

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2014



Ordination and Installation of Bishop

Edward B. Scharfenberger, is scheduled to be televised live on Time Warner Cable news channel 9 at 2PM, Thursday, April 10, 2014.

For those who subscribe to some other cable television service, you may view the ceremony on EWTN which also plans to carry the live

broadcast. WOPG, 1460 AM, an Albany area Catholic radio station, will carry the audio portion of the broadcast. In addition, live streaming of the ceremony may be accessed via a link on the home page of the diocese: www.rcda.org. The success of this will depend on your internet speed. Sacred Heart, Lake George will be showing the Web Cast of the Ordination and Installation ceremony at the Sacred Heart Parish Center starting at 1:30pm on April 10th. ALL are invited to attend.

WE GATHER

Sunday 10AM Eucharist
11 AM K-6 Faith Formation Gathering
Youth Mission Trip Basket Raffle
Noon - 7PM "Wing Off" for Youth in Mission
@ George Henry's

Monday 1PM or 6:30PM *Field of Compassion* Rectory
Tuesday 10 AM Adult Home Communion Service
8PM AA Jaracz Hall

Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 Pastoral Council
Thursday 9:30A Catching Fire Becoming Flame—rectory
12N AA Jaracz Hall
4PM RCIA Rectory
6:30P Catching Fire Becoming Flame—at Yorks'

Friday 7P Stations of the Cross
Saturday 9:30AM Catching Fire Becoming Flame—chapel
4:30 Eucharist
Nxt Sun 10AM Eucharist

4/6 Gr. 7-12 Faith Formation : Meet at Church Hall
4/10 Consecration of Bishop Edward Scharfenberger
4/11 "Clown Stations" at St. Mary's, Glens Falls 7:30PM
4/26 Gala for Mito Hope and Help (See Bulletin Board)
5/2 Gala for North Country Ministry
5/4 First Communion for Tyler, Alex, and Haley
6/12 Fathers Cox and Tremblay's 60th Anniv. of Ordination

INVITATION FROM NO. COUNTRY MINISTRY

Please come enjoy "An Evening in Paris," the annual Gala to support North Country Ministry, Friday, May 2, Hiland Park Country Club: Dinner, wonderful live and silent Auction items, a Clothing presentation, and decor to transport you to The City of Light! Tickets are \$60 each and must be reserved in advance. For reservations, please contact Charleen Bivona at 240-6013 or email at cbivona@aol.com Or you may download an invitation from the organization's web site at www.northcountryministry.org/spring-gala.html If you would like to plan a table of friends, please provide this information with your ticket payment.

WE WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

Sat, 3/29 4:30PM ALLISON M. LANGWORTHY, Anniversary
Req. by daughter, Linda Apple

Sun, 3/30, 10AM DANIEL DONALDSON
Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Donaldson

Friday 4/4 9AM NORMAN COX Req. by Father Paul Cox
Saturday 4/5 4:30PM CHUCK DeVITTO
Req. by wife, Connie

Sunday 4/6 10AM NORMAN COX Req. by Pat Nugent

Opportunities for Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 10 and 24

Fridays: April 11 and 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Please pray for the repose of the soul of IRENE DESEL mother of Kitty Moran.

Irene returned to God on Friday, March 28th.
(You may recall that Kitty lost her husband, Joe, on March 4.)
Let's pray for Kitty as well!!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday, 8:30am – 9pm
Sacred Heart Church, Lake George
Chaplet Divine Mercy - Wednesdays 3pm



Prayer Chain: Contact Alice Damp
623-3618 or edaldamp@yahoo.com

In March the "Tabernacle Candle" burns in memory of **Thomas Havens** at the request of Renate Elber. The April Candle is in memory of Eleanor Stanton, mother of Maggie Bammert.



News from Neighbors

The Churches of Warrensburgh is the new exhibit mounted at the **Warrensburgh Museum of Local History**. It will run from March 9 through Mothers Day, May 11. Christian churches played an important part in the lives of Warrensburgh's early settlers and, indeed, continue to be an important part in the health and well-being of our community. The exhibit occupies the "central area" in the museum, and includes photographs and artifacts, plus brief histories of each church organization. The museum is located at 3754 Main Street (VFW Building) Warrensburgh, and is open Sundays 1 to 3 pm and Wednesdays noon to 4 pm. Admission is free. Entrance and parking are at the rear of the building, which is fully handicap accessible. The museum is operated for the Town of Warrensburgh by the Warrensburgh Historical Society. For further information call 518-623-2207.

S Parish Life Director: Sr. Linda Hogan csj slhcsj@verizon.net / 623-3021
T Sacramental Minister: Rev. Paul Cox 656-9464
A Pastoral Associate Administration: Gail DeMarsh pyramidlifemom@aol.com / 744-9241
F Bookkeeper/Cemetery: Dawn Brunner 623-3021 (Tuesday AM)
F Parish Nurse / Building Maintenance: Judy Rozell sunflower50@yahoo.com 222-4140

WE SERVE

SHARING TREASURE

Last Weekend: Church Support: \$1,511.45
Make-Up = \$270 Gifts = \$1298.45 Mito = \$367.50
North Country Ministry = \$10 Parishioners in Need = \$100
Youth Mission Trip = \$70 + \$7 Bottle donations
Rice Bowl = \$44.50 Stoves for Guatemala = \$10
Bottle Donations = \$21.55
Donation for use of Hall = \$20

North Country Ministry 623-2829

3933 Main Street Clothing Center & Baby's Place
9-12 Mon/ 9-12 Tues/ 1-4 Wed, Thurs, Fri.
Every Tues and Fri, = hot lunch.

North Country Ministry's Warrensburgh Center is in need of 3-12 month boys and girls clothing, teenage boys and girls clothing, sheets, blankets, pillowcases and comforters. Please drop off at the Warrensburgh Center mornings Mon & Tues or afternoons Wed through Fri. Thank you!

The Priory in Chestertown

(www.prioryretreathouse.org)
See web page or flyers on the bulletin board,
or call 494-3733.

The Dominican Retreat House

located in Niskayuna / many opportunities...
details are on the bulletin board or at www.dslcn.org

FAST, PRAY, GIVE ALMS

LENT

.5 hours given to St. C's Community

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- Thank you to **Linda and Ed Gaoitti** for teaching the story about Jesus and the Money Changers in the Temple.
- Thank you to **OJ Vonderheide** for repairing the washer and dryer in the rectory.
- Thank you to **Linda Gaiotti** who gave us her Thursday to put the "envelope data" into the computer.

MITO HOPE AND HELP

www.mitohopeandhelp.com

Informal, FUN GALA on Saturday, April 26
Deadline for tickets: April 16th
Cathy will have tickets with her at Mass until
Palm Sunday, April 13.

See bulletin insert for more info. Let's go!

WE TEACH

Today, Sunday, March 30, 11AM....
K-6... "Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind"
7-12 April 6, 4:30-7:30PM



You have helped
Cecilia go to School....
by raising \$216.71 for her books,
school supplies, uniform, shoes,
jacket, and lunch for a year!

Our Kids thank you!

Our only "local winner" was Linda Apple who won the ice cream party!

PLEASE SUPPORT

THE

YOUTH MISSION TRIP...

CHICKEN WINGS...

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Noon to 7 at George Henry's
Today, Sunday \$12

Plus great basket raffle!

All proceeds support the
Youth Mission Trip

AND

- bring your return-ables to Direct Deposit and say" St. C's Missionary Youth Group"
- Just make a donation on your envelopes where it says "Other." Say: Youth Mission Trip

**Our Youth
Thank Us !!**

SOUP



This is the Last Weekend for Soup this year....
..... Cream of Broccoli w/ Cheddar Cheese

One More Soup

Order—Prepay Now For

"Good Chowder for Good Friday"

delivered (with homemade bread/rolls) on Holy Thursday.

You choose: **Manhattan or Clam**

Thanks to Soup-Maker-Par Excellent: **BETTY KUSKY!**

What a great idea this is!

\$5/pint donation suggested. Please return the mason jar.

Is your name on this list?????

Thank you!

Your next set of envelopes is in the narthex.

It is really helpful if you pick them up today.

Brian and Diane Angell
Linda Apple
Douglas and Jane Ann Baker
Maggie Bammert
Ellen and Joseph Barlow
Kimberly and Kevin Belanger
Ron Bocchieri
Joan Bowen
Terri and John Brown
Ron and Harriet Bunker
Leigh and Paul Cain
Patricia Cameron
Delia Carroll
Margaret Carroll
Dennis Coker
Pat and Jean Cole
Father Paul Cox
Sean and Dorianne Cuniffe
Alice and Ed Damp
Steve and Laura Danna
Dave and Rozanne Degen
Gail and Richard DeMarsh
Connie DeVitto
Mary Anne and John Doty
Emily Doyle
Carlo and Pauline Fattibene
Tracy and James Fidd
Peggy Freebern
Ruth Fruda
Linda and Edward Gaiotti
Dan Garde
Mike and Suzanne Glebus
Irene Harrison
Marilyn Hayes

Ellen and Jim Hickson
Sister Linda Hogan
Marion Hornicek
Gerri Howe
Charles and Mary Johnson
Anna May Kelly
Emily Kladis
Joseph and Anita Klewicki
Margaret Knowles
Jim and Millie Kolasienski
Betty Kusky
Robert and Joan Lamagna
Trudy Lavery
Sylvia and Randy LaRose
Gail Lawson
Patricia Leonard
Alice Lochmann
William and Rosemary Maher
Brendan Manley and Jennifer Hurney
Mike and Kathy Markwica
Carol Meile
Katherine Moran
Richard and Ursula Morasse
Ursula Morehouse
Barbara and Mike Morey
Richelene Morey
Denis and Johanna Morin
Timothy and Gloria Morrison
Ann Murphy
Diane Joy and Mark Murray
Richard and Barbara Nissen
Joan Noble
Lorraine O'Connor

Clark and Barbara Orton
Richard and Joan Ouellette
Joe and Jo Pereira
Regina Porter
Denise Putney
Dana and Danielle Robichaud
Judy Rozell
Anne Rubin
Kristina and John Santiago
Sheila Satterlee
Tim and Mary Ann Seeley
Dorothy Semon
Mark Semon
Mark and Vickie Sheldon
Susan and Bob Shepler
William Siegle
Trudy and Jay Siletti
Gloria and John Studer
Arlene Swan
Debbie and Tim Toolan
Peg Villeneuve
Marlene Vincent
James Vonderheide
Geary Walpole
Kristine and Ed Webster
Paul and Laura Weick
Doug and Lee West
Gerald Willette
Dana and Tracy Winter
Donna and Peter Wood
Jeanne Wood
Cheryl and Bud York

Is your name not on this list? You might not realize that...

at St. Cecilia's, we have an unusual method of offering our financial support that insures the ministry, maintenance, and outreach of our parish. Our envelopes include everything, like general support, North Country Ministry, special collections, Evangelist, Easter Flowers, Mission Trip, Faith Formation.. etc.... This way, you know what is coming up, there are few "pulpit announcements about money," and you can choose where your donation goes. Those who do not use envelopes don't have this advantage. (There are only two cases in which we do not use the envelopes: Summer Mission Appeal and Spring Bishop's Appeal.) . *If you would like to try our "envelopes", just take a blank set and put your name on the bottom (forget the number part) or sign: "anonymous".* This way you are in the loop and, if you want, you will get your very own official set June 8TH!! . (Interesting fact: 92% of all monies donated to the parish last weekend came from the envelope users.

That is pretty normal.)

Thanks..... Sister Linda Hogan csj



Our Youth in Mission....

**Julie Angell, Melanie Warner, Travis Gosselin, Glenn Warner,
Jimmy Cunniffe, Matthew Gerrain, Jayden Cain, Kelly Angell**

Thank you for supporting our fund-raising efforts....
The basket raffle and the Wing Off .

We look forward to seeing you at George Henry's, noon and 7,
to eat all the wings you can for just \$12.

**And a huge thank you to Todd Trulli of George Henry's
for all the work he does to help this fund raiser be a success.**

Julie, Melanie, Travis, Glenn, Jimmy, Matt, Jayden, Kelly

A note from our Craft Fair Elves.....

We finally realized that many parishioners may have crafts you
would like to donate but are unable to attend our meetings.

Please don't let that stop you!!!!

Do you have a suggestion for the sale? Do you want to make it?

Contact John Cleveland (petalman1024@gmail.com)

or Linda Gaiotti .elchloegaiotti@hotmail.com



Thanks!!

Away With Darkness

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A), March 30, 2014



“For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light” (Eph 5:8) Short days, long nights. How dark it can get in a Minnesota winter when the sun’s light seems to hide itself and ice and snow encompass everything. Even in cities and regions most often immune from the ravages of cold and sleet, this winter has been unrelenting. In the midst of what some locally are calling the worst winter ever, it can be easy to dwell in darkness. But a deeper darkness, spiritual darkness, can thrive in winter, summer or any other time. Lent is a time to recall that Christ came as the light of the world to dispel spiritual darkness and bring us into the endless

light of eternity.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus encounters a blind man, but physical blindness represents only one element of darkness, and not the most significant darkness. The blindness of his eyes was real and limiting, especially in that ancient context, when illness was often attributed to the sinfulness of the victim. Jesus rejects the explanation that this blindness was due to someone’s personal sin, but the blind man had to answer also for the source of his healing. Some of the Pharisees took umbrage with Jesus, since “Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a Sabbath.”

The Gospel tells us that Jesus’ actions divided the Pharisees, causing some to challenge Jesus’ healing on the ground that he transgressed the Law of Moses: “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath.” But other Pharisees wondered, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” This dialogue seems reasonable, an attempt to gather the facts behind Jesus’ act in a process of discernment. Was the healed man really blind before? Was it Jesus who healed him? Does healing constitute work on the Sabbath? How does healing the blind man square with God’s will and law?

The larger issue being broached here, ultimately, is the distinction between literal and figurative blindness. At the spiritual level, who can truly see, and who is truly blind? Is Jesus’ work from God or opposed to the ways of God? What the Pharisees are doing is an essential component of spiritual discernment, the effort to distinguish between what is true light and what is darkness. We all know that religious people can present themselves as holy people, walking in the light, while living double lives and sowing darkness and discord. There are fraudulent peddlers of God.

When someone new comes proclaiming the light, it is right to ask how this aligns with our previous knowledge of how God operates, with Scripture and tradition. It is fair to wonder, is this person motivated by something other than God? The Pharisees make no mistake in questioning Jesus, except in their unwillingness to see the light and embrace it in the experience of the blind man made physically whole. In the end, actions that make manifest the true light of God cannot be faked, and darkness cannot be hidden.

This is why the author of the Letter to the Ephesians, traditionally attributed to Paul, writes that “once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.” Note that Paul does not say Christians are “in light” or “immersed in darkness,” but that Christians “were darkness” and “are light.” It is not rhetorical smoothness or sleight of hand that wins people to light or draws them away from darkness, but how Christians live their lives. No philosophical arguments, no public relations campaigns can hide darkness. In the same way, the true light can only shine, dissipating the darkness. If Christians are light they must “live as children of light.”

Darkness is exposed by deeds that bring light. The blind man cured by Jesus bore witness by the transformation of his blindness to sight. His healing was visible at a physical level. The only way for Christians to make their spiritual healing visible is to be light. Baptism is the beginning point of that transformation, of rising to new life, but it can only be seen through doing “all that is good and right and true.” As followers of Jesus, our daily discernment must always be to choose light over darkness, so that when those who question us ask, “Is this from God?” our answer can be that now in the Lord we are light.

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Readings: 1 Sm 16:1–13; Ps 23:1–6; Eph 5:8–14; Jn 9:1–41

Prayer: The blind man healed by Jesus gives evidence for the physical light in his life. How do you demonstrate the spiritual light in your life?