

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Holy Father's Intentions for December

**General Intention:** That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect.

**Mission Intention:** That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

### Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

A holy hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction will be held on **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 PM. Come and adore the Lord Jesus bodily present in the Eucharist.

### Lectors

The November through February schedule has been mailed. Enclosed in the mailing is the *holiday lector availability postage paid post card that we ask you to PLEASE fill out and return for upcoming liturgies by December 5<sup>th</sup>*. If you have not received this mailing, please call the rectory at 732-8521.



### Thanksgiving Basket Thank you

We would like to thank all those who helped to fill the Thanksgiving Baskets on Monday and those who volunteered to load the boxes into the vehicles on Tuesday. We would also like to thank the many parishioners who gave so generously so that the less fortunate would have a happy Thanksgiving.

### 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.

**First Saturday** - The rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (5B); 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

### Giving Tree

**Giving Tree stars are now available. Please remember to return the wrapped gift with the star firmly attached BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>. Pick up by agencies is Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Any gifts received after that date will not get to the intended family.**

### Food Collection Sunday

Our collection for St. John's Outreach at St. Francis de Sales Food Pantry will be held the weekend of December 3/4. Your continued support is beneficial to helping the needy of our area. Thank you.

### 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 Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 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 prayerfully into the holiday season and to help us reflect on its meaning in our lives. Please join us as we read, sing and pray.

### Advent Penance Service

The combined Advent Penance Service with St. John the Evangelist, Sacred Heart/St. Mary's, New York Mills and St. Mary's, Clinton will take place at St. Mary's Church in Clinton on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Many area priests will be there to hear confession.

### FINANCES

Collection –	Week Ending:	November 20, 2011
Regular Collection:		\$ 10,568.00
Loose Cash:		\$ 572.00
Total Regular Weekly Income		\$ 11,140.00
Human Development		\$ 1,158.00

Thank You

## MASS INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 4

### Saturday, November 26 – (Vigil) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

4:00 Kathleen Owens – Daughter Joan  
4:00 Maureen Dwyer O’Connell – Family  
4:00 Jerry & Vincent Cianciolo – Lee & Joe  
Cianciolo

### Sunday, November 27 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:30 Gerling & Schreppel Families – Gerling Family  
7:30 Special Intention to St. Jude  
7:30 Stanley T. Pilawa, Sr. – Wife Susan  
9:00 Eustelle McMillan - Husband  
9:00 Angelina Gerbasio – M/M Tabaka  
9:00 Kathleen M. Giffune – Ron & Gayle Mineo  
10:30 Richard Robinson – Julie & Rich Venezia  
10:30 Suzanne Toukatly – Gloria Duffy  
10:30 Lorraine “Shirley” Krieger – Beth & Al  
Shoemaker

### Monday, November 28 – Advent Weekday

6:45 Joseph Woods, Jr. – Esther Manley  
6:45 Chester Liszka (Anniv) - Friend  
9:00 William Hall - Family  
9:00 Stephen E. Spellman – Stephen & Judith  
Spellman

### Tuesday, November 29 – Advent Weekday

6:45 Wedding Anniversary of Ed & Cathy Kernan  
– Kernan Family  
9:00 Josie Orrico Blanckmeister – Margaret Fariello

### Wednesday, November 30 – St. Andrew

6:45 Rev. William Griffin – St. John’s Parish  
9:00 Eileen Deitrich – M/M John Inman  
9:00 Michael Tinelli - Wife  
9:00 Frances Scardina – Robert & Ann

### Thursday, December 1 – Advent Weekday

6:45 The People of St. John’s  
9:00 Ruth Gaffney - St. John’s Parish

### Friday, December 2 – Advent Weekday

6:45 Ann C. Tracy – Fred & Karen Kiehm  
9:00 Beverly Fey – St. Francis Class of 1954  
9:00 Camilla Jerominek – Family  
9:00 Sissy Rockwell & Family – The Allen Family

### Saturday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier

8:00 Chester Sielagowski – Matthew & Patricia  
Bohn

### Saturday, December 3 – (Vigil) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

4:00 Carolyn Thomas - Jean  
4:00 Edward R. Flemma - Family  
4:00 Pauline, James & Catherine Cardillo – Lee &  
Joe Cianciolo

### Sunday, December 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:30 Josie Orrico Blanckmeister – Harrington &  
Allen Families  
7:30 Rose Picente – Marc & Elise Feiner  
7:30 Robert P. Moran, Sr. – Jim & Eileen Spellman  
9:00 John F. Devaney – Rod & Marilyn Zurek  
9:00 William Stevenson – Children, Gail, Karen &  
Bill  
9:00 Deceased Members of the McCann & Maguire  
Families  
10:30 Chester Ludwiczak – Jackie & Matt Russo  
10:30 Shirley Sloma – Julie & Richard Venezia  
10:30 Marian Hamlin & Wanda Zareski – Mary  
Hamlin & Children

*Sanctuary Light in Memory of Francis  
& Monica Martyniak Requested by  
Rose & Mike Miles.*

*“Be watchful!*

*Be alert!*

*You do not know  
when the time  
will come.”*



# St. John the Evangelist Church

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## ADULT DINING CENTER - PHONE - 315-724-8966

**Monday, November 28** – Yoga, Spanish, Knitting and Crocheting, Aerobics, Art Class, Senior Theater Productions

**Tuesday, November 29** – Bridge, Entertainment

**Wednesday, November 30**– Yoga, Chair Yoga, Birthday Party

**Thursday, December 1** – Pinochle, Computer

**Friday, December 2** – Bridge, Aerobics, Blood Pressure Screening

## Smart Shopper Books

Smart Shopper books are on sale now at the Center. You can buy the 2012 book for \$20.00 and receive the 2011 book for free while supplies last.

## Reservations

Please remember, if you wish to reserve lunch please call us no later than 12:00 Noon the DAY BEFORE the day 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 ask if there is an alternate available.

## St. John's Fellowship –Hospitality Christmas Brunch

*The Fellowship and Hospitality Christmas Brunch will be held after the 9:00 AM Mass on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Hayes Room. If you are planning to attend, please call Mary Carole Griffin at 732-6591 and let her know what you would like to bring. There will be good food, great entertainment and even better camaraderie! We hope to see you there!*



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religious Education Classes** for Kindergarten through grade 9 are at the usual times this week. Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be having a special class on recognizing the lures that sexual predators use which will be presented by Peter Colburn from the New Hartford police department. This is part of our response to the bishops' charter.

**Confirmation I Students** meet Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Our speaker will be Sister Jeanne Marie Gocha. Sister Jeanne Marie is the vocation director for the Sisters of St. Joseph.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation** takes place on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Those people with last names beginning with A through L are scheduled for 11:00 AM and the names beginning with M through Z are at 1:00 PM. Please let Sister Martha know if you need to change your time.

**Child Church** takes place during the 10:30 Mass. Young children are welcome to attend. If anyone is interested in becoming a Child Church leader, please call Sister Martha or Marybeth Zalewski.

*Santa is coming to St. John's!*

*If you would like to have*

*Breakfast with Santa, join us on*

*Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> in the*

*Church Auditorium from*

*10:00 AM – 12:30 PM, \$2.00 per*

*person. Mrs. Claus and*

*Santa's Elves will be*

*here too!*

*Have your picture*

*taken with Santa!*



## THE NEW TEXTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

### THE COMMUNION RITE

Our reflection on the new texts of the Roman Missal now brings us to reflect upon the Communion Rite. The Communion Rite begins with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer. After sharing the Sign of Peace, which underlies our unity through the mystery of Christ and His Church, we focus once again on the altar. Several actions then begin to unfold.

This part of the Mass is called the "breaking of the bread". The priest takes the Body of Christ under the form of bread and breaks it into two or more pieces. In early Christian communities, one loaf was sufficient and the symbolism of many grains of wheat forming one loaf strongly symbolized the one body of Christ, of which each individual was a part. Now, because of the great number of people in our parishes, several ciboria (sacred vessels) for individual hosts may be used, several large hosts may be broken into smaller pieces.

To maintain the symbolism of the one body, breaking and distributing from the consecrated bread of the Celebrant to at least a few members of the assembly is a recommended practice.

When the Celebrant "breaks the bread" into two or more pieces, he drops a particle into the chalice containing the Precious Blood while praying quietly. What does it mean and what is he saying?

The action goes back very far in history and has had various meanings through the centuries. In the early centuries of the Church, the pope sent out portions of bread consecrated at the Mass he celebrated to all the parishes in Rome to manifest the unity formed by the Eucharist. Each priest would take his portion and drop it into the chalice at Mass to ritually recognize the union. Over time, as the number of parishes grew, this practice became impractical and fell into disuse. Instead a piece of the priest's host itself was dropped into the Precious Blood. Some feel that this symbolic act represents the re-union of Christ's body and blood, or body and soul at His resurrection.

At this moment the priest prays, "May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." He asks that we may partake of the glorified body of Christ, the fruit of his Resurrection. How often do we remind ourselves that the Christ who nourishes us in the Eucharist is the same Christ who lived, died and rose again – and we have been promised the same gift!

Simultaneously, while these actions take place, the assembly sings or recites the "Lamb of God". This chant accompanies the rite of the breaking of the bread. The words recall Jesus as the lamb of the paschal sacrifice and the triumphal lamb of the Book of Revelation. It's a wonderful weaving of the action of the priest and the participation of the people affirming the sacrificial reality of the Eucharist.

The meal we are about to share would not have taken place without the obedient sacrifice of Jesus. The liturgy reminds us that it was His sacrifice which "takes away the sins of the world" – which has brought salvation to the world and continues to save us.

