

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: There will be NO 6:45 AM Mass on Friday, November 27th.

NO Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

There will be NO Holy Hour this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Holy Hour will resume on **Thursday, December 3rd** at 7:00 PM.

Lectors

The November 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.

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.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Join us as our congregations, our children and youth and our community leaders celebrate and give thanks through worship and fellowship, for the gifts we have been given. This year's Ecumenical Service will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 25 Oxford Rd, New Hartford, on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 PM.

Thanksgiving Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help load Thanksgiving Baskets into vehicles. Loading will take place on Tuesday, November 24th from 10:00 AM – Noon. Sign up sheet is in the rectory hallway.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Any individual or family who would like to participate in our Advent liturgies by lighting the candles on our Advent Wreath, please sign up in rectory hallway.

Angels Among Us

Come To The Table Cookbooks 2nd printing is now available at a cost of \$20 to benefit the Hope House. They make great gifts for the holidays. To order please call Mary Joan Foresti at 735-6340.

All parish offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thanksgiving Day Mass – November 26th.

There will be only one Mass, 9:00 AM

As is our tradition, we encourage you to bring non-perishable food for our local Food Bank (no glass, please). We will also take up a collection for the Food Bank.

Please note: The Saturday Vigil Mass will be held at 4:00 PM until March 27, 2010. Confession time will also change to 3:00 – 3:45 PM on Saturdays.

Giving Tree

If any family would like to adopt a family from the Giving Tree, please call the rectory at 732-8521. The Giving Trees will be up next weekend. *However, if you would like to get an early start on your Christmas shopping, Giving Tree stars will be available at the entrances of the church. Please remember to return the wrapped gift with the star firmly attached.*

Banns

I. Matthew Miller & Rebecca Tobiasz



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 of persons in whose honor or memory the flowers are given will be listed in the bulletin.

Advent Service

Please join us on Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 PM for our Advent Service as we prepare and await the Birth of Jesus. We are still in need of lectors for this service. If you are able to help out, please call Jerry Pitarresi at 797-7822.

Hospitality Christmas Brunch

Mark your calendar! The Christmas Brunch has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th at 9:30 AM in the Hayes Room. More information will follow regarding this year's brunch.

MASS INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 21 - 29

Saturday, November 21 – (Vigil) Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

- 4:00 Jean, Vincent & Jerome Cianciolo – Joe & Lee
4:00 Michael Riggles – George & Mary Kazanjian & Family
4:00 Gerald Cunningham – Craig & Bidy Williams

Sunday, November 22 – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

- 7:30 Russell Conley – Carol Renninger
9:00 Carol DesMarais – Helen Fliss
9:00 Gerling & Schreppel Families – Gerling Family
9:00 Joan Krueger – Pat Douglas
10:30 Suzanne Toukatly – Gloria Duffy
10:30 Louis J. Bojdak – Wife & Family
10:30 Helen Stemmer - Family

Monday, November 23 - Sts. Clement I, Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

- 6:45 Jacob Bush – Family
6:45 Robert Wilkey – Dr. & Mrs. Philip Reitz
9:00 Vincent Morehouse – Anne Hahn
9:00 Richard P. LaMonte - Wife
9:00 Richard Hayes – St. John's Parish

Tuesday, November 24 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac

- 6:45 James H. Gilroy, Jr. - St. John's Parish
6:45 Joseph Kabot - Family
6:45 Special Intention
9:00 Frank Tobiasz – Wife Barbara
9:00 Elden Howe – Ann Howe
9:00 Michael R. Riggles – George & Mary Kazanjian & Family

Wednesday, November 25 – St. Catherine of Alexandria

- 6:45 The People of St. John's
9:00 Virginia Rosico – St. John's Parish
9:00 William Hall - Family
9:00 Special Intention for Sue – Harrington & Allen Families

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day

NO 6:45 AM MASS TODAY

- 9:00 Michael & Thomas Moran – Family
9:00 Stephen Conway – St. John's Parish
9:00 Maureen Dwyer O'Connell - Family

Friday, November 27 – Weekday

NO 6:45 AM MASS TODAY

- 9:00 Michael Craig – Extended Cunningham Family
9:00 Eustelle McMillan – Husband
9:00 John Manley, III – Extended Cunningham Family

Saturday, November 28 – Saturday of Our Lady

- 8:00 Joseph D. Woods, Jr. – Esther Manley
8:00 Rosemarie Nagy – St. John's Parish
8:00 M/M Charles Coupe, Sr. – Lucille Iuorno

Saturday, November 28– (Vigil) First Sunday of Advent

- 4:00 Nancy Dormio - Mother
4:00 Francis "Marty" Martyniak – Ed Ezick
4:00 Gerald Cunningham – Frank & Irene Scalise

Sunday, November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 Elizabeth Inman – The Giffune Family
7:30 Rocco Montesano – St. John's Parish
7:30 Blaine Scouten – St. John's Parish
9:00 Dr. Elizabeth Mroziewicz-Janik – Helen Ciepinska
9:00 Thomas Giometti – Goodelle Family
9:00 Joseph Parlato – James & Barbara Tasovac
10:30 Dr. Basil L. Tehan – Stephen Spellman Family
10:30 Margaret Revere – Rich & Julie Venezia
10:30 Francis & Monica Martyniak – Betty Allen Parish & Family

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (3C); 1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2;
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Gospel question of the week for November 29th

Adult: What one habit do I possess which disrupts the harmony of my family? How can I change it?

Child: Can I remember one way I have hurt a friend?
Am I willing to say that I am sorry?

"My kingdom does not

belong to this world."



St. John the Evangelist Church

ADULT DINING CENTER

Monday, November 23 – Yoga, Knitting & Crocheting, Aerobics, Watercolor class, Sr. Theater League, Spanish

Tuesday, November 24 – Bridge, Entertainment

Wednesday, November 25 – Yoga, Chair Yoga, BINGO, Birthday Party

Thursday, November 26 – Center Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27 – Center Closed for Thanksgiving

Lunch Reservations

If you wish to reserve lunch please call us no later than Noon the *day before* the day you would like to join us for lunch. Along with certain meals, there are “alternates” available.

FINANCES

Collection – Week Ending:	November 15, 2009
Regular Collection:	\$ 7,996.00
Loose Cash:	\$ 820.00
Credit Card Collection:	\$ 861.00
Total	\$ 9,677.00
<u>Second Collection:</u>	
<u>Human Development</u>	\$ 1,720.00
Thank You	
Weekly Income required	\$ 10,545.00
Collection	\$ <u>9,677.00</u>
Shortage this week	\$ 868.00
Cumulative Shortage to date	\$ 14,517.50

Neighbors Network

Neighbors Network, an affiliated project of the Sisters of St. Joseph & the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees, invites you to join in welcoming new neighbors this holiday season by giving a gift of any of the following (*by Monday, December 14th*):

- hygiene supplies (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc)
- hats, mittens, scarves for children & adults (hand made or purchased)
- monetary contributions for this endeavor (make checks payable to MVRCCR – in memo space please write “network neighbors”.)

Boxes are located at main entrance and Rel Ed office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes for Kindergarten through grade 9 meet Monday at the usual times. No class on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday this week.

Confirmation I students will meet on Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

Sunday Morning Gospel for Confirmation I and II is Sunday, December 6th after the 10:30 Mass.

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

Altar Servers: If you would like to become an altar server and missed the training on Saturday, November 7th, call the rectory or religious education office.

Safe Environment: The bishops of the United States have instituted procedures to ensure that our children are protected. In our diocese, **ALL employees** and those **volunteers who work with children and youth** are required to attend Virtus Training. After 5 years, they must be recertified. Anyone wishing to be a volunteer who works in these capacities should plan to attend these sessions. The complete schedule can be found on the diocesan website.

St. John’s Nursery School Fund Raiser

On Tuesday, December 1st from 9:00 – 11:00 AM, Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Consumer Square in New Hartford, is participating in a fund raiser for the Nursery School. Do your book, music and Café shopping during the allotted time, mention St. John’s Nursery School and Barnes and Noble will donate 15% of your net sale to St. John’s Nursery School! This is a fantastic opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and help raise money for our Nursery School at the same time! Many thanks to Barnes and Noble for making this offer available.



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 24, 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 approximately 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 24, 10:00 AM – 12 Noon.**

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

The New Hartford Community Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 PM at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 25 Oxford Rd, New Hartford, NY. All are invited to attend.

