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October 1, 2017 Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

A word from Fr. John,
I plan. God laughs. And God has been laughing a lot lately. I had hoped to have all of the various construction and repair projects complete at this point. But alas, God laughs. The unexpected, the unfortunate, the extraordinary seem to pop up and get in the way of my plans. This gets me concerned, and even anxious. "Really, can't anything go smoothly and easily for me?" In response, God laughs. For in the end, the important things come together allowing what needs to happen to occur. As I write this, it appears that everything will fall into place allowing us to return to use of our church building this weekend. I am still trying to work out what may need to get done to make the entrance more presentable for our 150th Anniversary celebrations next weekend.

I am aware that the spirit and mood of some in our parish has been dampened by the news of Fr. Dan's departure for his new ministry opportunity at the St. Ann's Community, on top of my impending move to the three parishes in Rochester. These changes can be a source of sadness and unease for some. That is a normal part of changes and transitions. I hope that those who are experiencing such are reaching out to God in prayer and to friends, family and fellow parishioners for understanding and support.

Acknowledging such, I invite you to set that process aside this coming weekend, and enter into the celebration of our parish's 150th Anniversary at all our Masses and the banquet. As we honor the people and the ministry of those who have come before us in building and sustaining a Catholic presence in our community, we follow their example in facing the challenges and embracing the opportunities that allow us to continue "Walking in Faith, Serving our Community." It is my hope that we can come together in joy and love to celebrate the many blessings that God has bestowed on our parish over the last 150 years, offering our Lord praise and thanksgiving in the Eucharist, and continuing our celebration in a shared meal filled with friendship and fellowship. May that set an appropriate tone as our parish continues its journey of faith that with God's gracious blessings will be perpetuated for many years to come.

Visits with some homebound parishioners lately have got me thinking about developing a new ministry, wherein parishioners might volunteer to bring those who are physically able, but no longer able to drive themselves to Mass. Perhaps, a system might be developed wherein a series of volunteers offer to drive one of these fellow parishioners to Mass once per month sharing the task and enabling others to attend Mass on a regular basis. This might be a fitting ministry to develop in this diocesan Year of the Eucharist. We'll have to see where the Spirit might lead us in this regard.

Yours,
Fr. John

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Anniversary Weekend
Marking the actual date of our parish's founding
(October 7, 1867)

† **Celebratory Masses** †
Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7th & 8th
Bishop Salvatore Matano will be our principal celebrant
and homilist at the 11:15AM Mass

• **Banquet** •
Sunday, Oct. 8th at the Whittier Party House
Ticketed guests are invited to join us for a social hour at
1:00 PM and dinner at 2:00 PM

Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 7:45, 9:30 & 11:15 am

Weekday Masses & Holy Day Masses: See bulletin.

Confession: Sat. 4:00 to 4:30, Wed. 5:45 - 6:15 pm, or by appointment.

Baptisms: We look forward to the Baptism of your child. Please call the Parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples are to meet with the parish deacon at least six months in advance. Pre-Cana attendance is required. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Prayer Chain Call 352-5481, **ext.213**, and leave a message.

Religious Shoppe: Closed Until Further Notice. Currently we are reviewing proposals to acquire and operate the shoppe. Contact the parish office for more details.

Wills/Bequests/Memorials— Please remember St. John's Parish !!

Pastoral Care: Volunteers are available to supplement family and other resources on a short term basis. Contact the office at 352-5481

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Parish Cemetery: General Information: 352-4462 or 352-1287
Columbarium Information: Dave Hodder 352-4462

Mass Schedule - Week of October 2, 2017

MONDAY **Holy Guardian Angels**
8:00 Rose, George & Rosemary Frank-Family

TUESDAY
8:00 Patsy Ryan-Jane Buchholz
1:00 – 3:00 Exposition

WEDNESDAY **St. Francis of Assisi**
6:30 Mary Lu Cassin-Sharon Diehl

THURSDAY **Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos**
8:00 Lea Richards-Michael Kram

FRIDAY
8:00 No Mass
5:00 Wedding Rehearsal-Ladd/DeConinck

SATURDAY **Our Lady Of The Rosary**
2:00 Wedding- Christopher Ladd-Kelly DeConinck
5:00 Martin Cunningham-Eleanor Walker

SUNDAY **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Readings: Is 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43
7:45 Gloria Bird-Bev Mellor
9:30 Eloy Cardenas Sr.-Pedro & Candy Diaz
11:15 Nate Chamberlain-Dom & Barb DiVincenzo

Memorials: This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in Memory of Rosalie & Al Reinhardt Requested by Liz Clarke



2018 LECTOR WORKBOOKS

If you are a St. John's Lector please stop in the sacristy and pick up your new 2018 workbook.

We Welcome to Our Parish Community Through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Maren Grace Lacy
Teagan Alexandra Stiefel



Wedding Banns

St. John's congratulates the following couples on their upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

III Christopher Ladd & Kelly DeConinck
I Nicholas Callahan & Nicole Diaz

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Last Week's Collection:.....\$5,970.30
Weekly amount needed for budget:.....\$9,313.73
Year To Date Collection:.....\$109,898.67
Year To Date Needed for budget:.....\$121,078.49

Poor Box collections for October go to Aurora House. This is a local hospice home providing care, comfort and dignity to those in their final stage of life.

This Week at St. John's		
Monday, October 2		
6:30	Confirmation Yr. 1	PC Upstairs Conf. Rm
6:30	GIFT	School
Tuesday, October 3		
8:45	First Tuesday Breakfast	Union St. Eatery
10-12	Garage Sale Sorting/Drop Off	School Gym
11:00	Contemplative Prayer	PC Living Rm
6:00	Men's Club	School Conf. A
6:00	Scouts	Scout Rm/Gym
Wednesday, October 4		
9:30	Quilting	PC Dining Rm
12:30	Book Club	PC Living Rm
2:00	PEACE Faith Sharing	PC Living Rm
Thursday, October 5		
9:00	Bible Study	PC Chapel
6:30	Mothers of Twins	PC Dining Rm
7:00	Bible Study	PC Chapel
Sunday, October 8		
1:00	150 Anniversary Banquet	Whittier Party House
PC = Parish Center		

ROSARY CRUSADE

Please join the 2017 Public Rosary Crusade. Our Nation is in great need of prayer. In the historic year of the Fatima Centennial. Join us on October 14, 2017 at 12:00 pm. The Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at St. Padre Pio Grounds located at 141 Frank Dimino Way, Rochester, NY 14624. Call Doreen Maier at 349-1866 for more info.

October 7/8 Ministry Schedule			
5:00 p.m.	7:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Sacristans			
Dick Rozzi			
Altar Servers			
J. Dowdell	M. Zajia	J. Gatti-Ezard	J. Bailey
J. DeConinck	D. Morgan	E. Mahoney	L. Bailey
S. Dowdell	R. Morgan	M. Mahoney	J. Dowdell
K. DeConinck		D. Zarpentine	M. Zarpentine B. Morgan E. Morgan
Lectors			
Keery	L. D'Angelo	McKee	Clarke
Dowdell	Frank	Taylor	Daniels
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion			
M. Meyer	Mosher	Bjornholm	NA
Diehl	Brown	Gatti	NA
R. D'Agostino	Kovaleski	B. Bouvy	NA
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HOW ARE WE TO SPEAK TO GOD IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING?

A Bible study on Job and the Psalms of Lament With Jon Morasse

This six week study will look at Psalms and the book of Job to see Scripture's witness to suffering, an affirmation of human lament, and the deeper relationship with God that we form through our experiences.

The study begins on Thursday, October 12 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center Library. You will need a New American Bible for the study. Please contact Jon at 585.737.9616 or jonathanswamp@gmail.com to register.

Jon Morasse is a new parishioner and graduate student of theology. After graduating in May 2018, he will pursue his doctorate in Systematic Theology.

INQUIRY INTO CATHOLIC BELIEFS AND SPIRITUALITY (RCIA)

Who: Are you a Catholic adult who was never confirmed in your youth? Or, are you a Protestant thinking about becoming Roman Catholic? Or, are you an adult that wants to become baptized? This meeting is for you.

What: This is an open meeting for all those seeking to enter the Roman Catholic Church, receive the sacrament of confirmation, and/or seeking a deeper understanding of our faith. We will cover the steps necessary to become Catholic but, most importantly, we'll outline the process of growing in relationship with God.

Where: Parish Center Library

When: October 11th at 7 PM until 8:30 PM.

Please RSVP to Dcn. Bill Rabjohn, 352-5481 ext. 206 or bill.rabjohn@dor.org



DRESS-A-GIRL

We are nearly out of fabric. We need cotton or cotton blends (no silky or upholstery fabric) Bring your donations to the Martha House during office hours. Many Thanks.



GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD PROJECT

Help local Girl Scouts to collect toys for toddlers staying at the Open Door Mission Gates Women and Children Residential Home. We are working on our Girl Scout Silver award project, and want to fill "playtime bags" that will be kept in the home. Suggested toys: **Lego Duplo's, Little People, Ring Stacking Toys, or Board Books.** Please drop off your donations through October 8th in the boxes provided at both entrances of church.



A BIG THANK YOU to all parishioners who purchased C & B tickets from the Knights of Columbus this past weekend. A total of 67 books were purchased and we have donated \$134 to St. John's to be added to the Hurricane Relief collection taken up 2 weeks ago.

GOODBYE & THANK YOU FATHER JOHN

We will celebrate Fr. John's time with us and say goodbye the weekend of November 11 & 12. There will be a catered dinner in the gym on Saturday, November 11 after 5:00 Mass and Coffee Hour after each of the Masses on Sunday, November 12. Tickets for the Dinner will be available after Masses and at the Parish office starting October 14 the cost is \$5 per ticket.

REGISTER NOW FOR CYO BASKETBALL PROGRAM 2017-2018

St. John's Catholic Youth Organization Basketball Program 2017-2018 registration is now open. Registration forms are available at the Parish Center or online at www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org.

Registration deadline is October 7th

There will be a \$20 late fee for any registrations received after October 7th and there will be no refunds after November 10th. If you have questions please e-mail Kevin O'Keefe at kjo893@yahoo.com or call the Parish Office.

Chicken B-B-Q

To benefit St. John's Youth Group trip to NCYC
Saturday, October 21st 5:30-7:30 PM
St. John's School Gym Eat In or Take Out
Half Chicken, Baked Beans, Salt Potatoes, Roll
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All Parishioners - What's New This Year?

This year, our Confirmation Year Two program has added a new component; attendance at the 11:15am Mass, as a class. We will be reserving pews in the Church on class Sundays, so that we may all sit together. We know that this may displace some of you from your usual seats and we hope that you will understand as we prepare our young candidates to become more fully engaged in reflecting on Mass as they prepare to celebrate Confirmation.

Saint John's Teen News!

Our **Youth Group** meeting will be this Sunday, October 1.

Everyone in grades 9-12 are welcome.

We will meet in the Upstairs Conference Room in Martha House from 12:30 – 2pm. We'll begin with pizza and then continue with prayer, activities, and community-building.



St. John's Women of Faith Dinner and Silent Auction Tuesday evening, October 24, 2017

We will be going to Valicia's Ristorante in Gates. Please meet at 6pm (dinner promptly at 6:30pm). Each lady is asked to pay \$15.00 for members of the parish (\$17.00 for all other guests) St. John's Women of Faith will pay the balance (including tax and gratuity). Please contact Robin Kepler, at 451-2328 or robkep@aol.com or Linda Tamburello at 352-5689 or LMDTamburello@gmail.com with your reservation by Monday, October 16, 2017.