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July 22, 2018 The Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

St. John's
2028



Forging a Vibrant Future!

St. John's has thrived for 150 years. With our sesquicentennial year having past, and with many major capital campaign projects already completed or underway or planned, what else can we do to ensure that our children's children's children still have a flourishing St. John's to call home 150 years from now?

Probably, a century-and-a-half is an unreasonable scope to plan for! But perhaps we can imagine ten years into the future, and plan concretely about three years into the future. I'd love to hear ideas from anyone and everyone about all the areas where we can expand and grow, or make use of unexplored opportunities. And so I'd like to invite you to an Open Forum:

Saturday, August 18th at 10:45am in Conference Room A (in the school building).

Bring your ideas on any subject! I have a few of my own but want to hear from everyone. Some areas we could explore include:

Community: How well do we know the people we go to Mass with? Do we see each other outside of Mass? Do we know the people who go to different Masses? What would encourage us to form meaningful relationships with our fellow Catholics?

Service to the poor: Do we see the face of Christ in the poor in our midst? Do we even see the poor in our midst? How can we make regular direct encounters with God's beloved poor a normal part of every Catholic's life of faith? What practical problems of poverty currently go unaddressed in our community?

Evangelization: More and more, people aren't going to walk into church to hear about God. What can we do to bring the message to them? In what ways can we make our community more visible to those who are not already members?

Liturgy: I wrote last week about my need to update our liturgy to

implement changes mandated by Pope John Paul II in 2004. I can talk about that and respond to concerns. But the Mass must be about more than the observance of rules! How else can we foster an interior spiritual encounter with the living Christ at each celebration of Holy Mass?

For children & youth: What new catechetical and educational opportunities can we provide? Many parishioners have mentioned to me that they continue to feel the effects of the loss of our School. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will do amazing things in the lives of three- and four-year-olds, many wonderful volunteer catechists provide faith formation for our children through GIFT, our altar server program is top-notch, and new opportunities are emerging for our young people (please pray for the teens on retreat this weekend at Franciscan University of Steubenville!), but what is still missing?

Responding to demographic challenges: Given the dwindling number of priests, it may not be very many years before St. John's can only have two Masses on Sunday mornings, since the priest at St. John's might need to celebrate a third Mass at another church without a resident priest. Moreover, attendance at Mass has been falling year-over-year for a long time, and recent Finance Council minutes note that "from May to November [2017] there was a \$10,000 drop in collections" (which problem, I don't kid myself, has not reversed since my arrival!!!). Probably, these "big picture" problems can be effectively addressed by many small proposals that emerge in the context the other categories listed above. But how can looking at the big picture inform our other activities?

I am sanguine about the possibilities for the immediate future. Positively excited, in fact! There will be bumps along the road, but those occasional jolts are reminders of our forward momentum. I'm greatly looking forward this Fall not only to the launch of CGS (see page 3—I hope seeing the Atrium moves you as much as it had moved me!) but also to *Discovering Christ*. We had 16 people come to last Thursday's information session, besides those others who attended a weekend training conference last Spring, and I am thrilled by the energy around this evangelization process! This is a great community located in an area that seems poised to experience growth in the near future (witness the nearby construction!), so I have every confidence that we can seize the moment to reverse the downward trends that have been experienced by so many churches in the United States over these last decades. But that will take imagination and stalwart action on all our parts!

I hope you will consider marking your calendar for this opportunity for open discussion.

God bless,
 Fr. Peter

Mass Schedule - Week of July 23, 2018

MONDAY 8:00am **St. Bridget**
Muriel Davenport-Bob & Pat Morriss

TUESDAY 8:00am **St. Sharbel Makhluf**
Don Mosher-Barbara & Ken Milliman
11am Memorial Mass Chester Taccone
1:00 – 3:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

WEDNESDAY 6:30pm **St. James, Apostle**
Michelina Marseglia-Don & Barb DiVincenzo

THURSDAY 8:00am **St. Joachim & St. Anne, Parents of BVM**
Micheline Carrigan-Daughter & Family

FRIDAY 8:00am Traditional Latin Mass
Intention of Celebrant

SATURDAY 5:00pm Nancy Nastasi-Henry & Kay Carducci

SUNDAY 7:45am **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Readings: 2 Kgs 4:42-44, Eph 4:1-6, Jn 6:1-15
9:30am Joe Opalenick-Mary & Family
11:15am People of St. John's
Allyn Dentlinger-Kenneth & Danielle Hauck

| July 28/29 Ministry Schedule | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 5:00 p.m. | 7:45 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11:15 a.m. |
| Sacristans | | | |
| Magin | Mellor | | Morganti |
| Altar Servers (Captains in bold) | | | |
| M. Shaw | M. Zajia | J. Gatti-Ezard | R. Meyer |
| S. Dowdell | D. Morgan | A. Barczys | I. Meyer |
| E. Shaw | R. Morgan | L. Barczys | T. Page |
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| Bianchi | Frank | M. Carroll | Edwards |
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| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | | | |
| Meyer | Frank | Blake | Peck |
| Diehl | Brown | Bouvy | Chamberlain |
| | Wilcox | | Juby |
| | Gallagher | | |
| Tuesday, July 24 | | | |
| 11:00 | Contemplative Prayer | | PC Library |
| Wednesday, July 25 | | | |
| 9:30 | Quilting Group | | PC Dining Rm |
| Thursday, July 26 | | | |
| 1:30 | St. Vincent de Paul Council Meeting | | PC Dining Rm |

Welcome, Ivan Bosnar!

Next week we will welcome to St. John's a new parish musician, Ivan Bosnar, a doctoral student at the Eastman School of Music. You can also hear him at an **Organ Concert** St. Agnes Church Avon, New York **July 31, 2018** **2:40 PM, & 3:50 PM** Sponsored by the Organ Historical Society.

This unique concert will take place at St. Agnes Church in Avon, NY, on a beautiful tracker action organ that was purchased in 1924, and made in Detroit by the Farrand Votey Co. in 1890. There will be two concerts for your enjoyment.

\$14,700 Grant

St. John's Cemetery is in receipt of an extremely generous \$14,700 grant provided by Holy Sepulchre Cemetery as part of a grant program offered to all parish and regional cemeteries in the Diocese of Rochester. Thanks are due not only to Holy Sepulchre but also to the hard-working members of the St. John's Cemetery committee who prepared the grant proposal! The funds will allow us to repair and repave the cemetery's roadways.

Poor Box collections for July will go to St. Andrews Center for Children. They provide long-term care in a home-like setting for needy and disadvantaged children who do not have parents or guardians

The Spencerport Ecumenical Food Cupboard is in need of the following items: Hamburger Helper, Baked Beans, Jelly, Stew, Chili, Hash, Tomatoes, Rice, Fruit, Cookies and Toilet Paper.

Social Ministry Project – Migrant Ministry

Martin Farms is the largest farm in the area, and they will again employ the most migrant farm workers, who will be arriving around August 18 for harvest. It is projected there will be 90 men, primarily from Mexico. All the migrants are on the work visa program - there are no illegal migrants. They lead a very hard life, away from their families for months, working up to 12 - 14 hours a day, 7 days a week in the hot sun, to get the crops in and ready for market. As a welcoming gesture, your Social Ministry Committee would like to give a welcoming bag of items to these incoming migrants upon their arrival. They come with nothing, and we have identified their needs with the help of the Martins. We may purchase a few Spanish Bibles and Spanish/English Dictionaries, all for sharing in their community center. We will also purchase Phone Cards for all workers to call home and postcards with Mexican postage. **Starting NEXT weekend** July 29th we would like parishioners to supply granola bars, packaged adult tooth brushes and tooth paste, soap and medium size shampoo - about 12 -16oz. only, **(not motel size)**. Boxes will be set up at the church entrances for your donations.

God Bless,
St. John's Social Ministry Committee

THERE'S STILL TIME!

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Growing In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) Faith Formation

G.I.F.T. is for entire families with children in K through 7th grade

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- **Option I:** Sunday 12:30-1:45pm **Option II:** Monday 6:30-7:45pm
- **Parent Sessions** (1x/ MONTH) during kids' first monthly session

FREE ChildWatch is provided during **SUNDAY** Adult Sessions

Registration forms are available on our website under 'Ministries' tab and in the Parish Office.

Please submit your forms before July 31st to avoid the late fee. Contact Julie Bailey for more information, Julie.bailey@dor.org

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We are very excited to announce that our newest faith formation program, CGS, will begin October 20th! We will meet every Saturday (except during school breaks) from 9am-11am in our prepared environment, called the ATRIUM, located in St. John's School building.

This Montessori model of catechesis allows us to bring Jesus' deepest truths to our youngest children. Our certified Level I catechists have been trained to introduce the essentials of our faith in hands-on, 1:1 presentations, and to assist the Holy Spirit in helping the child fall in love with Jesus.

We invite parents of ALL 3 and 4 year olds to prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity, you need NOT be a parishioner, so tell your friends! Registration forms are available on our website and in the Parish Office. Please contact Julie Bailey at the Parish Office with any questions and to learn more about our upcoming Open House in the ATRIUM.

For More Information Visit St. John's Website:
www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org
Our Parish Calendar is now on the Web!

A HUGE Thank You to the Parishioners for their support of our summer can and bottle drive. Even our Youngest Parishioners supported our Steubenville teens. Keep us in your prayers!



Confirmation Registration for 2018-2019

Confirmation registration is now open. Forms are available on the web, under sacraments/confirmation or in the Parish Center. If you have questions please call Barbara Lake at 585-352-5481 or e-mail



DON'T FOGET REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Children in grades PreK-6th will sing, dance, learn scripture, make crafts, and play games when they attend this year's VBS program, **SHIPWRECKED: Rescued By Jesus**, offered **August 13-17, 2018 9:00am-12:00pm**. Registration forms can be found on our website www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org or at the Parish Office. Call Julie at 352-5481 with questions. **Starting this week please drop off all your VBS donations at the Parish Center. If you have questions call the office at 352-5481.**

Parish Picnic
August 8, 2018
St John's School Grounds
Mass in Church at 5:30pm - Dinner at 6:30pm
Family games & activities!!

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Number attending _____

\$7.00 /person (Max \$20/family) Total \$ _____

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Chicken _____
(1 choice per person)

Salads, sides, cold drinks provided

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Cross Catholic Outreach

We welcome Father Patrick J. McCormick of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Prayers for the soul of Chester Taccone, Mary McPhail & Karen Sauers.

Our prayers and sympathy to Dominic & Marilyn Taccone on the death of his brother, to Connie & Bill Petit on the death of her mother and to Chris Saures on the death of his wife.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Last Week's Collection:.....\$6,851.50
Weekly amount needed for budget:.....\$9,313.73
Year To Date Collection:.....\$24,418.50
Year To Date Needed for budget:.....\$27,941.19

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. 3:45 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.

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