

July 25, 2010
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Need Peace?
Don't forget our Labyrinth

Worship

4PM Saturdays, Reconciliation

Prayer Requests and Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 24, 4:30PM
Esther Arehart

Req. Mike and Mary Harrison

Sunday, July 25, 10AM

Eileen Fausner Req. Husband, Jack Fausner

Friday, July 30, 8AM..Walter Gonsiewski

Req. Walter & Martha Shostak
AND Grace Fortino (6th Anniversary)
Req. Daughter, Anne Rubin

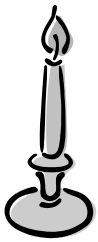
Saturday, July 31, 4:30PM

Nancy Morrison Req. Sister, Harriet

Sunday, August 1, 10AM

John Cooper Req. Ruth Fruda

Friday, August 6, 8AM NO MASS THIS FRIDAY



In Memory of **NANCY MORRISON**,
the candle in the Reservation Chapel
has been burning for the month of July,
as requested by Harriet Bunker.
In August, the candle will burn at the
request of Walter and Martha Shostak in
memory of **DELORES CHMIELEWSKI**
and **LORRAINE LUKAS**.

Prayer Chain

Contact Alice Damp at 623-3618 or
edaldamp@yahoo.com



Please continue to pray for all who
have asked our prayer... and for the
many who are seriously ill.

Save a Seat at St. C's

It is as if St. Cecilia's nave is always full of
people we love and who love St. C's. If you
would like to have a seat in honor of or mem-
ory of someone special, please make a dona-
tion of \$55 and let us know who the special
person is! (\$50 is tax deductible.) The most
recent name plates have arrived.



Our Neighbors and Their News

Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing	644-3861
Sacred Heart, Lake George	668-2046
Saint Isaac Jogues, Chestertown	494-5229
St. James, North Creek	251-2518

St. Benedict Priory, Chestertown

www.prioryretreathouse.org 494-3733

Check out the web page for wonderful
opportunities of spiritual growth.
in our own backyard!!

Annual St. Anne's Triduum...July 24- 26. St. Alphon-
sus Church, corner of Broad & Pine Streets in Glens
Falls, Mass at 7pm, Celebrant: Rev. Joseph Gough

August 7 at Auriesville Shrine, there will be a Women's Retreat
called, "See What God Can Do" with two dynamic talks by
Evangelist Pat Turbitt. Call Ruth Lapiere for more information
785-1084.

Have you heard...about the exciting Raffle that St. Mary's Church in Glens Falls is holding for their renovation? 500 tickets @\$100 each for a chance to win an 'almost new' **2010 Ford Escape XLT**, donated by *Carriage Traders*. The retail value of this car is about \$25,000. Drawing is September 12th. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary's Church Capital Campaign. Tickets available by calling 792-0989 or 792-2376. **Winner to pay taxes and fees.**

SAVE THE DATE

You have wanted to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend
with your spouse, but your calendar's been too busy. **ACT NOW-Save The Date: Sept. 25-26th or Nov. 20-21st.** You both deserve the joy these two days will bring to your marriage. Call 1-518-279-3243 or email MEalbany@juno.com

Today, SUNDAY July 25th

BREAKFAST SPECIAL #4

8:30-11:30AM Church Hall

"EGGS AND"

bacon, fruit, OJ, coffee



Any Way You Like Them

and All you Can Eat...

for a DONATION

Who could beat that????

(Summer Fundraising goes toward reducing our
debt to the Diocese.

Thank you so much for your support.)

St. C Summer Camp August 2-6

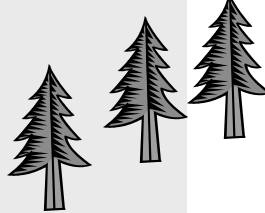
Team Leaders = 7th + Graders

Campers = 4-6th Graders

Director: Joe Klewicki

Assistants: Phyllis Welsh & YOU!

Outdoor skills, Life skills, Service,
Learning, Swimming, Fun



(Ask Phyllis how you might help.)

Sign up sheets and details are in the
narthex. Don't hesitate. Limited space.

Weekend Special Collection
for "Peter's Pence" **This Week** ★

Sunday 10A Baptism of Brandy Dineen,
8:30- 11:30AM Sunday Breakfast,

#3

Tues 10A Adult Home Communion Service
6:30P Golf Meeting... Convent

Fri

8AM Mass
Next Weekend Fr. Rick Bauer MM Preach/Preside
Sunday 8:30- 11:30AM Sunday Breakfast #4
9AM "Missionaries Tell Their Stories!"
10AM Mass

Coming Soon

August 2-6 West Wing Summer Camp
August 5 **NO FRIDAY MORNING MASS**
August 6/7 Fr. Eric DeLapenna OFM
August 15 St. C's Annual Golf Tournament

St. C. Golf Tournament

Sunday, August 15, 2010

at Cronins'

\$95 per player—

includes the works, plus steak!

Go to www.stceciliasmchurch.com

for info, sign up, and payment online....

or

check the poster in the narthex.

Team Sign Up Sheets are near the poster.

This is a fun fundraiser...

please spread the word and invite your friends!

(Note: A terrible golfer is looking for three more terrible
golfers to create a foursome. Contact Sister Linda...
but don't worry—she is not golfing.)

Golfers, please pay fees by August 1.



Steak Dinner for Non-Golfers!

Just come and enjoy the
camaraderie and delicious meal
at end of the tournament
cost \$25.

Sign up by August 8th.

See sheet in narthex.

Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications, the creator of our bulletin cover,
will have a sales representative available this week and
next for those interested in place a new ad. This is your
opportunity to secure a space for the new publication
year. To place your ad, please contact Jim laBarge at
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This Weekend... A HUGE Event!

During 10AM Mass, Brandy Lee DeGrechie Dineen
will celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, and First
Eucharist!! Since last Fall, Brandy has been meet-
ing each week with Gail DeMarsh, Irene Harrison,
and Shari Blydenburgh, learning about our faith and
tradition. Brandy understands and deeply identifies
with our "Sacramental Way of Seeing." Brandy is
pictured below at the Rite of Election on the First
Sunday of Lent at St. Pius X in Loudonville. As a
Confirmation Name, Brandy chose "Ruth" after her
beloved grandmother. Brandy is married to Pete
and is Mom to Bailey. Patty Monahan is Brandy's
godmother and sponsor and wonderful friend..

*Blessings, Brandy...
and Welcome to the Table!!*



Next Weekend... 2 big events...



#1 **Father Rick Bauer**, a Maryknoll
Priest serving in Namibia, will preside
and preach. SLH met Father Rick last
Fall. He is a friend of the Gallaghers and
is Mary Beth's boss! He is coming to St.
C's because he just wants to meet us!



#2 At **9AM next Sunday**, our young people will
give their presentation about their missionary work.
We chose that time of day so it would be cool and
not interfere with family plans after Mass. Please O
Please come and let our kids tell their stories. You
will be inspired!

*Please plan on being here
Next Sunday, August 1, 9AM.....*

Thank You...

Time and Talent Stewardship

- To Breakfast Team #3: Master Omelet
Maker: Jay Porter, master organizers etc. ;
Richelene Morey and Harriett Bunker, and
master waitstaff/dishwashers: Linda and Ed
Gaiotti, Ruth Fruda, Anne Rubin, Danielle
Robichaud, JoAnn Cote-Round. (And by
mistake, we left off a name from last week's
team: Tom Dean!) Thanks, all!
- To all who are attending the Sunday Breakfasts!
- To Richard Carriere for making the wonderful
ottomans for our raffle. (See insert)
- To MacKenzie and Duncan Blydenburgh for de-
greasing the cupboards in the church hall.
- To Tom Dean for sorting and depositing the ga-
rage full of bottles and to the "returnable donors!"
- and TO THE STAFF OF THE VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL!!!! (see insert)

Financial Stewardship

\$2501 toward the maintenance costs and salaries at St.
C's. \$60 of the offering was "make-up". (Thanks!)
\$327 was made on the Breakfast for the Building Fund
and \$183 on the ottoman raffle to date.

North Country Ministry 623-2829

3933 Main Street

Clothing Center & Baby's Place
9-12 Monday 9-1 Tuesday
1-4 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday



Say only what is True, Necessary, and Kind.

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Bargaining with God

Greetings All.... Thought you might like this... a homily from a different angle. slh

For Sunday, July 25, 2010

[17th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13



A cherished story in the Hebrew Bible is the one we hear this weekend as Abraham jousts with the LORD about the fate of the city of Sodom. Like any good Near Eastern merchant, Abraham starts high, suggesting that the going price for saving a city is fifty righteous folk to counterweight all the wicked. The LORD readily agrees to that proposition, but like any good bargainer in the *suq*, Abraham has only just begun. His next bid is just five less—forty-five. And then another five—down to forty.

Feeling emboldened by his success, Abraham ups the ante, and makes his next bid for thirty, then twenty, and finally, all the way down to ten! Presuming an auspicious outcome, Abraham bargains no further, although as we find out in the next chapter of Genesis, that even if he had gotten down to five it would not have been enough. In the end it was only Lot, his wife, and his two daughters who were spared.

I have some friends who used to vacation for a few weeks every summer in Door County, Wisconsin (that's the long finger that sticks out into Lake Michigan from Green Bay). With all the little shops in the small towns along the shores that sold everything from artwork to old rusty milk cans, Mickey (the husband) used to contend that everything in the county was always for sale. But rarely could one bargain with a seller in those shops the way one can with merchants in the Arab *suq*.

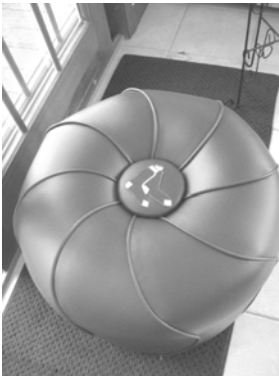
Today, Abraham's style of bargaining is more common in the realm of international diplomacy than it is in American retail (although the current economy has opened the door to some price negotiation, even at big retailers). The [international conference on Afghanistan](#) that took place in Kabul on Tuesday was a classic example of the give and take that goes on among powerbrokers each of whom have something to gain and much to lose should negotiations fail. By setting 2014 as the date in which Afghan forces become ultimately responsible for the country's security, NATO forces can cite progress, while Hamid Karzai can take credit among the Afghan population for pushing for withdrawal. But the reality is that 2014 is still a long time away and anything can happen between now and then.

Sometimes our prayer ends up looking a bit like Abraham's haggling or a diplomat's wrangling. We seek to get what we can out of the One whom we presume controls every outcome. We look to God for a solution, perceiving him to be the great fix-it man when we offer prayers. In the Gospel, Jesus offers a different approach to petition as he teaches his disciples what we now call "The Lord's Prayer."

In the Lord's Prayer, we only ask for what we need to get us through the day, nothing more. And, more importantly, we put a limit on our expectations of God, explicitly requesting that God treat us in the same way that we treat others. In this way, God is no longer the parent who responds to the child's demand of "Give me!" Instead, God is the loving Father who provides what is needed for all and looks for some mature action on the part of his children.

Like everyone else, I'm still tempted at times to bargain with God. After all, Abraham, our father in the faith, did it! But he didn't really get what he wanted, since Sodom was not spared. Asking for what I need for the day, and trying to forgive so that I can be forgiven, seem to be more than enough.

Paul Michaels



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Pick a Team and Win Their Ottoman!

(If nothing else, this would be a great Christmas Gift for your favorite fan!
Enjoy the games in comfort!
Or, win the opposition's ottoman and spend the season with your feet on it!)

Drawing at Golf Tournament August 15, 2010
1 ticket, \$2 3 tickets for \$5 7 tickets for \$10

All proceeds go directly to the Building Fund .

Created by and generously donated by Richard Carriere.

Phyllis Welsh and Ellen Jones transformed the sanctuary of the Methodist Church into a pirate ship, ready to sail this past week! This magical setting is where our youngest parishioners learned important bible stories. Who gets more out of VBS – the children or the volunteer team that leads the program???

Many of our youth leaders have morphed from VBS kids to VBS crew leaders. We thank all of you who donated supplies, tuition, and time and talent! We thank our director, Gail DeMarsh, Shari Blydenburgh (Ship Rec Games), Emily Kladis (– Bible Voyage), Phyllis Welsh (– Sing and Play Splash, Spotlight Drama, The Floating Finale) , Rhianna Honey and Cregan Callahan (– Sail Away Cinema), Leigh Cain (– Skipper's Preschool) Kathy Sinnott (–Sail Away Cinema), and adult helpers: Kris Williams, Anne Rubin, Maureen O'Sullivan, Cecilia Hughes, Wendy Sinagara, Dave Honey, Debbie Toolan, Brian Angell. Laura and Paul Weick. The young Crew Leaders and Assistants were Danielle Thomas, Julie Eck, Desiree Eck, Julie Angell, Aubrey Corriveau , Ellen Jones , Whitney Markwica , Amy Toolan, Gillian Sinagara, Aineen Callahan, Shannon Hammer, Ryan Honey, Amanda Gee, Brenton Southwick, Starr Hughes, and Kelly Angell. During the closing prayer, a liturgical dance was offered by Nicole Newell.



Phyllis and Gail



Crew Leader Meeting



Nicole

Go to www.stceciliachurch.com and click on Pictures....for more!

(Give us 'til Wednesday to upload them!)

Fr. Marty Fisher will be doing the Healing/Teaching Day on July 31 from 9 am to 3:30 pm at St. Edwards, 569 Clifton Park Center Rd. in Clifton Park. The liturgy that was scheduled for Friday evening has been cancelled and Fr. Marty will be doing a healing liturgy late Saturday morning as part of the day's program, which will include the sacrament of the sick. Pre-Registrations will be accepted through July 28 and at the door from 8:30-9:00 am on July 31. For further info, please call 371-7911 or 237-7391 or email dcnjmrigaitis@aol.com.