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Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
**Closed on Fridays**

**January 14, 2018 Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

On Liturgical Colors at Funerals

Over the last few weeks we’ve have mourned the deaths of several parishioners, and celebrated Masses for them here in church. The Church’s prayers at the time of death encompass many themes: prayers for the souls of those who have died, our sure and certain hope in the Resurrection, and sorrow at the loss felt by those who remain in this present life. These different needs for which we pray manifest themselves not only in the words of prayers, but also in the different colors of liturgical vestments used at Mass.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (the instructions concerning how to celebrate Mass that priests are given in that big red book that sits on the altar) says that “Besides the color violet, the colors white or black may be used at funeral services and at other Offices and Masses for the Dead in the Dioceses of the United States of America” (346). These each manifest a different part of the Church’s concerns at the time of death.

**Violet**  
Violet or purple vestments are used during Lent, when Christians do penance for our sins and enact resolutions to become more perfect. When Violet vestments are used at a funeral, it reminds us of our need to pray and do penance for the souls of the faithful departed. They, too, are becoming more perfect. We know that in Heaven we will be perfect—we will no longer sin, or even be tempted to sin. I don’t know about you, but when I try to imagine myself totally free from the grip of sin ... a lot needs to change in my soul between now and Heaven! This change where we go from being a sinner to being a saint in Heaven is what the dead in Christ undergo, a process of *cleansing* (or *purgation*) traditionally called *Purgatory*. The Church had always prayed for the dead, and many prayers of the funeral liturgy remind us of our need to continue to pray for our loved ones, even when they have died.

**White**  
In many Asian cultures, white is the traditional color of mourning. It is for this reason that white vestments were first allowed to be used at funerals. In the West, this color of vestment—used during the Easter season—also reminds the faithful of Christ’s victory over death, and the promise of immortality to come. At the time of the death of a loved one, many people come face-to-face with eternal realities, and the Church’s prayers at the funeral Mass and at the graveside encourage Christians to remember their faith in Christ’s promise that He went before us to Heaven in order to prepare a place for us.

**Black**  
Since I’ve been a priest, it’s been not at all unusual for me to find myself at two or three funerals a week. And from my experience, I’d say that black remains the color that people wear most often when attending a funeral. Black is a color of sorrow, of sadness, of loss. We feel these things at death, even as a people with faith in eternal life, because (as we read in the Scriptures, in the Book of Wisdom)

“God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living” (1:13). The use of black vestments is a sign of the fact that the Church follows St. Paul’s exhortation to “weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15).

So if you see any one of these three colors at a funeral Mass, call to mind the Church’s intention for her departed children—and let us all pray for the living and the dead!

God bless,  
Fr. Peter

**No Mass this Friday**  
Please pray for Fr. Peter and the other pilgrims who will be in Washington, D.C. that day for the March for Life. If you are interested in a spot on the bus to the March, call the parish office to inquire about availability.

**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.

**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  
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Mass Schedule - Week of January 15, 2018

<b>MONDAY</b> 8:00	Ken Gavigan-Betty Carmen
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:00 1:00 – 3:00	Nicholas Wasack-Barbara Lake Exposition
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 6:30	<b>St. Anthony</b> George Cefalu-Martens Family
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:00	Antonio Reale-Nancy Fronterre
<b>FRIDAY</b>	No Mass - Fr. Peter at March for Life
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00	<b>St. Fabian &amp; St. Sabastian</b> Peter Bohan-Lashbrook Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Readings:</b> 7:45 9:30 11:15	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jon 3:1-5 10, 1 Cor 7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20 Ken Gavigan-Hermann & Ursula Unvericht People of St. John's Tom Glende-Pat & Bob Dennis

**Memorials:** *This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Jan Taylert*  
*Requested by Barb Kelly & Dave Ross*

**Prayers for the soul of Don Mosher**  
Our prayers and sympathy to Ginny Mosher on the death of her husband.




GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Last Week’s Collection:.....	\$9,867.00
Weekly amount needed for budget:.....	\$9,313.73
Year To Date Collection:.....	\$257,021.97
Year To Date Needed for budget:.....	\$260,784.44

ACH the Envelope Alternative! The form for ACH giving can be found at the entrances of church or at the parish office. If you have questions contact Lisa or Jim at 352-5481 ext 210.

**Poor Box collections for January will go to Spencerport Human Needs:** Spencerport Human Needs Fund is a local area church administered fund providing money on an individual basis to people for gas, food, and medicine.

**“New” Ciborium**  
If you see an unfamiliar golden container holding the Eucharist on the altar, it is a recently restored vessel called a *ciborium*. The inscription on the base reads: “Dedicated in memory of the Morgan & Healy Families—Ray A. Morgan Family 1952”.



**Sonshine Ministry** – is a group of parishioners who gather once a month for about an hour to sign and address cards to be sent to the homebound, sick and those grieving. If you would like to join us this month for coffee & fellowship, please meet us in the Parish Center Dining Rm **Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**.

The Parish Office is Closed Monday, January 15, 2018 Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day			
Tuesday, January 16			
9:30	Sonshine Ministry	PC Dining Rm	
11:00	Contemplative Prayer	PC Library	
1:00	Cancer Prayer & Support	Tim Hortons	
5:30	Jesus & Jewish Roots	PC Chapel	
6:00	Cursillo Group	PC Library	
6:00	Boy Scouts	Scout Rm	
6:30	Confirmation Yr. 2 Parent Meeting	School Rm A	
Wednesday, January, 17			
9:30	Quilting	PC Dining	
12:30	Book Club	PC Library	
6:30	RCIA	PC Library	
7:00	PEACE Faith Sharing	PC Dining Rm	
7:00	Sunrise Cantorum	Church	
7:15	Parish Council	PC Upstairs	
Thursday, January 18			
9:00	Bible Study	PC Chapel	
6:00	Pack 165 Den Mtg.	Scout Rm	
7:00	Bible Study	PC Chapel	
Friday, January 19			
5:00	Pinewood Derby	Gym	
Saturday, January 20			
9:00	Dress A Girl	PC Basement	
January, 21			
9:30	Coffee Hour	PC Dining Rm	
10:30	Social Ministry	PC Chapel	
PC = Parish Center			
Have you Visited our Website Lately: <a href="http://www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org">www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org</a>			
January 20/21 Ministry Schedule			
5:00 p.m.	7:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Sacristans			
Magin			
Altar Servers (Captains in bold)			
M. Shaw	B. Morgan	J. Glozer	K. McAuliffe
E. Shaw	E. Morgan	A. Glozer	P. McAuliffe
J. Shaw	H. Lamirande	J. Glozer	E. Stanes
		J. Latronica	E. Krywy
Lectors			
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion			
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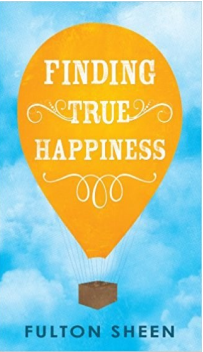
- Confirmation Year Two Parent Meeting  
If your child is being Confirmed you will need to attend! Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7pm in the school gym! Candidates, Sponsors, and Parents are welcome!
- The next GIFT Session will be Sunday, January 28 and Monday, January 29.

**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 [Rochestercwc.org](http://Rochestercwc.org) for conference details. If you have any questions, you can contact Sharon Diehl at 349-4764 or [sdiehl3@rochester.rr.com](mailto:sdiehl3@rochester.rr.com).

**IT’S NOT TOO LATE**  
**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.



**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.

In addition to all that we have a return presenter who previously spoke to the women on practical ways to “stay safe” in and out of your home. *Sergeant Nicole Tamburello of the Rochester Police Department* will be there after lunch to offer some words of wisdom for Woman Safety and answer some of your questions. 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 19<sup>th</sup> to Linda [LMDTamburello@gmail.com](mailto:LMDTamburello@gmail.com) or call 352-5689. Feel free to contact Linda with any questions.

**Baby Shower!**  
**Shower of Love February 10/11**  
On Sat/Sun, February 10/11 there will be special containers at the entrances of the church to receive offerings of items or money to show our support for those women who have chosen life for their babies. **This year we are trying to help meet a desperate need for diapers and formula.** We will gladly accept other clothing items for babies and toddlers that are in good condition, but please help us if you can to meet Birthright's need for diapers and formula. **Please no equipment/toys. We will also be collecting store coupons for baby items (diapers, etc)**  
Please help support this endeavor.  
New life nourishes us all.  
If you can help with this project- delivery, etc. please call Herb & Elaine Frank at 392-8003

**Introduction to the Bible for Catholics**  
Deacon Tom Uschold will offer this course. Classes begin the Monday before Lent.  
**The classes will be Monday’s at 6:30PM**  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> & March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Cost is \$20 per person (all materials provided).  
Registrations are due by Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Registration forms can be found at the entrances of church and at the Parish office.

**SIGN UPS FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

We’re looking for parish committees and groups who will lead the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 PM during Lent. If you would like to serve, please contact Dcn. Bill at [bill.rabjohn@dor.org](mailto:bill.rabjohn@dor.org).

Feb. 16 - St. John’s Men’s Club	Mar. 9 - Open
Feb. 23 - Fr. Peter	Mar. 16 - Open
Mar. 2 - Open	Mar. 23 - Open.

**Respect for Life**  
***Can’t Go To Washington, D.C. For The March For Life? You Can Still Make A Difference***  
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Sign up via email, text message, Facebook or an app.  
**Sign up today at [www.ninedaysforlife.com](http://www.ninedaysforlife.com)** or if you need a hard copy of the novena call the parish office and request a copy. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day.

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