

Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2013

WE GATHER

THIS WEEK

Saturday 4:30 Eucharist (4PM Reconciliation)
 Sunday 10AM Eucharist
 11AM, K-6 Gathering and Stories
 4-7PM 7-12th Graders.....
 Tuesday 10AM Adult Home Comm. Service
 6:30-8P Christmas Choir Rehearsal
 8 PM AA Jaracz Hall
 Thursday 12N AA Jaracz Hall
 (No Spanish Service -will resume January 9)
 Friday 9AM Eucharist
 1PM Inquiries into our Catholic Faith
 Nxt.Saturday 4:30 Eucharist (4 Reconciliation)
 Nxt Sunday 10AM Eucharist
 11AM, Pageant Rehearsal /
 Carolling and Gift Bringing to Homebound

COMING SOON

December 24 4:30P Christmas Eve Mass
 December 25 10A Christmas Day Mass



We Serve

SHARING TREASURE

Last Sunday: \$1,658

(Thank you to all who "make up")

Make-Up = \$235 Gifts = \$10 Fuel = \$18
 Mito = \$260 Phillipines = \$5

No. Country Ministry = \$55

Thanksgiving = \$10 Parishioners
 in Need = \$105

Christmas Flowers = \$212



The Giving Tree

GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE TODAY, 12/15.

Deadline: Next Sunday for

Our Homebound this Christmas:

- Christmas Cards... They LOVE them! (list under the mailbox.)
- After Mass on December 22, bring the cards and the parish gifts to one of our homebound parishioners. Visit for about fifteen minutes,

sing a song, and wish them a blessed Christmas! Easy...and a good thing to do. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board. (It might be nice to visit someone you don't already know.)

Please sign list today.



Holy Mackerel, the storm windows are not on the church!!!! Yikes!

But they are available, as is the ladder and screw driver. It is a twenty minute job for two people. Please and thank you! Maybe we can eliminate the cold gale in the nave.

The lights are not in the bushes yet. Would you (and your family) like to do that for the community????

Take a look.... everything is out there and waiting. Look on the north side of the front steps.

News from Neighbors

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 Tuesday and Friday, NCM serves a hot lunch. **Volunteers are needed by North Country Ministry.** Consider giving 2-3 hours a week of your time to help provide services essential to the ministry's effectiveness. If interested, please call Barbara Mahaffey at 623-2829.

The Priory in Chestertown

(www.prioryretreathouse.org)

Go to the web page for details, See flyers on the bulletin board, or call 494-3733.

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.

WE WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 12/14 4:30PM **GERTRUDE FRICK**
 Req. by family
 Sunday, 12/15 10AM **LYND COX**
 Req. by Father Paul Cox, brother
 Friday, 12/20 9AM _____ Available
 Saturday, 12/21 4:30PM **MILLY BYRNE**
 Req. by Byrne family
 Sunday, 12/22 10AM **CAPTAIN JOSEPH SEMON**
 Req. by Margaret Koch
Anointing of the Sick
 Monday, 12/16, 6:30PM, St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown
Communal Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Tuesday, 12/17, 11AM, Sacred Heart, Lake George
 (Free Soup Luncheon Follows)
 Thursday, 12/19, Holy Mother and Child, Lake Luzerne
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday, 8:30am - 9pm
 Sacred Heart Church
 Chaplet Divine Mercy - Wednesdays 3pm



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

In memory of **Milly Byrne**, December's candle will burn at the request of her husband, Walter.



Annual Peace Retreat 2014

Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph and Associates
 Friday, Jan 17, 7PM to Saturday Jan 18, 4PM
 Carondelet Hospitality Center..... Latham NY
 \$100, overnight and meals included.

Sister Simone Campbell, sss

Sister Simone has served as Executive Directory of Network since 2004. In Washington, she lobbies on issues of peace-building and justice. Remember "Nuns on the Bus?" That would be Sister Simone!

"Pentecost Peace: Our Call to Live the Acts of the Apostles Today"

Registration Forms and Flyer on bulletin board. for further info., contact Sister Joanne St. Hilaire, CSJ at 389-2666 or jsthilair@csjalbany.org

CEMETERY SALE ends 12/31...

It costs less than anywhere to buy a cemetery plot at St. C's Cemetery. Right now, one grave costs \$400. For many reasons, the cost will increase to \$500 on January 1. Interested in "taking care of this sooner than later?" Please contact Dawn Brunner on Tuesdays at St. C's Cemetery Office (623-3021) or anytime at brunner_dawn@yahoo.com. (If you snooze, you lose.)

Pastoral Council Report....

A copy of the full minutes can be found on the bulletin board. One thing of note is the fact that in the next few years there will be a number of retirements in the North Country. The diocese is asking the parishes to work together to accommodate the change and the likelihood of even fewer priests than we have now. The first step is to "resurrect" the results of the Called to Be Church process that we had a few years ago, and start from there. Eventually, we will need 3 or 4 parishioners to help. (YOU?)

PASTORAL COUNCIL

President: Mark Semon 623-2074

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WE TEACH

Faith Formation Schedule This Sunday:

Gathering, K-6

11AM= "Catholic Culture & Customs"

11:20- 11:45AM = Stories and Service

11:45-12Noon = Biblical Snack

Gathering 7-12th Graders

4-7PM Today, Sunday

(Parents—we hope you will stay for the first hour.)

Next Sunday, 12/22, K-6.... Pageant and Song Rehearsal After Mass

ADULTS...

THREE THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Information Classes about the Catholic Faith began ;12/7 at the rectory. The gatherings are now regularly scheduled for Fridays at 1PM. . We have one young woman who is fully initiated, but wants more catechesis. Another young man is of a different tradition, but wants to know more. Would you like to join us as a support person? (The more parishioners who share their faith, the better!! Only faith is needed.) Do you or someone you know want to know more about the Catholic Faith? Either just come, or speak with SLH this week. (If this time slot is not convenient, another can be arranged.)
- The conversation around the new understanding of the Universe and how it impacts our understanding of God....and reflection on the book, Field of Compassion by Judy Canatto., was WONDERFUL last week. It is not too late to join. Order the book, read up to and including chapter two, and come on Wednesday at 10AM. Questions? Ask SLH .
- Consider making the Peace Retreat (column 2) or any other retreat!! For more info, ask SLH.



LOTSA' THANKS OWED TO...

Dana Robichaud for tuning up the snow blower.... Tim Toolan for preparing for snow and ice and for shoveling the walks last week... Dave Alexander and Clark Orton for plowing..... Lee and Travis Gosselin and Kevin Belanger for hauling the crèche figures out of the attic and to Kimberly, Gabe, and Emma for hauling them to the crèche. Thank you to Ricci and Pete Redfield for lending the crèche to the church and to Arlene Swan for securing the brown tarp on top of the stable. Thanks to Barb and Clark Orton for arranging, adding décor, and securing the figures. Thank you to Margaret Carroll and Ann Murphy for "telling the stories of Mary and Joseph" to our K-6ers last Sunday, and to our chef and bouncers, Ellen and Jim Hickson, Jane Skorko. Many thanks to Ed Gaiotti for enabling us to light the mammoth Christmas tree and for the many other electrical issues he took care of last week.

Thank you from the Mission Kids!



L to R Glenn Warner, Melenie Warner, Julie Angell, Kelly Angell, Jimmy Cunniffe and Matthew Gerrain. Not pictured Travis Gosselin. Thank you to the Angells, Cunniffes, Gerrains, Gosselins and Warners. These families planned, prepared, set up, carried out and cleaned up the Mission Fundraiser last weekend during Christmas in Warrensburg. Thank you to Debbie Toolan, Kris Webster and Betty Kusky for making and donating soup and chili. And a huge Thank You to the Community for your support - we are now \$600.00 closer to the goal of \$2,500.00. We also thank the 8 people who placed an order for Fair Trade items from SERRV. For information on SERRV, visit www.SERRV.org

DECORATED TREE WINNERS:

John Franchini, Lorry O'Connor, Alex Martino, Arlene Swan, John Loiacono, Madeleine Weidman, Anita Klewicki, Betty Kusky, Dorian Cunniffe, Kathy Haskell, Serena Stewart THANKS!
(Just a Thought.. After Christmas, if you find you have an extra little artificial tree that you might not use next year, it would help a lot if you donated it to St. C's Mission Group. **Just a Thought!!**)