

January 18, 2015

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

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STAFF

WE WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 1/17 4:30P Bill and Mary Hogan
 Req. Sister Linda Hogan, csj, daughter
 Sunday, 1/18 10A Benoit "Ben" Turcotte (Father of Sylvia LaRose)
 Req. The LaRose Family
 Saturday, 1/24 4:30P Beatrice and Allison Langworthy
 Req. Linda Apple, daughter
 Sunday, 1/25 10A Joseph Crowley and His Family
 Req. Peggy Freebern

THERE IS NO FRIDAY EUCHARIST UNTIL FEBRUARY 27.

Available Mass Intentions: Saturday, February 28;
 Sundays February 15, 22 Friday, February 27



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesdays, 8:30am – 9pm

Sacred Heart Ch, *Chaplet Divine Mercy* - Wednesdays 3pm

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



The **January Candle** burns in memory of
 Tom Havens at the request of Renate Elber.



(June, July, and August Tabernacle Candles are available.)

A GOOD TIME TO JOIN/ TRY OUT THE WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP...

The next meeting will be Wednesday,
 January 28, 6:30PM at the rectory.

They are beginning a wonderful new book called,
GRATEFULNESS, THE HEART OF PRAYER
 by Brother David Steindl Rast.

Questions? Contact Mary Ann Doty at
 793-3150 or mjd62@roadrunner.com



WHAT THOUGHTFUL AND GENEROUS GIFTS!

In memory of Alexander Jon Potenza,



an un-named parishioner donated a "fat check" to be used for the upkeep of the rectory. (Yeah! We can now replace the kitchen linoleum that has been ripped for the past 15 years!! Plus we can replace the three storm doors on the back porch that are currently locked by way of a board, like you would see in a castle!! If there is anything

left, maybe we could somehow block the wind from coming in around the front door.) Yeah!!!! Thank You!! (Note: In days past, Mr. Potenza was known for making sure that the priests and nuns had what they needed. Ergo, the gift for the rectory upkeep! God bless! May Mr. Potenza be experiencing the loving face of God.) **AND** a couple who attend St. C's when at their "home away from home" also gave a "fat check for whatever we need." Perhaps we could replace the current "baptismal font" with something a bit more elegant— that matches the wood of the altar, candles sticks, and cross. The current font was cleverly concocted from the Christmas Tree Shop!! We will see!

(Many generous folks worship at St. C's. Wow.)

WE GATHER

Sunday 10A Eucharist
 11-11:15A Liturgical Ministers mtg with Ellen Barlow
 11A-12N Faith Formation, K-6, Adult Bible Study
 11A-2:30PM Youth Ministry (Adult Home Visit)
 Tuesday 11:30A Gatheirng Place—Presb. Church Hall
 8P AA Jaracz Hall
 Thursday 11:30A Gathering Place - Presb. Church Hall
 12N AA Children's Chapel
 6:30-8P Reiki by Robin (Children's Chapel)
 Next Saturday 4P Reconciliation 4:30P Eucharist
 Next Sunday 10A Eucharist Faith Formation

COMING SOON

January 26 Youth Mission Trip Meeting
 January 28 10A St C Elves' Craft Fair Meeting
 6:30P Women's Spirituality... Rectory
 February 15 Next Youth Ministry Gathering
 February 18 7P Ash Wednesday!!!!
 March 8 "Wing Off" @ George Henry's

WE SERVE

SHARING TREASURE

Church Support: \$2,153.00 Make-up: \$215 Fuel: \$5
 Parishioners in Need: \$225 New Year's Day: \$40
 Gifts: \$185 North Country Ministry: \$10 Youth Mission Trip: \$5

NEWS FROM NEIGHBORS

Great News from the Gathering Place!!!!

As we all know, **each Tuesday** a free hot lunch is offered at the North Country Ministry Gathering Place located in the hall under the Presbyterian Church. **NOW, every other Thursday** (1/22, 2/4, 2/18, etc), a hot meal will be offered with help from Price Chopper! Same time, same place!!

Free Tax Return Preparation

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County is offering free tax help to families and individuals whose household income is below \$53,000. Trained community volunteers can help you with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), up to \$6,143, if you earn less than \$52,427. In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, free electronic filing (e-filing) will be offered. Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program will receive their refunds in half the time compared to returns filed on paper – even faster if you have your refund deposited directly into your bank account. Tax Returns with stock sales, business or rental income cannot be completed by us. To schedule a tax appointment in Warren County call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 623-3291.

THE EVANGELIST is the weekly newspaper of the Diocese of Albany. It is our hope that all parishioners read the Evangelist. If you are not yet receiving this weekly paper, please subscribe (call the parish office or call The Evangelist directly at 453-6688). Our parish pays \$18 a year for each parishioner's subscription. A donation toward the cost of the subscription is appreciated, but is not required.

WE TEACH

Today, Sunday, 1/18, 11AM

Faith Formation K-Adult will resumes...

- K-6 will meet with Leigh Cain / Sister Linda in the nave
- Adults will meet in Children's Chapel with Mark Hart
- Grades 7-11 will meet in Hall with Gail DeMarsh

PASTORAL COUNCIL MET LAST WEDNESDAY...

- The selection process for and membership of the Council was agreed upon (Start asking yourself if this is a way you might serve the community... It is hoped that two youth would be interested as well as other active parishioners)
- Devotional materials for Lent were chosen
- Recipients of our Lenten Alms were decided
- Draft Copy of the 2014 financial report was distributed
- Discussion of a few financial matters was discussed
 All agreed it was a productive meeting.



Something to think about in preparation.....

Lent is a time to become free of those things that hold us captive. Money is one thing in our lives that has a great deal of power over most of us. During the 40 days of Lent, we pray to notice the ways that we are not generous or trusting. We notice the times that we are motivated by greed. Our antidote is TITHING, the ancient Biblical practice of remembering that all we have comes from God. In gratitude, we return a portion to God via the poor. For 40 days, we deliberately give away 10% of our gross income to folks in need or agencies that serve those in need. Why? 2 reasons: 1) Jesus told us that we would be judged on how we treat those in need; 2) being generous is a way to break loose from the grip that money has on us.

The Pastoral Council agreed on a weekly destination for our alms—local, national, and international. (You may have your own charities that you like to support rather than those suggested by the council.) 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!

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

UNFORTUNATELY ... the "re-organized funeral reception ministry" has had lots of practice lately! And they are doing a wonderful service for bereaved families. Most recently, we lost Florence Siletti. Thank you to Patti Alexander who makes all the phone calls and gets the planning started. Thank you to Rozanne and Dave Degen and their team of Danielle Robichaud, Gloria Morrison, Gerri Howe, and Ruth Fruda who "operate the kitchen," from beginning to end. Thank you to Judy Rozell for assembling all the basics needed to put on a luncheon. Thank you to all who offered sustenance: Cathy and Mike Markwica, Stephanie and Brad Baker, Ruth Fruda, Patti Alexander, Emily Doyle, Ellen Barlow, Kathy Sinnott, Judy Rozell, Delia Carroll, and Harriet Bunker. Thank you to John Alexander and Brad Baker for helping with the snow removal in prep for Florence's funeral. Thank you to Gail DeMarsh, who helped the family plan the funeral and created the worship aid; to Fr. Joe Busch, for presiding in Fr. Cox's absence (this was Fr. Joe's second funeral of the day!); to our generous musicians —Ann Murphy, Cheryl York, Jane Skorko, and Emily Doyle.



ON A DIFFERENT NOTE Thank you to Judy Rozell who, almost single-handedly, removed the Christmas decorations from the church and returned them to the hall attic for storage. We thank the Birkholz family (Tom, Jessica, Alyssa, and Tommy), Dana Winter, and Mark Semon for bringing the Holy Family and Friends back to their home in the garage until December 2015. Many thanks to Ralph Perez who created the next set of envelopes already! And we never think to thank Mike Finocchio who puts our bulletin on the web page each week (and would create the web page any way we wanted it, if only slh would do her part!!) (Ralph ministers to us from Long Island and Mike from Florida! Whadda world!) Thank you to parishioners who responded to the Lenten Survey. Thank you to Ed Gaiotti for changing bulbs, hanging fire extinguishers, and hauling some heavy items. Thank you to Linda Gaiotti for putting financial data in the computer and Laura Hatch for inserting the census data! Laura and Bob Hatch checked West Wing for deceased mice. THANKS! Finally, thank you to "Ryan the Rug Guy" who called to say the hall was full of water; to Bobby Jones who so generously eliminated the flood; and to Tim Farrell who fixed the pipes and got the furnace going again! *That is enough for one week!*

Watch Out!!

Some of our Christmas décor has seen better days. We had to toss 2 6-foot trees. Part of the damage occurs when we haul the trees back and forth from the Hall attic to the Church and back to the Hall attic. So, please keep your eye out for some good bargains on: 6 foot or 5-foot green artificial trees (if lit, white lights). We need "Christmas Tree Storage Bags" for trees ranging from 4 foot to 8 foot. "Used" is great— if in great condition. If you purchase new, give SLH the receipt for reimbursement. Thanks!!



HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN COLONIE !!! CHECK THE WEEKEND NEWS. Starting Monday, January 26th, PBS is doing a three part series called, "A Path Appears," about Human Trafficking in the U.S. It uncovers the harshest forms of gender-based oppression and human rights violations and the solutions being implemented to combat them. Check the local listing. It will likely be aired at 10PM on channel PBS. Enclosed is a daily prayer until the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, a victim of trafficking.