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September 2, 2018 The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Is Discovering Christ for me?

In October, we'll be launching the *Discovering Christ* evangelization process here at St. John's. It has been used in over 900 parishes, including many here in our Diocese, and has been a great success. The model is simple: for seven consecutive Thursday nights beginning October 4th, we gather for a dinner, have a short time of worship and prayer with music, hear a 30-minute presentation on a simple message relating to the very heart of the Gospel, and then engage in small group discussion. The *Discovering Christ* experience is powerful not only because of the great content of the messages, but because of the community it builds. Over the course of seven weeks, sitting at the same table each week with the same people, participants come to know each other and feel comfortable with one another. Having friendly discussions over dinner lays the foundation for deeper, more personal discussions about matters of faith. And after seven weeks having meaningful extended discussions with the same group of people, it is not unusual to see that new and lasting friendships have been formed!

Some people ask, is *Discovering Christ* for me? Am I the target audience? Who should I invite? To answer these questions, I want to share some experience from my last parish, where I was part of the team who ran this wonderful program.


The very first week, a woman I did not recognize from church came and enthusiastically contributed to her table's discussions. She was a very "spiritual" person, but not a Catholic. And the end of the first night she said excitedly: "This was wonderful! Can I invite my sister?" Her sister joined her the next week, and soon after they both joined the RCIA, and were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church!

A gentlemen who had been Catholic but away from regular attendance at Sunday Mass was able to speak to his small group about the experiences that kept him away from Mass, work through them, come to a new understanding ... and thereafter I saw him at Mass every week!


Several people who were regular Sunday churchgoers came to be much more deeply involved in the life of the parish. This experience led them to seek new opportunities to serve and to learn. And even people who would have rightly been described as "very faithful Catholics" had an experience of deepening conversion. In particular, I remember one person telling me towards the end of the year, "I did something today that I've never done before ... I talked about my faith with a co-worker!"

So, is *Discovering Christ* for you? Well, suffice it to say, I definitely encourage you to give it a try. Worst case scenario, you get a delicious free meal on a Thursday night! The same goes for any of your friends or relatives who are looking for a sense of *meaning or purpose* from life even if they aren't already connected to the life of the Church. There's also going to be child care available in order that this opportunity be easily available to as many people as possible.

Registration is now live via our website, or you can call the office. Whether or not this is something you decide to pursue for yourself, **please pray for the success of *Discovering Christ* at St. John's!** Pray for our community. Pray for the people who are already working "behind the scenes" to make this happen. Pray that God will lead those who are asked to volunteer as musicians, cooks, or small group leaders will respond with generous hearts and find blessings themselves. And above all, please pray for deepening conversions and changed hearts, that some of those who share in this experience will truly discover the person of Jesus Christ and come to know and to love Him.



God bless,
Fr. Peter



**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY**

The Parish Office
Will be Closed
Monday, September 3rd in
Observance of Labor Day.

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.

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

Food Cupboard: 277-4917

Helping Hands Ministry: Ralph Parmalee 295-3081

Parish Cemetery: General Information: 352-4462 or 352-1287

Columbarium Information: Dave Hodder 352-4462

Mass Schedule - Week of September 3, 2018

MONDAY 9:00am	St. Gregory the Great Laura Quigley-Family
TUESDAY 8:00am 1:00 – 3:00pm	People of St. John’s Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
WEDNESDAY 6:30pm	St. Theresa of Calcutta Don Mosher-Pat & Vince Parks
THURSDAY 8:00am	James M. Sullivan-Family
FRIDAY 8:00am	Traditional Latin Mass Intention of the Celebrant
SATURDAY 5:00pm	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Bernhard Ruf-Betty Carmen
SUNDAY Readings: 7:45am 9:30am 11:15am	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 35:4-7a, Jas 2:1-5, Mk 7:31-37 David & Georgia Lynch-Arthur & Arlene Davia Allyn Dentlinger-Augie Chinappi Pat & Jerold Volgler-Volgler Family

Memorials: This week our sanctuary lamp will burn for
Cassandra Cammarata
Requested by: Marie Laveck

Wedding Banns
Please Pray for the following couples on their upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

III Travis John & Allison Kepler
I Robert Cornish & Sarah Hillman

Wedding Congratulations to:
Mr. & Mrs. Zacharie Bernier (Sarah Konko)

Poor Box Collections for September goes to Homesteads for Hope: Homesteads for Hope is a non-profit Community Farm creating effortless inclusion with a distinctive place to learn, work, live and grow for people of all abilities in the Greater Rochester Region.

The Spencerport Ecumenical Food Cupboard is in need of the following items: Pudding, Hamburger Helper, Paper Towels & Rice

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING	
Last Week’s Collection:.....	\$5,851.25
Weekly amount needed for budget:.....	\$8,671.00
Year To Date Collection:.....	\$68,840.99
Year To Date Needed for budget:.....	\$78,039.00

The amounts above reflect changes due to the newly adopted 2018-2019 budget.

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 Ralph Preish at 352-5481.

September 8/9 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)			
D. Eichas	J. DeConinck	E. Mahoney	A. Ferguson
M. Eichas	H. Lamirande	O. Boyzuck	M. Zicari
M. Eichas	K. DeConinck		G. Romano
P. Alaimo	J. Gatti-Ezard		E. Stanes
Lectors			
Stewart	D’Angelo	McKee	Daniels
	Vitale	Mannoni	Clayton
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion			
D’Agostino	Mosher	Weitz	Stanes
Eichas	Dean	Weitz	Morganti
	Kovaleski	Laistner	Frasca
		Bjornholm	Frasca

The New Ministry Schedule: The next Ministry schedule will run from October 7th through January 27th. If you are a Lector or Altar Server and have not received your request form please call the office on Tuesday. Request forms are due back to the office by Friday, August 31st.

PARISH CALENDAR		
Monday, September 3 - Happy Labor Day! The Parish Office is closed!		
Tuesday, September 4		
8:45	First Tuesday Breakfast	Union St. Eatery
11:00	Contemplative Prayer	PC Library
6:00	Cursillo Small Gr	PC Library
7:00	Boy Scouts Troop 165	Scout Rm/Gym
Wednesday, September 5		
9:30	Quilting	PC Dining Rm
1:30	Wednesday Afternoon Book Gr.	PC Chapel
7:00	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Thursday, September 6		
6:30	Cub Scouts Pack 165	Scout Rm.
7:00	Westside Suburban Mothers of Twins	PC Dinning Rm
Saturday, September 8		
8:00	Men’s Cursillo	PC Dinning Rm

PC = Parish Center


On Saturday, September 8, St. Leo's Church (167 Lake Ave., Hilton NY) is hosting a **Men's Prayer & Witness Fellowship Breakfast.** Breakfast will follow a special 8:00 AM Mass, and will feature a faith testimony from **Dominic Salamida**, husband, father, and Director of Christian Formation at St. Leo's. We ask \$5 a man for breakfast, \$3 for students. Breakfast will let out no later than 10:30 AM.





90 Welcome Bags were delivered to Martin Farms for the migrant workers who arrived last Saturday. Social Ministry extends a big **THANK YOU** to the parish for all the toiletry items, granola and phone cards which were donated to make these workers feel welcome in our community. Excess items were given to Migrant Ministry for distribution to other area farms.

GIFT Faith Formation Classes Begin September 16th
If you have not yet registered your child for our GIFT program and plan on having them attend please register as soon as possible! Registrations for the 2018-2019 catechetical year for children in grades K through 7th will be accepted up until August 31st. Forms are available on our website or at the Parish Office.



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Registrations Forms Are Available Now On the Web or at the Parish Center!


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.

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 with questions.

Confirmation Information

Do you have a child in the Confirmation program? Registration and the DOR Health Form is required every year. Don’t forget to pick the day and time your child is enrolling for. See the schedule on our website under Sacraments/Confirmation (scroll to the bottom).



Confirmation Certificates for those confirmed in May 2018 are available for pickup in the Parish Center.



CHOIR REHEARSAL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH 7:00 PM
Join the Choir!
No audition required, just a love of singing.
All are welcome!

Ivan Bosnar St. John’s organist & music coordinator will lead choir practice on Wednesday evening September 5th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Ivan received his master’s degree from the Eastman School of Music and looks forward to forming a Choir here at St. John’s. No RSVP needed just come!

BIENVENIDA CELEBRATION TO THE MIGRANT FARM WORKERS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH - ALL ARE WELCOME

- Mass at Nativity Church 2:00pm: Bilingual
- Go to Sweden Town Park on Redman Road. 3:00pm
- Mexican and American food, and Cultural dances.3:30pm
- Soccer game between Farm Camps.4:00pm

Organized by Latino Migrant Ministry and Nativity Church in Brockport, NY





For Upcoming Events & Parish Registration Forms Visit St. John’s Website:
www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org **Our Parish Calendar Is Now Posted!**

New Bible Study: “Apostolic Fathers: Handing on the Faith”


The Apostolic Fathers lived in the age of the apostles or in close proximity. Using the bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), we will explore the early Catholic Church.

Evening classes: Wednesdays, Sept. 12- Oct. 17 at 7:15-9:15 PM

Morning classes: Thursdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 18 at 9:00-11:00 AM

Place: St. John’s Parish Center Register by Sunday, Sept. 9 by contacting Betty Carmen call or text (585) 766-3911 or email at elpcarmen @ yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE
TEEN CENTER OPEN HOUSE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 7:00PM!



The Teen Center (located in the basement of Martha House) will be open to all teens (Catholic or otherwise, bring a friend!) on Friday, September 14th at 7:00pm. Come have fun and form deep meaningful friendships.




PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
FALL KICK-OFF MEETING

St. John’s Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume our gatherings on Monday, September 10th in the Parish Office from 1-2:30pm.

We have the yarn – Do you have the time? We invite you to join us to pray, visit, and work on knit/crochet projects. Each of our “hand-made hugs” will be made available to anyone who wishes to give one away, for any reason. Call Julie Bailey 352-5481 with questions!

College 101: Planning, Preparing, and Paying—Seminar



College is expensive, but knowledge is power! With that in mind, it is critical for parents to be informed about the many ways to reduce the expense of higher education, especially loan debt, while at the same time finding the best college fit for their children academically, socially, and for future career goals.

St. John the Evangelist Church invites all parents of high school students to a free, one-hour educational seminar called, “College 101: Planning, Preparing, and Paying for College” on **Friday, September 14 from 7:00-8:00 PM**. It will be presented by College Assistance Plus, a national college consulting company based in Honeoye Falls, NY. Learn about college selectivity, applications, college costs, financial aid, and scholarships. Take home real-world solutions for mitigating the cost of sending your student to college without jeopardizing your family’s financial future!

Registration is requested. To register, email Deacon Dean Condon at dean.caplus@gmail.com or call 585-831-9104.

5 Cents Fast

5 Cents Fast at Barefoot Landing reopens Sept. 4th! Hours are Tues/Thurs 11am-6pm and Sat 10am-3pm. Just in time to recycle your Labor Day cans and bottles. Tags are at both entrances and Proceeds benefit Teen Programs.