

January 4, 2009
Baptism of the Lord

This Week

Today, Saturday

7-9 Marriage Ministry at Danna's,
25 Library Ave...

"The Secret to Emotional Connection".
Laura 623-2969

Sunday

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

11A Super Son Day *Baptism!!*

Children in Nave, Parents in Church Hall

11A Short Choir Rehearsal in Music Room

Monday

10A-Noon Babies' Day Out.... Church Narthex

Tuesday

10 A EUCHARISTIC SERVICE, ADULT HOME

11A-12:30P GATHERING PLACE

7P WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY—"COME & SEE"

CHURCH MUSIC ROOM

8P AA IN HALL:

Wednesday

6-7:30 Sign Language Class at Cheryl York

Thursday

6:30-8P Finance Council, Convent

7-8P RCIA, Convent

Friday

11A-12:30P GATHERING PLACE

NEXT SUNDAY

11AM K-6 REGULAR FAITH FORMATION

11AM GRADES 9 AND 10 MINI COURSE

SOON

1/24 SNACKS / APPETIZERS / BEVERAGE

FOLLOWING 4:30 MASS IN THE NARTHEX

"Cabin Fever Dinner" 6PM Convent

1/25 Youth WINTER BLAST/ Gore Mountain

1/27 "RCIA Team Building" - 7P at Sacred Hrt

2/6 Deadline for Valentine Dance

2/13 Valentine Dinner Dance - The Lodge

3/7 Cabin Fever Dinner— A Ladies' Dinner

9/2010 Oberammergau Tour Germany/Paris

On Our Web Page

www.stceciliachurch.com

- Valentine Dinner Reservation Form
- Liturgical Ministers Schedules

WORSHIP

Area Churches:

SACRED HEART Lake George 668-2046

BLESSED SACRAMENT Bltn Lding 644-3861

ST. JOHN the BAPTIST Chestertown 494-5229

Eucharist January 10 & 11

Sat. 4:30P Needs of St. Cecilia's Parishioners

Sun 10A James Sadlemire

Req. Deborah and Larry Stephenson

No Friday Mass until February 13

Call local parishes for their weekday schedule.

Eucharist January 17 & 18

Sat 4:30P Alfred Viger (10th Anniversary)

Req. Jeanne Wood

Sun 10A Maureen Murphy Handerhan

Req. Bill and Rosemary Maher

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!!



January 24 \$15 Chicken Divan +

Place: 3802 MAIN ST.

Appetizers, Chicken Divan, Rice Pilaf, Strawberry Salad, Bread, Chocolate Dessert Roll, Coffee, Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay. And fun!

(Chefs/Hosts: Linda and Ed Gaiotti)

March 7 \$TBA TBA

A Ladies Night Out!

(Chefs/Hostesses:

Harriet Bunker & Danielle Robichaud)

MARRIAGE MINISTRY EVENTS



#1 Tonight,

Saturday, 1/10/09

7-9PM

Couples' Meeting
— All Welcome!!



25 Library Avenue

at Steve & Laura Danna's

Secret of Emotional Connection

Call Laura Danna at 623-2969 for further info.



#2 February 13

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

Is being sponsored once again by our Marriage Ministry, "Hand in Hand."

Date: February 13

Place: 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"

This Tuesday, 1/13

7-8:30PM,

Now is the best time to "try it out" to see if it meets your need for spiritual growth.

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 monthly on the second Tuesday and is directed by Sister Mary Brady rscj of North Country Ministry. The cost of the book is \$15.

COME and SEE!!!!

TEACH

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!

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
(THANK YOU to Al Perrone for dinner!!!)

CHILDREN

Faith Formation resumes this weekend with Super Son Day Grades K-6, Parents meet with Beth Callahan in the Church Hall.

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, January 12, in the Church Narthex. Welcome to all with little ones!

Further info is available from Rita Lang at 623-9124.



"SIGNS BY CHERYL"

Cheryl York would like to share her knowledge and love of American Sign Language with our children. Beginning January 14th, beginner class for age 6 to 12, at her home, 6 to 7:30 P.M.. All the students need is a notebook, pencil, and a binder. There is no charge for the class and the parents are welcome to learn along with their children. Please call 623-2809 and register. Space is limited.

SERVE

ST. C'S FOLKS ARE THE BEST!

- Tom Yarmowich for our beautiful oak cross.
- Joe Klewicki and Tim Toolan kept our walks clear this week.
- MANY folks stayed after Mass last Sunday to help "un-decorate" the nave and narthex (You saved the staff HOURS!!!)
- Joe Klewicki assisted slh with a community service "volunteer."

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!

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. Chairs have been saved for Mary Murphy (by John and Faith) and for Jim and Claire O'Neill (by Claire)



FINANCE FACTS

LAST WEEKEND, THE COMMUNITY SACRIFICED \$3174.61 TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE OF ST. C'S. PARISHIONERS ARE VERY FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS, EVEN WHEN TIMES ARE DIFFICULT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH! AN OFFERING OF \$257.25 WAS MADE BY THE PARISH TO NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY EMERGENCY FUND. *Thank you, One and All.*

At this Moment:

Saint Cecilia's owes the diocese

\$6,514.21

for the church hall renovation

\$87,242.68

for the church renovation.

(plus interest... The sooner we pay this off, the less we pay in interest. Thanks, everyone, for the tremendous effort!)

Welcome,

Father Barry Lonergan!!

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

Next Weekend

is when announcements will be made at each parish's weekend Eucharist announcing the Bishop's decision regarding Linkage, Merger, or Closure of parishes and effects on particular clusters. Saint Cecilia's is in a Planning Group that involves Sacred Heart in Lake George, Blessed Sacrament in Bolton Landing, St. John the Baptist in Chestertown, Blessed Sacrament in North Creek, and Blessed Sacrament in Hague. The announcement will be the result of over two years of meeting, fact finding, dreaming, planning, discerning. The final proposal of each Planning Group was sent to the Bishop last June and gone over with a fine tooth comb by a members of our diocese.

CALLED TO BE CHURCH is the name of the process we have been involved in and have been praying for. If any announcements find a way to the newspaper before next weekend, they are **NOT** official. The parishioners who were so generously involved as our core representatives were Cheryl York, Irene Harrison, Pam Heyer, Gail DeMarsh, and Judy Rozell. At various times, joining the process were Phyllis Welsh, Deborah Stephenson, and Dawn Brunner. Our representatives joined with as many reps from the other five parishes. There were eighteen meetings!!! (Please thank our representatives when you see them.) Note: Our renovation was a "leg up."

Diocesan-wide mergers, linkages, and closings may be viewed online next weekend at www.rcda.org

Let us pray for parishes and faithful parishioners who will make the greatest sacrifices. Change is always difficult... And can be a great opportunity!

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 (pyramidlifemom@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!