

January 18, 2009
2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

This Week

Sunday

9:30 Choir Rehearsal
11A Faith Formation: K-6, 9-11
11A Parents with Beth Callahan, Church Hall
11A Short Choir Rehearsal in Music Room

Tuesday

10 A EUCHARISTIC SERVICE, ADULT HOME
11A-12:30P GATHERING PL A CE
8P AA IN HALL:

Thursday

7-8P RCIA, Convent

Friday

11A-12:30P GATHERING PL A CE

NEXT SATURDAY

SNACKS / APPETIZERS / BEVERAGE

FOLLOWING 4:30 MASS IN THE NARTHEX
"Cabin Fever Dinner" 6PM Convent

NEXT SUNDAY

Youth WINTER BLAST/ Gore Mountain

SOON

1/27 "RCIA Team Building" - 7P at Sacred Hrt
2/1 "Soup-er Bowl Sunday"
2/2 Next Babe's Day Out
2/6 Deadline for Valentine Dance
2/13 Valentine Dinner Dance - The Lodge
2/21 Cabin Fever Diner—Glebus'
2/28 Cabin Fever—Holiday Inn (Kate Mandigo)
3/7 Cabin Fever Dinner—A Ladies' Dinner
3/14 Marriage Ministry—Meet at York's 7-9P
9/2010 Oberammergau Tour Germany/Paris

On Our Web Page

www.stceciliachurch.com

- Valentine Dinner Reservation Form
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WORSHIP

Area Churches:

SACRED HEART Lake George 668-2046
BLESSED SACRAMENT Bltn Lndng 644-3861
ST. JOHN the BAPTIST Chestertown 494-5229

Eucharist January 17&18

Sat 4:30P Alfred Viger (10th Anniversary)
Req. Jeanne Wood
Sun 10A Maureen Murphy Handerhan
Req. Bill and Rosemary Maher

No Friday Mass until February 13

Call local parishes for their weekday schedule.

Eucharist January 24&25

Sat 4:30 Deceased Members of Kane/ Wallace
Families req. Bonnie Martin
Sun 10 John A. Blydenburg Jr.
Req. John A Blydenburg III

New RCIA Team Being Formed

In the spirit of "Called to Be Church," the three parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart, and Saint Cecilia's are forming a joint RCIA Team to welcome new members into the Church. This is one of the most rewarding ministries you will ever experience! If you would like to learn more, contact Gail DeMarsh (pyramid-lifemom@aol.com or 744-9241) and plan on attending the info meeting, Tuesday January 27, 7PM at Sacred Heart in Lake George. You won't be sorry!

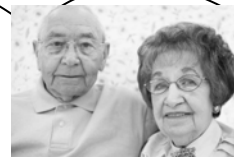
GATHER

Would a "Cabin Fever Dinner" interest you? How does it work?

A parishioner (or group of) put on a wonderful meal for 8-12 folks at a great price. It could be Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch, or Dinner! If your house is not big enough, the convent dining room holds 10-12. If that isn't big enough, think of the Church Hall!!!! You set the menu and the price. Folks sign up and pay in advance. You buy the food etc. and throw the party! You could be a host... Or a guest... Or one of each! If there is money left over, it could go to the Building Fund. If not, oh well. This is a **FUN-RAISER!** Interested? Let slh know. See the posters in the narthex. Sign up now!!



MARRIAGE MINISTRY EVENTS



February 13

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE



Is being sponsored
once again by our

Marriage Ministry, "Hand in Hand."

February 13 at Echo Lake Lodge

\$26 per person

All couples in the Great Northeast are

welcome!

Invite your family and friends!!

Flyers and Reservation Forms are available on the pew near the exit from the narthex as well as on www.stceciliachurch.com in the tab called "Gather".

Download and send it in / drop it off.

Deadline: February 6.

"New Women's Spirituality Group"

(Would you like an afternoon group?)

The group is about to begin a new book: Open the Door by Joyce Rupp is an invitation to growth and awareness. "Discovering the many ways that doors are a potent symbol for spiritual growth, she leads readers to search more deeply for their authentic selves in fuller union with God."

The Women's Group meets one evening a month on the second Tuesday and is directed by Sister Mary Brady rscj of North Country Ministry. Sister Mary is willing to host an afternoon group as well! If this interests you, leave a message on Sister's answering machine: 623-3725. (Sister will be away. She will return you call when she returns.) The cost of the book is \$15.
Is this what you are looking for!!!!

January 24 Dinner: filled

February 21 Original Polish Recipes

Chef/Hosts: Mike & Suzanne Glebus

February 28 Buffet at Holiday Inn

Hostess: Pat Nugent

Special Guest, with gift for each: Kate Mandigo

March 7 \$12

Veggie / Meat Lasagna ETC!

A Ladies Night Out! (Chefs/Hostesses:

Harriet Bunker & Danielle Robichaud)

TEACH

“Why don’t we just have a Communion Service???”

This weekend we will learn of churches closing and merging, in part because of the lack of priests. The above question is often asked in this light. For the next six weeks, please study the attached bulletin insert about Eucharist. Eucharist is the center of everything we believe and do as Catholics. It is irreplaceable. Together, lets update our understanding.

ADULTS

Many opportunities are available via the **Priory** in Chestertown. Go to their web site at www.prioryretreathouse.org or call 494-3733.

NC CAFÉ (North Country Continuing Adult Faith Enrichment) not only presents area opportunities for adults, but communicates what we are welcome to attend in other parishes. To get on the “mailing list,” just email Nancy Normandin at grace2u@nycap.rr.com. Ask to be included.

RCIA

We gather each Thursday, 7-8PM at the convent. All are welcome to the conversation. Consider it a “refresher course” and a way to support people joining or re-engaging with the Catholic Church. All are welcome. See bottom of column 6 for an exciting opportunity!

PARENTS

Beth Callahan shares with parents many ways to “grow the faith of their children.” Last week, because of the weather, only a few were able to attend. It was an excellent presentation on how your children can learn from Bible stories. Beth will repeat the class this weekend, Sunday, 11-12N, Church Hall.

YOUTH

Sundays January 18 and February 1
11AM Mini Course Grades 9&10
Sunday, January 25 grades 7-11
Winter Blast at Gore Mountain!
(Join with cluster parishes!)
2-4P Tubing (\$16), 5P Mass, 5:45 Eat,
6:15-7 Class, 7P return home

CHILDREN

Faith Formation returns to regular gatherings this weekend

TODDLERS to GRADE 2

Each Sunday Eucharist at 10AM
Children’s Liturgy of the Word

BABIES

The next “Babies Day Out” will be celebrated on Monday, February 2, St. Blasé Day, in the Church Narthex. Welcome to all with little ones! Further info is available from Rita Lang at 623-9124.



SERVE

ST. C’S FOLKS ARE THE BEST!

- Joe Klewicki and Tim Toolan kept our walks clear, again, this week.
- Bud York raked the church roof last Sunday and made a gallant attempt to remove the snow burm in front.
- Joe Klewicki assisted slh with a community service “volunteer” and is working on transporting the re-turnables to the Deposit Center.
- Mike Glebus saved the day Friday when he rescued the frozen pipes in the church hall! Thanks, Mike.

Shoveling!

(Is winter almost over?)

- #1 Each Tuesday and Friday, the sidewalks in the front and back of the Parish Hall need to be clean by 9AM for the Gathering Place folks.
- #2 The sidewalk into church needs to be clean each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at least one hour before Mass time.
We are an equal opportunity church!

NOTECARDS \$5 A PACK ... REALLY NICE!

FINANCE FACTS

LAST WEEKEND, THE COMMUNITY SACRIFICED \$1201.64 TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE OF ST. C’S. (SNOW STORM.... BUT DON’T WORRY..... PARISHIONERS ARE VERY FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS, MAKING UP THE ENVELOPES FROM THE WEEKEND THEY MISSED, EVEN THOUGH TIMES ARE DIFFICULT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Save a Seat at St. C’s



In honor of or in memory of someone who worships with us (from wherever they are!) This is a way to symbolize our “Communion of Saints!” A gift of \$55 to the Church results in a name tag on the chair.

FREE

Great for a Workshop or Garage Area
There is an 8 foot countertop and a 42” high storage unit that anyone can have. Just take them. You will find them in the left bin of the garage. The counter is orange Formica (lovely!) and the matching cabinet has a broken hinge. All useable!!

Some sad news:

Sister Catherine’s sweet black cocker spaniel, Manny, went to his eternal reward on Wednesday as a result of renal failure. It was totally unexpected. Manny was a gift to his housemates. He was easy to love!

Welcome back,

Father Barry Loneragan!!

We are so grateful for your service to us while Father Cox is on his annual mission journey! Thank you for your generosity.

From the Finance Council

The diocese is performing an external audit on each and every parish about procedures for handling money, and not about actual finances. (That may come!) For St. Cecilia’s, 17 recommendations were made that would help us to be more careful and more professional. Each item was reviewed and given consideration in terms of possible solutions.

We compared this year’s Sunday collections to last’s and found that people are still as generous as ever, in spite of the hardships on many. Our parish is also whittling down the debt, little by little.

Regarding the Building Fund, **we still owe the diocese \$87,242. (plus interest) for the church renovation.** Our income to pay the debt has come from fundraising (\$23,500 this past year), outright donations (\$6,200 this past year), memorials (\$5,800 this past year), and payment on the 4-year pledges (\$32,800 this past year).

Our Challenge: Payment on the pledges has been our greatest support/ income. The pledge drive ends in three months!! Many parishioners have already finished their commitment. Others are almost there! Our debt reducing efforts will slow considerably when the pledge payments cease.

☆ *A number of pledgers have said:*
For 44 months, ☆
I have been putting \$ in the yellow envelope.
I am used to it!
☆ *I will take more yellow envelopes* ☆
and just keep giving to the Building
Fund regularly!

We are very grateful that parishioners want to do that and are able. We hope a number of folks will join them! (Extra Yellow Envelopes are available on the pew in the narthex.)

We are also grateful to the many folks who use the envelopes from time to time to assist with the debt reduction.

We are open to suggestions and any other “easy” ways to reduce the debt.

In spite of a good chunk of money still owed, let us not lose sight of the fabulous job we have done as a parish! We are definitely ready should the day ever come that we have one Eucharist per weekend.