

Saint John
the Evangelist Church
55 Martha Street
Spencerport, New York

January 22, 2012



Martha House (Parish Office): 352-5481
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St. John's Web Page: www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed on Fridays

Rev. Lance Gonyo, Pastor
Rev. Daniel Holland, in residence
Deacon David Squilla, Parish Deacon
Tom Rizzo, Faith Formation Director
Bob Jobe, Youth Minister and Parish Life Coordinator
Robin Kepler, Parish Secretary
Suzy Wilcox, Business Manager

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:30

When we are young it seems that we are graced with boundless energy. Youthful vigor creates that feeling that we can conquer the world. However with age comes the realization that we slow down a bit. Prudence dictates that we take corrective measures otherwise we run the risk of becoming physically tired and mentally drained.

Gratefully today's youth are still as vibrant and energetic as ever. They are taught how to take steps to keep themselves healthy. School teaches them about nutrition, gyms are crammed full of fitness equipment and sports are more popular than ever. They are educated on how to live a healthy lifestyle.

Yet with all this focus on the needs of the body virtually no attention is paid to the needs of the soul. When life gets hard, as we all know it will, where do they turn for spiritual help? How can we expect our youth to heal spiritually without the presence of God? How much spiritual exercise have they done? How much spiritual education have they received?

If we think back to our own youth can we recall moments when our faith helped us through difficult times? Can we recall feeling God's hand on our shoulder as we cried? Wasn't there a day when the world seemed sacred and we could actually feel the warmth of God's grace? This is why it is so important that we

provide the best spiritual fitness equipment we can. Please consider inviting your son or daughter to Youth Ministry every 1st and 3rd Sunday 12:30pm here at St John's.

May God bless you and your family!
Bob Jobe Youth Minister

Hands of Christ



Nomination forms must be submitted before February 8. Forms are available on the parish website (see front of bulletin), at the parish office during regular business hours, or at the church entrances. The **Hands of Christ** Award ceremony will take place for our area parishes on **March 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm. at St. Lawrence Church** in Greece.

The Award is granted to high school seniors of our diocese who have distinguished themselves by service to the community in various capacities and whose lives have demonstrated a dedication to our Catholic Faith.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:00, Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

Weekday Masses & Holy Day Masses: See bulletin.

Confession: Saturday 4:00 to 4:30 or by appointment

Baptisms: We look forward to the Baptism of your child.

Please call the Parish office to make arrangements.

Marriage: Contact the Parish before making arrangements

Religious Shoppe: Tom DiVincenzo, 352-5485

LOCATION: St. John's School Building, Spencerport, NY

HOURS: Tues & Sat. 10:00-4:00 PM;

Wed & Fri. 10:00-1:00 PM; Thurs. 3:00-8:00 PM

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

Pastoral Care: Volunteers are available to supplement family and other resources on a short term basis. Contact the office at 352-5481

Food Cupboard 277-4917

Parish Cemetery Information - 352-0462 or 352-6408

Columbarium info—Dave Hodder 352-4462

If you are new in the Parish, please introduce yourself after Mass or at the Parish Office.

We want to know and serve you! Know that your prayers, your presence, and support are appreciated.

Mass Schedule Week of January 23

MONDAY USA Day of Penance

8:00 Deceased members of Woloszyn & Maier Families-
John & Doreen

TUESDAY St. Francis de Sales

8:00 In Memory of Wedding Anniv. of
Mary Agnes & Vern Clark- Kate

1:00- 3:00 Exposition

WEDNESDAY Conversion of St. Paul

6:30 pm Maureen Scantlin- Patty & John Petisi

THURSDAY Sts. Timothy & Titus

8:00 People of St John's

FRIDAY St. Angela Merici

8:00 NO MASS

SATURDAY St. Thomas Aquinas

5:00 Bob Meyer- Family

SUNDAY

8:00 Jack Quigley- Family

9:30 Intention of Bob & Katy Ames- Jane Dry

11:00 Marcia Heffron- Don & Barb DiVincenzo

Memorials: This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Joan Hennekey Offered by Rose

Prayers for the soul of Suzanne Holland

Our prayers and sympathy to Anne Marie & Mike Clayton and Family on the death of her sister.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Poor Box collections for January will benefit Spencerport Human Needs Fund. Thank you for your generous support! Poor Box envelopes can be found at Church entrances, or write POOR BOX on the envelope.

This Week at St. John's

Monday, January 23

5:15 CYO Lanigan -Gym
6:30 Families GIFT-School
7:00 Bible Study (Carmen)
St Augustine Room

Wednesday (cont)

7:00 CYO Doty-Gym
7:00 PEACE FS Group-St Rita
7:30 Choir Prac-Church
8:00 CYO Lane-Gym

Tuesday, January 24

11:00 Centering Prayer Group
St Agnes Room
1:00 Knitting Group
St Agnes Room

Thursday, January 26

5:30 CYO Pellett-Gym
7:00 CYO Lane-Gym
7:00 Women of Faith-
St Augustine Room

6:00 CYO Carroll-Gym

7:00 Troop #165-Scout Room

7:00 Bible Study (Arbegas)
St. Augustine Room

Friday, January 27

Wednesday, January 25

10:00 Quilting Group
St Rita Room

Saturday, January 28

6:30 Cub Pack Mtg-Gym

6:00 CYO Doty-Gym

Sunday, January 29

6:30 Cub Planning Comm-
Scout Room

Table chat based on this Sunday's readings:

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

(Fisher of Men)

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (They Repented)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

(The World is Passing)

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 (Repent and Believe)

Adults: What can I do this week to invite a friend or neighbor to follow Christ?

Children: How can I help a friend or classmate feel invited to follow Christ?

Readings for Next Sunday:

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

(Taught with Authority)

January 29, 2012

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (Moses Spoke)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (Be Holy)

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 (He Commands)

**ST. JOHN'S RELIGIOUS SHOP
WILL BE CLOSED
JANUARY 1-30
FOR INVENTORY**

**NORMAL HOURS RESUME
JANUARY 31**

FAITH FORMATION trizzo@dor.org

Families Growing in Faith Together: *A GIFT*:

Our Families GIFT midmonth sessions are this Sunday and Monday, **January 22 & 23, 2012**. The topic will be **theme #15—Making Choices** (Family Guide pages 76-77). The junior high topic will be “Baptism & Confirmation, chapter 8, pgs. 83-92, in the Church & Sacraments book.

Sacramental Preparation:

First Holy Communion: Registration forms for the sacramental preparation program will be available February 1, 2012 for those anticipating children celebrating First Holy Communion this spring.

A preliminary parent-candidate information session (formally referred to as “interview”) is part of the preparation process. Private information sessions will begin the week of February school recess, Monday February 20 through Thursday March 1 from 1:00 pm. to 5:00 pm. Please call the office after Wednesday February 1 to schedule an appointment. Please continue to check the bulletin weekly for updating and information. Also you can call the parish office if you have any questions (352-5481).

In order to participate in a sacramental preparation program for first time sacraments, children must be attending the families GIFT program for a least 2 consecutive years unless attending a diocesan Catholic school. A current sealed baptismal certificate from the church of Baptism will be necessary for any candidates not baptized here at St. John’s unless a copy is currently on file in our parish office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and children (RCIC): The Rite of Election for our current RCIA candidates is Sunday February 26 at 2:00 pm. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or being received into full communion with the Catholic Church should contact Tom Rizzo, director of faith formation at 352-5481 ext. 204.

CATHOLICISM

Join a 10-Week Program that enhances and supports the Church's mission to evangelize and teach the content of the Faith, displaying in breathtaking, visual detail the richness of the Church's global culture. We will use written Study Program material to complement the CATHOLICISM DVD'S.

WHEN: Mondays 7-9 P.M. Starting March 5
or Thursdays 9-11 A.M. starting March 8

WHERE: Martha House, St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport

REGISTER by February 6

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER: Call Betty at 352-5564 or elpcarmen@yahoo.com

Tutoring

Are your children struggling with their homework? We would like to help! The Parish Council is in the process of starting K-12 tutoring sessions in all subjects for students in the parish. The sessions would take place on Thursday nights either from 6 -7 or 6:30 to 7:30. Currently we would like to determine if there are interested students and if there are parishioners who would be interested in tutoring. This could also be an opportunity for high school seniors to earn PIG credit. For more information, please contact Nancy Laistner at 352-7528.

Men & Women: Do you need a Faith Lift?
Want to peel off the mask...so Jesus can shine through you?

Please join Magnificat Rochester
Saturday, February 18, 2012

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Pius Tenth Church,
3020 Chili Avenue

9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast

9:45 Faith Lift Teaching by Fr. Mike Mayer

10:30 a.m. program concludes

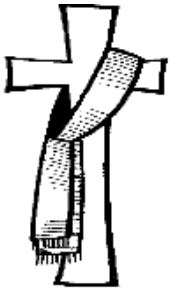
There is no charge for the morning, but a free-will offering will be accepted.

Please RSVP to Sue Waterstraat, 582-1149, or Betty Bunce, 235-0235

Women of Faith

The next St. John's Women of Faith meeting will be on Thursday evening, January 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM. to discuss events for the rest of the school year.

Deacon David's Corner – "Ministry of Service"



Why do I need to go to Confession? Can't I confess my sins directly to God? I feel embarrassed to confess my sins to a priest I know; can I go to another priest?

In the Letter of James (5:16) we read "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful."

When Jesus appeared to the apostles after His resurrection, we read in John's Gospel (20:21-23) "[Jesus] said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' And when he has said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'"

The apostles and their successors (bishops and priests) are the people we should be confessing our sins to. Think about it this way; have you ever been ill and needed a doctor, or you just want a checkup to see if everything is OK? Unless you have a friend who is a doctor, more than likely you won't ask them to give you a check-up. The priest, by his ordination, takes the place of Jesus in the confessional. There is no one who knows us better than Jesus and if there is an illness with our soul, He can give us the cure. One difference between human doctors and the doctor of our soul is that Jesus can cure any disease of our soul through the sacrament of Reconciliation. However, like the human doctor, the priest (who is "In Persona Christi" – Latin for "in the person of Christ") gives out medicine in the form of penance.

Some of us may have had an unpleasant experience with a priest during confession just as we may have had a bad experience with a doctor. Since we still need a doctor, we find another one to take their place. Don't let an unpleasant experience in the confessional keep you away, but find another priest who you feel comfortable with. It doesn't have to be a priest where you go to church, but once you find a priest who you can talk to, keep going to him. It is the responsibility of the priest to assist people with their confessions and, by careful listening and dialogue, enable them to say what they want to say. The good confessor is able to help people make good confessions.

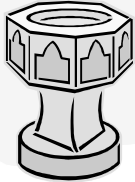
We should not worry about confessing to our parish priest. The seal of the confessional is absolute, which means that the priest cannot tell anyone anything about their confession. And most priests have dealt with very serious sins before. They do not judge penitents and they try very hard to put individual confessions out of their mind so that they do not even remember who confessed what. If going to your parish priest is uncomfortable, then find another priest. Don't let that stop you from going to confession.

Peace and God's Blessings
Deacon David



**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
BLOOD DRIVE**
MONDAY,
JANUARY 30, 2012
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
SCHOOL GYM
65 MARTHA STREET
SPENCERPORT

Please call 1-800 RED CROSS
to schedule your life saving appointment.
Walk-ins are welcome!



**We Welcome to Our
Parish Community
Through the
Sacrament of Baptism:**
Nathan Michael Webster
Matthew Robert Rush
Ava Nicole Cliff
Alexa Christina-Dean Cliff

Praying With Color Workshop, on Monday, February 6,
9 am – 12 Noon at Mercy Prayer Center, 65 Highland Ave.,
Rochester, NY, 14620. This workshop is for everyone -- you
need not be an artist. Bring your colored pencils and plan for a
morning of coloring/ praying.
Facilitator: Bonnie Matthaides Fee: \$25.
Call 585-473-6893 to register.

First Friday 2/3/12:
Brianna Armignacco and Cori Barnard

Scheduled for: Jan 28/29

Ministry Schedule—Team 4			
<u>5:00 p.m.</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Altar Servers			
C. Barnard	A. Mitchel	T. Gatti-Ezard	M. Grassi
C. Keery	C. Eichas	J. Zarpentine	Je. Page
J. Barnard	D. Eichas	T. Zarpentine	Jo. Page
E. Suydam	R. Lamirande	M. Zarpentine	N. Jobe
Lectors			
Bianchi	S. Stratton	Taylor	Clayton
Keery	Corona		Clayton
Ministers of Communion			
Magin	Kolb	Fien	Hossenlopp
Kopcienski	Brown	Fien	Frasca
McLean	T. Eichas	Bennett	Cunningham
		Gatti	