

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

A holy hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction will be held on **Thursday, February 12th** at 7:00 PM. Come and adore the Lord Jesus bodily present in the Eucharist.

Rite of Welcoming the Candidates

Two candidates from our RCIA Class – Ronda Austin and Pauline Foster will take another step toward becoming a Catholic in a brief ceremony at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, February 8th. *Congratulations Ronda and Pauline!*

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00 PM in the Hayes Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Charismatic Healing Mass

The Regional Charismatic Mass and Healing Service of the Syracuse Diocese will be celebrated here at St. John's on Tuesday, February 10th at 7:15 PM. Praise & worship music begins at 6:45 PM and is led by the Life Teen Band from St. John the Baptist Church in Rome. The celebrant will be Rev. Amedeo Guida. Prayers for healing will follow the Mass. All are welcome.

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.

Public Policy Day

“In the Catholic Tradition responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.” (from *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*). There will be a meeting here at St. John's in the Parish Center on February 22nd from 2:00 – 3:30 PM to review what the New York State Bishops have put forth as their legislative agenda for 2009. You will have an opportunity to register for Public Policy Day in Albany on March 10th, but are under no obligation to do so. For more information, contact Fred Fusco, Director of Public Policy for the Diocese at 470-1423 or email him at afusco@syracusediocese.org.

Hospitalized, Nursing Home or Homebound Parishioners

To assist our staff and volunteer ministers, please call the rectory if a family member or friend becomes hospitalized, enters a nursing home or is confined at home.

Morning Rosary – The rosary is recited every morning immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass.

Coffee/Cookie Social

This Sunday, February 8th, after the 10:30 Mass a coffee and cookie social will take place downstairs in the auditorium. This is a great opportunity to take an active part in the parish, meet other parishioners and enjoy some coffee and conversation.

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

Angels Among Us

Order deadline for the **COME TO THE TABLE** cookbook to benefit Hope House has been extended to February 8th. The cookbook sells for \$20; order on-line at www.stjohnsnh.com/socialministry, send check made payable to St. John the Evangelist Church to Angels Among Us, St. John the Evangelist Social Ministry, 66 Oxford Rd, New Hartford, NY 13413, or place in an envelope clearly marked “Angels Among Us” and place in the collection basket.

The Angels Among Us/Chantry's gift certificate program is an on-going program. Order your gift certificates to be used for all your grocery shopping needs. Order small denominations as the certificate must be used in its entirety. (We recommend \$5's, \$10's, and \$20's.) Place your order form in an envelope clearly marked "Angels Among Us" and place it in the collection basket or mail to: Angels Among Us, St. John the Evangelist Social Ministry, 66 Oxford Road, New Hartford, NY 13413. You can also order the gift certificates on-line at www.stjohnsnh.com/socialministry. You can pick up the certificates in the rectory or have them mailed to your home.

MASS INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 7 - 15

Saturday, February 7 – (Vigil) 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 Stanley Babrowicz – M/M Francis Palmieri
4:00 Diane Hovish – Sophie Hovish
4:00 Christopher Connors – Bill & Sue Virkler

Sunday, February 8 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Ruth Kellogg – St. John's Parish
7:30 Fradino Mastrangelo – St. John's Parish
9:00 Agnes Judidiciani – Ken & Linda Budlong
9:00 Wayne McGrew – Wife Lee
9:00 James L. Davis, Jr. – Pitarresi Family
10:30 Roxanne East – Jordan Little
10:30 Paul Shaffer – Brian Greco & Michael Ursi
10:30 Harold Behlmer – St. John's Parish

Monday, February 9 – Weekday

6:45 The People of St. John's
9:00 Gladys Fitzgerald – Joan Backman & Tom Smoulcey

Tuesday, February 10 – St. Scholastica

6:45 Ronald Ricci – Kathy Kernan
6:45 Joseph Hong - Family
9:00 Clifford Fletcher – St. John's Parish

Wednesday, February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

6:45 Edward Sloma – Dave & Diane Nobles
9:00 Richard G. Roller – Janell Roller
9:00 Michael DeCuffa – St. John's Parish

Gospel question of the week for February 15th

Adult: Who are today's "lepers" that society fears?
What is a Christian response to this?

Child: What is my favorite story about Jesus healing someone?

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and drove out many demons.

Thursday, February 12 - Weekday

6:45 Richard Ryan – Bob & Sue Firlit
9:00 Augustine LaMonte – Kupiec Family
9:00 Eileen Howe – Ann Howe

Friday, February 13 - Weekday

6:45 Rev. Msgr. Thomas Hayes – St. John's Parish
9:00 Robert Shahoud & Joseph Shahoud - Family
9:00 Anna & Walter Fey – Teresa Sheehan
9:00 Lawrence Fiorentino, Sr. – Wife & Children

Saturday, February 14 – Sts. Cyril & Methodius

8:00 Theresa Mozzetti – St. John's Parish

Saturday, February 14 – (Vigil) 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 Joseph Hamlin – Mary Hamlin & Children
4:00 Stephanie Nowicki – Sandi & Andrew Nowicki
4:00 Henry J. Ziembra, Parents & Grandson Shawn Carroll - Family

Sunday, February 15 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Edward Sloma – St. John's Parish
9:00 John Sharpe – The McSweeney Family
9:00 Adelaide Sapp – St. John's Parish
9:00 James L. Davis, Jr. – M/M Joseph LaSalle
10:30 Joseph Karam – Mrs. Herbert Kolb
10:30 Paul J. Shaffer – Regina Burke & Dave Galer
10:30 Joseph Saddier – Ken & Loretta Boyer

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (77B); 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1; Mark 1:40-45



St. John the Evangelist Church

ADULT DINING CENTER

Monday, February 9 – Yoga, Watercolor, Spanish, Knitting & Crocheting, Aerobics, Sr. Theater League

Tuesday, February 10 – Bridge, Entertainment, BINGO

Wednesday, February 11 – Yoga, Chair Yoga, RSVP Senior Theater League's "Lincoln"

Thursday, February 12 – Pinochle, Computer, St. Elizabeth's Laurie Franklin presents "Heart Disease", AARP Driving

Friday, February 13 – Bridge, Aerobics, AARP Driving, Valentines Party & Dance

Job Opportunity

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 part time, approximately 3 to 4 hours/day, Mon – Fri. Position pays \$10.78/hr and involves responsibility for overseeing the service of food, maintenance of cleanliness in the kitchen and dining areas, participate in the work and oversee the activities of volunteer helpers. Minimum qualifications are one year experience in serving food on a large scale basis and maintaining related utensils and serving equipment. Those interested can obtain an application from the Town of New Hartford Personnel Office, Butler Hall, 48 Genesee St, New Hartford or call 733-7500 ext 2335.

FINANCES

Collection –	Week Ending:	February 1, 2009
Regular Collection		\$ 8,969.00
Loose Cash		\$ 518.00
Total		\$ 9,487.00
Special Donation		\$ 1,000.00

Thank You

End of Year Contributions

Contributions for calendar year 2008 must have been received no later than December 31, 2008.

Contributions received after 1-1-09 will be posted for the year 2009. ***End of year tax statements will be mailed to all parishioners.***

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes are at the usual times this week.

Confirmation II meets Monday, February 9th in the Parish Center. **Confirmation** will be celebrated here on Saturday, March 28th at the 5:00 PM Mass.

1st Eucharist Parent and Child Session 1 will take place on Thursday, February 12th at 6:15 PM.

Sunday Morning Gospel will take place after the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, February 8th. Confirmation I and II are reminded to attend.

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

Youth Ministry - Sr. Lynn Abdelnour

The Youth Group will meet this Sunday, February 8th in Church. We will be working on "Stations of the Cross".

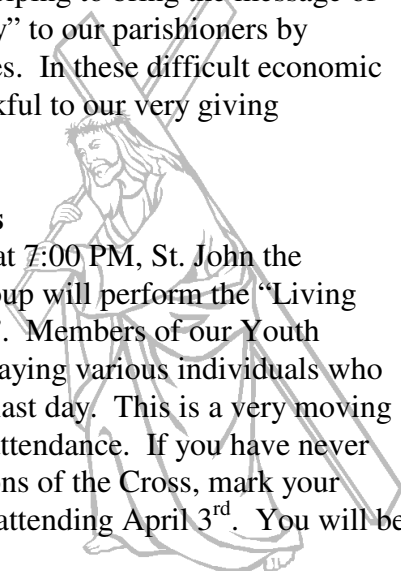


"Souper Bowl" Collection

The Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone for their generosity last weekend for the Souper Bowl collection. So far we have raised \$2,000 which will go towards helping and feeding Utica's children in the Cornhill area. We would also like to thank Eileen Herson, Christine Krumbach, Darin Pardi and Rebecca Dodge for helping to bring the message of "Souper Bowl Sunday" to our parishioners by speaking at the Masses. In these difficult economic times, we are so thankful to our very giving parishioners.

Stations of the Cross

On Friday, April 3rd, at 7:00 PM, St. John the Evangelist Youth Group will perform the "Living Stations of the Cross". Members of our Youth Ministry will be portraying various individuals who were a part of Jesus' last day. This is a very moving experience for all in attendance. If you have never seen the Living Stations of the Cross, mark your calendar and plan on attending April 3rd. You will be glad you did.



Automated Weekly Collection Option

In an effort to reduce costs and to be able to forecast income from donations, members of the Parish Council have been working with Bank of America to help us simplify the process of collecting and processing our weekly collections. The outcome of this has been the start of automated collections via charge cards or from your checking account.

Here is how it will work:

Instead of having to remember to bring an envelope each week to church you can set up a **monthly** donation from either your current credit card or from your checking account. Once a month, on an assigned date, your credit card or your checking account will be charged and the amount forwarded to St. Johns. This service comes at no cost to you.

The Benefits to St. John's:

- Decrease the amount of time processing the weekly collections and depositing checks and cash.
- Reduce the cost of printing and mailing envelopes.
- St. John's will be able to anticipate a portion of their monthly income from donations and will be better able to plan payment of certain expenditures.
- Donations from Parishioners will continue even if they are on vacation.

The Benefits to the Parishioners:

- Decrease the number of checks written.
- No need to remember envelopes weekly.
- Earn rewards from your credit card company.
- Provide consistent and continuous pledging of collection.
- You can change your donation at any time by filling out a form and returning it to the parish office.

We ask that you consider adopting this method of donations, since the greater the number of participants the greater the benefit to the church and to each parishioner adopting this new program.

This program has been instituted in several parishes outside our area and has been met with great success. We hope you will consider using this method for your donations. ***If you have any questions you may contact either Bill Eichinger at 797-3096 or Frank Behlmer at 732-6970.*** You may also visit the parish website www.stjohnsnh.com, where we have outlined some frequently asked questions concerning the automated collection process.