



January 3, 2021

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St. John of Rochester + Fairport, New York

SOME THINGS CONSIDERED

FINDING CALM DURING CRISIS

Finding Calm during Crisis, Staying Healthy in 2021

Led by: Bryan R. Harrison, PhD
Psychologist, PC

Bryan is a fellow parishioner and member of the Knights of Columbus. He attends Mass with his wife and three young children.

When: January 13 and 27 8:00 – 9:00 PM

Where: In your home on ZOOM

How: The group is limited to 10 in order to allow for discussion with one another and Bryan. Make your reservation through the link below.

If we have a greater response, we will schedule additional sessions, we want to make this as widely available as needed.

What Many events from 2020 have impacted both our physical, emotional and mental health. The spring protests and subsequent discord, the election and its aftermath, the virus and all the cautions and fears it has created...work from home, school from home, separation from family, friends, social life, living what we even vaguely remember as normal.

We will offer:

Recommendations for routines that comfort and support well-being.
Focusing on sleeping, eating, exercising, praying, cleaning -- things we can control that positively impact many aspects of our lives

And:

Resources to consider for more specific help or deeper learning

Using:

Open discussion/collaborative problem solving with participants

HOW: Go to our webpage use the link for “Finding Calm during Crisis — use the sign up form—you will need the ZOOM app on your computer, phone or device that you will use for this program—an email response will come to the first ten participants with directions.

We will start a waiting list and be back to you with additional sessions as they are needed.

Thank You...Thank You...Thank You TO

all who made the Sharing Tree Project a great success, Christian Service and so many generous donors...Jen Caruso and her decorating team who made the church so beautiful this Christmas...all our staff and musicians led by Amy Voll who worked through the Season to beautify our worship for those here and on livestream...our lectors and servers, ushers and church disinfectant teams from the K of C...our livestream operators who come faithfully and the leadership team of our livestream system...and so many other members of committees, organizations, volunteers and individuals who make SJR a vibrant parish in service to our community...thank you so much and to...Fr. Matthew and Fr. Alex, our Deacons Jim and Dan...Kate in our Office and Shannon Wolf who is holding the fort for a couple of weeks for us...Pat and Bridget, Pam in Faith Formation and Youth, Eileen and Colleen, Anne Marie, Nina
AND YOU

Our parishioners, thank you for your support of SJR and the living of your faith each and every day.

A very Happy New Year and
Have a good week. Love,

Our Church is equipped with hearing-loop for hearing aid wearers.
Switching your hearing aid to the “T-Mode” position should allow you to hear the service.
All weekend SJR Masses are live streamed on the Internet.
Go to stjohnfairport.org and click on Live Streaming Weekend Mass.



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PARISH REGISTRATION: Contact Pastoral Associate Amy Voll at 248-5993 x13 or register online at parish website.
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SAINT'S PLACE: Settles refugee families. Clothing Closet is in SJR Parish Center. Call Isabel Miller @ 385-6860 to volunteer. *Drop off donations at St. Louis Church.*
PRAYER CHAIN: Contact Marie Kushner: jkushner@rochester.rr.com
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm (closed for lunch from 12:30-1:30pm).
CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM (before 5:00 Mass)
SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday at 5:00 PM, and Sunday at 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM.



We Are A "Stephen Ministry" Parish! Confidential support in difficult times provided by trained parishioners. Call 248-5993 x16.

Send comments, questions, suggestions about the bulletin to Kate at katherine.wahl@dor.org.

PARISH NEWS

BELOVED DECEASED

Jacqueline O'Neill - Mother of Dennis (Andrea) of Neuchatel Lane, Fairport

Matthew Hoffman - Son of David and Susan of Mountain Rise, Fairport

Helen Clark - Sister of Barbara Binsack of Glenmose Road, Fairport

Rev. Frank Falletta - Former priest at SJR

Kathleen Cavaliere - Wife of Gerald of Chardonnay Dr., Fairport



HOUSE OF MERCY

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated to the House of Mercy. Once again they were overwhelmed with your generosity. The House of Mercy received 31 bags of groceries which included: 12 pounds of coffee, 21 boxes of cereal and oatmeal, 15 pounds of rice, 12 jars of peanut butter and jelly, and much, much more. There were 6 bags of brand new winter clothes which included 80 pairs of socks, 10 pairs of gloves, 2 heavy winter jackets, and 3 large bags of health and beauty supplies. Thank you so much for your support.

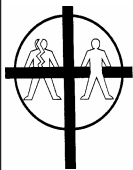
2021 CALENDARS

We want to thank Harloff Funeral Home, Jennings, Nulton & Mattle Funeral Home & Keenan Funeral Home for their generous donation of the 2021 calendars for our parish.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—
WEEKEND OF JAN. 2 & 3, 2021

Day	Lectors	Video Ministry
Saturday 5:00 PM	I—Harry Wolf II—John Reding	Terry Egan
Sunday 7:00AM	I—Bill Morris II—	Gary Granath
Sunday 9:00 AM	I—Laura Jaramillo II—Mike Malinowski	Suzanne White Julia White
Sunday 11:00 AM	I—Maura Mulholland II—Jen Batz	Cindy Page

PARISH CLUBS / COMMITTEES / ACTIVITIES

**STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER**

"Christ caring for others...through others."

Invisible

Sometimes a person feels like this — as if no one sees or cares for him or her. Lonely, forgotten. When you feel like this, a Stephen Minister can listen and give you the caring Christian concern you need. He or she will listen and care as you sort through your feelings. Call 248-5993 x16, leave a confidential message and your phone # too. A Stephen Minister will get in touch with you.

COVID-19 Update

The Church is open for public attendance at Mass, however our seating is limited to 25% of capacity. All safety guidelines (face masks, social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, etc.) will be required and Mass reservations are necessary:
stjohnfairport.org/sjr-seat-reservations

St. John of Rochester will continue to LIVE STREAM all Masses, Rosary and Devotions at stjohnfairport.org

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5:00pm,

Sunday 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00am

Daily Mass:

**Monday - Thursday at 6:30 & 8:30am,
Friday & Saturday at 8:30am**

Pray the Rosary

Monday and Wednesday at 7:00pm

Devotions

Friday at 7:00pm

The Sacrament of Penance will be offered on Saturdays beginning at 4:00 PM in the Parish Library. Please wait in the rear of the Church until it is your turn.

Please don't hesitate to contact Fr. Peter, Fr. Matthew and the Parish staff, we are here for you. You may reach us by email or phone at 585-248-5993 and then by dialing the appropriate extension. If we are unavailable, please leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible.

Please check the parish website for the latest information:

stjohnfairport.org

CMA 2020-2021

If you did not receive your CMA mailing, envelopes are available at Mass or in the Parish Office. Stop by and pick one up today! Or you may donate online at the Diocese of Rochester website: dor.org/giving/contribute-to-the-cma/



Blood Drive
St. John of Rochester

Gathering Room
 8 Wickford Way
 Fairport, NY 14450

Monday, January 4, 2021
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule your life saving appointment please contact 1-800-Red-Cross or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor keyword: stjohnofrochesterfairport



Come to give Dec. 18-Jan. 4 for a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last!

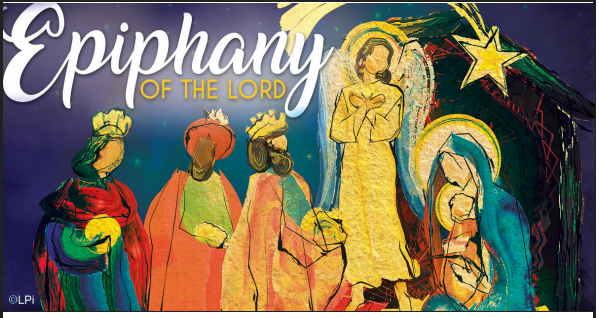


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PASTORAL SERVICES

U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Pro-Life and Doctrine Committees' statement regarding ethical concerns surrounding the new coronavirus vaccines. They say: "In view of the gravity of the current pandemic...the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are [sufficient] to justify their use...in addition, receiving the COVID-19 vaccine ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, **being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

DAY	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH ACTIVITIES
Sunday, January 3 Epiphany of the Lord	7:00 am—Ed Rivera—Jane Sutter-Brandt 9:00 am—Mary V. Marvin & Frank E. Marvin—Austin Family —Robert Austin & Dorothy Austin—Austin Family 11:00 am—Gil Landry (3rd anniv.)—wife, Lucy —Chuck Busch—Don Kusak	 A colorful illustration depicting the Epiphany scene with the three kings, Mary, and Joseph under a star. The text 'Epiphany OF THE LORD' is written in a stylized font.
Monday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	6:30 am—For Our Parishioners 8:30 am—Larry DiRienzo, Jr. - Larry & Jean	1:00 -6:00 PM - Gym - Red Cross Blood Drive - Appointments need to made previously thru Red Cross website of calling 1-800-RED CROSS
Tuesday, January 5 St. John Neumann Bishop	6:30 am—All Souls Intention 8:30 am—Intentions of the Lipani Family, Living & Deceased - Carol & Marty Smith	 The logo for St. John Neumann Bishop, featuring the name in a serif font with a decorative flourish and the word 'Bishop' in a script font below it.
Wednesday, January 6 St. Andre Bessette Religious	6:30 am—All Souls Intention 8:30 am—Intentions of Jim & Bonnie Strassell & Family - Molly & Tim Shine & Family	
Thursday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest	6:30 am—All Souls Intention 8:30 am—All Souls Intention	
Friday, January 8	8:30 am - Andrew Eilertsen - His Family - Jim Heatley - His Wife, Sandy Heatley	
Saturday, January 9	8:30 am—All Souls Intention 5:00 pm—John Lausin—Joan Mueller —Betty Deveney - Kelly Lytle	
Sunday, January 10 Baptism of our Lord	7:00 am—Joseph J. Grimes, Jr. - The Shanahan Family 9:00 am—In Memory of E. Joyce Austin & Intentions of Marcus C. Austin & Elsie Grace Leger - The Austin Family 11:00 am—Judy Callahan - Mickey & Karen Mattie —Madlyn Clark, Alice McInerney, Evelyn Broich, William McInerney, Robert McInerney & Helen Grutza - The Austin Family	 The logo for the Baptism of the Lord, featuring a blue water drop with a white cross inside, and the text 'BAPTISM OF THE LORD' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the logo, the text '7:00 -8:00 PM - Youth Ministry - New Year, New Goals - Virtual Meeting' is written.



INTERCESSIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN SERVICE TO COUNTRY AND GOD

We Pray Especially For: Ens. Noelle DeMarco, Lt. Col. Daniel Gilmore, Specialist Ryan Kelly, Commander Rob Prince USN, Matt Wurz, Maj. Robert Kurpiel, Lt. Col. Christopher Kurpiel, Jill Nawrocki, Sgt. Travis Johnson, Staff Sgt. Jordan Torcello, Maj. Jeffrey Bavis, Cpl. Ryan Palanzo, PVII Corey Pedeville, Cpt. Jennifer Long, Sgt. Chad Griffo, Tech Sgt. Kevin Maeder, Sister Susan Marie Norton, PVMI, Sgt. Robert Chantra, Seaman David Barker, Col. Martin Schmidt, Sgt. Alex Martens USMC, Sgt. Melissa Martens USMC, Pvt. Cyrus Gorcica Marine, LCpl. John Hebert, Capt. Thomas Leone USAF, Lt. Alex Dudek, USN, 1st Lt. Timothy Segroe, Army, 1st Lt. Dennis Segroe, Army, Seaman Gabrielle Hermann

PRAYER CORNER

Pray for our parishioners. Many names may no longer require this listing...please call 248-5993 to update.

Mitch Alepoudakis
Caiden Asaly
Robert Atkinson
Ann Avallone
Dominic Baccaro
Larry Barnhart
Pete Beerse
Mary Bellows
Michele Berry
Allison Bianchi
Ella Bogan
Nick Boriphet
Paige Boyum
Betsy Brown
Gail Burgie
Kathy Cannan
Lucy Chacchia
Max Charleton
Martha & Julio Chaves
Tom Clark
Patricia Claypoole
Bernard Cleary
A. Yahap Coban
Seyim Coban
Angie Cockman
Landon Coia
Michelle Coleman
James Compitello
Carol Cooke
Dorothy Cooper
Joan Crowley
Amy Ogi Crumley
Abi Cunllinan
Robert D'Amico
Christine Dandridge
Gerry Dangler
Aaron Davis
Jim Davis
Haley Dibiaso
Michael DiMuro
Ben Dipasquale
Anthony DiTucci
Colin Donahue
Carolyn Dunbar
Marion Easley
Steve Elensky
Theresa Elliott
Karen Farnng
Joshua Farnsworth
Dolores Faulkner
Lisa Ferrari
Virginia Filar
Jo Fitzpatrick
Arnold Foster
Emily Fraiser
Bailey Frank
Laura Frazier
Tom Fuoco
Mike George
George German
Ciara Griffin
Carol Grundman

Renee Guerin
Mark Hackett, Jr.
Danny Haldeman
Christine Harder
Penny Hastly
Cecile Hawkins
Eleanor Heier
Matthew Hoffman
Angela Hyman
Vivian Iaculli
Sue Itzenplitz
Sue Jackson
Jacquie Jansen
Maggie Kaiden
Karen Kanar
Claire Kaufman
Debbie Keller
Karen Kelly
Jenni Kench
Patricia Harris Koenig
Meghan Kremble
Amy Krempecki
John Krempecki
Jamie Lee
Phil Livecchi
Matthew Loveless
Kathleen Lynch
Mary MacCart
Rebecca MacCart
Bob Maddamma, Jr.
Jackie Carzo Maj
Anthony Marcoccia
Mary Catherine Marvin
Rose Matina
Kyran McCarthy
Madelyn McCarthy
Blake McCracken
Ginny McKeever
Christopher McLaughlin
Scott Miller
Aurora Monge
Laurie Morrison
Colleen Mourer
Ashlae Mull
Kim Murphy
Dan Nesco
Joseph Palmeri
Karla Panic
Yo Parnell
Jill Pasiak
Nancy Pelletier
Steve Perlow
Benjamin Pervis
Megan Peterson
Lucille Pet Rossi
Diana Pirelli
Peter Pierce
Anne Politer
Carisa Putz
Naomi Reichert
Tom Reedman
Justine Restrict

James Rhodes
Marie Rizzitano
Joel Rivera
Eric Rochester
Oscar Rodriguez
Aaron Roney
Diane Roney
Connor Roth
Andrew Carlile Russell
Paul Sanelli
Ed Schwinger
Robert Scott
Mary Sculley
Kathy Seifert
Linda Shano
Patrick Shaunessy
Jane Shenegulet
Margaret Mary Shine
Angeline Siracuse
Mary Siciliano
Debbie Silverthorne
Gloria Smith
Richard Smith
Gene & Cecelia Sommers
Ed Starken
John Stio
Suzanne Strong
Marilyn Suggs
Eric Summers
Louis J. Sutherland
Rose Ann Szczepanik
Lorna Thompson
Brian Thorpe
Kori Tolbert
John Toth
Mark Tursi
Sarah Williams
Ken Wolf
William R. Zink
Special Intention
Baby Wyatt, Sean,
Bridget, Suzanne, Ryan,
Christopher, Amanda,
Steve, Melissa, Anthony,
Bob, Brian, Bernie,
Shannon, Keith

PLEASE CALL THE
OFFICE WITH ANY
UPDATES TO THIS
LIST 248-5993.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

HANDS OF CHRIST

Honoring SJR's High School Seniors Being
Christ To Others



**WE INVITE FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO
HELP US RECOGNIZE OUR
CLASS OF 2021 FOR THEIR
COMMITMENT TO THEIR FAITH,
OUR PARISH, AND THE
COMMUNITY**

NOMINATION CRITERIA

- Has consistently demonstrated a Christian attitude by word and example.
- Has been actively involved in the parish as well as their school or community.
- Has been a positive role model to their peers, younger children and adults.
- Is a practicing Roman Catholic in a parish in the Diocese of Rochester and attends Mass.
- Is currently a high school senior.

The nomination form is available online at SJR's website. Visit the Youth Ministry tab within the Faith Formation Page.
Nominations are **DUE BY WEDNESDAY, DEC 30TH.**

PLEASE CONTACT PAM SIKORA AT
PAM.SIKORA@DOR.ORG OR 585-248-8850
FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS OR QUESTIONS.

A PRAYER FOR PUTTING ON A FACE MASK

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray. Amen.

~from "Salt & Light" 12/10/20

SURVEYING THE SCRIPTURES



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today, January 3, 2021 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

All from Sheba shall coming bearing gold and frankincense.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me.

Matthew 2:1-12

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Power, divinity, and death: how do these three gifts accompany Jesus from Bethlehem to Jerusalem?
- If you really believed you were a God-bearer, how would you retrace your steps and do things differently today?
- Trace the moments of epiphany in your life. Are there traces of "power, divine Presence, and death" in them?

Readings for Next Week: Isaiah 55:1-11; I John 5:1-9, Mark 1:7-11

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF...

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Blanchard, Mr. & Mrs. Leopold Mularz, Joseph J. Kaiser Jr., William J. Reichert, Charles A. Reichert, Mr. & Mrs. Charles P. Reichert, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kaiser Sr., Comella, Mascari, Mazzo, Navarra Families, Jakob Hermann, Andrew Hermann; James & Mary Neenan, Robert & Nanette Hunt, Diane Hunt, Rev. Michael Hogan Family, Tom & Michal Berry; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Newcomb, Mr. & Mrs. George Cardinale, Mike Newcomb, Bernard Newcomb, Sylvester Leide, Rev. Bernard Casper, Mr. & Mrs. William Stratemeier, Mr. & Mrs. Cosmos Maddamma, Josef and Mary Holzer, Bill Birkett, Ann and George Napolitano, Dobry Family, Holzer Family, Morales Family, Perrine Family, Mary Pace, Mildred Lausin, Rosalind Bommele, John Lausin; Wierszewski & Aziz Families, Flora and James Foley, Bracone & Chastek Families, Members of Nescot, Grotzinger, Sanuik, Gombosky, Greene Families, Elizabeth Simeone, Mildred Havalach, Kate Naus, Gary Naus, Carmela Basta, Lawrence Basta, Annabelle Weber, Francis Buckley, Elizabeth Brooks, Charlotte & Bruce Patt, Roger Cormier, John Purcell, Joseph Palmesano, Anthony & Mary Valenti, Deceased Members of the Kusak & Gears Families, Mary V. Marvin, Frank E. Marvin, Robert Austin, Dorothy Austin, Madlyn Clark, Alice McInerney, Evelyn Broich, William McInerney, Robert McInerney, Helen Grutza; Mary D'Ambra, Jenny Meli, Genevieve Mooney, James Roethel, Arthur Vacchetto, Josephine Militello, Anne & Jerome Rallo, Carol Miceli, Beverly Luciano, Anthony Pesce, Frank & Elizabeth Cessario, Lewis & Susan Pesce, Keneth Opdyke, Robert Herbest, Susie Testa, Mary Heftka, Michael Heftka, Rose Dlugosz, Richard A. Carlson, George, Louise & Julie Polvino, Len & Mollie Trotta, Deceased of Ricciutto Family, Jose Luis Diaz, Donald Owens, Mildred O'Grady, Art & Florence McPhillips, Fr. Michael Hogan, James Tulloch, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hastings, Mr. & Mrs. William Hastings; Peter Nicosia; James F. McGrath, Matthew J. McGrath, Lionel & Edwina, Ouettelle Family, James & Agnes McGrath; Richard Masaryk, George Morris, Mary Sculley; Our Parents; Mary Kay Plein, Stephen Plein, Leonard Plein, John Plein, Cecelia Plein; Cosmano Family, Fifelski Family, Mim Angelini, Joseph & Esther Parrinello, Lorraine Alampi, Deceased Members of the Maiorani Family, Loretta A. Wade, Celine McIndoe, Joseph Surkosky, Gertrude James, Carol York, Varlan Family, Remmel Family, Annabel Gavin, Chester G. Potrzebny, Ruth Potrzebny, Elvin Wessely, Lucille Wessely, David Wessely; Gaudieri, Smith & Lechleiter Families; Joseph Perkowski, Stella Perkowski, Mary Winterfield, Harold Winterfield, John E. Garland, Allen & Peggy Walker, Walter Turner, Paul Turner, Joseph N. & Rose Callipari, Dante Santos, Jun Pangilinan, Dolores Soril, Petra Santos, Marciana Barber, John & Marion Tripp, Patrick & Freda Harkins, Raymond T. Godleski, Chris Lappano, Parents of Robert & Mary Kay Finnerty, Deceased Family Members, Vince Hayes, Patricia & Lou Johnson, Jay Patterson



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHOE DRIVE

The Rev. Michael C. Hogan Knights of Columbus Council will be completing their shoe drive on Sunday, January 3rd. We have collected over 1400 pairs of shoes. We are thankful for your generosity. We continue to collect new or gently used shoes/sneakers/sandals (for men, women, and children) that will be donated to underprivileged individuals. Drop them off at the Gorman Room in the Ministry Building M-F during business hours or before weekend masses. We will have one more collection on **Saturday, January 2nd from 10AM-1PM at the Gym**. Please reach out to family, friends and neighbors and ask them to search their closets and look at donating any unused footwear that is collecting dust.

PERINTON FOOD SHELF NEEDS

As we are preparing for the cold, we need to prepare our community food shelf, too for the colder weather. We need: tea, boxes of jello, grape jelly, strawberry jelly, stuffing, gravy, pasta mixes, tomato products (not spaghetti sauce), cookies, salad dressing, canned pears, canned peaches, canned fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, potato mixes, chili, hash, beef stew and soup (not chicken noodle). Thank you so much for your support. Drop off places are the Perinton Community Center, Fairport Library, Red Bird Market, and many churches, including St. John of Rochester.



STEWARDSHIP: OUR TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is also gifts of time and talent

Week of December 21, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 14,681.550
Loose Money	\$ 739.00
Annual	\$ 0.00
Direct Deposit	\$ 15,053.50
Total	\$ 30,474.00

2020-21 CMA

Goal \$242,708

Donors: 544

Pledged \$175,678

72.38% to goal

As of December 23, 2020



Several times each year the Tithing Committee shares with you, the parishioners of St. Johns, the thank you notes that have been received from the various ministries that we have supported through our tithing donations. However, this year, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, inserts in the bulletin have been suspended. So, instead of reproducing the notes on an insert, following are excerpts from some of the many Thank You Notes received this year.

Mary's Place Refugee Outreach: "I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$2200. We rely on the generosity of donors such as yourself and are grateful for your support during this unprecedented public health crisis. Without support of community members like you, Mary's Place would be unable to continue serving refugees in Rochester. Thank you so much! God Bless!"
Charlsey Bickett – Executive Director

A Meal & More, Inc.: "On behalf of the Board of A Meal & More, I write to thank the parishioners of St. John of Rochester Church for the generous donation of \$500. This contribution will help us to continue to provide a hot, nutritious meal for all who come to our kitchen on Sunday and Wednesday of each week throughout the year. Despite the current restrictions related to Covid-19, which prevent our guests from eating together in our dining room, we provide a hot take-out meal which we hand out to each person in the line-up outside our doors. They come in ever-increasing numbers." *L. Janet Morse - Board member*

Blessed Sacrament Supper Program: "On behalf of the guests who join us for supper each evening, we wish to thank you for your gift of \$500. Gifts such as yours allows the Supper Program to fulfill the mission that God sets before us, by providing the nourishment of a warm meal and companionship to those in need. May God reward you for your kindness in thinking of us at this difficult time. We wish you health and peace! Thank you for your faithful support!" *L. MaryJo Lightholder - Director*

Women's Care Center: "Thank you so much for your gift of \$1000. Your generous gift enables the purchase of new Pack 'n Plays and car seats among other items which are so greatly needed. Women's Care Center provides loving hospitality in honor of LIFE to hundreds of mothers and babies. Thanks to your kind generosity, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, this mission continues to thrive.!" *Hollie Harvey – Volunteer Director*

Hope Hall: "I can't begin to tell you how grateful I am to all the good members of St. John of Rochester Parish for this wonderful gift and your very kind, generous support of the education of Samjana and Ezequiel! Your partnership is truly helping to shape the lives of these children. You continue to be a tremendous blessing for each of them and are truly giving them hope! I continue to pray for everyone in your parish each day. Count on those prayers!" *Diana Dolce, S.S.J. – Executive Director*

Friends of Borgne: "We thank you for your very generous tithe of \$2200 for the education of children in Borgne, Haiti. People of this parish have been so good to those who would have no other way to go to school. Your donation is so appreciated since we have not been able to have fundraising events because of the virus. You are a ray of sunshine in our lives.!" *Joan Haviland - President*

FAITH FORMATION



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they too are ready to renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises. If there is someone you think would like to explore what Baptism in the Catholic faith means, ask them to contact Amy Voll at 248-5993 x13 or amy.voll@dor.org for more information.



YOUR BABY'S BAPTISM

A new baby is such a Blessing and your child's Baptism is the foundation for their Faith journey.

First Time Parents: Our next Baptism Retreat is Friday January 15, 7-9 PM in the Gathering Room.

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All Parents are invited to contact Pam Sikora, 585-248-8850, or register online using the Sacraments page of the website to make arrangements for your baby's Baptism.



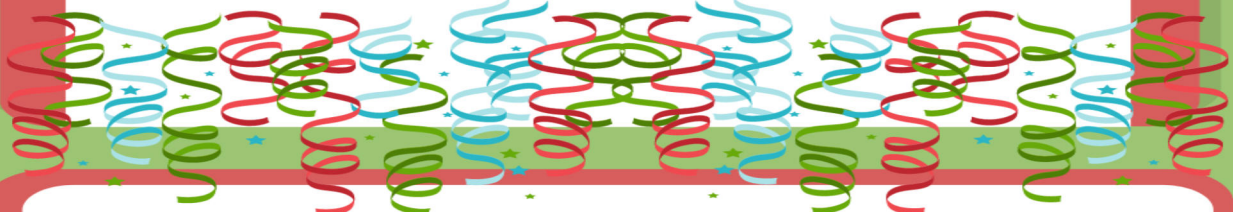
YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

7-8 PM - Zoom Link on SJR's Website
stjohnfairport.org

- 12/27 & 1/3 NO YOUTH MINISTRY
- 1/10 NEW YEAR NEW GOALS
 - VIRTUAL
- 1/17 MLK WEEKEND - NO MEETING
- 1/24 LIP SYNC BATTLE
 - IN-PERSON (HOPEFULLY!)
- 1/31 PEACE BE WITH YOU
 - IN-PERSON (HOPEFULLY!)

Join us for our virtual YM meetings.
Link on the SJR Website.

Contact Pam Sikora at
pam.sikora@dor.org or 585-248-8850.
See you there!



Rejoice in our confident hope.
Be patient in trouble,
and keep on Praying.
Romans 12:12



Sharing Tree 2020

While
the scope
of the Sharing Tree
was smaller in size this year,
the response of our parishioners was not!
To say merely "Thank You" seems woefully inadequate.
Because of your generosity, 40 families and 106 residents
of The Pearl Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
will have a merrier Christmas.
We'd especially like to express our appreciation
for your cooperation in turning
your gifts, gift cards, and monetary donations so quickly.
We were able to organize, wrap, and complete the
final packing in plenty of time for pick-up by our Sharing Tree families.
Since you donated more toys, games, and puzzles
than we needed for the families, we passed on several boxes
of those to Holy Apostles where they will be distributed to children
in their community.
Your generous monetary donations allowed us to send funds
to Our Lady of the Americas parish whose
families are usually on our Sharing Tree each year. With this donation,
the parish staff and volunteers will
provide food and gifts for families in their community.
Because your monetary donations far exceeded our expectations,
and because the need for food is
so great at this time, we decided to gift some of the Sharing Tree donations
to Sister Regis Food Cupboard, Linda's Pantry at Hope Hall, East Rochester Food Shelf,
Macedon Food Pantry, St. Peter's Kitchen,
House of Mercy, and St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.

Thank you!
Thank you!
Thank you!

There is no way we members of the
Christian Service Committee could do this without all of you. In this very
trying year of uncertainty, (when in September, we wondered if the Sharing Tree
would be a reality), your overwhelming continuing support and generosity are especially appreciated.



PARISH AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Come Join Us for a Virtual Story Time!

St. Joseph School will host a virtual story time for 2 and 3 year-olds. It will be sent out on:

Fridays, January 22nd through March 26th

A video link with one story and a song will be sent to your email, and you can watch it at your convenience!

To register, please visit our St. Joseph School Website at <http://sjspenfield.com/pre-school-story-time>

Call Mary Beth LaDuca at St. Joseph School at 586-6968 if you have any questions.

Please join me for some reading fun!

WINTER FUN!



**3 EASY STEPS
TO KEEPING YOURSELF
& OTHERS HEALTHY!**

Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others. Everyone should wear a mask in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

Avoid close contact

Put 6 feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household.

SUPPORT FOR THE ELDERLY AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Our relatives, neighbors and coworkers may be suffering during this pandemic. Lifespan offers FREE online workshops on topics including: forgetfulness; improving the quality of life for elders living at home and their care partners; peace of mind planning; organizing financial, legal and other documents and papers; housing options for older adults; Medicare 1011 and many more.

Register online at lifespanrochester.org or by calling 244-8400, x201.



Mercy Spirituality Center

11th Annual Women of Peace

"Sitting at the Table":

Kamala Harris for the People

Presenter: Arlette Miller Smith, PhD

Date: Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021

Time: 7-8:30 pm VIA ZOOM

Fee: \$20

(585) 473-6893

info@mercyspiritualitycenter.org

RISING



"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

MATTHEW 2:2