

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

There will be **NO Holy Hour this week** because the Nursery School will be having its annual Christmas Pageant. Holy Hour will resume on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 PM.

Banns

III. Matthew Miller & Rebecca Tobiasz



Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service with St. Mary's Clinton and Sacred Heart/St. Mary's New York Mills will take place here at St. John's on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 PM. Many area priests will be here to hear confession.

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 17th.

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 19th at Noon. If your child wants to be in the pageant and cannot come to the rehearsal, call Sr. Martha at 724-4347.

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.

“The Gift”

The true meaning of Christmas; an evening of song, drama and pageantry including the one act play “The Gift of the Magi” that explores the virtue of sacrifice will be held at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School gymnasium on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 PM. There is no charge for admission however a free will offering will be accepted to benefit Moses Agapito's school and clinic in the Sudan. For further information call Carol at 724-5118 ext. 25.

**Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Mass schedule:
Monday, December 7th – 5:30 PM,
Tuesday, December 8th - 6:45 & 9:00 AM,
5:30 PM.**

Giving Trees

The Giving Trees are up with many stars to be taken and gifts to be purchased! **PLEASE**, only take those stars that have gift requests that you can purchase and bring back to church with the *star firmly attached by Sunday, December 13th*.

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.

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.

Advent Service “Expectation”

Please join us this Sunday, December 6th at 3:30 PM for our Advent Service as we prepare and await the Birth of Jesus. The music ministry and lector ministry are combining their talents to bring us a prayerful beginning to the season and to help us reflect on its meaning in our lives. Please join us as we read, sing and pray.

Hospitality Christmas Brunch

The Christmas Brunch has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th at 9:30 AM in the Hayes Room. Mary Carole Griffin is the chairman this year. Please call her at 732-6591 if you will be attending and let her know what food item you will be bringing.

Lector Workbooks

New Lector workbooks are in the Sacristy. Please pick up your labeled copy.

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 5 - 13

Saturday, December 5– (Vigil) 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:00 The Cardillo Family – Lee & Joe Cianciolo
4:00 Edward Flemma - Family
4:00 Stanley Lorek – Richard Mrowka

Sunday, December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 Rocco Montesano – Elmer Family
7:30 Helen Ferris - Family
9:00 William Stevenson - Wife
9:00 Gerald Cunningham – Allen Family
9:00 William Grimmer – Extended Cunningham Family
10:30 Leonard T. Kelly - Family
10:30 Victoria Tehan – Stephen Spellman Family
10:30 Marian Hamlin & Wanda Zareski – Mary Hamlin and Children

Monday, December 7 – St. Ambrose/Vigil Immaculate Conception

6:45 The People of St. John's
9:00 Charles Comstock – Bill & Sondra Roemer
9:00 Edna Cox – Carol Stappenbeck
9:00 Jeff Ward, Sr. – St. John's Parish
5:30 John Callahan – Bev Jones & Family
5:30 Dolores Lump – John & Barbara Klein
5:30 Walter F. Lewandowski – John & Barbara Klein

Tuesday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 The People of St. John's
9:00 Susan Teesdale – Cindy Outtrim
9:00 Gerald Cunningham – Lewis & Jane Smith
9:00 Joseph Parlato – Don & Wanda Gregory
5:30 Special Intention
5:30 Rose DeSimone – Jane Firsching & Family
5:30 Peter C. Marra – Son Gregory

Wednesday, December 9 – St. Juan Diego

6:45 Rev. John A. Hayes – St. John's Parish
9:00 Grace Caruso & Madeline DiSalvo - Family
9:00 Suzanne Harrington – John & Betty Meehan
9:00 Robert Riggles – George & Mary Kazanjian & Family

Sanctuary Light in Memory of Tom Gilroy requested by Joanne & Phil.

Thursday, December 10 – Advent Weekday

6:45 John Nobles - Family
9:00 Jeanette Butler – Matthew & Patricia Bohn
9:00 Barbara Tobiasz – John McMillan

Friday, December 11 – St. Damasus I

6:45 Anna Quinn – St. John's Parish
9:00 Helen M. Ashmore – Rosemary & Bill Ashmore
4:00 Miller/Tobiasz Wedding

Saturday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 Thomas Giometti – Mollie Provasnik

Saturday, December 12 – (Vigil) 3rd Sunday of Advent

4:00 Ida Millett & James Millett – Margaret Millett & Family
4:00 Joseph & Mary Virkler – Maureen & Ed Netzband
4:00 Cardillo Family – Joe & Lee

Sunday, December 13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:30 Tom Gilroy - Family
9:00 Ursula Sugama – Mother Helen Ciepinska
9:00 Dominick & Mamie Donato – Dr. & Mrs. Robert Hobaica
9:00 Gerald Cunningham – Martin Hernon Family
10:30 Robert Mercurio – Gertrude Crowe
10:30 Kurt Krieger – Don & Wanda Gregory
10:30 James O'Malley – Bill & Cindy Eichinger

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Zephaniah 3:14-18a (9C); Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Gospel question of the week for December 13th

Adult: When have I felt most alive in the presence of God?

Child: When are some times that I felt God was near me? Was I happy?



ADULT DINING CENTER

Monday, December 7 – Yoga, Knitting & Crocheting , Aerobics, Water color, Senior Theatre League & Spanish

Tuesday, December 8 - Bridge Entertainment

Wednesday, December 9 – Yoga, Chair Yoga, BINGO, Alzheimer’s Information

Thursday, December 10 – Pinochle, Computer, AARP Driving

Friday, December 11 – Bridge, Aerobics, AARP Driving

Alzheimer’s Information

On Wednesday, December 9th, Michael Masserin from the Alzheimer’s Association will be coming to the Center to speak about Alzheimer’s and bring us important information useful to both the caregiver and the patient. All are welcome to attend.

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: November 29, 2009

Regular Collection:	\$	7,156.00
Loose Cash:	\$	878.00
Credit Card Collection:	\$	870.00
Total	\$	8,904.00

Thank You

Weekly Income required	\$	10,545.00
Collection	\$	8,904.00
Shortage this week	\$	1,641.00
Cumulative Shortage to date	\$	17,407.50

End of Year Contributions

Contributions for calendar year 2009 must be received no later than December 31, 2009. Contributions received after 1-1-10 will be posted for the year 2010.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes are at the usual times this week.

Confirmation I students have class on Monday, December 7th. We will start in Church for this particular class.

Sunday Morning Gospel for Confirmation I and II will be after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday December 6th and 13th in the Hayes Room.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who made their First Reconciliation on December 5th.

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

Altar Servers: If you would like to become an altar server, call the rectory or religious education office.

Breakfast with Santa: See insert in this week’s bulletin! Santa will be here at St. John’s on Sunday, December 13th!

Teen Helpers Date Change (Sr. Lynn)

Sr. Lynn will be here on **Monday, December 7th at 5:00 PM** instead of Sunday after Mass to bring the Giving Tree gifts down to the auditorium to be sorted. If you can help, meet Sr. Lynn at the rectory at 4:45 PM.

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 MVRRCR – in memo space please write “neighbors network”.)

Boxes are located at rectory entrance and Rel Ed office.

Santa is coming to St. John's!

If you would like to have Breakfast with Santa,

join us on Sunday, December 13th

in the church Auditorium from

10:00 AM - Noon, \$2.00 per person



Menu includes pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, coffee.

Mrs. Claus and his Elves will be here too!

Have your picture taken with Santa!



The Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke



Join us for an exploration of the Christmas story by Matthew and Luke on Thursday, December 10th from 7:30 - 9:00 PM in the Hayes Room. Paul Hanley, a noted local teacher and speaker will guide us through the scriptures for the Christmas season. Mr. Hanley teaches at Notre Dame High School and has extensive background in scripture.



Please register by phone (732-8521), fax (735-1569) or fill out the bottom portion and return to the rectory office so we will know how to plan.

Completed form may also be put in the collection basket.



Name: _____

Phone: _____ Number attending _____