of the Charles Coupe Family, Jason Laino</i>
Mrs. Daniel Callan	<i>Dan Callan, Callan & Goddard Families</i>
Mrs. Phillip Cully	<i>Cully Family</i>

Please note: All parish offices will be closed on Thursday, January 1st and Friday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day.

There will be NO 6:45 AM Mass on Tuesday, December 30th and NO 9:00 AM Mass on Monday, December 29th and Wednesday, December 31st.

First Saturday - The rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, January 3rd.

New Parishioner Gathering: January 18, 2009

All are invited to attend a "New Parishioner Welcoming Reception" on Sunday, January 18, 2009, after the 10:30 Mass, sponsored by the Parish Council.

Father Andy's Christmas Cheer

We are still collecting for a Christmas gift for Father Andy. If you would like to contribute, you may either put it in the collection basket marked for Fr. Andy or stop by the rectory office.

Christmas Volunteers

We would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's services so beautiful: Jr. and Adult Choirs, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and our dedicated Church decorators.

The Youth Ministry's Christmas Giving Tree program was a success again this year because of everyone's generosity and the work of our volunteers who sorted approximately 200 boxes of gifts and then loaded the various agency vehicles with them for delivery. Santa's Helpers are: Rodger Potocki, Lou Ventura, Amanda Hernon, Janice Woodworth, Dave Midura and Stewart Kramer. Thanks to everyone for your help.

Ministry Workshop with Fr. Joseph Scardella

All parishioners are invited to an afternoon or evening Ministry Workshop with Fr. Joe Scardella. Workshop will take place on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at either 1:30 or 7:00 PM in the Hayes Room. Please call the rectory and let us know which session you will be attending. This is a wonderful opportunity for on-going spiritual formation for all Liturgical Ministers and parishioners. More information will follow.

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 27 – JANUARY 4

Saturday, December 27 – (Vigil) Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:00 Michael & Tommy Moran – John & Pat
MacEnroe
4:00 Owen J. & Dorothy L. Rehm, M/M Harry W.
Little – James L. Rehm
4:00 Deceased Members of the Waite Family – Leo
G. Waite & Nancy A. Waite

Sunday, December 28 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 Marie Wingfield – St. John's Parish
7:30 Sally Malkin - Marie
7:30 Leonard Nowak - Family
9:00 Nicholas Camerata – Wife & Children
9:00 Henry Ziemba, Parents, Shawn & Elma –
Louise & George
9:00 Suzanne Przlucki – Steven & Beth Guzski
10:30 Ronald Jones – St. John's Lector Ministry
10:30 Carl Bacher – The Kopyt Family
10:30 James Oberlies – Clemons Family

Monday, December 29 – Fifth Day in Octave of Christmas, St. Thomas Becket

6:45 The People of St. John's
NO 9:00 AM MASS TODAY

Tuesday, December 30 – Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

NO 6:45 AM MASS TODAY
9:00 Carolyn Lorek – Stanley Lorek
9:00 Mildred Clark (5th Anniv) – Family
9:00 Maurice Putrelo – St. John's Parish

Wednesday, December 31 – Seventh Day in Octave of Christmas

6:45 John J. Meehan, Sr. – Agnes Meehan Grygiel
6:45 Paul Smith – St. John's Parish
NO 9:00 AM MASS TODAY

Wednesday, December 31 – (Vigil) Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

5:30 Stella Grygiel & Anna Gregory – Don &
Wanda Gregory
5:30 Richard T. Vella – St. John's Parish
5:30 Lloyd Seiter - Family

Thursday, January 1 – Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

9:00 Jim Fletcher – Wife & Children
10:30 Lee Anne Keating – St. John's Parish
10:30 John R. McGough – Jo McGough & Family

Friday, January 2 – Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

6:45 The People of St. John's
9:00 Robert W. Dolan, Sr. – St. John's Parish

Saturday, January 3 – Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 Edward Sloma – Sister, Janet Handzel
9:00 Edward Goff – Wife & Family
9:00 John Pierczynski, III – St. John's Parish

Saturday, January 3 – (Vigil) Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 Monica Martyniak – Dick & Lil Synakowski
4:00 Marguerite Nobles – Rich & Cathy Kahler &
Family
4:00 Frank J. Giambona – M/M Gary R. Scharf

Sunday, January 4 – Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 Rev. Thomas E. Skinner – St. John's Parish
7:30 George Jadhon, Sr. – Dr. & Mrs. Anthony
Jadhon
9:00 Christopher Connors – Carol & Pat Benzo
9:00 Louise Kluska – Ruth Deon & Sandi Nowicki
9:00 Christopher Connors – Pitarresi Family
10:30 Joseph Hamlin – Mary Hamlin & Children
10:30 Ron Jones – Mollie Provasnik
10:30 Margaret Betler – Judi & Margaret

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC); Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Matthew 2:1-12

Gospel question of the week for January 4th

Adult: Where has the light of faith led me over the past year?

Child: When I look at the stars, what do I most appreciate about God?

*Sanctuary Light for Living & Deceased
Members of the Abraham & Swiecki Families
Requested by Ed & Gloria Swiecki.*



ADULT DINING CENTER

Monday, December 29 – Yoga, Water color & Spanish, Knitting & Crocheting, Aerobics, Senior Theatre Group

Tuesday, December 30 – Bridge, Entertainment,

Wednesday, December 31 – Yoga, Chair Yoga, New Year's Eve Party

Thursday, January 1 – Center Closed

Friday, January 2 – Center Closed

HEAP Assistance

Applications for "HEAP" assistance are now available for Seniors to pick up at the Senior Center. For those needing assistance in filling out these forms, a representative from the Office of the Aging (OFA) will be at the Senior Center on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM.

New Year's Eve Party

The Senior Center will celebrate its annual New Year's Eve Party at the Center on Wednesday, December 31st at 11:00 AM with music selections provided by Jeff Glatt. Then "Sounds of Silver" will entertain Seniors and ring in the New Year. Invite your friends and family, grab your dancing shoes and join us for both of these wonderful events.

STAR Program

Town of New Hartford Assessor Paul Smith will visit the Senior Center on January 7, 2009 and also February 4, 2009 at 11:15 AM to speak with Seniors about the STAR Program.

Bad Weather Alert

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

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.

Holy Family,



Pray for us.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education for kindergarten through 6th grade resumes on Monday, January 5, 2009.

Child Church takes place during the 10:30 Mass. Children are welcome. **Please note: There will be NO Child Church on Sunday, December 28th or Sunday, January 4th.**

Youth Ministry - Sr. Lynn Abdelnour

The Youth Group will meet again on Sunday, 1-11-09.

Angels Among Us

Gift Cards for the "Come to the Table" cookbook to benefit the Hope House are available at the rectory office. Cost for cookbook is \$20.00. Orders must be placed by January 25, 2009 for April delivery.

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, fill out and return with check to St. John's for processing. Certificate will then be sent to you by mail or can be picked up at the rectory. 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.

FINANCES

Collection –	Week Ending:	December 21, 2008
Regular Collection		\$ 8,121.00
Loose Cash		\$ 405.00
Total		\$ 8,526.00

Thank You



**New Year's Eve &
New Year's Day
Mass Schedule**



**Wednesday, December 31, (Vigil):
5:30 PM**



**Thursday, January 1,
Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God
9:00 & 10:30 AM.**



Happy New Year!