

Second Collection for Haitian Earthquake Relief

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, Bishop of Syracuse, has announced a special collection for Haiti Relief. All parishes in our diocese have been asked to take up a second collection which will take place here at St. John's this weekend, January 23-24, 2010. Individual donations can be made to Haiti Relief- Diocese of Syracuse and mailed to *Diocese of Syracuse, 240 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse New York 13202*, marked *Haiti Relief*. All funds will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church. Please be as generous as possible to our unfortunate brothers and sisters of Haiti.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

A holy hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction will be held on **Thursday, January 28th** at 7:00 PM. Come and adore the Lord Jesus bodily present in the Eucharist.



Lectors

The Lector schedule for the last week of January – May has been mailed along with your preference sheet for the Easter Liturgies. **Please return the Easter availability sheet to Jerry Pitarresi by February 21st**. If you did not receive your copy, please contact the rectory office.

Catholic Sun

We are pleased to offer our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Sun*, delivered free, right to your door. If you are seriously interested in learning more about your faith, consider having this publication in your home. Articles that deal with national, diocesan and local topics appear regularly in each issue. Call the rectory to reserve your copy. Allow a few weeks for delivery to begin.



Join over 1,000 men of the diocese on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the OnCenter in Syracuse from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM for an amazing day that could change your life! The conference begins with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Cunningham and continues with former police officer and Kick-boxing champion Jesse Romero, national speaker and radio host Fr. Larry Richards and performing artist Sean Forrest. You can register online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org or contact Fr. Joe at the rectory. Sign up soon! You won't want to miss the chance to ignite your faith.

End of Year Contributions

Contributions for calendar year 2009 must have been received no later than December 31, 2009. Contributions received after 1-1-10 will be posted for the year 2010. **Anyone requesting a year end statement can call the rectory office and it will be mailed to you.**

Please support our Advertisers

Our advertising fees make it possible to offset the cost of issuing this weekly bulletin. Please mention the bulletin when making a purchase of goods or services at one of our loyal patrons. We welcome our new advertiser *Take Shape for Life*; call Mary Frances Firsching, Owner, at 796-3311 for help with weight loss, Type II Diabetes, high blood pressure & cholesterol.

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

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

Angels Among Us is looking for youth and adults interested in working with an Interfaith Environmental Group. At its core, global climate change is not about economic theory or political platforms, nor about partisan advantage or interest group pressures. It is about the future of God's creation and the one human family. It is about protecting both "the human environment" and the natural environment. It is about our human stewardship of God's creation and our responsibility to those who come after us. If you are interested in finding out more about this Interfaith Environmental Group, please call Joe Fariello at 272-7443.

MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY 23 - 31

Saturday, January 23 – (Vigil) 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 Rocky Umar – Larry & Kathy Scharf
4:00 Kathleen Owens - Daughter Joan
4:00 Edward & Mary Zaik – Daughter, Son-in-law & Grandchildren

Sunday, January 24 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Deceased Members of the Carney Family – Family
7:30 Joseph Kabot, Jr. – Family
7:30 Fanny D. Flint – John & Irene Armstrong
9:00 Bonnie Ehre – Jeff & Mary Smith
9:00 John L. Stacy, III – Allan & Dorothy Cornell
9:00 Fay Abbass – Jeff & Mary Smith
10:30 Catherine Fee – Anne Tripp
10:30 Joseph L. Parlato – M/M Francis Behlmer
10:30 Joseph Ficano – Wife & Family

Monday, January 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul

6:45 Joseph D. Woods – Esther Manley
9:00 Eric Kresse & Mom – Marie Kresse

Tuesday, January 26– Sts. Timothy & Titus

6:45 The People of St. John's
9:00 James Dunn – Marta & Greg Donohue & Family
9:00 Suzanne Harrington – Halpin Family

Wednesday, January 27 – St. Angela Merici

6:45 Monica Grygiel – George & Mary Kazanjian & Family
9:00 Thomas Gelfuso – St. John's Parish
9:00 Jack Alofs - Family

Thursday, January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas

6:45 Michael Handzel – Mary Kaczor
9:00 Gertrude Crowe – St. John's Parish
9:00 Joseph Graziano – Maxam Family

Friday, January 29 – Weekday

6:45 Stanley Lorek – Sheila & Fred Murad
9:00 Mrs. Harry W. Liddle – James L. Rehm

Saturday, January 30 – Weekday, Saturday of Our Lady

8:00 Maureen Wilczek – St. John's Parish

Saturday, January 30 – (Vigil) 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 Jacob Griggs – St. John's Parish
4:00 Shirley Bonville – Winifred Roth
4:00 Lawrence Scianni – Daughters Carol, Lorraine & Melanie

Sunday, January 31 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Stanley T. Pilawa, Jr. – St. John's Parish
7:30 Edward Dziura – Ken & Kathy Giffune
9:00 Gertrude Crowe – M/M Peter Goodelle & Family
9:00 John J. Kelly, Sr. – M/M Steven Callahan
9:00 William Delaney – Pitarresi Family
10:30 Axel Hansen – The Knight Family
10:30 Stephen Conway – Rich & Julie Venezia
10:30 Samuel & Katherine Avella & Josephine Mainella – Dr. & Mrs. Marc Feiner

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 (72C); 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Luke 4:21-30

Gospel question of the week for January 31st

Adult: What keeps me from acting with love?
What can I do to change my attitude and behavior in these situations?

Child: What are three things I can do this week to act as a loving person?

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



ADULT DINING CENTER

Monday, January 25 – Yoga, Knitting & Crocheting, Aerobics, Spanish, Sr. Theater Productions

Tuesday, January 26 - Bridge Entertainment

Wednesday, January 27 – Yoga, Chair Yoga, Acacia Village/Masonic Home Information, Birthday Party

Thursday, January 28 – Computer

Friday, January 29 – Bridge, Aerobics

Acacia Village/Masonic Home

On Wednesday, January 27th at 11:00 AM, a representative from Acacia Village, located at the Masonic Home in Utica, will be at the Center to give a presentation and answer any questions you may have.

HEAP Applications

Applications for HEAP assistance are now available for Seniors to pick up at the Senior Center. For those needing assistance in filling out these forms, a representative from the Office for the Aging (OFA) will be at the Senior Center at 11:00 AM the first Wednesday of each month.

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.



Birthday Party

We will celebrate all our Seniors January birthdays on Wednesday, January 27th at 11:45 AM.

Reservations

Please remember, if you wish to reserve lunch, please call the Center 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 planned, please be sure to specify if you need to order the alternate.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes are at the usual times this week. No class will be held for 7th, 8th and 9th grades because of exams at school

Confirmation II Retreat takes place next Sunday at the Good News Center. Father will be coming in the afternoon for Mass.

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



“Souper Bowl” Collection

We will once again be participating in “Souper Bowl” Sunday. Our collection weekend is scheduled for February 6/7, 2010. Please consider supporting this endeavor. Your generous donations will help feed families in need in the Utica area. All donations stay local. More information will follow.

FINANCES

Collection –	Week Ending:	January 17, 2010
Regular Collection:		\$ 7,806.00
Loose Cash:		\$ 781.00
Credit Card Collection:		\$ 791.00
Total Regular Weekly Income		\$ 9,378.00
Fuel		\$ 3,188.00

Thank You

Second Collection:

<u>This Weekend:</u>	Haitian Earthquake Relief
Weekly Income required	\$ 10,545.00
Collection	\$ 9,378.00
Shortage this week	\$ 1,167.00
Cumulative Shortage to date	\$ 18,649.79

Historic Old St. John's/St. Francis de Sales Outreach

January, 2010

Dear Parishioners of St. John's,

With 2010 underway, the people we service, my volunteers and I wanted to say thank you for assisting those in need who came to the Sister Mary Theresa Outreach Center at 1119 Elm St during 2009. Your monthly donations of food for our food pantry, clothing drop-offs for our clothing store, Thanksgiving Baskets in November and the Christmas gifts from your Giving Tree in your church have helped hundreds of families over the past year. When one of the families you helped at Thanksgiving showed up on our Daughter of Charity Residence on Summit Place on Thanksgiving Day with a plate of food from his table to thank me, he was thanking *YOU!* When a mother showed up at our food pantry after receiving your Christmas gifts with two small bottles of cooking vanilla to say thank you for the gifts she received from your parish, she was thanking *YOU!* God is pleased with your generous giving and that is what matters most! The quiet giving is a good thing and those who receive your help are most grateful.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Gratefully,

Sr. Joan Corcoran, DC

Historic Old St. John's Parish Outreach Director (St. Francis de Sales)



Thea Bowman House, Inc.

January 2010

Dear Parishioners of St. John's,

A heartfelt thank you to the members of your parish for your wonderful generosity to our children and families here at Thea Bowman House. Your kindness truly put the Christmas spirit into the lives of the children and adults alike.

We are deeply touched and sincerely appreciate the continued support and benevolence of our local community, as well as of caring individuals such as yourselves year after year. We wish you could hear the words of gratitude and see the joy on the faces of the children and families your gifts of kindness have brought. Whether the gift was a new clothing item, a new toy or food shared, it made a memorable Christmas for all at a time when families are especially challenged financially.

Wishing everyone much peace and happiness for this new year of 2010.

Gratefully,

Sr. M. Bernadette Kapfer, CSSF

Project Coordinator