

February 28, 2010
2nd Sunday of Lent



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NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY 3933 MAIN: 623-2829
Monday 9-12, Tuesday 9-1, Wednesday 1-4, Thursday 1-4, Friday 1-4.
BABY'S PLACE & CLOTHING CENTER

TEACH

Today, Sunday February 21
Regular Classes Grades K-6
Grades 7&8 Mini Course

For a complete schedule, for all grades,
go to www.steciliachurch.com
and click on "Teach."

Contact Phyllis Welsh for further info.

ADULT EDUCATION

During Lent, there are oodles of opportunities to grow and learn. You will find them in the bulletin. For Example: St. Mary's/St. Paul's, Tuesday, 3/9 at 7PM

Sister Kitty Hanley – Lent: A time of Hope

Lent Calls us to hope in God's Promises with all our Hearts. During the weeks of Lent we read and relive the story of our salvation, reminding one another of God's fidelity to us. Hope is the gift Lent gives us. We will reflect on some of the Lenten promises and pray for the gift of Hope in our lives.

Three of our Catechists are taking on-line Scripture course out of Boston College: Emily Kladis, Kristine Williams, and Kathy Sinnott. 20 parishioners (so far) will be attending the Sunday afternoon "Come to the Table" event at Sacred Heart and two staff are presenters.

Strong Catholic Adult Faith Formation and Enrichment is good, not only for the soul, but for the PARISH! Many thanks to all who partake regularly.

If you would like to keep abreast of all the area opportunities, get on the email list for NC CAFÉ by contacting Nancy Normandin at grace2u@nycap.rr.com

St. Benedict Priory, Chestertown
www.prioryretreathouse.org
Programs/Retreats 518-494-3733
Right in our own back yard!!!!



Thank You
To Duncan & MacKenzie Blydenburgh for so generously shoveling on

Wednesday. And thank you to their parents, Shari & John, for "inspiring" the boys!

TAX ASSISTANCE? Call 793-3624 to make an appointment or get info.

Financial Stewardship

Last weekend, \$2163 was contributed to support the ministry and maintenance of St. C's.

Of that amount, \$732 was "make up" from missed weekends.
(Thank you. Even when you are not here, the church is! Thanks!)
On Ash Wednesday, \$111 was offered.

Just FYI..... Our Weekend Contributions are about \$5,000 behind last year at this time. We seem to be doing as much as we can to curb expenses. No one has made any suggestions how, but we have to cut back. (Or increase giving. Gulp.) We have many criticisms but no practical suggestions. [FYI: Many parishioners save us much money by their generous gift of time. A few examples: When Sister first came, the parish was paying a non-parishioner \$10 a week to bring the refuse to the Transfer Station. Bud York has saved us over \$500 each year for the past ten years by taking the trip each Saturday. John Evansky and Ed Webster have shoveled the roof twice already this year (maybe three by the time you read this), saving us close to \$700 this year alone. When Sister came in 1998, we were paying someone \$40 a week to mow the lawn. The MANY volunteers who help have saved us over \$4,000. The same was true of shoveling. That saving is at least as much. John and David Alexander plow the driveway saving another \$750 a year. Each time we pick up after ourselves, put things away, stamp our feet and don't drag mud or snow in, prevent our children from licking the glass in the choir loft, turn off lights and close doors preventing heat loss, we save money. The sooner we pay off the Building Fund Loan, the sooner we will stop paying interest. For example, this month the interest cost us \$255. (We started out at interest being \$667 a month, so we've come a loooooong way! *Many thanks to the parishioners who extended their pledge payments and extra year!!!! And many thanks to folks who regularly use the yellow envelop to help the cause. We have a few households who are still paying on their initial pledge. They are to be thanked for their faithfulness.*)

WE GENEROUSLY GIVE ALMS IN LENT

For the first week of Lent, this community sacrificed
\$248 for shoes for Namibian School Children and \$180 for their school fees,
\$84.50 for Emergency Money for Parishioners or Richard Stewart Family,
and \$37.50 for Catholic Relief Services.

This second week of Lent, we have sacrificed for School Uniforms, or the Emergency Fund (or Richard Stewart Family), or Catholic Relief Services. THANK YOU. (God knows.)

Planning ahead for Alms Giving

National Collections

March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent Catholic Relief Services Annual Appeal
Friday, April 2, Good Friday Holy Land Help Maintain Holy Sites

St. C Special Interests

#1 BNC Bernhard Nordkamp Center "Best Namibian Children"
(A pack of envelopes is available in the Narthex)

Week 2: School Uniform,, \$21 Week 3: Books, \$25

Week 4: School Supplies, \$12 Week 5: School Fees, \$15

(Mary Beth Gallagher will be here the weekend of March 20 and 21.)

AND/OR #2 EMERGENCY FUND FOR PARISHIONERS (Richard Stewart Family?)

AND/OR #3 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE AND/OR CHARITY OF CHOICE

WE FAST

Minimum: **Fridays during Lent** we do not eat meat. (Eat rice and beans!)
Fasting and abstinence express our desire to be converted in heart, to be reconciled with one another, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Fasting and abstinence are customs from which we do not hold ourselves lightly excused.

Additional Forms of Fasting....from

Judging Others Discontent Anger Complaining Bitterness Discouragement
Suspicion Gossip Self-Preoccupation Violent Entertainment Anything that
Threatens Health of Mind, Body, or Spirit (Add you individual suggestions!)

We Pray

Eucharist, the  our faith:
 Saturday, 4:30PM
 Sunday, 10AM
 Friday, 9AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 Saturdays, 4PM
 Sunday, March 21, 4PM

"Eating God's Word"
 3:30PM Saturday, 11AM Sunday
 What is God saying TO ME?
 (Meet in Children's Chapel)

STATIONS, SOUP, CINEMA

Wednesday, 6-7P, Church
 This week's movie clips are from "Twister"

Please Listen to Me: Confrontation
 Leviticus 19:17

Why Us? : Natural Disasters
 Romans 8:35-39

The Storms of Life : Refuge
 Deuteronomy 33:26-29

Next Sunday, 4PM, at Church
 Contemplative Prayer Experience
Come, Be Quiet and Centered
Treat Yourself to an Hour of Peace

EVANGELIZATION

Bishop Hubbard is requesting that each parish/Planning Group create an Evangelization Team.

Orientation will be March 18, 7-9PM
 Corpus Christi Church, Round Lake
 Interested? Speak to SLH
 (We only have one week to gather a team together. Don't wait. TY)

Richard Stewart

Richard is the husband of Heather Jones' sister, Erin, and the father of 7 year old Serena. Richard was in a terrible accident, airlifted to Albany Med. This past week they were able to set his bones. His healing will be slow and complicated, taking no less than a year. Richard is the family "breadwinner," so there will be no income for months to come. Heather is organizing a benefit to assist in hopes that the Stewarts do not end up losing everything they own. "Basket Auction" plus raffles ...games... DJ Saturday, March 13th, 2-8PM Green Mansion Club House
Call Heather at 361-6006
 if you could help in any way, including donating a basket.

GATHER

February 28
Today, Sunday

Why not use participation in the Regional Gathering of North Country Catholics at Sacred Heart L.G. Sunday, today, 2-5PM as one of your Lenten Spiritual Practices?

The flyer advertising the event is both in the narthex and on our web page (under "teach"). You can register and sign up for classes at the door.

Come to the Table

*Your spirits will be lifted,
 you will be inspired,
 and meet other
 faith-filled folks.*

Absent last weekend?

Please find our bulletins at
www.stceciliachurch.com



BRANDY DINEEN was enrolled as one of the "ELECT" in our Diocese, meeting and being accepted by Bishop Hubbard last Sunday. Accompanying Brandy were Gail DeMarsh (RCIA coordinator), Irene Harrison and Shari Blydenburgh (parishioners who attend the Thursday evening meetings,) and Sister Linda Hogan. We look forward to Brandy's baptism during the Easter Season. (Complications prevent Brandy's Baptism at the Easter Vigil.) The RITE OF ELECTION was a wonderful celebration with our Bishop and MANY others joining the church this year. Congratulations, and **WELCOME, BRANDY!**

WORSHIP

February 28, 2010
Second Sunday of Lent

4:30 Michael J. Croft on 50th Anniversary of Death
 Req. Son, Robert J. Croft
 10 Tommy Howe req. Deborah Rose
 Fri 9A The needs of the LaFond Family
 req. Claire LaFond

March 7, 2010
Third Sunday of Lent

4:30 _____ Available
 10 Dr. Joseph Kelly req. The Kelly Family
 Fri 9A _____ available

Neighboring Catholic Churches:

SACRED HEART Lake George 668-2046
 BLESSED SACRAMENT Bolton Landing 644-3861
 ST. ISAAC JOGUES Chestertown 494-5229

This Week

Saturday Cabin Fever Dinner—Ladies' Night Out
 Saturday/Sunday. Alms: School Uniforms
 3:30 Sat/ 11 Sun Lenten Scripture Meditation/Sharing
 Sunday: Regular Classes K-6, 7-8
 2-5PM "Come to the Table"
 Tuesday 11:30A Gathering Place
 7PM Golf Meeting, Church Narthex
 8P AA Church Hall
 Wednesday 6-7 Stations, Soup, Cinema, Sharing
 Thursday 7PM RCIA Convent
 Friday 11:30A Gathering Place
 Saturday 3:30PM Meditation on Sunday Scripture
 Sunday 11AM Meditation on Sunday Scripture
 4PM Contemplative Prayer Experience.... Church

In Coming Days

March 9 Youth Service Planning Team
 March 10, 17, 24 6-7P Stations, Soup, Cinema
 March 10 7PM isgter
 March 13 Fundraiser for Steward Family
 March 14 Chaplet of Divine Mercy Cenacle
 March 20 & 21 Mary Beth Gallagher
 March 21 4PM Communal Reconciliation
 April 1-3 Triduum
 April 4 Easter
 May 24 Alaska Cruise Tour
 July 4 Mission Trip to North Carolina

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