

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**

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

### **Parish Pastoral Council Openings**

We currently have four (4) openings on the Parish Pastoral Council for three (3) year terms. For an application or for information, contact the rectory office at 732-8521.

### **Capital Gift Campaign Postponement**

The Capital Gift Campaign begun last fall 2008 has been put on hold due to critical economic conditions. It was felt better to wait until the economy improves so families might be in a better position to participate.

The initial announcement-survey letter asking if parishioners would be willing to support a future capital fund drive resulted in an unexpected but welcome response – many parishioners perceiving our need responded immediately with gifts that now total \$20,000. Because of the postponement and because at this time we have an ongoing need to update and increase the lighting in the church auditorium to make this room hospitable for church dinners, events, etc., it is our plan to utilize these campaign gifts now for the improvements. We hope our donors support this utilization of their gifts for this needed project.

Needless to say, at the time when the Capital Campaign does get underway those who have already given will not be asked to support it a second time. We sincerely thank them for their generosity.

### **Maximizing Parking Space**

Now that winter is over, the barrier chain will again be put across the lower driveway on weekends. This is to force parking to be uphill (towards Pearl St) in one direction only so that maximum use of space is achieved. If you have been in the habit of parking facing downhill (towards Oxford Rd) and you park side by side in a row, you will block access to the spaces behind you – this especially applies to early arrivals (mostly seen on Saturday Vigil and Sunday 10:30 Masses). Remember to park facing uphill. If you can not visualize our parking scheme please pick up a parking guide at the entrances.

### **Congratulations Father Fraats!**

Father Fraats was installed May 2<sup>nd</sup> as Associate Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus. His territory is all New York State for its 93,000 Knights. He was also appointed the Chaplain for the Ancient Order of Hibernians. His jurisdiction is all Oneida County. These appointments bring special honor to the parish.

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

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

### **Banns**

III. Scott Montesano & Angela Manchester



### *Angels Among Us*

Meet Moses Agapito. You may have seen him on News Channel 2 or in the Observer-Dispatch. He is one of the "Lost Boys of Sudan". Moses has been meeting with groups, churches, and schools throughout the community talking about his dream. Moses dreams of building a school and health clinic in his native village in Southern Sudan. On a return visit to his village he was asked whether he could help. He returned home to Utica and launched the Freedom Fund to raise money for his cause.

Recently at Notre Dame Junior/Senior High School an enthusiastic group of students pledged to raise \$100,000 to help Moses' dream become reality. A recent Observer-Dispatch editorial called the project one for the community, one that could bring our world closer together.

Angels Among Us is the partner group for the Freedom Fund. Moses calls St. John the Evangelist Church home. You may have seen him at Mass. Say hello and offer your help. Moses is requesting someone accompany him on his visits throughout the community. There are many groups, Churches, schools, and businesses to contact throughout the area. There is a need for help in a variety of ways. *Will you try "Just One" Angels Among Us and the Freedom Fund?* For more information, call Joe Fariello at 272-7443.

## MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 2 - 10

### Saturday, May 2 – (Vigil) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

5:00 Evelyn McMenamy – Betty Dickherber  
5:00 Anna & Albert Warren - Granddaughter  
5:00 Monica Martyniak – Marilyn Jenny

### Sunday, May 3 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

7:30 Christine Beratta – Wanda Gregory  
7:30 Marie Troiani – Ann Bieganowski  
7:30 Peter Allen – Wanda Gregory  
9:00 Jeannette McArdle – Son Carton  
9:00 Joyce Goggin – Ed & Family  
9:00 Deceased Members of the Paolozzi Family –  
Family  
10:30 Fraser Toukatly – Gloria Duffy  
10:30 Monica Martyniak & Stanley Martyniak –  
Family of Stanley Martyniak  
10:30 Mary Shkane – Louis & Julie Shkane &  
Children

### Monday, May 4 - Easter Weekday

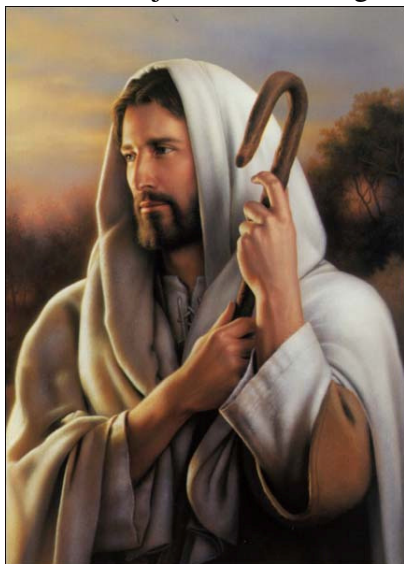
6:45 The People of St. John's  
9:00 Etheldreda Woolheater – St. John's Parish  
9:00 Stephanie Alaimo – St. John's Parish

### Tuesday, May 5 – Easter Weekday

6:45 Ena D'Apice – Dora Aiello  
9:00 Sadie Koury – Pat MacEnroe  
9:00 Special Intention  
9:00 Victor Fariello - Family

### Wednesday, May 6 – Easter Weekday

6:45 William Monahan – Gertrude Crowe  
9:00 Carole Collea – St. John's Parish  
9:00 Hazel Rajchel – John Bogan



*"I am  
the Good  
Shepherd.  
I know  
mine and  
mine know  
me."*

### Thursday, May 7 – Easter Weekday

6:45 Robert Beisel – Arthur Randazzo  
9:00 Josephine Kemp – Charles Taurisano  
9:00 Christine Beratta – St. John's Parish

### Friday, May 8 – Easter Weekday

6:45 Deacon John Droz – Deacon Ed & Cathy  
Kernan  
9:00 Eleanor Letteer – Bob & Mary Hall  
9:00 Peter Allen – St. John's Parish

### Saturday, May 9 – Easter Weekday

8:00 Frances Dolan Harmon – St. John's Parish  
2:00 Montesano/Manchester Wedding

### Saturday, May 9 – (Vigil) 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

5:00 Dr. John F. Millett – Margaret Millett & Family  
5:00 Kathleen Owens – Daughter Joan  
5:00 Anna Scianni – Don & Milly Moore

### Sunday, May 10 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

7:30 Chester Pilawa – St. John's Parish  
7:30 Marie Troiani – Bieganowski Family  
7:30 Dorothy L. Rehm, Mrs. Walter O. Rehu, Mrs.  
Harry W. Liddle – James L. Rehm  
9:00 Shawn Carroll & Elma White – Louise &  
George  
9:00 Louise Kluska – Ruth Deon & Sandi Nowicki  
9:00 Marguerite Nobles – Herb & Kitty Cully  
10:30 Meg Kelly – Mohr Family  
10:30 Ruth Kellogg – Joe & Patti Fariello  
10:30 Mary Zaik – Daughter, Son-in-law &  
Grandchildren

### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 (53B); 1 John 3:18-24;  
John 15:1-8

### Gospel question of the week for May 10<sup>th</sup>

**Adult:** Is there anything or anyone that keeps me separated from Christ? What can I do about it?

**Child:** When I have something to do that is very hard, do I ask Jesus to help me and trust that he will?

# St. John the Evangelist Church

## ADULT DINING CENTER

**Monday, May 4** – Yoga, Watercolor, Knitting & Crocheting, Aerobics, Spanish, Senior Theater League

**Tuesday, May 5** – Bridge, Entertainment, Decorative Art with Karen Kelly

**Wednesday, May 6** – Yoga, Chair Yoga, “Coping” with Cam Edwards

**Thursday, May 7** – Pinochle, Ballroom Dancing, Computer, AARP Driving

**Friday, May 8** – Bridge, Aerobics, AARP Driving

## Decorative Art with Karen Kelly

Have you ever wanted to do something with that bland wall or piece of furniture but didn't know how to do it? Well, we have a treat for you! Karen Kelly will be teaching a Decorative Art Class starting at 10:30 AM and going until 12:00 PM for each of the four Tuesdays in May. This class will be free the first day and then will be \$3.00 the other 3 days. No reservation is necessary. The classes will teach “Note Paper”, “Introduction to Stamp Pads”, “Painting” and “Stenciling”. Needed supplies are provided.

## White Elephant Sale in June

Don't throw those treasures out! Bring them to the Center for our upcoming White Elephant Sale on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Items may be dropped off at the Center Monday – Friday, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM. As you begin your spring cleaning, please set aside your “castaways” and bring them to the Center.

## All Are Welcome!

One of the questions we receive constantly is “Do I need to be a member of the Center to join this program or event? How much is membership?” The New Hartford Senior Center does not require membership for any of its programs or events. We would love for you to stop in and join us whenever you want to. Our programs are walk-in unless the need for reservations is specified. Come see us! We would love to meet you!

## FINANCES

Collection – Week Ending:	April 26, 2009
Regular Collection	\$ 6,794.00
Loose Cash	\$ 655.50
Total	\$ 7,449.50

Thank You

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religious Education students** in grades 1 – 6 who did not bring home their book, it can be picked up in the Religious Ed office.

**First Eucharist DVDs** can be ordered from the Religious Education office for \$15 each. There is NO taping during 1<sup>st</sup> Communion.

**Child Church** resumes next Sunday during the 10:30 Mass. Children are welcome.

## Youth Ministry - Sr. Lynn Abdelnour

The next meeting for the Youth Ministry will be May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM.

## Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

You're invited to join the Youth Group on a trip to the Ball Park Sunday, June 14, 2009. Bus leaves after 10:30 A.M. Mass from the parking lot. The Syracuse Chiefs will take on the Pawtucket Red Sox at Historic Doubleday Field in Cooperstown! (includes Hall of Fame admission tickets) Game Time: 2 PM. All teens are welcome – adult chaperones are needed. If you are interested please call Sr. Lynn at 732-8521.

## Celebration of Hope Prayer Service

*You are invited!*

This year has brought much change to the Albany & Syracuse Dioceses as the bishops and planning committees have endeavored to meet the changing needs of parish faith communities. Parishes are closing, merging or experiencing other significant restructuring.

*In a spirit of new life and hope,  
In the context of Jesus' life-death-resurrection,  
Confident that God is with us in both our joy  
and our sorrow,*

*the Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to*

*A Celebration of Hope*

*~ an evening prayer service to celebrate God's  
fidelity in the midst of change –*

*on*

*Wednesday, May 13, 2009*

*7:00 PM*

*St. John the Evangelist Church*



## Sacrament of First Eucharist



*We are pleased to announce that the following children received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, May 2, 2009.*

*We invite you to rejoice with us and pray for them and their families.*

Laura Allen  
Anika Amidon  
David Antone  
Aaleigha Baker  
Sydney Bard  
Peter Belcher  
Claudia Biernat  
Olivia Borrill  
Natalie Burns  
Abigail Cahill  
Shane Calhoun  
Lindsay Carlson  
Brooke Cavoli  
Matthew Chiffy  
Matthew Cornish  
Natalie D'Amore  
Connor Davis  
Caroline Deck  
Alivia Deluke  
Madison Desmarais  
Christopher Dorn  
Chloe Elsenbeck  
Hagen Estabrook  
Matthew Ficano  
Giovanni Fornino  
Shaye Gardinier  
Sebastiao Gato  
Ryan Geary  
Ashleigh Gozy  
Marco Greico  
Hannah Grzywacz  
MaryGrace Hamlin  
Juliana Heselton  
Patrick Hogan  
Brandon Holmes  
Kiana Kennedy  
Jeffrey Kopek  
Jenna Lamantia  
Aidan Lawless  
Connor Lawless  
Joshua LeFave  
Starrlynn Lonero  
Danielle Luvera

Kimberly MacDonald  
Nicholas Massa  
Cormac McIntosh  
Thomas Mumau  
Matthew Nerber  
Olivia Niebuhr  
Timothy Owens  
Genaro Paniccia  
Benjamin Petell  
Matthew Pietryka  
Trevor Powers  
Aidan Prats  
Isabella Previte  
Olivia Previte  
Julia Prichard  
Daniel Rayhill  
James Rayhill  
Antonio Ricco  
Sophia Roberts  
Cassidy Ruhmel  
Tyler Ruhmel  
Holly Sagrestano  
Mary Lourdes Santiago  
Michael Scanio  
Nicholas Scarafile  
Emma Schmid  
Kristen Sellars  
Erica Sheaffer  
Angelo Sinisgalli  
Mari Sosnowski  
Ariella Sprague  
Carolyn Stafford  
Michael Stappenbeck  
Elijah Tropea  
Alexis Trunfio  
Olivia Tucker  
Katelyn Valet  
Isabella Vitagliano  
Michael White  
Kimberly Whittaker  
Paul Zbytowski  
Bianca Zumpano



## 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. John's. 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](http://www.stjohnsnh.com), where we have outlined some frequently asked questions concerning the automated collection process.

## Common Questions Related to Automated Collections

### 1. How does it work?

You determine what credit card you would like to use and how much you would like to donate each month. At the end of each month a deduction to your credit card will be made. If you choose the checking account deduction option we will deduct your monthly amount on a date of your choosing.

### 2. How do I sign up?

You can either go online at our parish website ([www.stjohnsnh.com](http://www.stjohnsnh.com)) for the credit card option, or fill out a form at the Parish office for the checking account option. Forms will be submitted to your credit card issuer on the last Thursday of the month by the parish office.

### 3. Is it secure?

This secure program works directly with your bank, in the same way as other electronic funds transfer systems you may already use (such as utility bills or your mortgage payment). All transactions are done electronically, charging your credit card or checking account automatically for the amount to which you have authorized.

### 4. Can additional funds be taken from my account other than what I have authorized?

No! Only you can designate the amount of money that can be charged on a monthly basis. We will not disclose any non-public personal information except as required by law. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to safeguard your information.

### 5. How much does this cost?

The cost for each transaction is covered by the church. We feel that reduced envelope costs and steady income will offset that expense.

### 6. Does it cover special collections?

No. We will only be set up for regular monthly collections. Please use cash or checks.

### 7. Can I stop or start at any time?

Yes. We only ask that you give us two weeks' notice to process your request.

### 8. When do transactions take place?

Your credit card will be charged for the total monthly contribution amounts you have authorized if you choose to use this option. If you use the checking account option you can select the day of the month that you wish to have the payment be made (for example the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month or date of your choosing).