

TNK Say only what is True, Necessary, and Kind.

WE GATHER



Sunday Church Hall
Adults, \$7 Kids, \$5
9:30A to 12N
(Proceeds support Youth In Mission)

COMING SOON

- Sunday 10AM Eucharist
9:30-Noon...Pancake Breakfast with Santa
11-11:30 Faith Formation 11:30-Noon Rehearse
1-3P Advent Faces of Jesus --- Priory
- Tuesday 10A Communion Service / Adult Home
11A Communal Penance Service---Lake George
11:30A Gathering Place ..Presbyterian Ch.
8P AA Jaracz Hall
- Wednesday 6-9PM Babysitting, Jaracz Hall
- Thursday 10A Feast of Immaculate Conception Eucharist
at Countryside Adult Home
12N AA Church Hall
7P RCIA In the Nave
- Friday 9A Mass
- Sunday 11A Dress Rehearsal

- December 14 Pastoral Council, 7-8:30P
- December 18 "NO VACANCY"
- December 22 Caroling / Gift Delivery to Homebound

WE SERVE

SHARING TREASURE

Thank you to the folks who support Saint Cecilia's financially. The contributions last weekend totaled \$1396 with \$60 of that being "make up." \$135 was donated toward the cost of fuel. \$167 was donated toward the Amazing God special collection. Thank you, one and all.

SHARING TIME AND TALENT

Mucho Gracias to Susan Shepler and John Cleveland for creating/organizing the costumes for the musical; to the Markwica and Toolan families for organizing the Breakfast with Santa; to Leigh Cain for organizing Babysitting Service; to Debbie Toolan, Leigh Cain, Brian Angell, Carrie Russo, and Kristine Webster for organizing the raffles and lunch on Saturday; to John Cleveland for creating the "Mini Festival of Trees"; to the Youth in Mission who were the worker bees, Thank you to Dana Robichaud for replacing the car battery and to Dick Ouellette for dismantling the trip hazard at the back door!

Giving Tree.....3 options

- 1. Choose to give a specific gift to a local family listed on the tree by choosing a purple ornament. Return the gift by Saturday, December 17.
- 2. Choose to give warmth. Make a donation for fuel for folks in need this winter. (HEAP is having a major cut in help for those in need.) Your gift is represented by a white ball on the tree.
- 3. Take a "bucket" and fill it with little gifts for one of our homebound or elders. Return it by December 18.



Then Come Christmas Caroling Thursday, December 22

And we will visit our elders with their gifts.

For family and friends not in need:

consider "alternative gift giving" this year. How? In their name, make a contribution to a non-profit... or in your card, tell them you made a contribution to the heating collection

WE WORSHIP



Sat, 12/3 4:30PM Intentions of the Community of St. Cecilia
Sun, 12/4 10AM Steven MacJarrett Req. Rita and Garry Ferraro
Fri 12/9 9AM _____ available
Sat, 12/10 4:30P _____ available
Sun, 12/11 10AM Jonathan Brown Req. Ruth Fruda
Fri, 12/16 9AM _____ available



Holy Day This Week

Thursday is the

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass Wednesday,
6PM St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown
7PM Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing
Thursday, 9AM, Sacred Heart, Lake Geo
Thursday, 10AM, Adult Home, Warrensburg.

Q. How Can We Keep Christ In Christmas?
A. By Preparing Spiritually During Advent

Some Suggestions:

Sacred Heart Parish in Lake George sends two invitations:

COMMUNAL ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, December 6, 11AM
Penance Service followed by simple soup luncheon
TAIZE'

Finding Peace, Resting in God...Feed your soul during ADVENT with an extraordinary spiritual experience! Join us on Wednesday, December 14th, at 6:00 p.m., at Sacred Heart Church for a TAIZE prayer service. Taize Prayer is a combination of song, silence and scripture, which allows the mystery of God to become tangible, expressing a basic reality of faith that can be grasped quickly by the heart and mind, filling one's whole being with His Presence and His Peace. Taize is an ecumenical sign of reconciliation. Everyone is invited!!

From St. Benedict Priory, Chestertown

494-3733 www.prioryretreathouse.org
Check out the web page for wonderful opportunities of spiritual growth. ... in our own backyard!!

The Advent Faces of Jesus - Eileen Davenport - Sunday, December 4 1-3pm Free will donation

Registration is needed at least 4 days before the program. Call 494-3733 or e-mail prioryretreat@yahoo.com

St. Michael's in South Glens Falls Invites Us...

December 3-7, Passionist priest Jack Connor will lead an Advent retreat: "Our Universal Call to Holiness." Father will speak at the weekend Masses and offer a talk at 7PM Monday-Wednesday. The retreat will end with the Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception at 7PM on Wednesday, 12/7.

North Country Ministry

623-2829 3933 Main Street
Clothing Center & Baby's Place
9-12 Monday/ 9-12 Tuesday/ 1-4 Wed, Thursday, Friday The Gathering Place is now located at the Presbyterian Church on Stewart-Farrar Street. A hot lunch is served each Tuesday and Friday, 11:30A-12:30

WE TEACH

Parents of K-12, HEADS UP #1

Sunday, 12/4 11-11:30 will be class
(Rumor has it that we will meet St. Nicholas!)
11:30-noon will be Play Rehearsal
(Those wishing to have Breakfast with Santa could go at 11:30 and skip rehearsal. Pls try not to miss next Sunday's Dress Rehearsal.)

Parents of K-12, HEADS UP #2

December 11 will be "Dress Rehearsal" for the Play. Please send your child with costume...or.... get in touch with Sue Shepler by December 4 so she and her team can help you assemble one. (623-3072 or quilts12@verizon.net). Thanks.

"No Vacancy"
December 18th,
12:30PM
Save the Date
St. Cecilia is going to be proud of us!



Perfect Attendance November Faith Formation

Emma Belanger, Tommy Birkholz, Megan Bruno, Logan Drino, Olivia Drino, Francesca Lang, Michael Morey, Patrick Morey, Nick Putney, Shane Putney, Colby Russo, Ridge Russo, Christian Siletti, Austin West, Haley West.

Congratulations

Interested in

Adult Scripture Study

in January / February. ?

The schedule will be determined once the folks sign up so check the list in the narthex. Thanks!



Tabernacle Candle In December, the candle will burn in memory of Milly Burne, on the 10th Anniversary of her death.

Prayer Chain Contact Alice Damp at edaldamp@yahoo.com or 623-3618. Would you like to join the prayer chain? It is important ministry.



In the Narthex

Religious Christmas Cards... 10 for \$5

Coffee/ Chocolate Raffle Basket

Tickets: \$1 each or 8 for \$5



Fair Trade Coffee and/or Chocolate available for purchase



Festival of Trees Raffle

(To Support Our Youth in Mission)

BABYSITTING

Wednesdays, December 7 and 14 6-9PM
Saturday, December 17, 10A-2P
at Jaracz Hall
\$6/hour first child

additional \$2/hour each additional sister/brother
ALSO, GIFT WRAPPING AVAILABLE.

Sign up and get further info from Leigh Cain: 504-4118
(Proceeds support our Youth in Mission)

www.usccb.org

This is the web page for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. You will find a wealth of material there. Search for anything! In particular, put "social justice" or "human trafficking" into the search and learn what we believe as a Church. Learn what you can do!

For those interested in our Law Suit....

This past Wednesday Sister Linda attended the deposition in Albany. This is the way to gather testimony before a case goes to trial (with a hope that a mediation could be done once all the facts are known). Unfortunately, the deposition was not completed and all parties will return to the table for another day of questioning. Hopefully, one more day will do it for the first witness! Meanwhile, this very slow legal process will probably take all winter as Sister is only the first of many witnesses and there is no date for her return. Plus, this is the snow season. We can expect to shovel the roof for a fifth winter. (Although this may not sound like a problem, it is interesting to note that #1 it cost about \$250 each time a "professional" shovels the snow and #2 roofs are not built to be walked on, let alone shoveled. We do damage each time. Our insurance prohibits volunteers from shoveling.)

Whatever. Oh Well.

IF THIS IS A LETTER THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN, GO TO <http://www.futurechurch.org/> CLICK ON:

Open Letter to US Bishops(Which simply requests discussion.)

Over the past forty years, the Roman Catholic Church in the United States and worldwide has experienced a steadily worsening priest shortage. At first, the process was so gradual that it was hardly noticed. But now, the rapidity of the decline is having a devastating impact on parish and sacramental life.

According to a 2008 Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate study, half of the 19,302 active diocesan priests plan to retire by 2019. We are ordaining about 380 new diocesan priests each year. In just eight years, we will have only 13,500 active diocesan priests to serve our 18,000 parishes, presuming ordinations remain constant, as they have for over a decade.

Many dioceses engage in the morally questionable practice of importing priests from the developing world despite even more severe priest shortages in those countries. Still others are accepting married priests from other religious traditions, while simultaneously dismissing Catholic priests who marry and failing to recognize the vocations of Catholic married men. Some bishops are changing priests' retirement age from 70 to 75. Many are embracing several of these strategies simultaneously yet none will arrest the steep declines looming ahead.

We, the people of God, are regularly asked to "Pray for vocations," and we have been praying diligently. Since Church law tells us that we have the duty to express our views about the Church's welfare, we share with you the outcome of our prayer. It is simply this:

The slow deliberate pace of the Catholic Church, once deemed a virtue, is a luxury we can no longer afford. Delay caused by inaction threatens our Catholic life and mission. Without a viable priesthood and strong healthy parish communities, the terrible decline in vitality that has devastated the Catholic faith in Europe may well occur in the US.

Silence, blind obedience, and unquestioning trust on the part of faithful Catholics can no longer be viable options if the Church with the Eucharist as the center of its life is to survive. Now is the time to act as well as to pray.

Therefore, we call on you, our bishops and brothers in Christ, to embrace your roles as shepherds, and nourish the people you were ordained to serve. We ask you to encourage discussion of the genuine reform so necessary to the future of the Church.

The people of God, including priests and bishops, have already begun a courageous dialogue about restoring our early traditions recognizing married and celibate priests and women deacons. We ask you, as leaders of US dioceses, to open such a dialogue as well, officially or unofficially within your dioceses, the US Bishops' Conference, and the Vatican itself.

May God bless our Church with people of vision, wisdom and courage.