

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Father's Intentions For January

General Intention: That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare to serve society.
Mission Intention: That every believer in Christ may realize that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

There will be NO Holy Hour this week. Holy Hour will resume on **Thursday, January 7th**.



Christmas Flowers

Name	In Memory of
Mark & Elizabeth Halpin	<i>William & Mary Anne Halpin, Paul Orrico Family</i>
M/M Kenneth Giffune	
M/M Charles Serafin	
M/M Roy Smith	<i>Helen Smith, Del Smith</i>
Mrs. Karen Sents	<i>Father, Frank Krieger</i>
M/M William Craig	
Loving Wife Ruth	<i>Daniel V. Gawlas</i>
Mrs. Victor Sharkey	<i>Sharkey & Gajda Families</i>
Mr. Donald Clark	<i>Clark Family</i>
Dr. Thomas Webb & Family	<i>Dr. Howard & Beatrice Webb, Mary Godemann</i>
M/M Robert Nudo	<i>Fannie Nudo, Louise LaBuz</i>
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Raj	
Loving Daughter	<i>Camille Ludwiczak</i>
Loving Granddaughter	<i>Sophie Kasprzak</i>
Colleen & Steve Pardi	<i>Pardi, Duffy & Toukatly Families</i>
Carl & Joanne Rooney	<i>Carl & Catherine Rooney, Anthony Mancuso</i>
Miss Donna Buneo	<i>Ronald P. Buneo</i>
M/M Philip Avella	<i>In Honor of Aunt & Uncle Theresa & Bill Simonik</i>

Please note: The rectory office will close at Noon on Thursday, December 31st. All parish offices will be closed on Friday, January 1st in observance of New Year's.

First Saturday - The rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, January 2nd.

Food Collection Sunday

Our collection for St. John's Outreach at St. Francis de Sales Food Pantry will be held the weekend of January 2/3. Your continued support is beneficial to helping the needy of our area. Thank you.

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 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 were Sr. Lynn and Poni, Janice Woodworth, John Grygiel & John Pitarresi. Thanks to everyone for your help, with a very special thank you to Sr. Lynn for all of her work to make this project run so smoothly.

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.

"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"



NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 26 – JANUARY 3

Saturday, December 26 – (Vigil) Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:00 Leonard Nowak - Family
4:00 Don Firsching – Jane Firsching
4:00 Edward & Mary Zaik – Daughter, Son-in-law & Grandchildren

Sunday, December 27 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 Lauren Stopper, Sr. & Albert W. Stopper – Elmer & Montesano Families
7:30 Charlotte V. Seremet - Family
7:30 Francis & Lillian Brady, Albert & Glenna Stopper – Elmer & Montesano Families
9:00 Jim Fletcher – Wife & Family
9:00 Albert & Mary Whiteley - Family
9:00 Michael J. O’Hara - Wife
10:30 Christine Beratta - Friend
10:30 Helen Stemmer - Family
10:30 Owen J. & Dorothy L. Rehm, M/M Harry W. Liddle – James L. Rehm

Monday, December 28 – Holy Innocents

6:45 The People of St. John’s
9:00 Sally Malkin – Marie
9:00 Richard Kehoe & Richard Kehoe, Jr. – Family
9:00 Pauline Roemer - Family

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

6:45 Lois Carroll – Esther Manley
9:00 Suzanne Harrington – St. John’ Parish
9:00 Barbara Tobiasz – St. John’s Parish
9:00 Jeff Ward – Tuesday Rosary Group

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

6:45 Ronald Britto – Gemma Rodrigues
6:45 W. Peter King – Janice Woodworth & Sisters
9:00 Mildred Clark – Family
9:00 Marilyn Walker - Marcy School of Nursing Class of 1968

Thursday, December 31 – Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas, St. Sylvester I

6:45 John J. Meehan, Sr. – Agnes Grygiel
9:00 Lynn Allen Meltzer – Jane Gobel & Family

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

5:30 Lloyd Seiter - Family
5:30 Deceased Members of the Carney Family – Family

Friday, January 1 – Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

9:00 Deceased Members of the Moore & Decker Families – Barbara Whitaker
9:00 Marie & Richard Troiani – Family
10:30 David H. Smith – Richard & Julie Venezia

Saturday, January 2 – Sts. Basil and Gregory

8:00 Stanley Lorek – Michael Mrowka

Saturday, January 2 – (Vigil) Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 Isabelle Warren - Niece
4:00 Annabelle & Stanley Dougherty - Daughter
4:00 Frank J. Giambona – M/M Gary R. Scharf

Sunday, January 3 – Epiphany of the Lord

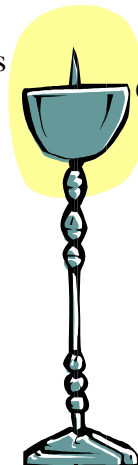
7:30 Kurt Kreiger – Dory & John Shaw
7:30 Fay Abbass – Lorraine Kabot
9:00 Eleanor Fellone Buttenschon – Steve & Beth Guzski
9:00 Louise Kluska – Ruth Deon & Sandi Nowicki
9:00 Helen Krysiak – Jeff & Mary Smith
10:30 Michael Graniero – Richard & Carm Graniero
10:30 Edward Goff - Family
10:30 In Thanksgiving to the Children of Doris & Edward Goff - Family

Gospel question of the week for January 3rd

Adult: Does my pride and independence prevent me from accepting the gifts that God and others offer me?

Child: What are some good gifts that I receive in my life? Do I realize that such gifts are a sign of God’s love for me?

*Sanctuary Light in Memory of
Michael & Thomas Moran
Requested by Family.*



ADULT DINING CENTER

Monday, December 28 – Yoga, Knitting & Crocheting , Aerobics, Water color, Senior Theatre League & Spanish

Tuesday, December 29 – Bridge, Entertainment

Wednesday, December 30 – Yoga, Chair Yoga, BINGO

Thursday, December 31 – Pinochle, Computer, Birthday Party, New Year’s Eve Party

Friday, January 1 – Center Closed

New Year’s Eve/Birthday Party

The Senior Center will celebrate its annual New Year’s Eve Party at the Center on Thursday, 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. We will also be celebrating our December birthdays at this time.

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.

Smart Shopper Books

Smart Shopper books for 2010 are on sale at the Center for \$20.00 each.

Reservations

Please remember if you wish to reserve lunch please call us no later than 12:00 PM the **day before** you would like to join us for lunch. Along with certain meals there are “alternates” available. If you are unable to eat the entrée, please be sure to specify if you need to order an alternate.

*Holy
Family,*



*Pray for
us.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No Religious Education this week.

Confirmation I meets on Monday, January 4th.

Child Church takes place during the 10:30 Mass. Children are welcome. **Please note: There will be NO Child Church on Sunday, December 27th.**

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 get your copy please call Mary Joan Foresti at 735-6340.

FINANCES

Collection –	Week Ending:	December 20, 2009
Regular Collection:	\$	8,403.71
Loose Cash:	\$	811.00
Credit Card Collection:	\$	1,035.00
Total	\$	10,249.71
Special Donation	\$	4,000.00
Thank You		
Weekly Income required	\$	10,545.00
Collection	\$	<u>10,249.71</u>
Shortage this week	\$	295.29
Cumulative Shortage to date	\$	14,414.79

Breakfast Benefit for the Longo Children’s Trust

The Whitesboro Teachers Association, Whitesboro Employees Union and Whitesboro Administrators Organization are hosting a Breakfast Benefit for the children of Joseph and Kristen Longo. The benefit will be held on Sunday, January 10th from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Daniele’s Banquet Facility, Seneca Turnpike in New Hartford. Tickets for those 18 and under are \$10.00, over 18 the cost is \$15.00. Tickets can be purchased at all Whitesboro Central School District Buildings during regular school hours. Live entertainment will be provided by Whitesboro students and door prizes will be raffled off the day of the breakfast.



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



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



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



Happy New Year!