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Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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May 13, 2018 The Seventh Sunday OF Easter

Where do the prayers come from? Part Three.

After the Creed, we say the "Universal Prayer," also called the "Prayer of the Faithful," one of the few prayers whose text is not proscribed as necessarily taking a certain form. These prayers, which are required on Sundays and optional on weekdays, follow closely the format of the ancient Solemn Intercessions on Good Friday. Although the text can be more or less freely composed, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) gives the following directions: "The series of intentions is usually to be: a) for the needs of the Church; b) for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world; c) for those burdened by any kind of difficulty; d) for the local community. Nevertheless, in any particular celebration, such as a Confirmation, a Marriage, or at a Funeral, the series of intentions may be concerned more closely with the particular occasion."

Formerly, Deacon Bill had been tasked with preparing these prayers each week. Since that now falls to me, I have chosen to use the general intercessions provided in an appendix of the Roman Missal. The prayers given in the Missal change seasonally rather than weekly. Since the instructions as quoted above allow for insertions or modifications as needed, I hope that this strikes a balance between the repetition that is conducive to prayer and the need to, in the phrase of theologian Karl Barth, "do theology with the Bible in one hand, and the newspaper in the other."

Speaking of things Deacon Bill used to do, he also prepared the introduction that is read before the start of Mass. The Roman Missal does not provide for an introduction, but it does have an *introit* or *entrance antiphon*. Every single Mass of the year, whether a Sunday or a saint's feast day, has an entrance antiphon assigned to it in the Missal. This antiphon is almost always a line from Scripture, usually a single verse, that compliments the main ideas of the prayers and readings of that day. Since the Church has already done the hard work of compiling these texts for every day of the year, I have asked the lector to read this text given in the Missal, rather than a text I compose myself. You might rightly accuse me of being uncreative!

Back to the Prayer of the Faithful: I have sometimes been asked why, especially at daily Mass, these prayers are always *read* rather than offered freely by the various members of the congregation. The GIRM explains that, "The intentions announced should be sober, be composed with a wise liberty and in few words, and they should be expressive of the prayer of the entire community. They are announced from the ambo or from another suitable place, by the Deacon or by a cantor, a reader, or one of the lay faithful. The people, for their part, stand and give expression to their prayer either by an invocation said in common after each intention or by praying in silence."

Finally, I want to address a question someone asked me about my article of last week. The question was in regards to my quotation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 2180: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass. The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass [...]" I was asked what it means to *assist* at Mass. Specifically, does one assist "more" by being a lector or altar server? Is it sinful or an imperfection to "just" be in the pews?

Emphatically, the answer to both of these questions is *NO*. Lectors, altar servers, etc., have important roles in the liturgy, but all who gather in the church to pray assist in the work of the Mass, because the Mass is a prayer! What the Church means by "participation" by Pope Benedict in a 2007 exhortation entitled *The Sacrament of Charity*: "It should be made clear that the word "participation" does not refer to mere external activity during the celebration. In fact, the active participation called for by the [Second Vatican] Council must be understood in more substantial terms, on the basis of a greater awareness of the mystery being celebrated and its relationship to daily life. The conciliar Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium* encouraged the faithful to take part in the eucharistic liturgy not "as strangers or silent spectators," but as participants "in the sacred action, conscious of what they are doing, actively and devoutly." This exhortation has lost none of its force. The Council went on to say that the faithful "should be instructed by God's word, and nourished at the table of the Lord's Body. They should give thanks to God. Offering the immaculate Victim, not only through the hands of the priest but also together with him, they should learn to make an offering of themselves. Through Christ, the Mediator, they should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and each other" (52).

That is what it means to participate in Mass! Everything else that "ornaments" the celebration of Mass is meant to help us pray. For instance, on a technical level, we don't need altar servers, because I could simply keep the water and wine within easy reach of the altar. The reverent, graceful movements of the servers help to create an atmosphere of prayer, and so we seek to employ servers at every Mass, *not as if this external participation were the goal in and of itself*, but rather because the external participation of a few fosters the internal, spiritual participation of all.

And so please, *assist* at Mass every Sunday, by volunteering as a sacristan, server, etc. if you wish to serve the church in this way, but above all assist by your prayer and your own growth in holiness!

God Bless,
Fr. Peter

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Church!
If you would like information on Registering at our parish please call the office at (585) 352-5481.

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.

Mass Schedule - Week of May 14, 2018

MONDAY 8:00	St. Mathias No Mass
TUESDAY 8:00 1:00 – 3:00	St. Isidore No Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
WEDNESDAY 6:30 7:00	Easter Weekday Robert Ambeau-Catherine Ann Ambeau Confirmation Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral
THURSDAY 8:00	Easter Weekday Ken Gavigan-Betty & Bob Wilhelm
FRIDAY 8:00 5:00	St. Venantius Traditional Latin Mass Intention of Celebrant Wedding Rehearsal -Lueck & Sleight
SATURDAY 2:00 5:00	Easter Weekday Wedding-John Lueck & Kelly Ann Sleight Marietta Reynolds-Nancy Rapp
SUNDAY Readings: 7:45 9:30 11:15	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:11/, Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13, Jn 15:26-27 Joyce Eichas-Chuck Eichas Mary Fischl & Christian Bjornholm-Rick & Kathy Bjornholm Alice Goosley-Pat Henshaw

Memorials: This week our sanctuary lamp will burn for Bruno Fattore

Requested by: Theresa, Sister In-Law

Wedding Banns
Please Pray for the following couple on their upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
III John Lueck & Kelly Ann Sleight

LOST & FOUND ITEMS IN CHURCH
We have accumulated many items in our "Lost & Found" container over the past year. They will all be located at the Main Entrance to church under the table starting this weekend through May 28th. There are hats, boots, jackets, gloves, umbrellas, and much more! On May 29th anything left will be donated to our clothing box in the parking lot.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Last Week's Collection:.....\$10,942.11
Weekly amount needed for budget:.....\$9,313.73
Year To Date Collection:.....\$405,744.96
Year To Date Needed for budget:.....\$420,804.12
If you giving to both the Capital Campaign and Sunday Collection via ACH Electronic Giving, please ask your bank to add a memo to the check to better identify which fund the check is to be deposited into. If you have questions call the Parish office. Thank you!

Poor Box collections for May will benefit Saint Peter's Kitchen. St. Peter's Kitchen is a soup kitchen on Brown Street which serves 100-140 meals a day to anyone who comes in hungry.
The Spencerport Ecumenical Food Cupboard is in need of the following items: Baked Beans, Pork & Beans, Corn Muffin Mix & Cleaning supplies.

May 19/20 Ministry Schedule			
5:00 p.m.	7:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Sacristans			
Kolb	Mellor		Morganti
Altar Servers (Captains in bold)			
J. Dowdell	B. Morgan	J. Glozer	J. Bailey
J. DeConinck	E. Morgan	A. Glozer	L. Bailey
S. Dowdell	H. Lamirande	J. Glozer	B. Tamburello
K. DeConinck		E. Mahoney	E. Conway
Lectors			
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion			
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D'Agostino	Wilcox	Laistner	S. Tamburello
Magin		Bouvy	Armstrong
Monday, May 14			
5:00	Children's Choir Practice		Church
Tuesday, May 15			
9:30	Sunshine Ministry		
11:00	Contemplative Prayer		PC Library
1:00	Cancer Prayer & Support		Tim Hortons
2:00	CaSE Training		PC Basement
6:00	Cursillo Small Group		PC Library
7:00	Life In The Spirt		PC Basement
7:00	Troop 165		Scout Rm.
Wednesday, May 16			
9:30	Quilting		PC Dining
12:30	Book Club		PC Library
6:00	Abraham Bible Study		PC Library
7:00	PEACE Faith Sharing		PC Dining Rm
7:00	Sunrise Cantorum		Church
Thursday, May 17			
9am-8pm	Garage Sale Opening Day		School
6:00	Pack 165 Den Meeting Open House		Scout Rm.
Friday, May 18			
9am-7pm	Garage Sale		School
Saturday, May 19			
9am-3pm	Garage Sale 1/2 Price Day		School
9:00	NO Dress A Girl Today		
Sunday, May 20			
9am-2pm	Garage Sale \$5 Bag & \$10 Box Day		School
9:30	Coffee Hour		PC Dining Rm
10:30	Social Ministry		PC Chapel
PC = Parish Center			
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.			
Food Cupboard: 277-4917			



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Our Parish Pastoral Council needs your help in nominating new members. Next fall, the Council will be inviting our parish ministries to come tell us something about themselves so that we may get a better picture of the wide variety of existing and emerging ministries happening in our parish. In this way, we hope to be better able to assist in directing parishioners to find ways of becoming more active in the parish.

Our meetings are held once a month for 2 hours from September through June. The meeting day is set by consent of the members. Currently we meet on Wednesdays after the evening Mass. Adults serve for 3 years, youth for 1 year. We are seeking nominees for 3 full term adult councilors, 1 partial adult councilor, and 2 youth councilors.

If you feel called to serve on our Council or know someone who you think would be good, please leave your name and information at the parish office (or encourage them to do so). A Councilor will contact you.

All nominees must be in before Thursday, May 17th to ensure that all are contacted personally before the drawing. Names of new Councilors will be drawn from the box on the weekend of May 26th/27th.

GET READY FOR ST. JOHN'S GARAGE SALE 2018
IT'S GOING TO BE HUGE

SALE DAYS:
May 17th 9am to 8pm
May 18th 9am to 7pm
May 19th 9am to 3pm
May 20th 9am to 2pm
(Bag & Box Day)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Come join the Fun and Friendship of this year's garage sale! Our largest fundraiser is for the benefit of our community as well as our parish. Set up has started each day at 9am and will continue through Wednesday, May 16th with the exception of "NO SUNDAY'S"! We welcome volunteers of ALL ages whether you are new, seasoned or just thinking about it. We appreciate any amount of time you are able to give to this important fundraiser. Contact Patti DeMarse 490-8052 with any questions.





ST. JOHN'S 47TH ANNUAL LIVING ROSARY
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018 AT 7:00PM

Come and pray to our Dear Blessed Mother for all of your special intentions and for the whole world.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

We are looking for help serving funeral Masses. Our Funeral Mass Serving Team has lost about 6 people over the last year. We need your help! You don't need experience serving Mass as we will provide all training. Funeral Masses are generally held in the morning between 9:00am and 11:00am depending on the family's need. It is a great opportunity to not only serve your parish but serve God's people in their time of need. Every kindness shown during a persons time of grief is comfort to their soul. **Hebrews 13:16 "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."** Please call the Parish office or e-mail : ssjohnc@dor.org for information.

Happy Mothers Day



Organist & Music Coordinator: We are looking to bring on an organist, starting this summer. If you are interested please go to www.dor.org click **Jobs** then go to **Parish Openings** and you will find a full job description. Contact Fr. Peter with questions or send your resume to fr.peter.mottola@dor.org.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!
It's not too late to join!
Praise Hymn Youth Choir welcomes all enthusiastic singers in 1st-8th grade to join us on the **4th Sundays** of the month at the **9:30 Mass**. Rehearsals are **Mondays 5:15-6:15PM** Contact: Regina Appleby (585) 797-3939, regina.cim@gmail.com



CONFIRMATIONS WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018
7:00PM AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

You are invited! Cathedral Confirmation Celebrations for St. John the Evangelist - Spencerport this Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7pm (CANDIDATES NEED TO ARRIVE AT 6PM) Please pray for our 31 candidates! Check out the banners hanging in church!

Up Coming Creating a Safe Environment (CaSE) Training Sessions

Tuesday, May 15th from 2-3:30pm - Adult CaSE Training for new or renewing volunteers.
Wednesday, May 23rd from 9-10:30am - Adult CaSE Training for new or renewing volunteers.
Monday, May 21st from 4-5:30pm - Teen CaSE Training - Teen CaSE Training - Get ready for summer activities and volunteering! Your training needs to be updated every three years; check and make sure your certification is up to date and we have your correct contact information! Thanks for sharing your time and talents!

Scouting Pack 165 Open House
Something Fun for Everyone Join The Fun Of Scouting

Attention Boys & Girls Entering Kindergarten to Fifth Grade!

Your invited to Pack 165's Open House Thursday, May 17, 2018 6:00pm at St. John the Evangelist Church. The meeting will take place in the school building 65 Martha St. Located across the street from the church.
For more information contact Ellen Ferguson at (585)352-8820 or E-Mail fergusonfamily@frontiernet.net



CARING FRIENDS MINISTRY

When a death has occurred, families need to know that they have the ongoing and caring support of the parish. Therefore, a "Caring Friends Ministry" is being established. Soon after the funeral a member of the "Caring Friends Ministry" will call the family, offering condolences, a listening ear and an offer to visit. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the Parish Office to leave your name and contact information.

