

St. John of Rochester

Fairport, New York

Some things considered

NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU!

One commentator I read described the above as 'the most powerful words in the Gospel.' I spoke in the homily last week of Jesus calling each of us to be known as forgivers. I invited us to make the coming Easter celebration amazing by embracing that way of life. Today's scripture make this not a challenge for the closing days of Lent, but a way of life.

Much is made of the divisions that haunt us. We see division within church, families, politics local, national and beyond. The issue within the last month of the video of an event in Washington that went viral, then led to a rush to judgement of the young man at the center of the video, is just an example of a culture that condemns first and considers later.

I do not pretend that we will change the culture of our country or world. That, however, cannot keep us from facing within ourselves, those forces and inclinations that set up 'judge now, consider later.'

During Masses this past Sunday, a parishioner asked me: "Where is everyone?" It is a question I have been asked several times over that last few years—perhaps somewhat more frequently recently. We can have an understandable disappointment that church is not as crowded as we would hope, or once was. I suggest, however, that the question is for all of us. Do we, as a community, send out clear signals of being known as forgivers? Is 'neither do I condemn you' a motto we live by, and become known by as a parish?

We of course do not choose this path in order to fill pews. Whether as the father and his sons, or today, Jesus and a woman caught in sin in our life, is judgement or forgiveness our first response, the way we are known by others around us. Jesus makes it clear: "Neither do I condemn you".

Organ Donation

Monday evening there will be a presentation in the Gathering Room at 7PM on Organ Donation. For each person who identifies themselves as a donor 8 lives can be saved and up to 70 people can benefit. Come and hear the myths/facts of becoming an organ donor.

Text to Give Today

The diocese has opened a texting option for gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Here at SJR we are trailing last year by about 150 donors and \$27k at the moment. You can help us close that gap, join thousands of others across the diocese in supporting the work of our church both locally and beyond. See page 3 of the bulletin today and follow the instructions there. Texting the number with our code **CMA249** will bring **a response text with a prompt** asking for a credit or debit card and an amount of your gift. Your gift is used only for direct service, for both immediate need, and support the staff at the Pastoral Center in providing that service to people across our twelve counties and beyond. The Catholic Church is among the largest charities in the world. Your generosity makes that possible. Thank You!!!

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION TODAY

We moved the reception from the wild weather of January to more mild April hoping that more folks would be able to come. If you give your time and talent to SJR in any way... JOIN US AT THE GATHERING ROOM TODAY (Sunday 2-4) for enjoyment together, and plentiful treats. See you there.

Have a good week love,

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PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL: Open 24 hours.

Saturday Children's Rosary/Adoration Hour at 3:00 PM. Rosary in Church at 9:00 AM on First Saturdays and 4:15 PM

each Saturday. Coordinator: Judy Shanahan—425-1396

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 thru Friday: 9:00am to

12:30pm & 1:30-5:00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM (before 5:00 Mass) SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday at 5:00 PM, and Sunday at

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and Noon. We Are A "Stephen Ministry" Parish

Grieving? Chronic illness? Family stress? Call for a Stephen Minister at 248-5993 x 16. We are trained to care for you in all situations.

PARISH NEWS

BELOVED DECEASED

Evan Cody Short—Son of Stephen & Buffie of Maywood Drive, Rochester

Pamela Gilfus—of Erie Drive, Fairport

Irene Case—recently of St. John's Ĥome, Rochester

SJR LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE

Organ Donation: Dispel the myths...Learn the facts

7:00-9:00 PM, Monday, April 8, Gathering Room **Lenten Family Program**

Saturday, April 13 ♦ 3:00-6:00 PM (includes 5:00PM Mass) **SJR** Individual Reconciliation

Saturdays (except Holy Saturday): 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Saturday, April 13: 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Monday, April 15: 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Tuesday, April 16: Noon – 1:00 PM

Wednesday, April 17: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 7:30 PM in Church K of C Friday Fish Fry Dinners - April 12 & 19

TRIDUUM - Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 PM

Adoration until 10:45 PM ending with Night Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Death

Good Friday, April 19 at 1:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Easter Egg Hunt & Party

Holy Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 AM

Blessing of the Easter baskets, Easter egg hunt & party

EASTER VIGIL MASS, April 20 - 8:00 PM **EASTER MASSES, April 21**

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & NOON

PLEASE NOTE!

Correct date for the LENTEN FAMILY PROGRAM is

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 (not April 20 as previously publicized) from 3:00-5:00 PM in Parish Center, followed by 5:00 PM Mass and the procession of

palms in Church. There is no cost for this event, but please register if possible. Any questions? Call Religious Ed at 248-8850.

SJR MEN'S CLUB ♦ Attention Attention ♦ Monthly meeting date change

Due to Holy week, the April meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25 at 6pm. Hope to see you then!

PERINTON FOOD SHELF needs:

coffee, bottled juice (not juice boxes), hot chocolate, cake and brownie mixes, frosting, pancake mix, syrup, salad oil, mayonnaise, spaghettios, cans of corned beef or roast beef hash, canned beef stew and deodorant.

Thank you so much for your support.

Parish Clubs / Committees / Activities



Support the CMA and Your Parish Today!

Make your GIFT to the CMA via TEXT MESSAGE

A secure, easy way to make your gift. Now through Thursday, May 14, 2019.

1. Text CMA249 to (585) 257-2929

2. Follow the prompts

- ⇒ How much would you like to give to CMA-St. John of Rochester 249?
- ⇒ Give \$XX? Enter yes or no.
- Would you like this gift to be recurring? Enter yes or no.
- ⇒ https://m.txt2give.co/pwol1234 * Tap this link to complete your \$XX gift to CMA-St. John of Rochester 249. *Link is not active; used only for example

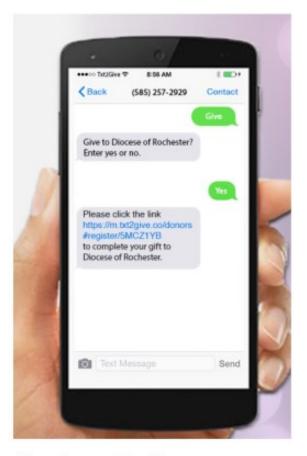
Enter your credit or debit card

Your CMA gift will be credited to St. John of Rochester. You will receive an acknowledgment of your gift immediately via text or email.

Message and data rates may apply. There is no additional charge to text outside of your area code.

PROJECT HUNGER

On <u>April 13-14</u> we will be collecting for **SISTER REGIS FOOD CUPBOARD**. Support those in need by donating: Instant mashed potatoes, cereal, crackers, pasta, canned beans, canned fruit, pork & beans, Jell-O, pudding, juice, tuna, jelly, coffee, mustard, ketchup, cooking oil, cake mixes, laundry detergent, shampoo, toothpaste, paper towels, napkins, tissue, and diapers -- all sizes, especially sizes 3&4. Please leave your donations in the Donation Room.



To make your gift online go to www.dor.org/cma by May 31, 2019.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Next meeting: Monday, April 8th, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room. Help is available if you'd like to learn how to knit or crochet. Shawls can also be made privately without coming to a meeting. Prayer shawls will be blessed by the presider at the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, April 14th. After this Mass only, shawls will be available if you would like to give one away. You may also call Judy Knab 223-3434 or Lois Rixner 377-1242 to obtain a shawl at any other time.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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DAY	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH ACTIVITIES						
Sunday, April 7 Fifth Sunday of Lent	7:30 am—George Dormer—Joan Siegl 9:00 am—Joseph V. Sirianni—Lou & Louise Sirianni, Sharon & Todd Smith and Susan & Erik Grimm 10:30 am—Raymond Violette—Family —60th Anniversary Mary Lee & Bill O'Connell —Don Kneeland—Beth Good 12:00 pm—Raymond F. LeChase—Wife Rachel —Terri Klei—Tom & Judy Shanahan & Family	10:40-11:40 AM—Religious Ed—Parish Center 11:30 AM-12:30 PM—RCIA—LeVeque Room 2:00-4:00 PM—VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE—Ministry Building 4:00-5:00 PM—Troop 325 Patrol Leaders—S7 5:00-6:00 PM—Confirmation—S5 & S9 6:00-8:00 PM—Youth Ministry—S6 6:30-8:00 PM—Women's Spirit—Gathering Room						
Monday, April 8	6:30 am—Marie LaPlante—The Schlaerth Family 8:30 am—Tom Hartzell—Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Strazzeri	12:00-1:00 PM—Bible Study—Gathering Room 12:30-3:00 PM—Ladies VB—Gym 1:00-3:30 PM—Prayer Shawl—Gathering Room 4:30-5:30 PM—Religious Ed—Parish Center 7:00-8:00 PM—Confirmation—S2 & S9 7:00-9:00 PM—Organ Donation—myths vs. facts presentation—Gathering Room 9:00-11:00 PM—Pineapples—Gym						
Tuesday, April 9	6:30 am—Les Thompson—The 6:30 Mass Group 8:30 am—Sean Gallagher (1st anniv.)—Mark Lyons	7:00 PM—Parish Council—Gathering Room 7:00-9:00 PM—Sharing Christ—Parish Center 9:00-11:00 PM—Hickory Ridge—Gym						
Wednesday, April 10	6:30 am—Cindy Chait—Jon & Mary Spacher 8:30 am—All Souls Intention	9:00 AM-1:00 PM—Perinton Artists—S8 5:30-6:15 PM—Children's Choir—Music Room 6:30-7:30 PM—Handbells—Music Room 7:30-9:00 PM—10:30 Choir—Church 7:00 PM—Bible Study—Gathering Room 7:00-9:00 PM—Troop 325—Parish Center (Gym 7:00-8:30 PM) 8:30-11:00 PM—Drop In VB—Gym						
Thursday, April 11 Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr	6:30 am—For Our Parishioners 8:30 am—Repose of the soul of Anna Maria Rodriguez—A Friend	6:30-8:30 PM—K of C Council mtg—Gathering Room 7:00-8:30 PM—9:00 Choir—Music Room						
Friday, April 12	8:30 am—All Souls Intention	7:00-8:30 AM—Men's Prayer Group—LeVeque Room 9:00-10:30 AM—Montessori Recital—Gym 1:00 PM—Writing Group—LeVeque Room 4:30-7:00 PM—K of C Fish Fry—S8 6:30-9:30 PM—WWME—Gathering Room 7:30-8:00 PM—Stations of the Cross—Church						
Saturday, April 13 Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr	8:30 am—Angela Magowan—Daughter, Betty —James McCauley—Wife Linda 5:00 pm—Gil Landry—Wife Lucy —Joseph Urban—His wife Georgia & Family	7:00 AM—Men's Prayer Group—Gathering Room 7:30-8:30 AM—Southern Hills BB—Gym 3:00-5:00 PM—Lenten Family Program—Parish Center 4:00-5:00 PM—5:00 Choir—Music Room						
Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	7:30 am—Nicholas Nescot (17th anniv.)—Tom & Ronnie Nescot 9:00 am—Francis & Catherine Gilligan—Their Family 10:30 am—Lynn Zeltmann—Husband Gerry —Richard A. Carlson—Wife Diane 12:00 pm—Ron Hirschler—John & Trudy Doser —Jay Patterson—His Family	10:40-11:40 AM—Religious Ed—Parish Center 11:30 AM-12:30 PM—RCIA—LeVeque Room 5:00-6:00 PM—Confirmation—S5 & S9 6:00-8:00 PM—Youth Ministry—S6 6:30-8:00 PM—Women's Spirit—Gathering Room						



Intercessions and Liturgical ministries

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN SERVICE TO COUNTRY AND GOD

We Pray Especially For: Ensign Noelle DeMarco, Maj. 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, Corporal Ryan Palanzo, PVII Corey Pedeville, Cpt. Jennifer Long, Sgt. Chad Griffo, Staff Sgt. Kevin Maeder, Sister Susan Marie Norton, PVMI, Sgt. Robert Chantra, E6 Philip J. Tremiti, Seaman David Barker, Col. Martin Schmidt, Sgt. Alex Martens USMC, Sgt. Melissa Martens USMC, Pvt. Cyrus Gorcica Marine, Lance Corporal John Hebert, 1st Lt. Thomas N. Leone Air Force, Lt. J.G. Alex Dudek, USN, 1st Lt. Timothy Segrue, Army, 1st Lt. Dennis Segrue, Army

Consistent Life Ethic CORNER

"God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen."

www.usccb.org (Word of Life, April 2019)

Consider: each morning inviting God into your day with a desire to share with Him all that happens to you that day. Do not hesitate to talk to Him throughout the day—as you would to a close friend. He loves you immensely and is always listening to hear your voice speak to Him.

PRAYER CORNER

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

Mitch Alepoudakis
Robert Atkinson
Ann Avallone
Larry Barnhart
Pete Beerse
Mary Bellows
Allison Bianchi
Ella Bogan
Nick Boriphet
Paige Boyum
Patricia Breeden
Elizabeth Brooks
Beetsy Brown
Sally Brown
Gaif Burgie
Bob Burke
Kathy Cannan
Lucy Chacchia
Max Charleton
Martha & Julio Chaves
Tom Clark
Bernard Cleary
A. Yahap Coban
Seyim Coban
Angie Cockman
Landon Coia
Michelle Coleman
Michael Colon
James Compitello
Carol Cooke
Dorothy Cooper
Joan Crowley
Amy Ogi Crumley
Abi Cunlliman
Christine Dandridge
Gerry Dangler
Aaron Davis
Jim Davis
Haley Dibiase
Michael Diburo
Ben Dipasquale
Anthony DiTucci
Colin Donahue
Mat Dougherty
Carolyn Dunbar
Marion Easley
Theresa Elliott
Karen Farngm
Joshua Farazier
Tom Fucoo
George German
Ciara Griffin
Carol Grundman

Renee Guerin
Mark Hackett, Jr.
Christine Harder
Penny Hasty
Cecile Hawkins
Eleanor Heier
Jakob Hermann & Family
Jim Higgins
Matthew Hoffman
Barbara House
Vivian Iaculli
Sue Itzenplitz
Sue Jackson
Jacquie Jansen
Nader Judeh
Maggie Kaiden
Jack Kaminska
Karen Kanar
Claire Kaufman
Debbie Keller
Karen Kelly
Jenni Kench
Patricia Harris Koenig
Meghan Krempeeki
John Krempeeki
John Krempeeki
John Krempeeki
Jamie Lee
Terry Leone
Ruth Leopold
Matthew Loveless
Kathleen Lynch
Mary MacCart
Rebecca MacCart
Bob Maddamma, Jr.
Jackie Carzo Maj
Anthony Marcoccia
Matthew Martin
Rose Matina
Kyran McCarthy
Blake McCracken
Christopher McLaughlin
Scott Miller
Colleen Mourer
Ashlae Mull
Kim Murphy
Dan Nescot
Paul O'Brien
Joseph Palmeri
Karla Panie
Yo Parnell
Jill Pasiskl
Nancy Pelleter
Steve Perlow
Benjamin Pervis
Megan Peterson
Lucille Pet Rossi
Diana Pirelli

Peter Pierce
Anne Politer
Skip Prevost
Naomi Reichert
Tom Reedman
Justine Restrick
James Rhodes
Marie Rizzitano
Joel Rivera
Erie Rochester
Aaron Roney
Connor Roth
Timothy Rupright
Andrew Carlile Russell
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
Gene & Cecelia Sommers
Ed Starken
Albert Steinmetz
John Stio
Suzanne Strong
Marilyn Suggs
Eric Summers
Rose Ann Szczepanik
Lorna Thompson
Brian Thorpe
Kori Tolbert
John Toth
Mark Tursi
Kevin Weinstein
Sarah Williams
Ken Wolf
Michael Zalone
William R. Zink
Special Intention
Sean, Bridget, Suzanne, Joseph,
Ryan, Christopher, Amanda,
Steve, Matt, Melissa, Anthony,
Bob, Brian, Bernie, Shannon

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE WITH ANY UPDATES TO THIS LIST.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—WEEKEND OF April 13 & 14, 2019

Day	Greeters	Servers	Lectors	Cantor	Children's Liturgy	Video Ministry
Saturday 5:00 PM	Christina Bathgate Deb Buckley	Team 1: Gabriel Gelke Sophia Johnson Jack Roote	I—Deb Buckley II—Cheryl Freer	Choir		Kim Wolf Abby Wolf
Sunday 7:30AM	Sally McElroy Linda Spencer	Team 1: Tom Sanders	I—Mike Malinowski II—Doug Bufano			Gary Granath
Sunday 9:00 AM	Peter & Susan Hermann	Team 1: Jack Gossin Sean Gossin Ryan Mathis	I—Joanne Andrews II—Laura Jaramillo	Choir	Team 5: K & 1: Leah & Patricia Davidson Team 5: 2 - 5: Maureen & Clare Mulholland Cheryl Gossin	Claudio Gambacorta Cindy Page
Sunday 10:30 AM	Mike & Ana Derleth	Team 1: Kevin Murphy Matt Reed	I—Mary Rita Murphy II—Meghan Murphy	Choir	Team 5: K - 5: Need leaders	Cindy Page
Sunday 12:00 PM	Trudy Doser	Team 1: Addie York	I—Pat Palomaki II—Jeanie Sanders	Cantor		Cindy Page

Crest Manor—Eileen Holtzhauer, Julie Johnson, Doug Prevost, Mary Prevost Solstice Senior Living—Mary Pesce & Carol Smith Brookdale East—Jerry Harper See www.stjohnfairport.org for the Daily Mass Readings.

SURVEYING THE SCRIPTURES



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today, April 7—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who opens a way in the sea...See, I am doing something new!

Philippians 3:18-14

For Christ's sake I have accepted the loss of all things.

John 8:1-11

"Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Questions for Reflection:

- When has a firm barrier proved to be penetrable? How does faith open doors?
- When have you had to repent a way of thinking or behaving in order to embrace something new?
- Are there closed doors in your life? How do you contribute to maintaining them?

Readings for Next Week: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

PARISH CLUBS/COMMITTEES/ACTIVITIES

WOMEN'S RETREAT ON APRIL 26-28, 2019

"Our Spiritual Journey"
Share in the Journey this year at
Notre Dame Retreat House.
Hear the stories from scripture
which offer words of encouragement
along our personal journeys.
Walk . . . Pray . . . and Talk with Jesus
as you journey through the retreat weekend.
"Always remember this: life is a journey.
It is a Path, a journey to meet Jesus.
At the end, and forever." -Pope Francis
Contact: Sue Wilson at 585-773-0496

Online registration: www.stjohnfairport.org/women-s-retreat

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTER LILY SALE

ONE WEEKEND ONLY—The Rev. Michael C. Hogan Council 15917 will be selling Easter Lilies again this year before and after all Masses on Palm Sunday weekend (Saturday/Sunday, April 13/14) while supplies last.

The cost is just \$10 and each plant will have 5-6 buds on them. All proceeds will go to parish and local charities.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. PETER

Winter/Spring schedule ◆ 7:00 PM ◆ Gathering Rm April 10, (No Bible Study April 17—Holy Week), April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22—Final Dinner (begins at 6:00 PM)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY

Reverend Michael C. Hogan Knights of Columbus will be holding its' 4th annual Friday Lenten Fish Fry. Every Friday during Lent from 4:30 – 7:00 PM, \$12. Best fish dinner in town! Please come by and support the Knights and your parish.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION COME LET US ADORE HIM...

Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is available 24/7 at the SJR Chapel, 8 Wickford Way, Fairport, NY. (28th year). We INVITE you to come be part of this Grace Filled Quiet Time.

For more information, call Judy Shanahan 425-1396. Thank you and God bless.

SJR GARDENS

If you love to garden and have some free time, the parish Garden Club could use your help.

Members of the Garden Club maintain the flower gardens on the parish property. Gardeners work alone, or in pairs, to care for one of the alreadyestablished gardens.



Tasks include clean-up and mulching in the Spring, and watering and maintaining the garden throughout the season. Everyone in the group works on his/her own schedule.

If you'd like to join us, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please call the Parish Office at 248-5993 for more information.



Stewardship: Our Time, Talent, Treasure

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is also gifts of time and talent

Week of April 1, 2019

Envelopes \$ 14,360.00 Loose Money \$ 1,182.34 Annual \$ 1,950.00 Direct Deposit \$ 9,800.00 TOTAL \$ 27,292.34

Collection for Catholic Relief Services was \$3,283.00

"Sharing Our Blessings"

2018-2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

\$215,528.00 771 Donors 88.80%

Goal: \$242,708



ST. JOSEPH'S NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER has been chosen as our tithing recipient for April, 2019.

On Dec 8, 1993 members of the Sisters of St. Joseph, along with volunteer health care providers, opened the doors at 417 South Avenue for the first time as St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center. SJNC is across the street from St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.





For more than a year, they took this old house and lovingly restored it. Just weeks before the planned opening, a fire destroyed much of the restoration. Undaunted, they worked to make the repairs and open on time. Since that day, they have expanded into a second house and then a third!

This Catholic Ministry is rooted in the caring tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Their mission is to provide comprehensive physical & mental health services to the un-insured and the under-insured people in and around Rochester, NY.

Who is the typical client?

- 1. Many are individuals who seek help to obtain insurance.
- 2. Others become patients and clients at St. Joe's.

No one is turned away and there is no cost for a HealthCare Access appointment. In 2018, more than 1,100 clients have benefitted from their care.

The most exciting way to be a supporter of this health ministry, would be to participate in their upcoming event: <u>JUNE 5, 2019</u> St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center's 25th Anniversary Annual Party and Auction. Go to <u>www.rochester.causewash.com</u>. You will be surprised and delighted by the way this celebration is being organized. Check it out.

"Complete the online purchase and prepaid Car Wash Codes will be in your account and emailed for immediate use: www.rochester.causewash.com."

"CATHOLIC ANNULMENTS: FACTS VS. MYTHS" MONDAY, APRIL 29 AT 7PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM

This issue has been full of myths and much "hearsay" over the years. Learn the facts about why the Catholic Church has the authority to grant an Annulment. This session will focus on the essential issues and procedures used to investigate past marriages. The Sacrament of Matrimony is a "Spiritual Covenant" between God and the Bride/Groom. Certain "spirit & soul" conditions must exist in both the Bride and the Groom in order for their Covenant with God and one another to occur. If there were defective conditions present during the Vows, then a person may seek an Annulment. Come learn the facts…and bring a friend. Questions? Contact Pastoral Associate Barbara at 248-5993 x 12.

FAITH FORMATION



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Many people have said that what drew them to the Catholic Church was the Eucharist. As we reflect on recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, think

for a moment whether there is someone you could invite to Mass and to explore what else the Catholic faith might hold for them. For information about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions (after 10:30 Mass in the LeVeque Room), call Amy Voll at 248-5593 x 13 or talk to her after Mass.

NEXT BAPTISM RETREAT "Are You Expecting?"

Couples, please attend before birth. Our next Retreat will be Friday, May 17, from 7-9 pm in the Gathering Room. (Reminder: No Baptisms are performed during Lent.) If this is your first child or you are new to SJR, then register online at www.stjohnfairport.org. Click on Baptism...then Infant. Pastoral Associate Barbara will contact you. (And don't forget to also register online as a SJR parishioner!)

*Parents: You will promise to raise your children as Catholics and have them receive all their Sacraments. But, was your own wedding the Sacrament of Matrimony? If not, call Barbara to arrange for a sacred exchange of Matrimonial Vows with God and each other in a simple ceremony called a "Convalidation". This Sacrament can occur after a Mass...or any time you choose.

Lenten Family Program

Saturday, April 13th 3-5 pm Parish Center

Join us for Holy Week centered crafts, stories, and Palm Sunday Mass.







Event is Free but Registration is Required

Registration available on the Parish Website

For Information and Questions please contact the Faith Formation Office

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Any question please contact Pam Sikora at pam.sikora@dor.org
 Upcoming Events



Troop 325 Open House

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM SJR Church School Room S7

Boy Scout Troop 325 is a value based youth organization for boy ages 11-18, with an emphasis on outdoor activities, community service and leadership development.

RSVP to Casey Carrigan: committeechair@fairport325.mytroop.us

Visit https://fairport325.mytroop.us for more information

VBS



July $8^{th} - 12^{th}$

To Register online visit SJR's website

Volunteers Needed – to sign up

Upcoming Youth Ministry Dates

3/31 Topic: Stress

4/7 Topic: Caring for God's Creations

4/14 Topic: Holy Week

4/21 Easter Sunday - No Youth Ministry

4/28 Seder Meal - discover the connection between Passover and the Eucharist

5/5 Cinco de Mayo - End of Year Celebrations

All SJR youth grade 6-12 are invited to join us on Sundays from 6-8 in the Parish Center

Contact Pam for details, pam.sikora@dor.org

Parish and community activities

Workshop for Caregivers of Loved Ones with Alzheimer's and Dementia

Join us at the Church of the Transfiguration on Saturday, 4/27/19 from 9:00AM to 12Noon in our Education Center for a workshop designed to offer helpful information for those caring with loved ones or concerned about loved ones. Ken Dorner from the Alzheimer's Association will offer, "10 Warning Signs" and "Communication" as well a family perspective shared by a parishioner couple. It is informative and compassionate learning for everyone in relationship with loved ones affected by this disease.

For questions and RSVP by 4/25/19, please contact Margie Benza at 248-2427 x244 or margie.benza@dor.org. Light refreshments will be served.

STEUBENVILLE NIGHT of WORSHIP

Friday, May 3, 7:00 pm at Guardian Angels Church, Henrietta. Check-in at 6:00 pm. (Free admission for all priests.) Steubenville's Night of Worship in Rochester will be a beautiful, Spirit-filled Eastertime celebration for everyone! Pre-registration is open UNTIL APRIL 12. To preregister, send all Names, Phone no., and \$5 per person to: Night of Worship, PO Box 609, Henrietta NY 14467, payable to CCR Rochester.

FIRST COMMUNION GIFTS

The Sisters of Saint Joseph Gift Shop has many First Communion items for your gift giving needs. Stop by and browse gift sets, rosaries, books, picture frames and more. The gift shop is located at the SSJ Motherhouse, 150 French Road in Pittsford. Gift shop hours are Monday – Friday, 10 AM to 3:30 PM. Questions? Call (585) 641-8137.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

"Lord, make me realize that every time I wipe a dish, pick up an object off the floor, assist a child in some small task, or give another preference in traffic or the store; each time I feed the hungry, clothe the naked, teach the ignorant or lend my hand in any way - it matters not to whom - my name is Simon. And the kindness I extend to them I really give to you."

excerpt from: Everyone's Way of the Cross

Please consider joining us in following the steps of Jesus on His way to Calvary at St. John of Rochester Friday evenings during Lent from 7:30 p.m. to approximately 8 p.m.

HOUSE OF MERCY CAN OF FOOD PLUS A DOLLAR

MARCH UPDATE—This was a very LARGE delivery to House of Mercy as part of Project Hunger. There was a huge amount of groceries; 45 bags, 19 cardboard totes, one large box (lighter items), 5 cases of cans. These groceries included a wide range of items including coffee, tea, other drink mixes, canned vegetables, canned entrees, pasta and pretty much some of everything. In addition to food, there were three large bags of clothing, a very large box of clothing and a laundry tub of clothing. There were 2 cases of laundry detergent, a Laundry tub of paper products and one laundry tub and one cardboard tote of personal toiletries.

Sr. Grace, the workers and the clients were overwhelmed and most grateful for this delivery.

WOMEN OF THE WELL @ ASSUMPTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019, CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, 7:00-8:00 p.m. will celebrate the Stations of the Cross in a unique and deeply moving way. Women of the Well will tell the true story of the four American martyrs (El Salvador 1980) as they responded to God's invitation to care for the poor.

DAY OF PRAYER AT NOTRE DAME RETREAT

HOUSE, Tuesday, April 16, 9AM-3PM Theme: "Praying the Psalms" Presented by: Dr. Joseph Kelly, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies Nazareth College of Rochester. There is a \$25 fee (Morning coffee & conference/ lunch/Reconciliation/Mass). Please call 585-394-5700 or email: ndretreat@rochester.rr.com to REGISTER!



Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?

alone or bored in your marriage? Are you constantly fighting....or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille, a lifeline for married couples has helped tens of thousands of couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information on how to heal and renew your marriage or to sign up for the next program beginning with a weekend on April 12-14, 2019, at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY, please call 585-293-1552 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org