

February 22, 2015

First Sunday of Lent

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WE WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 2/21 4:30P Benoit "Ben" Turcotte Req. by Art & Lois Healy
 Sunday, 2/22 10A Intentions of St. C Worshipers
 Friday, 2/27 9AM _____ (available)
 Saturday, 2/28 4:30P Chuck DeVitto Req. wife, Connie
 Sunday, 2/15 10A Joseph Moran Req. wife, Kitty



FRIDAY EUCHARIST RESUMED LAST FRIDAY AT 9AM

Available Mass Intentions:

Fridays, February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27
 Saturday March 21

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays, 8:30am – 9pm Sacred Heart Church

Chaplet Divine Mercy - Wednesdays 3pm



Prayer Chain: Contact Alice Damp

623-3618 or edaldamp@yahoo.com



The February Candle burns for the Intentions of Ann Bida. The March candle will burn in memory of Joe Moran at the request of Kitty. (July, and August Tabernacle Candles are available.)



Lent

Pray Fast
 Give Alms

Pray:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS... Stations are a devotion that can be prayed alone—even at home! During Lent, a basket with a variety of devotions will be left in place of the green basket! (including stations by Pope Francis and by Mother Teresa... plus traditional ones... and stations for young people). Come to the church any time you are able and pray the stations. **FRIDAY MORNING EUCHARIST** will be celebrated at 9AM beginning February 20th. There is a Communion Service each Tuesday at 10 at the Adult Home. No interest was shown in other suggestions. As local opportunities become known, they will be advertised.

Fast

As a society, we HAVE more than we need, and we EAT more than we need. Fasting, downsizing, becoming aware of any greed or selfishness, benefits others as well as ourselves. FASTING from anything that controls us is a good thing.... especially since Jesus came to set us free.

Give Alms

By sacrificing something in our lives and donating the savings to others, we are taking ourselves out of the center and putting our neighbor first. It is worth a 40 day trial! You many have a personal destination for your Alms. ... or join the parish in supporting the following:

Alms Schedule

- February 22 Evangelization among our Black, Native American, and Hispanic Brothers and Sisters (National collection)
- March 1 Building homes in San Lucas, Guatemala
- March 15 Catholic Relief Services (National Collection)
- March 29 Parishioners in Need
- March 8 MITO Hope and Help
- March 22 Food Pantry of North Country Ministry
- April 2—Holy Thursday The Entire Collection serves those in need
- April 3 — Good Friday Preservation of Holy Land Sites

WE GATHER

Sunday 10A Eucharist
 11A Faith Formation, K-6 and Adults
 Tuesday 10A Adult Home—Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 6:30 - 8PM Pastoral Council—Narthex
 8P AA Jaracz Hall
 Wednesday 6:30P Women's Spirituality
 Thursday 12N AA Children's Chapel
 Next Saturday 4P Reconciliation 4:30P Eucharist
 Next Sunday 10A Eucharist 11A Faith Formation/ Adult Ed

COMING SOON

March 8 "Wing Off" @ George Henry's (Mission Trip Fundraising)

WE SERVE

SHARING TREASURE

Church Support: \$1,572 Make-up: \$230 Those in Need: \$50
 Ash Wed: \$10 Faith Formation: \$115 Gifts: \$128 Fuel: \$185
 Maintenance/Repair: \$25 MITO: \$5 Guatemalan Stoves: \$10

Free Tax Return Preparation

Please check the bulletin board for details and phone numbers.

NEWS FROM NEIGHBORS

CONGRATULATIONS TO US!!! And thank you to Warrensburg Beautification Inc. for awarding St. Cecilia's a Beautification Certificate of Achievement in recognition of the time and energy put forth to beautify our property. (That award, of course, goes to the "ground crews" who work so hard all Summer and Winter. We can now say that we are Officially Beautiful!

St. Mary's-St. Alphonsus' Regional Catholic School will host a Kindergarten Drop-In for prospective Kindergarten parents for the 2015-16 school year on Wednesday, February 25th from 3-5:30pm pm. Meet the teachers and ask questions in a relaxed environment. No RSVP needed. SMSA: Where learning is joyful! smsaschool.org or 792-3178 Ext. 1107.

St. Mary's-St. Alphonsus Regional Catholic School will host their annual OPEN HOUSE Sunday, March. 9th from Noon-3pm. Learning is joyful at St. Mary's-St. Alphonsus! Please visit to learn more about our programs and our long standing record of academic excellence, and nurturing Christ-centered environment. SMSA serves children ages 3-5 in our Noah's Ark Pre-school/Daycare and students Pre-K through 8th. Before and after care available. Transportation available within 15 miles. Tuition assistance programs. Location convenient to area employers. Contact: Mary Ilowiecki, Admissions Director for more information or to request a tour :792-3178 Ext. 1002.

WE TEACH

Resuming This Weekend,

Saturday, 2/21, grades 7-11, 4:30-7:30PM

Sunday, 2/22, 11AM Faith Formation K-6,

Adults— Last Class with Mark Hart



Jenn Ehle (daughter of Joe and Susan) attends Cazenovia College. She is in her senior year. Her major is equine technology. She also is on her school's western equestrian team. This year she obtained enough points to be the high point rider from the north east region and will go to the National Finals in Springfield, Mass. In April to compete against the other twenty five high point riders from throughout the nation Pictured at left is Jen with her latest First Place Gold ribbon. Jenn got her start with Amy and Lou Zahra at Kit-N-Kin!

Presbyterian Food Pantry Report from Fay Crandall

"We are serving an average of 150 people a month. We are really lucky to have so much support from the community. We have many churches, grade school children, Tops grocery store, Men's club, Regional Food Bank and many very good friends. All of these supporters give lots of food that the food pantry just doesn't have. Many items like paper products, shampoos, soaps, and even cat and dog food. There is always a great need for all food items and people in town seem to realize that and show up with items. What a blessing all these folks are and we thank them so much. I would like to thank everyone who helps out. In particular my helpers Irene and Lynn. Also, Dana, Sandra, Kathy, Alice, Ed and the guys who drive trucks to pick up food." (Note: Dave Spatz has generously given Ed and Alice Damp a rest from hauling food to the pantry on the Mondays after First Sunday. Thanks, Dave. Another parish hero!!)



To our environment committee who made the switch from Winter Ordinary Time to Lent: Judy Rozell, Dawn Brunner, Mark Semon, Lorry O'Connor, and Sue Shepler, ____ And, of course, thank you to Clark Orton and Timothy Toolan for keeping the drive and walks clear of snow and safe for walking. Thank you to Ellen Barlow or inserting the new music menus and to Dave Spatz for delivering the latest collection of food for the pantry.

10% BACK!!! When you bring this bulletin to dinner at Lizzy Keyes, 10% of the cost of the entrees will be donated back to St. Cecilia's Church, kindness of Tom and Amber Grace.

North Country Ministry Annual

WINTER RAFFLE...

All proceeds go to the emergency Fund.

THIS WEEKEND, tickets will be sold in the Narthex. after

Mass. \$5/ticket \$20/5 tickets.

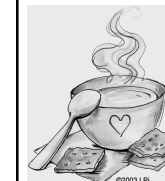
(Tickets also available at Stewarts, 8-10AM next two weekends)

PRIZES

- Full Season Ski Pass to Gore ?Whiteface for 2015-16 Season, valued at \$999.
- Wilderness Systems Pungo 120 Kayak, Valued at \$869
- Scenic Boat Tour from Diamond Point Boat Tours on Lake George for 6 people, Valued at \$240.
- West Mountain Ski and tubing Package, Valued at \$238
- Regional Restaurant Sampler, including gift certificates to Basil & Wicks, North Creek; Cate's Italian Garden, Bolton Landing; Mario's, Lake George, Merrill Magee Inn & Restaurant, Warrensburg; Talk of the Town, Glens Falls, valued @ \$150.
- 2015 Day Trail Pass and Equipment Rental for 2 Adults at Garnet Hill Cross Country Ski Center, valued at \$94.

next weekend's soup =

February 28 / March 1
 Vegetable Beef Barley
 (\$5/Pint \$10/Quart)



Please keep John Cleveland in your thoughts and prayers. As we know, John has already lost the bottom of one leg and now has a sore on his foot that will not heal. (dangerous for a diabetic!) He needs 30 straight days of time in the oxygen barrier chamber. Because he has no ride and cannot drive back and forth to the hospital each day, John is staying at AMANDA HOUSE near the hospital. John is keeping his spirits up but is anxious to get this over with, come home, and go back to work! Please pray for John and Brenda. (Cards sent to 167 River Street, Wbg, 12885 or Amanda House, 22 Henry St, GF 12801

The Priory Retreat House in Chestertown will launch the

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fundraiser in March to meet the Priory's urgent financial needs.

The campaign will provide the financial resources needed to fund the transition to a new permanent Director/Staff. Donors of \$100 dollars or more will receive two free tickets to our exclusive Spring Event held at our beautiful Priory, complete with food and music.

For donations, send a check to:

The Priory Retreat House
 PO Box 136
 Chestertown NY 12817

Attn:



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