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November 11, 2018 The Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Extended times for Adoration

Last week I wrote about the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament we have in church every Tuesday. Many people gave an hour last week to spend time with the Lord. Because of the great success of our extended Adoration times last week, I am announcing **extended times for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Advent**, which will take place **every Tuesday of Advent, December 4th, 11th & 18th immediately following the 8:00am daily Mass until 6:00pm.** (Benediction will begin at 5:45pm.) If there should be a funeral on a Tuesday morning, Adoration will instead begin at 1:00pm, and the time change will be announced at Sunday Masses.

Christians have always worshipped the Eucharist, knowing that It is the “flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, which suffered for our sins, and which the Father, of his goodness, raised up again” (St. Ignatius of Antioch, Letter to the Smyrnaeans, written in about the year A.D. 106). But the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for veneration in a monstrance is a practice that only began to develop later, during the Middle Ages. It’s a funny thing, if you think about it: we’re *looking* at the Blessed Sacrament ... but in one sense there’s “nothing to look at”, since the presence of Christ is hidden from our eyes! But for the medieval saints who first popularized this devotion, that was the whole point.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is above all a meditation on the Incarnation. In the Incarnation (the word means “taking on flesh”), Christ took on our human nature. When He walked about Galilee, and when He was lifted up on the Cross, only his human nature was visible—his divine nature was not able to be seen. In the Eucharist, both his human nature and his divine nature are invisible—but just as God walked among us in the man Christ Jesus, the Lord Jesus who is both God and man is present in the Holy Eucharist, even though He is hidden from our eyes.

In the Feast of the Body of Christ (*Corpus Christi*), the old Roman Missal preserves a medieval tradition that expresses beautifully this idea of the connection of the Blessed Sacrament with the Incarnation. When it comes time in the Mass for the Preface (i.e., the prayer that follows the dialogue “The Lord be with you ... Lift up your hearts”), the Missal directs the priest to the page number that contains the Preface for ... Christmas Day!

That’s right, every time we celebrate Adoration, we celebrate Christmas! That is, we meditate upon this same mystery: that God dwells in our midst, although hidden and unseen. Here is the text used at that point in the Mass according to this delightful medieval custom:

“It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty and everlasting God. Because by the mystery of the Word made flesh, the light of Thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind: that **while we acknowledge Him to be God seen by men, we may be drawn by Him to the love of things unseen.** And therefore with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the heavenly hosts, we sing a hymn to Thy glory, saying without ceasing: Holy, Holy, Holy...”

How beautifully this prayer of Christmas captures the nature of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament! We acknowledge Christ to by God,

The Rev. Peter B. Mottola - fr.peter.mottola@dor.org
Deacon Tom Uschold - Parish Deacon
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realizing that ultimately his presence is something that at first we only dimly perceive, because He intends to draw “the eyes of our mind” upwards (as it were) to “things unseen.” Just as Christ slowly caused his disciples to realize that He was not only a man but also God, so too in the presence of the Eucharist our faith is deepened as we gradually come to realize more and more that the Blessed Sacrament is not “just a symbol” of God’s love, but is in fact the very presence of God Himself. What a gift! “For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us?” (Deuteronomy 4:7)

I encourage you to spend a part of your Tuesday worshipping the Lord, Who is really present in the Blessed Sacrament. For the success of this new venture of extended adoration, we also need a few more people to commit one particular hour of their day on a weekly basis. A team of at least three people for each of the eight hours (9:00, 10:00, 11:00 ... 4:00, 5:00) is needed to show proper reverence for the Blessed Sacrament and to make sure that no one ever feels unsafe, as some people might if they were to find themselves all alone in church. If you can commit to one particular hour of the day, I invite you to please sign up on the sheets located at the doors of the church.

Whether you can come by for an hour or just a minute, please come by and be blessed!

God bless,
Fr. Peter

Five New Givers: We’re looking for five families to donate to the Catholic Ministries Appeal who are new givers. Having new names on the list is a sign to the Bishop our Parish is growing! Envelopes available at the doors.

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:

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.

Parish Cemetery: General Information: 352-4462 or 352-1287
Columbarium Information: Dave Hodder 352-4462

Mass Schedule - November 12, 2018	
MONDAY 8:00am	St. Josaphat Reginald Landry-Eileen Magin
TUESDAY 8:00am 1:00 – 3:00pm	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Ernie Willett-Tom & Maureen Meyer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
WEDNESDAY 10:00am 6:30pm	Wedgewood Michael Kram-Lea Richards Don Mosher-Knights of Columbus
THURSDAY 8:00am 6:30-8:30pm	St. Albert the Great Mary Ann Bauer-Tom & Maureen Meyer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
FRIDAY 8:00am	St. Gertrude the Great Traditional Latin Mass–In Reparation for the Heinous Sins of Bishops & Priests
SATURDAY 5:00pm	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Edward & Robert Annichino & Lori Pillitteri- Family
SUNDAY Readings: 7:45am 9:30am 11:15am	The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Dn 12:1-3, Heb 10:11-14, Mk 13:24-32 People of St. John’s Jim Infantino-Darby Family Michelina Marseglia-Umberto & Filomena Di”Tullio

Memorials: This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in Thanksgiving for Kate & Dave Hodder

Requested by: Ginny Mosher

The Parish Office Is Closed Monday, November 12th in Observance of Veterans Day!
Please note: Monday Mass time will **NOT** change it will be 8:00am.

* **Eucharistic Adoration** *
* There will be Eucharistic Adoration and time for prayer during *
* our Christlife program this Thursday, November 15th from *
* 6:30pm-8:30pm. Please plan to come spend time with Jesus *
* and pray for the success of our Christlife program. *

Prayers for the soul of Shirley Johnston
Our prayers and sympathy to Debra Pohl & Noreen Carr on the death of their Mother.

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING
Last Week’s Collection:.....\$10,973.00
Weekly amount needed for budget:.....\$8,671.00
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Year To Date Needed for budget:.....\$156,078.00

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. Please join us this Tuesday, November 12th at 9:30am for coffee, fellowship and time well spent to add a little joy to others! Also, if you know of anyone who would like to receive a card, please call the office.



November 17/18 Ministry Schedule			
5:00 p.m.	7:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Sacristans			
Magin	Brown	Taylor	Morganti
Altar Servers (Captains in bold)			
J. DeConinck	R. Morgan	A. Barczys	R. Meyer
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		J. Ludlow	E. Krywy
Lectors			
DeBellis	DeRuyter	Meyer	Edwards
Bianchi	Vitale		

PARISH CALENDAR		
Monday, November 12		
The Parish Office is Closed		
5:30-9:30	CYO Basketball Practice	School Gym
6:00	Confirmation yr. 1 & 2	PC Basement
Tuesday, November 13		
9:30	SONSHINE Ministry	PC Dining Rm
11:00	Contemplative Prayer Gr	PC Library
5:30-9:30	CYO Basketball Practice	School Gym
7:00	Boy Scouts Troop 165	Scout Rm/Gym
7:00	Saturday Music Gr Practice	Church
Wednesday, November 14		
9:30	Quilting	PC Dining Rm
1:30	Wednesday Afternoon Book Gr	PC Chapel
3:15	Confirmation Yr. 1&2	PC Basement
5:30-9:30	CYO Basketball Practice	School Gym
7:00	Choir Practice	Church
7:00	PEACE Faith Sharing	PC Dining Rm
Thursday, November 15		
9:00	Dress A Girl	PC Basement
5:30-9:30	CYO Basketball Practice	School Gym
6:00	Discovering Christ	School Rm A
6:30	Cub Scouts Pack 165	Scout Rm.
Friday, November 16		
5:30-9:30	CYO Basketball Practice	School Gym
Saturday, November 17		
8:00	Cursillo Men’s Gr.	PC Dining Rm
9:00	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	School Atrium
12:00	Teen Day of Service	PC Basement
Sunday, November 18		
9:30	Coffee Hour after 9:30 Mass	PC Dining Rm
10:30	Social Ministry	PC Chapel
12:30	GIFT	All School
PC = Parish Center		

Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour: The coffee hour is once a month on the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 9:30 mass. It's an opportunity for fellowship for everyone. We are looking for new volunteers. Your commitment can be 1 to 3 times a year. It's a nice way to meet new people and connect with the regular people who attend monthly. If you have some questions or would like more information, please contact Pam Cooper at 594-5494.



MARCH FOR LIFE 2018

Are you ready to be a part of the world's largest pro-life event? St. John’s along with Mother of Sorrows will be chartering a bus again this year to Washington DC.

The bus will leave the evening of Thurs. Jan 17th (from Mother of Sorrows) & arrive in DC Friday morning the 18th. There will be a Mass before the march, and then lunch afterward. The bus will leave DC at around 4pm to head back to Rochester. An expected arrival back here will be about 11pm. Please call the Parish Office 352-5481 with your name, phone #, and number of people who may be interested. Cost is \$60 per person (\$30 for students), checks-payable to St. John’s (memo line: “March for Life 2019”) submitted to the Parish Office.

MAGNIFICAT ROCHESTER invites all women and men to a breakfast on Saturday, Dec.1st; seating begins at 8:30am. The program starts at 9:30am and ends at 12 Noon at the Diplomat Banquet in Gates. Confessions will be heard at 8:00am and again at 12:00pm.Our speakers are Liz and Kent Gilges. Their daughter Elie was diagnosed with a brain tumor when she was nine months old. She was given six weeks to live. By the grace of God, Elie lived ten years, touching the lives of many people. Elie, who never spoke, was Kent’s bridge to Jesus. RSVP \$20; after Nov. 24th: \$22; Student \$12; Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal (\$21.00) on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org. For more info: call Kathy Murty at 436-1284, or send an email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com

Youth Group is looking for you to STUFF the Pauly Box for the month of November! AND...don’t forget to take your cans and bottles to the newly re-opened 5 cents Fast recycling location at Barefoot Landing! **The new hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday 11am-6pm and Sat 10am-3pm.** We have green bag ties at both entrances to tie your bags so the teens get credit.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: Our Spencerport community keeps Christ in Christmas! Here’s how you can be involved. *Christmas* on the Canal Sunday, December 2nd 1:30-5:30pm **Youth:** We need 6th through 10th graders who are willing to be a part of the “Living Nativity.” We need both boys and girls to be angels, shepherds and wise men, costumes that go on over your clothing is provided. There are two shifts, 1:30-3:30pm and 3:30-5:30pm. Students interested in participating can contact Barbara at 352-5481 or (928) 399-0444. **Adults Needed Also:** We will have a presence at the event with a table of information and Youth Group fundraising items for sale. We need people to take shifts at the table to help our “Living Nativity” youth get dressed and greet our community members as they pass by! Call Barbara at the above number or email Barbara.lake@dor.org .

Teen Day of Service: Calling any and all teens to join us in the Teen Center (aka the basement of PC) on Saturday, November 17th from 1-4pm. We will work on service projects (part of the Confirmation requirements too) and share future fellowship and volunteering ideas!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER
Meatball Mom and all around helper Rae Edwards was accidently left out last week!

Last Call for Hands of Christ Nominations!
If you know of a high school senior, submit their information to the parish office by Thursday, November 15th. Nomination forms are in the office! Contact Barbara Lake at 352-5481 with any questions!

Cartons For Christmas

Each year our community makes an effort to help local families in need for the holidays. The project is Cartons For Christmas and it is sponsored by the Ecumenical Council of area churches. Last year we provided 9,300 items of food, gift cards and hundreds of toys to 117 local families (456 people).

On **THANKSGIVING DAY** bring non-perishable food items to Mass or make a cash donation (leave in the basket on the table). **Donate** food (canned, plastic, boxed and bagged), money to purchase perishables, or a toy. Please make checks payable to Cartons For Christmas.

Our **Early Drop-off Locations** (Nov 15 to Dec 7) for non-perishable food items are: Spencerport Federal Credit Untion & Fowler’s Canaltown Wine & Sprits. **We cannot distribute expired food. Please check dates!**

Make a local child smile by providing a toy. Select an angel from one of our ‘Toy Trees’ starting November 15th at: Spencerport Federal Credit Union, Fowler’s Canaltown Wine & Sprits & The Unique Shop.

An **Open house** will be held to accept your donations at St John’s School building gym Friday, December 7th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Frozen turkeys can be brought to the gym at 12:30 pm on Saturday Dec. 8th.

Volunteer Some Time To:
Check dates, Sort and Count: Fri. Dec. 7, 4:30-6:30pm
Pack boxes: Sat. Dec. 8, 9:00 to 11:00am.
Load and Deliver: Sat. Dec. 8 early afternoon as assigned

To signup call Maureen at 352-3119 or email CartonXmas@aol.com

RCIA - It Is Not Too Late
Have you ever wondered about the Catholic Church and the process to become a fully initiated Catholic? These are the stages of instruction to learn about our beautiful Catholic Faith! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Peter at fr.peter.mottola@dor.org or Mary Lou Rosien, our (RCIA) Coordinator for St. John’s and St. Leo’s at mrosien@me.com.

ELIJAH AND ELISHA: New Bible Study: Elijah and Elisha, Conscience of the Kingdom from The Footprints of God series._Who were these men? Elijah was a prophet who ministered to the separated northern Ten Tribes of Israel who were committing gross idolatry. Elisha was Elijah’s protégé, who succeeded him. Come join us and learn about these two fascinating prophets! **WHEN:** Wednesdays, 7:15-9:15pm Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, Jan 9, 16 or Thursdays, 9:00-11:00am Nov 26, Dec 6, 13, Jan 10, 17 at St John’s Parish Center, Spencerport Contact Betty at (585) 766-3911 or elpcarmen@yahoo.com. by November 19.

No Thanksgiving Dinner at St. John’s this Year!
Linda Tamburello along with the Women of Faith have hosted this wonderful event each year. Linda stepped down in September and we have yet to have anyone step up. There have been several core ministries that have benefitted the parish and the community in many ways. For example: the Annual Women’s Retreat, St. Joseph Table, **Thanksgiving Dinner** and the Annual Women’s Dinner and Silent Auction. I ask that you pray that these ministries can continue at St. John’s and ask that you pray for discernment that a faithful disciple(s) will come forward and volunteer to support these valuable ministries.