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January 7, 2018 The Epiphany Of The Lord

On Maintaining Pipe Organs and Other Things

When I first came to St. John's, I was very excited to see that we had a pipe organ in the loft. I then learned that it hadn't been used with any great regularity in the last few years, and electric organs are a little like cars: if you don't take them out for a spin every once in a while, they take a little coaxing to get up and running again! The organ has now been put through its paces, and the case was opened so that the electrical contacts could be cleaned. And it turned out to be more than just the tiny mechanisms that needed a good cleaning. You wouldn't believe what was inside the organ: I was trying to figure out what strange sinew-like mechanism was operated by one of the pedals when suddenly I recognized it as ... a withered palm from some Palm Sunday years ago!!!

I say that I was excited to find a pipe organ here because music is one of the most important parts of the liturgy. The Second Vatican Council had a great deal to say about Sacred Music in its *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, devoting an entire chapter to the subject. This document (which, if you want to look it up, it is usually referred to by its Latin title *Sacrosanctum Concilium*) said that: **"The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art"** because "it adds delight to prayer, fosters unity of minds, [and] confers greater solemnity upon the sacred rites" (paragraph 112).

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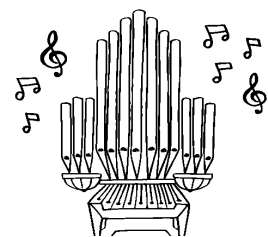
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The Rev. Peter B. Mottola - fr.peter.mottola@dor.org
Deacon Bill Rabjohn - Parish Deacon & Pastoral Associate
Deacon Tom Uschold - Parish Deacon
Barbara Lake - Pastoral Associate for Youth & Spec. Projects
Kathy Cammilleri - Parish Secretary
Julie Bailey - Coordinator of Religious Education
Jim Pudetti - Director of Finance
Lisa Sachs - Bookkeeper
Mike Burke - Maintenance Coordinator

who is not only a member of our parish family but who also has already proven over the years his deep commitment to seeing our parish continue to flourish. Many, many thanks also to Jim Fannon both for his years of service in this role and for his generosity in sharing information with Mike throughout this week so that he didn't need to spend time "reinventing the wheel," as it were.

I can hardly believe that only *one week* into 2018 there are already such exciting developments to report! I think this bodes very well for the future of our parish. As we have now concluded our sesquicentennial anniversary year, we must continue to live out and *share* our faith so that 150 years from now, the parishioners of St. John's will have another century and a half's worth of accomplishments to celebrate! May God who has begun a great work in us, bring it to completion!

God bless,
Fr. Peter



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 pm, 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.
Hospital Visits: Please state you are a parishioner from St. John's Spencerport during your intake if you want to be visited or call the parish office.
Prayer Chain Call 352-5481, **ext.213**, and leave a message.
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. Please contact the parish office.
Food Cupboard: 277-4917
Divine Mercy Religious Shop Ministries: 352-5485
Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Saturday 10am-4pm, Wednesday & Friday 10am-1pm & Thursday 3pm-8pm
Parish Cemetery: General Information: 352-4462 or 352-1287
Columbarium Information: Dave Hodder 352-4462

Mass Schedule - Week of January 8, 2018

MONDAY 8:00	The Baptism of the Lord Leo Cunningham-Family
TUESDAY 8:00 1:00 – 3:00	Ed Hahn-Pat & Vince Parks Exposition
WEDNESDAY 6:30	Ken Gavigan-St. John’s Men’s Club
THURSDAY 8:00	Dorothea Noon-Jack & Marcy Noon
FRIDAY 8:00	Traditional Latin Mass Intention of Celebrant
SATURDAY 5:00	St. Hilary Helen Kopcienski-John & Martha Kopcienski
SUNDAY Readings: 7:45 9:30 11:15	Second Sunday In Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10,9, 1 Cor 6:13c-15a. Jn 1:35-42 Maurice Hodder-Gail & John Roth Tiny & Angie Iovine-Iovine Family Joe DePalma-Judy

Prayers for the soul of Maria Hilberger & Frank Philips.
Our prayers and sympathy to Shirley & Craig Stratton on the death of her mother, and to Jim & Robby Hossenlopp on the death of her father.



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

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Last Week’s Collection:.....\$9,665.50
Weekly amount needed for budget:.....\$9,313.73
Year To Date Collection:.....\$247,154.97
Year To Date Needed for budget:.....\$251,470.71

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DON’T FORGET
GIFT, Confirmation Classes & Youth Group start back up this week!



Monday, January 8		
6:30	Confirmation Yr. 1	PC Basement
6:30	GIFT	School
Tuesday, January 9		
11:00	Contemplative Prayer	PC Library
2:00	St. Vincent de Paul Society Council	PC Dining Rm
5:30	Men’s Club	School Rm A
6:00	Boy Scouts	Scout Rm
7:00	PFUN	PC Dining Rm
Wednesday, January 10		
9:30	Quilting	PC Dining
12:30	Book Club	PC Library
6:30	RCIA	PC Library
7:00	PEACE Faith Sharing	PC Dining Rm
Thursday, January 11		
9:00	Bible Study	PC Chapel
6:00	Pack 165 Den Meeting	Scout Rm
6:30	Mother of Twins	PC Dining Rm
7:00	Bible Study	PC Chapel
PC = Parish Center		

SAVE LIVES ON THE SIDEWALK
St. John’s (Greece) invites you to:
Sidewalk Advocates for Life Rochester, NY Training
Date: Saturday, January 27, 2018 **Time:** 3PM-8PM
Location: St. John’s Parish Center 2400 Ridge Rd.
Led by: Jim Havens & Rick Paoletti
Cost: Free (includes dinner & workbook)
RSVP: Spots are limited! Please reserve your spot by e-mail jimhavens@gmail.com or call 690-9998

January 13/14 Ministry Schedule			
5:00 p.m.	7:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Sacristans			
Altar Servers (Captains in bold)			
J. Dowdell	M. Zajia	M. Zarpentine	J. Bailey
J. DeConinck	D. Morgan	E. Mahoney	L. Bailey
S. Dowdell	R. Morgan	M. Mahoney	B. Tamburello
K. DeConinck		D. Zarpentine	E. Conway
Lectors			
Keery	L. D’Angelo	McKee	Clarke
Dowdell	Frank	Taylor	Daniels
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion			
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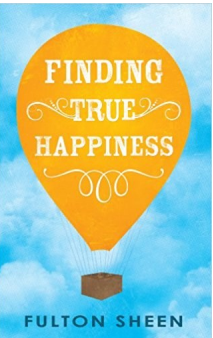
Next week (January 14th) St. Paul will tell us in our second reading, "The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord [...]. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body." In preaching about what St. Paul means, I will be quoting sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church relevant to immoral sins committed against the body, e.g., lust, masturbation, fornication, and pornography, as well as discussing the Church's teachings on homosexuality. (These are paragraphs 2351–2359 of the Catechism). If you do not wish your very young children to hear the Church's teachings on these subjects, you might consider coming to the 9:30am Mass where children may be dismissed for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Please also note that in statistics published on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website for Child and Youth Protection, 90% of 8-16 year olds having viewed pornography online, and according to the report, "most while doing homework." The same report states that the average age at which a child has their first exposure to Internet pornography is 11 years old. It is important that all Catholics, even young Catholics, know the Church's teachings about sexual morality. Parents are the first teachers of their children in the faith, so please make good decisions about how to ensure that your children are prepared to face the many evils present in our world today.
God bless—Fr. Peter



WOMEN OF FAITH ANNUAL WINTER RETREAT

Please join us for St. John’s Women of Faith Annual Winter Retreat. Friday January 26, 2018. Please come and meet with our new pastor *Father Peter Mottola* and hear him share a faith filled message. This retreat is open to all Women of Faith. The Retreat will be in the Parish Center. The day will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 9:15AM. The program will begin at 10:00AM and Lunch will follow around 12:15PM.

The afternoon will allow for quiet prayer and a guided meditation will be available. There will also be space available to pray the rosary, relax in quiet meditation or chat with a friend throughout the day. Space is limited and fills quickly. A donation of \$15for parishioners (\$20.00 for non-parishioners) is appreciated but not required. The Divine Mercy Religious Shop Ministries will be open that day from 10:00AM – 1:00PM in the school. Please RSVP by January 19th to Linda at LMDTamburello@gmail.com or call 352-5689. Feel free to contact Linda with any questions.

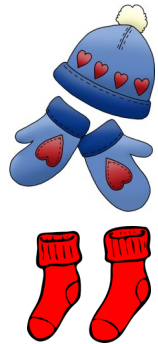


FINDING TRUE HAPPINESS

Everyone who came to Christmas Mass received a copy of the book **"Finding True Happiness"** by Archbishop Fulton Sheen, which will be the topic of discussion groups in the new year! Now is the time to sign up. Reflection questions will be provided. Please call the Parish office if you are interested in joining or leading a small group! If you did not receive a book they are located at the entrances of church.

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THE ROCHESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE



The Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference will be held at the Aquinas Institute on March 10, 2018. This year’s theme, “The Power of the Eucharist, Glorifying God and Sanctifying the World”, was chosen to correspond with the Diocese of Rochester’s Year of the Eucharist. Our speakers are Dr. Edward Sri and Danielle Bean. Registration is now open. Please visit the website at Rochesterwcw.org for conference details, information on our speakers and registration for the conference. If you have any questions, you can contact Sharon Diehl at 349-4764 or sdiehl3@rochester.rr.com.



Introduction to the Bible for Catholics

Deacon Tom Uschold will offer this course. Classes begin the Monday before Lent.
The class dates are Monday’s:
February 12th, 19th & 26th & March 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th.
Cost is \$20 per person (all materials provided).
Registrations are due by Thursday, February 1st
Registration forms can be found at the entrances of church and at the Parish office.

ST. JOHN’S MEN’S CLUB

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6:30 Meeting Presentation: **“The Eucharist”**
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