

## WE GATHER

Sunday 10AM Eucharist  
11AM Faith Formation... K-6  
Monday 7-8:30PM Women's Spirituality Convent  
Tuesday 10AM Communion Service / Adult Home  
11:30A Gathering Place ..Presbyterian Ch.  
8P AA Jaracz Hall  
Wednesday 10A Morning Prayer /Faith Sharing/ Communion  
10:30-11:15A Heart of Christ Retreat at Church  
6PM Stations 6:30Soup 6:40 Heart Christ Retreat  
7-8:30PM Pastoral Council Meeting  
Thursday 12N AA Jaracz Hall  
7PM RCIA  
Friday ABSTAIN FROM MEAT, DON'T FORGET!  
9AM Eucharist  
11:30A Gathering Place ..Presbyterian Ch.  
Next Sunday 10AM Eucharist  
11AM Faith Formation K-6  
4-7 PM youth ministry grades 7-9  
March 24 Liturgical Ministers' Workshop—Saratoga  
March 25 Confirmation Preparation—Grade 10  
March 29 Chrism Mass...Cathedral, Albany  
March 30 NYS Catholic Chorale sings Stations of Cross  
April 21 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Youth On Mission  
April 27 Roaring Twenties Evening.... Highland CC ...NCM  
May 6 10A First Communion!

## WE SERVE

(This is our family. Let's help.)  
Check Out [www.mitohopeandhelp.com](http://www.mitohopeandhelp.com)

### SHARING TREASURE.

Thank you to the folks who support Saint Cecilia's financially. Last weekend, the contributions were as follows:  
Sunday Collection = \$2221  
Outright donations = \$230  
North Country Ministry = \$230  
Mission Trip = \$10  
Alms: MITO HOPE AND HELP = \$1060  
Alms: Rice Bowl=\$100  
Black, Native American and Latin American Missions =\$25  
Catholic Relief Services \$5

### North Country Ministry 623-2829

3933 Main Street Clothing Center & Baby's Place  
9-12 Monday/ 9-12 Tuesday/ 1-4 Wed, Thursday, Friday  
The Gathering Place is now located at the Presbyterian Church.  
A hot lunch is served each Tuesday and Friday, 11:30A-12:30

### Support NCM by buying a raffle ticket

1<sup>st</sup> Adult season Pass Gore/Whiteface (2012-2013)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Perception Prodigy 10.0 Kayak -Beaver Brook Outfitters  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lake George Private Boat Tour- 2 hour trip for 6  
4<sup>th</sup> Cord of Wood  
5<sup>th</sup> Garnet Hill Cross Country Ski Center Season Pass  
6<sup>th</sup> No Creek Restaurant Sampler: \$40 to BarVinoWine Bar  
\$25 to Basil & Wicks and \$25 to The Copperfield Inn

**Tickets: \$5 each/5 for \$20 Drawing: March 20**  
Purchase ticket today in narthex or call 251-4425 for tickets .  
or put your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your contact info and purpose, and use the green basket next weekend! The parish staff will be sure you get your tickets.

### Enjoy a Night Out— Dinner and Live Band.

Sit at St. C's table at the North Country Ministry Spring Fundraiser, this year to be held at Highland Country Club on April 27. Save the date and save your money! Details to follow.



## WE WORSHIP

### Mass Intentions

Sat, 3/10 4:30P Lucy Connelly  
req Bob & Nancy Connelly  
Sun, 3/11 10AM Deceased family and friends of Ralph Rivera and Mercedes Perez  
Fri, 3/16 \_\_\_\_\_ available  
Sat, 3/17 4:30P Intentions of Mary Murphy on her 101st Birthday! Req. Bill and Rosemary Maher  
Sun. 3/18 10AM Reinhold Rock  
Req. Daughter, Renate Elber  
Available for Intentions: Fri 3/16, Fri 3/23, Fri 3/30

## Lenten Opportunities

We perform acts of prayer, fasting, and giving alms to *express our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other, and to love our neighbor.*

### WEDNESDAYS

6PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS and/or  
6:30PM SOUP AND BREAD and/or  
6:40—7:10PM VIDEO RETREAT  
“THE HEART OF GOD”

NB: Make a “private retreat” at home. The retreat is available online at [www.rcda](http://www.rcda) and click on “Amazing God”



You forgot to sign up for March 24...

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

March 14 Wed - St. Mary's, Hudson Falls at 7 p.m.  
March 20 Tues - Sacred Heart, LG at 11:00 a.m.  
March 27 Tues - St. Isaac Jogues, Chstrtwn at 6:30 PM  
Also, individual confessions are scheduled at St. Mary's, Glens Falls for three evenings following their 7p retreat program, March 19,20,21 with individual confessions starting at 8 p.m. All are welcome

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament...Sacred Heart*  
Every Wednesday, 8:30am – 9pm  
*Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Every Wednesday at 3pm.*

### A Colorful and Compassionate Deed for Lent

Recognizing the terrible plight of women and girls in the war-torn Democratic Republic of the Congo, especially in the Eastern Region where systematic rape and torture have become ordinary weapons of war, the Sisters of Charity of the Seton Federation began a simple project to show their solidarity. Since Congolese women usually wear a head covering, the Sisters are sending colorful scarves of any size, manufactured or hand-made, to affirm the dignity and respect due to each woman and girl who has been violated. This effort has been a remarkable success, and the Sisters are inviting others to participate. If you wish to be in communion with our suffering Congolese sisters as part of your Lenten observance, please pray for their relief from all forms of violence. Consider sending one or more lightweight scarves and/or a monetary donation. Please leave all in the basket in the narthex. Thanks!..

## A note about Lenten Alms....

As Church, we have 2 official Charitable Organizations:  
1) Catholic Charities ... this is our diocesan office that is connected with dioceses all over the USA. Through CC, services are offered to those in need. It is CC that appeared immediately after the recent tornadoes and is always arriving immediately, as needed. Because CC deals with the “unexpected,” we try to give them plenty of reserve cash to work with.  
2) Catholic Relief Services.... CRS.... is a world-wide version of Catholic Charities. When the tsunami hit Japan, it was CRS that immediately began to help, for example  
**Lent** is about conversion of our minds and hearts to the mind and heart of Christ. We open ourselves to trust God and see the way God sees. A pillar of Jesus' teaching is that we are brothers and sisters and neighbors to all. If your brother was hit by a tornado, wouldn't you help? If your sister had no food, wouldn't you make sure she got some? It is hard to send food or clothing to Tennessee or East Africa. It makes more sense to give an equivalent amount of money to CC or CRS so they could do it for us. Giving alms is a sign that our hearts and minds are open and we are seeing as God sees.

**This Lent at Saint Cecilia's, we give internationally, nationally, and locally.**

**Internationally:** We support next weekend's collection for the Catholic Relief Services. The Rice Bowl is a “subset”, meaning that food is purchased through CRS. If you regularly have enough to eat and have a roof over your head, please support next weekend's collection. In lieu of candy or soda or cigarettes, their cost could be put into a RICE BOWL

**Nationally:** We supported the 2/26 collection for “Black, Native American, and Latin American Missions”. This money supports the church on Indian Reservations, inner cities, Alaskan wilderness, etc. To date, St. Cecilia's has donated \$80.

**Locally:** For Lent 2012, we are raising awareness of mitochondrial diseases and financially supporting the foundation founded by Cathy LaFond Evans : “MITO HOPE and HELP”. (note: if you never heard of mitochondrial disease, our point is made!) [My Children and Mito](http://www.mitochildrenandmito.com) will open your eyes. The most recent chapter can be found on [www.mitohopeandhelp.com](http://www.mitohopeandhelp.com)

### We will give you \$10, free!

The only string attached is that you sign up for the **Affinity Membership Program at TD Bank**  
Why the push?

Because there is a deadline. If MITOHOPEANDHELP does not have 50 members by the end of March, then the program will end. It is confidential and costs you not one cent! TD Bank will contribute a percentage of the annual balance in every one of the members' accounts: checking, savings, money market, CDs and retirement accounts are all included! This is simply “free money” for Mito Hope and Help. Please contact Marcella Towers at the bank, 623-2991, and ask her your questions.... then say YES!  
Then come to St. C's for your \$10 reward!  
**There are only three weeks left. Please??!**

## WE TEACH

### K-6 Schedule...

Today, March 11 ....Regular K-6 Schedule Resumes

### Grades 7-11

Next Sunday, March 18 4:00—7:00 PM Pizza Included

### Bible Study

Will resume this week, March 15 and 18  
Thursdays, 10-11:15A and Sundays 8:45-9:30A  
Convent Dining Room

### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



March 29-31, 7:30PM  
Jr/Sr Hi Cafetorium  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Cast includes MANY parishioners ...  
costume design comes from Diane Newell.  
Adults, \$7  
Students/Seniors (62+) \$5  
Tickets available at the Main Office.

### Learning Opportunity:

Did you know that the Albany diocese has a fully accredited graduate school of theology right at 40 North Main Ave.? We are: St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. The summer semester begins May 1, 2012; registration begins March 5. Come and enjoy the teaching of Sr. Chris Partisano, Fr. Anthony Barratt, or Sr. Patricia Schoelles. Contact us at 453-6760 or [www.stbernards.edu](http://www.stbernards.edu):

### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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### From St. Michael's in South Glens Falls

1. Sunday, March 18 2PM Musical Parable: “Lost and Found” .... the story of the Prodigal Son no cost
2. Saturday March 24 4PM St. Rose Women's Chorale will sing at the 4PM Mass and give a concert immediately following no cost

### Volunteer Opportunity

North Country Ministry is looking for someone to upgrade & maintain their website. If you have these skills and are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Jill Harrington, NCM's Director at 251-4460.

### Attention Catholic Singles

Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International is looking to expand into the Albany diocese. We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out the following site or contact Steve at [valksr@yahoo.com](mailto:valksr@yahoo.com): [www.caci.org](http://www.caci.org)

### Scholarship Available

Are you a graduate of St. Mary's St. Alphonsus school and an undergraduate of vocational student? Scholarships are available. Please go to <http://www.stmarysglensfalls.org> and click on “St. Mary's Scholarship”

## St. C's in Mission Youth

Our youth are working hard to raise the money to attend their third Catholic Heart Workcamp this Summer. 15 parishioners will attend. So buy your \$5 raffle ticket for a pair of tickets to GORE 2013. Your chances are really good!!! Buy a ticket from Gail DeMarsh or one of our Youth In Mission...  
AND  
plan on supporting the April 21 Spaghetti Dinner!

### Adults

About 10 people are inquiring about the February 2013 trip to El Salvador. Information will be available by late May.