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**September 29, 2019 Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**A Prayer before Mass by St. Ambrose**

The Church has so many beautiful prayers to help us prepare for Mass! I have previously quoted Pope Francis' General Audience of 15 November 2017 in which he encourages us to **prepare for the Eucharist by praying immediately before the start of Mass**. I'd like to consider his words again, and then give a suggestion of one way we might dispose ourselves to enter into prayer:

"Praying, as every true dialogue, is also knowing how to be in silence — in dialogues there are moments of silence — in silence together with Jesus. When we go to Mass, perhaps we **arrive five minutes early** and begin to chat with the person next to us. But this is not the moment for small talk; **it is the moment of silence to prepare ourselves for the dialogue**. It is the moment for recollection within the heart, to prepare ourselves for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important! Remember what I said last week: we are not going to a spectacle, we are going to the encounter with the Lord, and silence prepares us and accompanies us. Pausing in silence with Jesus. From this mysterious silence of God springs his Word which resonates in our heart."

Often we arrive at Mass with the concerns of the day and week ahead still pressing on our minds. It can be difficult to enter into that silent moment of closeness to the Lord Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament, to prepare ourselves for the Holy Sacrifice and Holy Communion. Therefore, to help us quiet our thoughts before Mass, I recommend this prayer written by St. Ambrose, the fourth century Bishop of Milan:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
I approach your banquet table in fear and trembling,  
for I am a sinner,  
and dare not rely on my own worth,  
but only on your goodness and mercy.  
I am defiled by many sins in body and soul,  
and by my unguarded thoughts and words.  
Gracious God of majesty and awe,  
I seek your protection,  
I look for your healing.  
Poor troubled sinner that I am,  
I appeal to You, the fountain of all mercy.  
I cannot bear your judgment,  
but I trust in your salvation.  
Lord, I show my wounds to You and uncover my shame before You.  
I know my sins are many and great,  
and they fill me with fear,  
but I hope in your mercies,  
for they cannot be numbered.  
Lord Jesus Christ, eternal king, God and man,  
crucified for mankind,  
look upon me with mercy and hear my prayer,  
for I trust in You.

Have mercy on me,  
full of sorrow and sin,  
for the depth of your compassion never ends.  
Praise to You, Saving Sacrifice,  
offered on the wood of the cross for me and for all mankind.  
Praise to the Noble and Precious Blood,  
flowing from the wounds of my crucified Lord Jesus Christ  
and washing away the sins of the whole world.  
Remember, Lord, your creature,  
whom You have redeemed with your Blood;  
I repent of my sins,  
and I long to put right what I have done.  
Merciful Father, take away all my offenses and sins;  
purify me in body and soul,  
and make me worthy to taste the Holy of Holies.  
May your Body and Blood,  
Which I intend to receive, although I am unworthy,  
be for me the remission of my sins,  
the washing away of my guilt,  
the end of my evil thoughts,  
and the rebirth of my better instincts.  
May It incite me to do the works pleasing to You and  
profitable to my health in body and soul,  
and be a firm defense against the wiles of my enemies.  
Amen.

God bless,  
Fr. Peter

**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.  
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Mass Schedule - September 30, 2019	
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:00am	<b>St. Jerome</b> Cassandra Cammarata-Hermann & Ursula Unvericht
11:00am	Funeral-Armand Dumont
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:00am 1:00pm-6:00pm	<b>St. Therese of the Child Jesus</b> People of St. John’s Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 5:45-6:15pm 6:30pm	The Holy Guardian Angels Confession Bill Zurowski-Knights of Columbus
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:00am	Rev. Dominic Grasso-Donna Brown & Don Scalia
<b>FRIDAY</b>  8:00am	<b>St. Francis of Assisi (First Friday)</b> Traditional Latin Mass Special Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b>  9:00am 3:45-4:30pm 5:00pm	<b>Immaculate Heart of Mary (First Saturday)</b> Traditional Latin Mass Intention of Celebrant Confession Mary Lu Cassin-Sharon Diehl
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Readings:</b> 7:45am 9:30am 11:15am	<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Hb 1:2-3,2:2-4, 2Tm 1:6-8, Lk 17:5-10 Trent Mott-Friends People of St. John’s Herbert Peck-Frank & Donna Andolina

*Memorials: This week our sanctuary lamp will burn for Theresa Brongo*  
*Requested by: Jackie Iovine & Family*


<b>Wedding Banns</b> Please Pray for the following couple on their upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. <b>I Matthew Hull &amp; Maeve McQuilken</b>
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**A Note about Diocesan bankruptcy:** How will reorganization affect the daily operation of the Diocese, its parishes, schools and affiliated agencies? The parishes are separately incorporated under New York State’s Religious Corporation Law. Charitable entities such as Catholic Charities are separately incorporated under New York’s Not for Profit Corporation Law. The ministries and operations of parishes and entities, such as our Catholic Charities agencies, should not be directly affected by the Diocese’s Chapter 11 proceeding. If the Diocese is in Chapter 11 bankruptcy, is my parish in Chapter 11 as well? No. Parishes are incorporated as separate entities and are not part of this bankruptcy filing.

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<b>Collection 9/22/19:</b> .....	\$7,244.49
Weekly amount needed for budget:.....	\$8,671.00
Year To Date Collection:.....	\$109,651.36
Year To Date Needed for budget:.....	\$104,052.00

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<b>Collection 9/15/19:</b> .....	\$9,883.84
Weekly amount needed for budget:.....	\$8,671.00
Year To Date Collection:.....	\$102,406.87
Year To Date Needed for budget:.....	\$95,381.00

October 5/6 Ministry Schedule			
5:00 p.m.	7:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Sacristans			
Kolb	Brown	Tayler	Morganti
Altar Servers (Captains in bold)			
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Lectors			
R. Vitale	H. Frank	M. Carroll	P. McAuliffe
	L. D’Angelo		M. Szymanowicz
St. John’s Parish Calendar			
Monday, September 30			
6:30pm	GIFT		School
6:30pm	Pivotal Players Bible Study		PC Chapel
Tuesday, October 1			
11:00am	Contemplative Prayer		PC Library
5:30pm	Men’s Club		School Rm A
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 165		Scout Rm
7:00pm	Saturday Music Group		Church
Wednesday, October 2			
9:30am	Quilting Group		PC Dining Rm
2:00pm	Wednesday Afternoon Book Club		PC Chapel
7:00pm	Genesis to Jesus Bible Study		PC Chapel
7:00pm	Choir Practice		Church
Thursday, October 3			
8:30am	Grace Collaborative		School
9:00am	Genesis to Jesus Bible Study		Chapel
6:30pm	Cub Scout Pack 165		Scout Rm
7:00pm	Mothers of Twins		PC Dining Rm
8:00pm	Adult Men’s Basketball		Gym
Friday, October 4			
Saturday, October 5			
8:00am	Cursillo Men		PC Dining Rm
Sunday, October 6			
12:30pm	Listening Session		Church
<b>The Knights of Columbus</b> will be selling their Charitable & Benevolent (C&B) raffle tickets after all Masses next weekend October 5th & 6th. The money raised by the sale of these tickets goes to help out the less fortunate in our area. Please be as generous as you can, Thank you Larry Peck Grand Knight.			
<b>Prayers for the souls of Armand Dumont, Dorothy Schweickhard &amp; Lucy Morabito Campbell.</b> Our sympathy to Paul Dumont & Donna Emler on the death of their father to Donna Fontana, Gary Morabito & Joanne Waide on the death of their mother and to the Schweickhard family on the death of their loved one.			
<b>We Welcome to Our Parish Community Through the Sacrament of Baptism:</b> Gavin Anthony DeFelice			
<b>Recycle Printer Cartridges and Cell Phones</b> We have a drop box here at the Parish Office to recycle printer cartridges and old cell phones. The proceeds go to the Arura House. You can drop them off at the Parish Center.			

<b>PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - FALL KICK-OFF MEETING</b> St. John’s Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume our bi-monthly gatherings on Monday, October 7th in the Living Room of the Parish Center from 1-2:30pm. We have the yarn – Do you have the time? We invite you to join us for prayer and fellowship while we work on knit/crochet projects to be gifted as a sign of God’s love. All shawls, blankets, hats etc. will be blessed and made available to anyone who wishes to give one away, for any reason. Call Julie Bailey 352-5481 with questions.
<b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b> Council 7707 invites all for a “social gathering” of fun and food. Please bring a small snack to share. This is a time for non-members to see who we are and for family members to socialize. <b>Location: St Johns’ Rectory Basement</b> <b>Date: 10-9-2019 - Time: 6-8 PM</b> <b>Who:</b> Council members, parishioners, families, friends, children and grand-children. Please call either Mike Flanagan 314-3163 or Larry Peck 766-2836 with any questions.
<b>Men's Club Meeting Tuesday October 1, 2019</b> Dinner at 6:00pm in Conf. room "A" Ralph's Famous Ribs, vegetable, salad, chips, rolls, cookies, & drinks. Deacon Tom will provide a Special spiritual message.
<b>JOIN US FOR THE LIVING ROSARY</b> <b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH AT 7:00PM</b> Our annual October “Living Rosary” will be held Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00 pm following the 6:30 pm Mass. October is the month of the Holy Rosary, please come and pray for your special intentions, bring the whole family and join in this beautiful tradition here at St. John’s. 
<b>Youth News</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All Parishioners are invited! Come Pray with our Confirmation teens on Monday, <u>October 7th</u> at 6:00pm. Adoration &amp; Pray the Rosary <i>6-6:30 pm</i>. (teen helpers needed to set up at 5:45pm, and clean up at 6:30-6:45pm).</li><li>There’s a NEW version of our Teen Newsletter available at the entrances of the Church. All teens in the parish, as well as our community, are welcome to join us at our events and lend a hand in our service work. I am always open to suggestions if you would like to see something else offered.</li></ul>
<b>Child Victims Act Listening Session:</b> Our Listening Session about the Child Victims Act has been changed to <b>Sunday, October 6th</b> . Please save the date on your calendar . This will take place at 12:30pm in church. <b>This session is open to everyone!</b> We will welcome as a guest to this session Ms. Deborah Housel, the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Rochester, who can share with us about her experience in hearing the stories of those who have been victims of abuse. Anyone who has questions about our safe environment policies, or who wants to be heard about their experiences in the past: all are welcome. We are meeting in the church because, as we face the continued fallout from this crisis that arose in secret many decades ago, we want to <b>keep our eyes fixed on Jesus</b> , Who remains present in his Church. Fr. Peter will also be available to answer your questions about the bankruptcy filed by the Diocese of Rochester.

<b>Social Ministry News</b> <i>Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for Me.</i> <b>Poor Box Collections for Sept.</b> will go to <b>Homesteads for Hope</b> . Their mission is to develop sustainable lifestyles, environments, and futures by creating an inclusive community serving all without distinction. Memberships are now being offered with garden plots to grow your own food. Go to <a href="http://www.HomesteadsforHope.org">www.HomesteadsforHope.org</a> <b>Ecumenical Food Shelf</b> needs Coffee, Hamburger Helper , Jelly, Crackers, Jell-O & Shampoo. If you are in need of food assistance, call 397-0290. <b>A Respect Life Mass</b> will be celebrated by Bishop Salvatore Matano on Oct.6 at 11:15am in Sacred Heart Cathedral, entitled “Christ our HOPE in Every Season of Life” All are welcome! <i>“But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because Jesus said, ‘If you receive a little child, you receive me.’ So every abortion is the denial of receiving Jesus, the neglect of receiving Jesus.”</i> <b><i>Mother Teresa's</i></b> <i>Keynote Speech at the White House Prayer Breakfast on Feb. 3, 1994.</i> If you are interested in learning more about <b>Pro-Life</b> issues call parishioner Maureen Meyer at 585-414-8739.
<b>New Parish Directory</b> We are in the process of creating a new Parish Directory (without pictures). There are permission forms in Church at both entrances and available at the Parish Center. You can return your form via the collection tubes or drop them off at the office. <b>If you don’t turn in a Permission Form you will not be listed in the directory.</b>
<b>CYO Basketball Program 2019-2020</b> Welcome to the St. John’s Spencerport Catholic Youth Organization Basketball Program 2018-2019. Registration is now open and registration forms are available at the Parish Center or online at <a href="http://www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org">www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org</a> . <b>Registration deadline is October 11th.</b> Please complete the Registration, CYO health, Code of Conduct and Photo release forms and return them to the Parish Center at the above address in person or via the mail. <b>(There will be a \$20 late fee for any registrations received after October 11th and there will be no refunds after November 10th.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Coaches will be contacting players &amp; their parents with information regarding practice days &amp; times.</b></li></ul> We hope to offer the opportunity to participate in the following grades: 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> girls & boys, 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> coed, 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> girls & boys, 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> girls & boys, JV girls & boys, Varsity girls & boys. We cannot guarantee every grade level will have a team. Cost will be as listed on registration form and will include practice 1-2 nights per week, 12 regular season games, scrimmages & tournament(s). <u>Practices will begin in early November.</u> Games will start early December through mid-February. <u>All parents will be required to volunteer or help in some way.</u> 
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