

PARISH

Sacrificial Giving

1/12/2020 Offertory-\$ 5,849.00

Thank you to all who give each week.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to the
2019 Bishop's Appeal.

The needs of many are served by our diocesan church.
St. John's goal this year is \$54,837.00.

To date: 128 parishioners have pledged \$46,502.51.
Each member is needed—any amount is welcome!

There are **NO Baptisms during Lent**, which is from Ash
Wednesday, February, 26th until Easter Vigil/Sunday ,
April 11/12, 2020.
Please contact office to schedule any upcoming Baptisms either
before February 6th or after April 11th.

Upcoming 150th Anniversary Events

- Paint & Sip
- Dance Party
- Street Soldiers Service Ministry
- Lenten Reflection-Presentation
- Parish Video & Hospitality
- Planting & Dedication of Tree



Stay Tuned for dates & times to be announced

NEVER ALONE

Grief Support Group will meet Tuesday, January 28th at
Four Brothers Restaurant at noon.

Knitters Resume

Monday, January 27th from 7-8 pm
ALL ARE WELCOME

OUTREACH PROJECT



In place of the annual Midnight Run, Faith Formation will
coordinate a **Monthly Outreach** to local persons in need.

Our next trip will be **Thursday, February 6th**

A group of 5 will travel to Troy to distribute food and essentials
with the

STREET SOLDIERS of Troy.

Please sign up on the Faith Formation bulletin board on the ramp.
(each month, each group will plan & make food to bring)

FAITH FORMATION

***Faith Formation gatherings
resume soon***



- **Middle School:** Sunday, January 26th after 10:30 Mass.
- **9th Grade:** Sunday, January 26th after 10:30 Mass.
- **Confirmation Preparation:** Sunday, February 2nd after 10:30 Mass.
- **Essential Meeting for parents & candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation** is Sunday, January 26th at 7 pm.
- **Tri-Parish Retreat....** Young people receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time is Saturday, January 25th from 10:00 am to Noon. Each young person should be accompanied by a parent.
- **Save Christmas gift bags**-we can reuse for 2020 Bethlehem Tree.

Permission slips for 9th grade service at the **FOOD BANK** are in the mail & have been e-mailed. Slips are due back to the Faith Formation Office no later than **Tues., Jan. 21** for the trip on **Sunday, Jan. 26th**. All will leave at 9am from church parking lot.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The **Annual Pork Roast Dinner** will be held
Saturday, February 9th, from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm.
The fundraiser supports the **STRIDE Wounded Veterans**.

Thank you to all who helped remove the Christmas
decorations last weekend and put away the outside
Nativity.

*** It was greatly appreciated.***

Community Dinners are served at
St. Luke's,

Rt. 9 ,Valatie on **Tuesdays, January**
through March
from **5:30-7:00pm.**
ALL ARE WELCOME.



St. John's date to cook is **Tues., January, 28th.** If interested in helping call **Sharon Hall 518-758-7472** or attend meeting Sun., Jan. 26th after 10:30 mass.

The **Chatham-Area Interfaith Council: Martin Luther King Event** will take place on Sunday, January 19th, at 2 p.m. at St. James. This interfaith program will include a presentation by Rabbi Israel "Si" Dresner, a close friend of and advisor to Dr. King. He was one of the original Freedom Riders in the early 1960s. There will also be gospel music by the combined choirs of St. James and Payne AME Church as well as readings from Dr. King's writings.

If you would like an acknowledgement letter for **tax filing** purposes for the 2019 tax year, please call the church office at (518) 758-9401, or email the church office at stjohnthebaptistch@nycap.rr.com.

Pastor's Blog :

***"The Lord said to me: You are my servant,
Israel, through whom I show my glory."
-Isaiah 49:3***

***"Brothers and sisters:
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for some benefit." -1 Corinthians 12:4-7***

The first reading from Isaiah calls forth a share in the prophetic voice of God. In our world today, we have amazing examples of men and women who have responded, like Paul, to the call "to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God." For Christians, we have received this call when we were baptized. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember the many ways in which we can share our own spiritual gifts for the well-being of our communities. Please consider what the Spirit may be inspiring you to do in the coming weeks.

Next month and through March and April, we will be using the spiritual season of Lent to call forth members of all three parishes to more active involvement in our churches. One of the primary ways we will be doing this is to ask people to consider those they would like to see representing our parishes on our Pastoral Councils. After a wonderful joint meeting of our churches this past week, we are committed all the more to building and enabling our councils to take on their proper role in the parish. Please join me in our prayers for this important process -- and stay tuned! This will provide us with the opportunity to share the gifts, forms of service, workings, and other matters inspired by the Spirit for the benefit of all.

This weekend as we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we are blessed to join other area faith communities in a special presentation being offered at St. James in Chatham, which will be hosted by the Chatham Area Interfaith Council. The special program will feature spiritual music by an interfaith choir and Scripture and Readings from Dr. King's Speeches. Our keynote speaker will be Rabbi Israel "Si" Dresner, one of the original Freedom Riders in 1961. He later visited Dr. King, who was jailed with others in Albany, Georgia. From this sprung a friendship and close relationship with Rev. Dr. King, which lasted many years. Questions and answers will provide us with personal insight from someone who carries on the legacy of Rev. King, who is recognized as not only a great civil rights leader but also a true prophet who has inspired us for half a century. The hour-long program will be held this Sunday at 2 p.m. and will be inspirational and informative for the entire family. Most of all, it will be a chance for the entire area to come together in the spirit of cooperation and prayer.

Thank you all for your continued support that inspires me on a daily basis.

May the Lord bless and keep you as well as all our brothers and sisters.

Fr. George



THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January, 18

4:00 pm Special Intentions by Eileen Avery
Catherine Havelka by Guy & Janis
Graziano
Frank Graziano by Guy & Janis Graziano

Sunday, January, 19

7:30 am Dolly Bogardus by Jean & Shane Wenz
Mary & Donald Rutherford by the family
10:30 am Christopher J. Fagen by Frank & Eileen
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Special Intentions by Fran Campeta and
Sons

Monday, January, 20

11:00 am Edwin Strehler by the family

Wednesday, January, 22

11:00 am Special Intentions

Saturday, January, 25

4:00 pm Myroslaw Mykytiw by Luba & family
Maureen Shannon by Guy & Janis Graziano
Joan Lynch by husband & family

Sunday, January, 26

7:30 am Phillip Burkhardt by family
Lynn Strunk by Guy & Janis Graziano
10:30 am Francis Endryck by John Neary

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

***The Lord is my light and
my salvation***

Please keep in your prayers the sick and homebound of our parish and those who care for them:

Paul Amyot, Bob Babirad, Nancy Battistello, Joan Bellanger, Michael Birmingham, Sylvia Boulger, John Brady, Charlotte Chase, Eleanor Chase, Major Jeffrey Chase, Susan E. Cotsonas, Pat Dimond, Michael Doyle, Beth Drzymala, Shannon Estes, Sammy Evans, Gianni Farinacci, Concetta Florantino, Lauren Gawron, Donald Gaylord, Mary Ann Goodine, Lesha Hardgraves, Robert Havelka, Mary Hayes, Michele Hauser, Ed Helfer, William Hernandez, David Jaffarian, Craig Kinsley, Doug LaBudde, Jack Law Jr., Pinky Laviano, Kristen Law, Keith Lynch, Kevin M. Lynch, William Lindberg, Dominick Lizzi, Cindy Mahony, Erica Matthies, Kevin McCann, Edin Mercado, Ann McIntyre, Marianne Martinez, Judy Martino, Kaylee Rose Meyer, Luba Mykytiw, Amelia Nabozny, Gina Nelson, Richard Norton, David Nichlos, Rita Paladino, Tommy Palmer, Elise Panico, Bonnie Pelizza, Lisa Piazza, David Picchione, Pam Polashenski, Helen Rayve, Claire Renn, Tim Renn,, William Robinson, Lisa Rossello, Rita Ryan, Alice Salvatore, Eileen Scott, Frances Shields, Maddi Sidarous, Ralph Sitcer, Special Intentions, Bonnie Sperrl, Sean Spicer, "anonymous", Kevin Sutton, Jeanette Tator, Joan Torcello, Nancy Troutman, Matthew West, Edward Wheeler, Dan Wiltse, Marybeth Wiltse, Gary Wickes, Chrissy Wills, Carol Wisenhunt, Veronica Wistar, Robert Woodward, Erica Wordon .