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**February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

## What we pray for at Mass

*This article is the eleventh in an ongoing series on the prayers of the Mass. For a full list of articles in this series on the liturgy, see the previous installment of 23 September 2018.*

In the ancient Eucharistic prayer, the priest says:

“Remember, Lord, your servants \_\_\_\_.” The Missal (the book on the altar) instructs the celebrant: “The Priest joins his hands and prays briefly for those for whom he intends to pray.” The priest usually has a specific intention for which he offers Mass. Often this intention is printed in a church bulletin or otherwise announced, but sometimes it is known only to the priest and the individual who requested that a Mass be offered for a certain person or intention. This brief ‘pause’ in the Mass, called the “Commemoration of the Living,” is a great moment at which to remember those for whom we know we need to pray. (There will be a moment later in the Mass for a “Commemoration of the Dead”.)

Then, with hands extended, the priest continues: “and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.”

So we see that at every Mass, prayers are offered for all those actually present at the Mass. But the Mass is not only offered by the priest for those present, the Mass is also offered by those present for those whom they remember in prayer: “they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them.” Now it must be said: it is necessary to have an ordained priest in order to offer Mass, for only he can effect the change of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ (the fancy theology word for that is *transubstantiation*), and so without a priest there can be no re-presentation of the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross to God the Father. But everyone present at Mass unites their prayers to the ritual actions of the priest, and therefore participates in the offering of the Mass. An old-fashioned way of speaking about this was to say that you would “hear Mass” for a certain intention, that is, to be present at Mass and unite one’s own prayers to the action of the Mass. (By contrast, it was likewise customary to speak of a priest “saying” Mass for an intention.)

This prayer teaches us that we all participate in the action of offering the Mass. We can see that this offering is primarily *interior* rather than *exterior*, that is, it’s something we do by our prayers. And this prayer of the Mass also gives us a list of three general intentions that we can remember at every Mass at which we assist by our prayers: “the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.” We always pray for salvation (for ourselves and others). We always pray for “health and well-being” (everyone wants these blessings for themselves and others!). And above all, we pray in order to render unto almighty God the homage that is his due. Because God created us and showed his love by redeeming and saving us, it is right and just that we should always pay Him our homage, no matter what we may suffer.

Who are you praying for at Mass? The priest is instructed to pause during the Mass to remember his specific intention. It might be a good practice for all of us to pause for a little while *before* Mass, also: to take a few minutes in silent prayer before the start of Mass in order to remember the intention or intentions that we most specifically want to keep in mind as we ask God to give us and those we love all that we need.

God bless,  
Fr. Peter



*P.S. Teens: See page 3 for information on a summer youth conference, an amazing opportunity to grow closer to the Lord Jesus!*

**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.  
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Mass Schedule - February 11, 2019

MONDAY

8:00am

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Judge Donald J. Mark-Darby Family

TUESDAY

8:00am

Michael Dugan-Aldo & Marge Mannoni

1:00pm-6:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

WEDNESDAY

10:00

Wedgewood - Ernie Willett-Clayton Family

6:30pm

Bobbi McCaffery-Doug & Judy Taylor

THURSDAY

8:00am

St. Cyril & Methodius  
Robert Diehl-Sharon Diehl

FRIDAY

8:00am

Sts. Faustinus & Jovita  
Traditional Latin Mass  
Intention of the Celebrant

SATURDAY

5:00pm

Mary Ann Bauer-Sharon Diehl

SUNDAY

Readings:

7:45am

Jack Kovalesski-John & Ann Konezny

9:30am

People of St. John's

11:15am

Marilou Sadd-Mr. & Mrs. Charles Meagher

Memorials: This week our sanctuary lamp will burn for Robert Weed

Requested by: Dave Ross & Barb Kelly

St. Joseph Day Tuesday, March 19, 2019

We need organizers this year for our traditional St. Joseph's Day table. If you are interested in organizing or just helping out please call the Parish Office (352-5481) and talk to Kathy. You can bring your own ideas to the table!

Sonshine Ministry

– We are 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 for coffee, friendship and some time well spent to add a little joy to others, please join us. Due to valentines Day we are meeting on Tuesday, February 12th at 9:30 in the PC Dining Rm. We normally meet on Tuesdays. If you know of anyone who should receive a card, please call the office with their name and address.

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5:00 p.m.	7:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Sacristans			
Magin	Mellor	Taylor	Morganti
Altar Servers (Captains in bold)			
M. Eichas	D. Morgan	R. Torres	G. Romano
M. Eichas	R. Morgan	O. Boyzuck	T. Page
			T. Walker
Lectors			
T. Eichas	Vitale	Carroll	Edwards
St. John's Parish Calendar			
Monday, February 11			
1:00	Prayer Shall Ministry		PC Library
6:00	Confirmation Yr. 1 & 2		PC Basement
6:30	GIFT		School
8:00	CYO Practice		Gym
Tuesday, February 12			
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, February 13			
9:30	Quilting		PC Dining Rm
3:15	Confirmation Yr.1 & 2		PC Basement
5:30-10:30	CYO Basketball Practice		School Gym
7:00	Choir Practice		Church
7:00	PEACE Faith Sharing		PC Dining Rm
<i>Thursday, February 14</i>			
<i>Happy St. Valentine Day</i>			
5:30-9:30	CYO Basketball Practice		School Gym
6:00	Following Christ		School Rm A
6:30	Cub Scouts Pack 165		Scout Rm
7:00	Adult Men's Basketball		Gym
Friday, February 15			
5:30	CYO Basketball Practice		Gym
7:00	Teen Center Open House		PC Basement
Saturday, February 16			
8:00	Cursillo Men		PC Dining Rm
12:00	SETUP for Pasta Dinner		Gym
5:30-8:00	Pasta Dinner		Gym
Sunday, February 17			
9:30	Coffee Hour after 9:30 Mass		PC Dining Rm
10:30	Social Ministry		PC Chapel
1:00-6:00	CYO Games		Gym
PC = Parish Center			
Visit St. John's Website <a href="http://www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org">www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org</a>			

FAITH FORMATION

FAMILIES G.I.F.T. PROGRAM

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Sunday, 2/24 from 12:30-1:45pm

Monday, 2/25 from 6:30-7:45pm

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Children who are at least 7 years old and have celebrated their First Reconciliation are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office. All candidates must make an appointment with Julie Bailey during the month of February for their Readiness Interview.

RETREATS: Saturday May 18th or May 25th from 9am-1:30pm

FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND: All weekend Masses June 22nd and 23rd .

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

CGS sessions are canceled for Saturday, February 16th and 23rd. NextSession: Saturday, March 2nd from 9am-11am in the Atrium. Check out our promo video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRBIA31Y9xM>

NEW THIS YEAR

St. John's Men's Club is going to sponsor a Parish Soup Supper on Monday, February 25th at 5:30pm in order to encourage G.I.F.T. family participation. Be on the lookout for details in your e-mail!

IT'S TIME!!! 2019 Steubenville Youth Conferences - BELONG


The early bird deadline to sign-up for Steubenville is fast approaching (our parish deadline is February 25th by 4pm. If you are reading this message you have the first opportunity to get in on our "free" transportation offer to the first 12 teens that signup! Scholarships are available for registration too!

Want to learn more about what the Steubenville experience is like... watch the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSnKvk4Rwsc>

Want to learn more about what's going on?? Look for our NEW Teen Newsletter at both entrances this weekend!

Teen News:

The teens at St. John's have been busy again with a Superbowl of Caring weekend! They would like to thank the parishioners for their most generous response in raising \$724 for the Shower of Love that our Social Ministry supports, also collected were 81 units for Spencerport Food Shelf. Additionally, thanks to everyone who brought cans and bottles for the drive! Remember, if you have cans and bottles from your Superbowl party, pick up a ribbon tie at the entrances to the Church and drop off at 5 Cents Fast in Barefoot Landing for our teens to get credit for.

The Rochester Catholic Women's Conference on March 9th at Aquinas Institute is about a month away. If you are interested in attending you can register online at [Rochesterwcw.org/](http://Rochesterwcw.org/). Deadline for online registration is March 1st. A form for mail-in registration can be found on the website. Deadline for mail-in registration is February 22. Contact Sharon Diehl at [sdiehl3@rochester.rr.com](mailto:sdiehl3@rochester.rr.com) or by calling 349-4764 if you have any questions

Social Ministry News

Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for Me.

Our focus for Jan/Feb. will be the Dignity of Life. Each week we will provide information on our and diocesan efforts on this topic.

Ecumenical Food Shelf needs household cleaning supplies. If you are in need of food assistance, call 277-4917.

Poor Box Collections for Feb. will go to Birthright. They provide non- judgmental counseling so that the distressed mother does not feel pressured into an abortion. "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born" - Birthright's motto.

Our Shower of Love is today to benefit Birthright. We're collecting baby needs such as diapers, formula, clothing: infant-2T, as well as cash donations. Thank you!

Jorge Salgado, Regional Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry, wishes to inform us about migrant ministry activities: Since Mar. 5, we have been preparing 7 children for First Communion. We will be preparing more young people to be confirmed this year. In our parish of Nativity, we have formed a small faith community. Every week we meet in homes to have Bible study. These same members also are evangelists to other families and visit the camps where the farmworkers are living. On Dec.12, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. After a Mass there was a Mexican dance performance for the children and the young people from Nativity. Then we had a reception where we shared Mexican food prepared for members of our Hispanic Community. On Jan. 7, we celebrated the Kings Feast. After Mass, we went to the hall of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, gave the children presents donated by Nativity Church, and had Mexican dances and wonderful food.

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MORE INFO: Betty at [elpcarmen@yahoo.com](mailto:elpcarmen@yahoo.com) or (585) 766-3911

Save the Date's!

Teen Night is almost here!

Our next Teen Night, is February 15th, 7-9pm.

In the Teen Center, Bring a friend, they don't need to be Catholic to come have fun with us!

FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF STEUBENVILLE IS COMING TO ROCHESTER!

On Friday evening May 3, a worship team will lead us in a *Night of Worship* at Guardian Angels Church, Henrietta. The evening will include deeply moving praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration and an inspirational talk. Steubenville's charism for worshipping the Lord from deep within produces unsurpassed peace and joy, even in troubled times; Scripture tells us that God actually dwells in His people's praises! (Psalm 22) Registration opens soon; more details to come.