

November 14, 2010

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Need Peace? Don't forget our Labyrinth

We Worship

4PM Saturdays, Reconciliation

Prayer Requests and Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 13 4:30PM Esther Arehart
Req. Gloria Harris

Sunday, November 14 10A Kenneth Lauren Ackley
Req. The Blydenburgh Family

Friday, November 19 9AM _____ available

Saturday, November 20, 4:30 Jo Lacz
Req. Ruth Fruda

Sunday, November 21, 10A Eileen Fausner
Req. Husband, Jack

Wednesday, Nov 24 7P Mass of Thanksgiving



All during the month of November, the candle will burn in memory of **GENEVIEVE MORWOOD** at the request of her husband, Jim.

Prayer Chain

Contact Alice Damp at 623-3618 or edaldamp@yahoo.com (contact Alice if you are willing to be a pray-er.)



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

Seats have been saved 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 memory of someone special, please make a donation of \$55 and let us know who the special person is! (\$50 is tax deductible.)



JOIN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

4:30pm Christmas Eve, we will have our Family Mass with Pageant and Youth Choir joining our regular Mass Choir.

Rehearsals are as follows:

Thursday, November 18, 7-8P, Mass Choir

Sunday, November 21, 11:30-12N Youth Choir

Sundays, December 5, 12, 19

Adults Meet 11AM to 12 N at Convent
Youth Meet in Church, 12N-12:30P

Sing in the Christmas Eve Choir OR

Sing in the 10AM Christmas Day Choir! with The Newells and Cheryl York, ask Diane when the rehearsals will be.

SIGN UP BY THIS WEDNESDAY SO YOUR MUSIC WILL BE READY FOR REHEARSAL.... How?

Speak to, call, or email **Cheryl York:** 623-2809 or cmyork61@yahoo.com

We Gather This Week

Sunday Fair Trade Coffe, chocolate, catalogues, cards
Grades K-6, 9&10 meet 11-Noon
11AM Maintenance Meeting, Convent
11:30AM Advent Dance Rehearsal

Tues 10A Liturgy of the Word /Communion- Adult Hm
8P AA Meeting, Jaracz Hall

Thursday 12N AA Meeting Jaracz Hall
7P Music Ministry Rehearsal

Next Sun Campaign for Human Development
SUPER SON DAY
11:30AM Youth Choir Rehearsal

Coming Soon

November 24 7PM Thanksgiving Vigil Mass

November 26 Decorate for Advent

November 28 First Sunday of Advent

December 3 Confirmation // St. Isaac Jogues

December 4 LANDINGS workshop in Latham
Advent Recorder Concert at St. C's

December 12 "Advent Quiet Hour" 3-4PM
Communal Reconciliation Service 4PM

December 19 Pageant Rehearsal

Do you want a letter for the IRS?

sister.linda@stceciliachurch.com
or sign the list in the narthex.

We Teach

This Sunday, November 14
Grades 9&10 will meet as well as K-6,
following Eucharist.

Next Sunday:
Super Sunday Grades K-6 11AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal Grades K-6
(Please see Christmas Invitation under "Worship")

For Faith Formation Information,
Contact Phyllis Welsh at 361-3765 or
pwangel@nycap.rr.com



doll house raf- fle

Halsey VanOrman, a young man in his 90's (!!) is the creator of the precious doll house being raf-fled. Mr. V donates his doll house to us via Betty Kusky.

Tickets are \$2 for 1 ticket ;
\$5 for 3 tickets ; \$10 for 7 tickets
Drawing: Sunday, December 5 after Mass



North Country Ministry 623-2829

3933 Main Street
Clothing Center & Baby's Place
9-12 Monday 9-1 Tuesday
1-4 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Our Neighbors and Their News

(Links to their web pages can be found via
www.stceciliachurch.com)

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!!

The Annual Dessert Card Party

of the St. Anne's Sodality will be held on
Wednesday, November 17, 2010
7PM St. Michael's Hall, South Glens Falls.
Tickets will be available at the door.
The cost is \$3.50 per person
and the public is cordially invited to attend.

"Meeting of Maintenance Men"

Actually, these men are the ones who keep track of the needs and make sure they are taken care of by asking the community "Who still owes five hours to the parish?" Immediately after Mass on Sunday, those interested on helping with the "core team" will meet in the convent dining room (walking through the back porch where the storm windows need to be put in place!) To date, the MofMM are **Ronnie Vincent, John Blydenburgh, John Evansky, and Ed Webster.** This week, **Dick Ouellette and Ed Gaiotti** will join the team! (If you also would like to be part of this core team, just come to this Sunday's 11AM meeting at the convent.) The basic idea is to get a regular routine of maintenance projects. Many problems could be avoided. (Just to give an example, we need the storms put on the church and the tarp in the church rafters put over the exhaust fan. The cold air leaks into the church via the original entrance and green fence is broken in places. This is the type of challenges to be faced.)

EVANGELIZATION:

Reaching Out.... Inviting Home...
2 Things....

#1 Do you have decent handwriting? There are MANY local folks who are baptized Catholic who might just be waiting for an invitation to "come home." Let's send them invitations to our Christmas Celebration, for starters! Can you help Sister Linda address the cards? Let her know... it needs to be done soon! (sister.linda@stceciliachurch.com or 623-3021)

#2 On Saturday, December 4 at St. Joseph Provincial House in Latham from 9:30A to 3:30P, 7 folks from St. C's will be attending a workshop called "Landings". We will be taught about Evangelization and what we might do as a parish/cluster/region to invite people back to the Church. Interested? We have room for three more in the carpool. Please speak to Sister Linda TODAY. Thanks.

We Serve

Next weekend we will take u the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). This was founded 40 years ago by the bishops of the US when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed. For 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change. Thanks for supporting this Work of Justice!



St. C's Runs on Faith and Generosity ... Thank You!

Time /Talent Stewardship

Thank you to **John Blydenburgh** for winterizing the narthex basement. Thank you to **Ralph Rivera** who offered to analyze our attendance statistics. **Linda Giaotti** is plugging away at data input for the IRS letters. The yard of **Eric and Rita Lang** was cleared of leaves by **Doug and Austin West, John & Shari & MacKenzie & Duncan Blydenburgh, Ellen Jones, Kimberly Belanger.** **Greg Putney** graciously carried them away! (The leaves, that is.) The project in Thurman for Irv West was completed this past week by **Suzanne Perrone** with young people **Marissa, Angela, and Marcus Perrone, Jack and Rich Eaton, Terry and Sarah LeGuire, Patti MicGlire, and Garrett Ferraro.** Many thanks to **Phyllis Welsh** who has been coordinating all the service projects going on.

The **MISSION TRIP** is being planned for Summer 2011 to Pittsburgh PA. Those going into 8th grade and above next Summer, who regularly participate in the life of St. Cecilia's Parish (ie Eucharist, Faith Formation, Service) will be considered. If you want to know more, please contact Phyllis Welsh (when the Church gathers, or by calling 361-3765 or emailing pwangel@nycap.rr.com). Thank you to the planning committee who met this week: **Kristine & Molly Kate & Logan Webster; Debbie & Amy Toolan; Lee West; Ellen & Heather Jones; Terri & Sarah LeGuire; Krista Gangsaa & Amanda Gee; Phyllis Welsh.**

Treasure Stewardship

Many thanks to all who contribute to keep the organization humming so the ministry can be offered. Last weekend, \$2095 was given to support our ministry and maintenance. \$399 was "make up" from missed weekends. \$122 was contributed to the North Country Ministry Emergency Fund. Thank you!



Chocolate, Coffee, Catalogues
Christmas Cards and
"Save the Earth" Recycled
GROCERY BAGS!
It is all a matter of justice!

Would you like to encourage Hershey to deal only with Fair Trade Cocoa Beans? If YES,

there is a petition to sign in the narthex. We can talk about and pray for justice.... and we can work for justice.

PLAN AHEAD FOR HOMEBOUND ...

Chocolate and Christmas Cards for our homebound this Christmas. If you see mini candy bars on sale, buy them! Darker the Better! (Bags of Sugar Free chocolate mint patties have

(Please do not ignore this if you care about St. C's.)

Side 1... Read this side first... it will make more sense. Thanks.

Hot Off the Press

Fact: Each year, we reach our Bishop's Appeal Assessment via direct one-time donations plus pledges by the Community.

Fact: Not every year are the pledges able to be paid off by those who made the pledge.

Fact: Although it initially looks as though the parish reached the Bishop's Appeal goal, we find out much later that we didn't because pledges were not paid in full. Owed:

July 1, 2002	\$978
July 1, 2003	\$1,637
July 1, 2005	\$4,186
July 1, 2008	\$8
Total	\$6,809

Fact: That doesn't matter! We **must** pay the Bishop's Appeal even if the money has to be taken from the Sunday Church Support. *(It is the only way the Diocese can run!)*

Fact: Since 2002, we have been in arrears \$6,809!!!! After a begging letter sent in early November, the Diocese (God bless'um) reduced our debt to \$3,000 provided we pay it right up!!!

Question: Are you a parishioner who in the past was unable to pay your pledge but now would have a few dollars to donate toward this bill? If so, please put it in an envelope marked "Bishop's Appeal 2002-2009" and put it in the collection basket or send/deliver it to the Rectory (3802 Main) (Thank you!)

Different Question: If there has ever been a year that you did not donate to the Bishop's Appeal for some reason but now are able to make a contribution to relieve past debt, please follow the directions above. (And thank you!)

This is a "COMMAND" from the Parish Life Director!: If in year's past, you have always paid your pledges, then none of the above involves you and it is not your problem! So, DO NOT MAKE A DONATION. This request is going out only to folks who couldn't but now can make a donation toward "old" Bishop's Appeals.

Think About: What will happen if we take \$3,000 out of our Weekend Church Support to pay this bill? That is basically two weekends of Church Support. And if anyone makes a donation to the past Bishop's Appeal not above the Weekend Offering, it is still taking it out of the collection.

Times are tough. Just do your best.

But don't forget that St. C's bills belong to the Community and we each are responsible.

Maybe some who have not helped in the past can do it now.

Thanks so much. SLH

Read the other side first!

Hot Off the Same Press

This news came in the same letter from the Diocese.

Fact Little Known by the Parish: Each year every parish in the diocese is assessed 8.43% of the weekend Church Support to contribute to the Catholic Schools if their parish boundary is within 12 miles of a Catholic School. That would be us!

Last Year's Assessment for St. C's was \$9,312. We paid \$2,328 of the bill. So, we still owe \$6,984.

As a result of the recent begging letter, the Diocese (again, God Bless 'um) reduced the bill to \$3,492 provided we pay it in full by January 1, 2011.

Fact: In the past, we paid the bill out of Sunday Collections.

Fact: This past year, Sister Linda asked all the (many) folks in the parish who contribute nothing to the Bishop's Appeal, to make a contribution to the other large parish obligation: the School Assessment. Two households did so. *(Doesn't it seem fair that if a person does not support one big parish obligation, then he/she ought to support the other? This question presupposes the ability to do so.)*

Trying to figure it out:

- a) Some people truly are squeaking by and literally do not have a quarter to give to the Church. That's true. Nothing in these notes applies to folks in that situation.
- b) Some people are simply unaware that the Church has big responsibilities. Because the "Church is always here," it is taken for granted. And even though these folks may have financial resources to support the Church, it simply doesn't occur to them to do it.
- c) Some people in the parish give out of gratitude. They realize how much the Church provides for them personally, and provides for others, including the poor and folks in any kind of need. They see their contribution as continuing the work of Jesus here in Warrensburg. They want to be sure that the Church is here for a long time. Many are very generous. Some even tithe as much as 10%.
- d) If we cannot/do not pay our bills, the Diocese may question our future. There are only so many begging letters that will be accepted. This was our third in twelve years.
- e) If you know of other reasons why some do not support the Church, please let SLH know so that she can understand better: sister.linda@stceciliachurch.com

If you did not/ will not support the Bishop's Appeal, please make some sort of contribution to pay for the outstanding school assessment of \$3,492. Please.

Just put the contribution in an envelope marked School Assessment and be sure it reaches the parish office. This bill is to be paid in full in six weeks. **thanks!**

*If you care about Saint Cecilia's,
please seriously consider this info. Thanks! SLH*