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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm
Friday Closed

August 2, 2020 Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Why Masks?

Some of you have asked why I take the time each week to make an announcement to remind everyone about the Bishop's guidelines concerning the necessity of wearing masks and the need to observe six feet of distance between yourself and each person not in your household. As perhaps you well know even from arguments within your own families, mask-wearing has become a "political" issue that divides people. So why weigh in on something that is not a matter of faith?

The short answer is: I am being obedient to my Bishop. One of the realizations that led to my becoming Catholic was that the Church in the first century after the Resurrection already possessed the hierarchical structure she still has. Every major city had a bishop that oversaw a vast swath of territory. St. Ignatius of Antioch, the "bishop of Syria" (*Epistle to the Romans*, 2) who was martyred around the year A.D.108, wrote seven letters of which we still have copies today. Among other things, he says:

- "Subject yourselves to the bishop as to Jesus Christ [...]. It is therefore necessary that, as you indeed do, so without the bishop you should do nothing" (*Epistle to the Traillians*, 2)
- "See that you all follow the bishop, even as Jesus Christ does the Father, and the presbytery as you would the apostles; and reverence the deacons, as being the institution of God." (*Epistle to the Smyrneans*, 8)
- "Wherever the bishop shall appear, the whole congregation is to be present; just as, wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church." (*Epistle to the Smyrneans*, 8)
- "He who does anything without the bishop's knowledge worships the devil." (*Epistle to the Smyrneans*, 9)

I have no great interest in the medical sciences, and no strong opinions on whether one course of action is or is not effective in reducing the rate of transmission of a virus. But what I *do* have a great interest in, is growing in holiness. One of the best ways to become humble and destroy one's pride is to be obedient to the will of another. And this is especially true of obedience to one possessing legitimate authority: how much more those bishops who derive their authority from being numbered among the successors of the Apostles in union with the successor of St. Peter!

This is why I ask everyone coming to church to wear a mask. The bishop has asked us to do this. It is right that, in society, there be a vigorous and continual debate about how best to meet the difficult circumstances we face in the world—and I invite you to engage in that debate at the proper place and time! But in the Church, we have the much simpler task of practicing obedience. Unless we be asked to do something that is actually contrary to the Catholic faith, obedience will get us to Heaven.

God bless,
Fr. Peter

Reminders from our Bishop

- In accord with current policy of the State of New York, the faithful (over two [2] years old) must wear cloth face coverings when in public, including when they come to church.
- Attendees should sanitize their hands at the entrance of the church via sanitizer stations. (We have hand sanitizer located at both entrances).
- All present at Mass should sit 6 feet or more away from others. Families of the same household may sit together.

Listed above are excerpts from a memorandum issued by Bishop Matano on May 21, 2020. These are still in effect and we are asked to please abide by them.

The link to the complete memorandum: <https://www.dor.org/coronavirus-response/bishops-memoranda-to-clergy-concerning-resumption-of-public-worship-in-a-time-of-pandemic/>

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 at least six months in advance with the parish priest or deacon. Pre-Cana attendance is required. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Hospital Visits: Please state you are a parishioner from St. John's Spencerport during your intake if you want to be visited or call the parish office.

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

Wills/Bequests/Memorials—Please remember St. John's Parish.

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Parish Cemetery: General Information: 585-352-5481

| Mass Schedule - August 3, 2020 | |
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| MONDAY 8:00am 5:30-6:00pm | David Tresohlavsky-Mike & Linda Flanagan Confession (Ring rectory doorbell) |
| TUESDAY 8:00am 1:00pm-6:00pm | St. John Vianney Susan McManus-Larry & Pat Zimmer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| WEDNESDAY 5:30-6:00pm 6:30pm | Confession (Ring rectory doorbell) Bill Zurowski-Ethel Blanchard |
| THURSDAY 8:00am | The Transfiguration of the Lord Joan Quigley-Kathy Cammilleri |
| FRIDAY 8:00am | St. Cajetan Traditional Latin Mass Intention of the Celebrant |
| SATURDAY 11:00am 3:45-4:30pm 5:00pm | St. Dominic Funeral Mass-Robert Emler Confession (Ring rectory doorbell) John Coppeta-Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Fleming |
| SUNDAY Readings: 7:45am 9:30am 11:15am | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19-9a, 11-13a, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33 Jerry Carmen-Betty Carmen, People of St. John's Elaine Reisinger-Joe & Laura Foley |

Fr. Peter plans to resume use of the confessional in September, taking precautions to provide for 6 feet of distance or the use of a screen within the confessional room. Confessions for August continue outdoors on the rectory porch.

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Weekly amount needed for budget:.....\$8,671.00
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Weekly amount needed for budget:.....\$8,671.00
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Year To Date Needed for budget:.....\$26,013.00

Our options for giving:

- Online giving through our website
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- The collection tubes in church
- Parish Center Drop Box
- Mailing
- ACH

Please call the office or e-mail us at [sstjohnc@dor.org](mailto:ssstjohnc@dor.org) if you have questions with regards to any of our giving options.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

| August 8/9 Lector Schedule | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 5:00 p.m. | 7:45 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11:15 a.m. |
| Lectors | | | |
| L. Bianchi | L. D’Angelo | S. Edwards | B. Daniels |

Sanitizing Church: We are working on forming teams to sanitize church after all weekend Masses. Thank you to those who have already volunteered! Your work is very much appreciated.

We could still use a few more people! You can help at the Mass you attend and we are hoping to have enough people so that you will not need to help more than once a month, maybe less.

Sanitizing the church is not difficult work and training will be provided! Please call the office Monday or e-mail us at [sstjohnc@dor.org](mailto:ssstjohnc@dor.org). We are hoping to complete a schedule by next week.

Wedding Banns

Please pray for the following couple on their upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

II Matthew Morris & Meng Zhou

Wedding Congratulations to

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Valone (Christine Ost)

Prayers for the soul of Joan Quigley & Raymond Buckner.

Our prayers and sympathy to Michele Harris and Patricia & Timothy Quigley on the death of their mother, to Kathleen Buckner on the death of her husband and to Brian & Elliott Buckner on the death of their father.



We Welcome to Our Parish Community Through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Lucy Marie Connor

Welcome & Congratulations to

Christine Ost who received both the Sacrament of Baptism & Confirmation

COMMUNION CALLS TO THE HOMEBOUND & HOSPITALIZED

If you are homebound or hospitalized, please call the parish office at 352-5481 if you would like to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion, Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, or a visit from Fr. Peter or another Parish Visitor. Please don’t hesitate to reach out as needed!



Recycle Printer Cartridges and Cell Phones

We have a drop box here at the Parish Office to recycle printer cartridges and old cell phones. The proceeds go to the Aurora House. You may drop them off at the Parish Center during office hours.

Visit St. John’s Website For Calendar Updates, Mass Schedule & Parish Registration!

www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org

Parish Council Seeks Members

Due to the pandemic, your Council was unable to hold the usual selection of new members this past June. We are now asking you to consider serving in this important mission.

The Parish Pastoral Council meets evenings on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month from September through June. Duties include facilitating the vision of our parish by:

- improving communication amongst the various ministries
- moderating open forums to gather parish input
- developing strategies to serve all age groups
- coordinating with the pastor and staff on all of the above

We are seeking:

- 3 adults, each for 2-year terms
- 2 youths (high schoolers) each for 1-year terms

Requirements are that councilors:

- Be a Roman Catholic and a regular participant in Sunday worship;
- Be a registered parishioner;
- Eager to participate in creating a thriving parish community;
- Able to commit to giving the time needed.
- Have access to email.

If you are willing to consider this mission or would like more information, please contact:

Judi Stewart judithstewart46@gmail.com

Becky Daniels becky@rjdanielscoaching.com

Or call the Parish Office at 352-5481 and someone will contact you.

Deadline: August 15th, Feast of the Assumption

Parish Office & Buildings Are Open

- Mask required when entering
- follow the existing social distancing regulations
- No food will be allowed to be prepared or served in any of our facilities
- Attendance record for all group gathering are required

If you would like use any of facilities prior to September please call the office to make the arrangements.

If you make a request to use the Parish Facilities keep in mind your group size has changed. The number of people allowed by room are listed below:

- PC Dining Room 12 people
- PC Chapel 15 people
- PC Library 7 people
- Upstairs Conference Room 15 people
- School Gym 150 people
- School Conference Room A 25 people
- Scout Room 15 people

Please e-mail [sstjohnc@dor.org](mailto:ssstjohnc@dor.org) or call the office if you have questions.

Social Ministry News

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

Poor Box Collections for August will go to the **Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf**. This local food shelf responds to families in urgent need of food and supplies living within the Sptt. school district. Gift cards are given to buy fresh foods. The food shelf acquires, stores and delivers to those in need who call 397-0290. Donations of non-perishable food are accepted in the back of church and delivery drivers are always needed.

Ecumenical Food Shelf needs rice, Jello gelatin, canned peas, carrots, corn and tomatoes. If you need food assistance, call 397-0290.

Social Ministry Project - Migrant Ministry

Soon legal migrant workers will be arriving in our area to work the fields of local farms. As a welcoming gesture, your Social Ministry Committee would like to offer a welcoming bag of items to these incoming migrants when they arrive. They come with very little, and we have identified their needs. We would like parishioners to supply granola bars, packaged adult tooth brushes and toothpaste, bar soap and 12-16 oz size shampoo, (**not motel size**). Thank you to those who have already donated. We could use more shampoo and granola bars. Boxes will be set up at both church entrances for your donations.

Thanks and God Bless,
St. John's Social Ministry Committee

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Registration for all Religious Education (G.I.F.T., Confirmation, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd), is now OPEN.
- We are excited to announce that the celebration of Confirmation for St. John’s candidates has been rescheduled for August 26th at 7pm, at St. Lawrence Church. Please keep our confirmands in your prayers as they approach the Sacrament.

Join our team for the Diocese of Rochester’s virtual pilgrimage:

Walking with the Saints!

Is your family looking for something to do to keep active during this unusual summer? We have an exciting new opportunity for you to build community with us from a distance!

Starting August 10 and running for six weeks, you can join us for a **Virtual Pilgrimage of the American Saints**. Families can form teams to compare and compete with other families. Join our parish team, “St.John the Evangelist, Spenc”, <https://dor.walkertracker.com/?i=CE48F675-g-69930>

Along the way we will learn about Saints from all over our country. Best of all – it’s completely free! And more virtual pilgrimages are being planned for the year ahead.

Questions with regards to any of the above call Julie Bailey at 352-5481 or e-mail Julie.Bailey@dor.org.

