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# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT CECILIA

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*"We exist not for ourselves, but for the mission of Jesus.*

*And so we GATHER as a community of disciples, WORSHIP God, TEACH God's Word, and SERVE those in need."*

Mission Statement 2004



**Vigil Eucharist. . . . . Saturday, 4:30PM**  
**Weekday Eucharist. . . . . Friday, 8:00AM**

**Sunday Eucharist. . . . . 10:00AM**  
**Reconciliation. . . . . Saturday, 4:00PM**

*Our community was formed in Kitty Ryan's parlor where we gathered around a small table for Eucharist whenever a priest was able to come to Warrensburg. In 1874, we officially became "St. Cecilia's," founded by Bishop McNierney and Father James A. Kelly. To this day, we continue to gather around the table, tell the stories, break bread, and share the cup in memory of Jesus Christ.*

*We thank all who have gone before us for passing their faith to us.*

*We pray for the grace to live faithfully and continue to pass the faith to others.*

# Fifth Sunday of Lent April 6, 2014



## Ordination and Installation of Bishop

**Edward B. Scharfenberger,** is scheduled to be televised live on Time Warner Cable news channel 9 at 2 PM, this Thursday, April 10, 2014. For those who subscribe to some other cable television service, you may view the ceremony on EWTN which also plans to carry the live broadcast. WOPG, 1460 AM, an Albany area Catholic radio station, will carry the audio portion of the broadcast. In addition, live streaming of the ceremony may be accessed via a link on the home page of the diocese: [www.rcda.org](http://www.rcda.org). The success of this will depend on your internet speed. Sacred Heart, Lake George will be showing the Web Cast of the Ordination and Installation ceremony at the Sacred Heart Parish Center starting at 1:30pm on April 10th. ALL are invited to attend.

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## WE GATHER

- Sunday 10AM Eucharist
- 11 AM K-6 Faith Formation Gathering
- 4:30-7:30 7-12 Faith Formation : Meet at Hall
- Monday 1PM or 6:30PM Field of Compassion Rectory
- Tuesday 10 AM Adult Home Communion Service
- 8PM AA Jaracz Hall
- Wednesday 7PM Women's Spirituality Rectory
- Thursday 9:30A Catching Fire Becoming Flame - rectory
- 12N AA Jaracz Hall
- 2PM Consecration of Bishop Edward Scharfenberger available on tv (see above)
- ... NO RCIA THIS WEEK
- 6:30P Catching Fire Becoming Flame—at Yorks'
- 6:30 P Spanish Mass at St. C's
- Friday 7P Stations of the Cross
- 7:30 "Clown Stations" at St. Mary's, Glens Falls
- Saturday 3:30PM Ministers of Care "Basket Meeting"
- 4:30 PM Eucharist PALM SUNDAY!
- Nxt Sun 10AM Eucharist / 11 "Special Event" for FF.
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- 4/14 Next Hearing for Lawsuit (Pls pray it ends here!)
- 4/26 Gala for Mito Hope and Help (See Bulletin Board)
- 5/2 Gala for North Country Ministry
- 5/4 First Communion for Tyler, Alex, and Haley
- 6/1 Parish Picnic
- 6/8 Celebration of Father Cox's 60th Anniversary

## INVITATION FROM NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY

Please come enjoy "An Evening in Paris," the annual Gala to support North Country Ministry, Friday, May 2, Hiland Park Country Club: Dinner, wonderful live and silent Auction items, a Clothing presentation, and decor to transport you to The City of Light! Tickets are \$60 each and must be reserved in advance. For reservations, please contact Charleen Bivona at 240-6013 or email at [cmbivona@aol.com](mailto:cmbivona@aol.com) Or you may download an invitation from the organization's web site at [www.northcountryministry.org/spring-gala.html](http://www.northcountryministry.org/spring-gala.html) If you would like to plan a table of friends, please provide this information with your ticket payment.

## WE WORSHIP Mass Intentions

- Saturday 4/5 4:30PM **CHUCK DeVITTO**  
Req. by wife, Connie
- Sunday 4/6 10AM **NORMAN COX**  
Req. by Pat Nugent
- Friday 4/11 9AM \_\_\_\_\_(available)
- Sat, 4/12 4:30PM **SR. MARY BRADY, RSCJ**  
Req. by Sr. Linda Hogan, csj
- Sun, 4/13,10AM **MARY MURPHY**  
Req. by Kay Mineo

### Opportunities for Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 10

Fridays: April 11 and 25 , May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

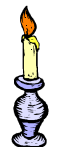
### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday, 8:30am – 9pm

Sacred Heart Church, Lake George  
Chaplet Divine Mercy - Wednesdays 3pm



**Prayer Chain:** Contact Alice Damp  
623-3618 or [edal damp@yahoo.com](mailto:edal damp@yahoo.com)



The April Candle is in memory of Eleanor Stanton ,  
mother of Maggie Bammert.

## News from Neighbors

**The Churches of Warrensburgh** is the new exhibit mounted at the **Warrensburgh Museum of Local History**. It will run from March 9 through Mothers Day, May 11. Christian churches played an important part in the lives of Warrensburgh's early settlers and, indeed, continue to be an important part in the health and well-being of our community. The exhibit occupies the "central area" in the museum, and includes photographs and artifacts, plus brief histories of each church organization. The museum is located at 3754 Main Street (VFW Building) Warrensburgh, and is open Sundays 1 to 3 pm and Wednesdays noon to 4 pm. Admission is free. Entrance and parking are at the rear of the building, which is fully handicap accessible. The museum is operated for the Town of Warrensburgh by the Warrensburgh Historical Society. For further information call 518-623-2207.

## MITO HOPE AND HELP

[www.mitohopeandhelp.com](http://www.mitohopeandhelp.com)

Informal, FUN GALA on Saturday, April 26

Deadline for tickets: April 16th

Cathy will have tickets with her at Mass until

Palm Sunday, April 13.

See bulletin insert for more info or contact Cathy La-Fond Evans at 623-2634. Let's go!

- S Parish Life Director: **Sr. Linda Hogan csj** [slhcsj@verizon.net](mailto:slhcsj@verizon.net) / 623-3021
- T Sacramental Minister: **Rev. Paul Cox** 656-9464
- A Pastoral Associate Administration: **Gail DeMarsh** [pyramidlifemom@aol.com](mailto:pyramidlifemom@aol.com) / 744-9241
- F Bookkeeper/Cemetery: **Dawn Brunner** 623-3021 (Tuesday AM)
- F Parish Nurse / Building Maintenance: **Judy Rozell** [sunflowr50@yahoo.com](mailto:sunflowr50@yahoo.com) 222-4140

## WE SERVE

### SHARING TREASURE

**Last Weekend:** Church Support: \$1,596 Mito = \$80  
Make-Up= \$300 Gifts= \$930 Fuel/Utility = \$60 Easter= \$50  
Easter Flowers = \$98 Youth Mission Trip = \$145  
Rice Bowl = \$20 Stoves for Guatamala = \$45  
Fuel for Seniors = \$211 Catholic Relief Services = \$48

### North Country Ministry 623-2829

3933 Main Street Clothing Center & Baby's Place  
9-12 Mon/ 9-12 Tues/ 1-4 Wed, Thurs, Fri .  
Every Tuesday and Friday = hot lunch at the Presbyterian Ch.  
**NEEDED:** 3-12 month boys and girls clothing, teenage boys and girls clothing, sheets, blankets, pillowcases and comforters. Please drop off at the Warrensburgh Center mornings Mon & Tues or afternoons Wed through Fri. Thank you!

### The Priory in Chestertown

([www.prioryretreathouse.org](http://www.prioryretreathouse.org))

See web page or flyers on the bulletin board,  
or call 494-3733.

### The Dominican Retreat House

located in Niskayuna / many opportunities...  
details are on the bulletin board or at [www.dslcny.org](http://www.dslcny.org)



## FUNNY FACES NOT WITHSTANDING

*Our Youth Are*

*Smart, Talented, and Generous!!*

Congrats to our "**Youth on a Mission**" who (with lots of our help and the help of the Trulli's of George Henry's) made their financial goal for this year's trip: Matthew Gerrain, Melenie and Glenn Warner, Julie and Kelly Angell, Jayden Cain, Travis Gosselin, and Jimmy Cunniffe (with adult leaders Gail DeMarsh and Brian Angell and FAITHFUL parents). And congrats to all our youth involved the the wonderful **school play** last weekend: Wil Yarmowich, Danielle Thomas, Austin West, Shane Putney, Logan Webster, Glenn Warner, Aineen Callahan, Whitney Markwica, Cregan Callahan, Ellen Jones, Mairina Callahan, Tommy Birkholz, Melenie Warner, Alyssa Birkholz, Jacob Johnson, Amanda Gee. And on the **2nd quarter honor roll:** Cregan Callahan, Whitney Markwica, Kelsey Winter, Logan Webster, Aineen Callahan, Noah Markwica, Shane Putney, Austin West, Amanda Gee, Joseph Schuster, Ellen Jones, Colby Russo, Brenton Southwick, Tyler Toolan, Melenie Warner, Brianna LaRose, Jarod West, Jayden Cain, Matthew Gerrain, Jacob Johnson, Nicholas Putney, James Cunniffe, Kelly Angell, Mairina Callahan Thomas Birkholz IV, Sean Winter!!

**WOW!**

## WE TEACH

Today, Sunday, April 6, 11AM.....

K-6... "**Sermon on the Mount**"

7-12 .... **April 6, 4:30-7:30PM**

Thank you to Rich Eaton who taught last week's story to our K-6 and to Bob Shepler who does the honor this week!

## SOUP



**Order - Prepay Now For "Good Chowder for Good Friday"** delivered (with homemade bread/rolls) on Holy Thursday. You choose: **Manhattan or Clam**  
Thanks to Soup-Maker-Par Excellent: **BETTY KUSKY!** \$5/pint donation suggested. **Please return mason jar.**

*The Wing Off / basket raffle fundraiser was a huge success, thanks to the always generous community of St. Cecilia's. The 8 youth planning for this year's mission trip say THANK YOU to everyone who helped them reach their goal. A total of \$1,519.00 was raised.*

*The lucky basket winners are:*

*Keep It Clean - Betty Kusky*

*Clutter Bug/Clever Container - Deb Toolan*

*Movie tickets/candy - Judy Rozell*

*Trader Joes' - Gabe Belanger*

*Summer Party - Dana Robichaud*

*Cupcake Baking Items - Kelly Angell*

*Nin's Sweets Cupcakes & Gift Cert. - Diane Newell*

*Silpada Jewelry - Diane Newell*

*Hummingbird Feeder - Alan Hall*

*Cake Baking Basket - Diane Newell*

*Redd's Apple Ale Basket - Danielle Robichaud*

*Wine Basket - Phyllis Welsh*

*Planter and Spring seeds - Kristine Webster*

*Easter Chocolates - Gerrain family*

*Candy & Marco Polo Gift Cert. - Deb Toolan*

*Lotions Plus - Erin Cunniffe*



MINISTERS OF CARE and our PARISH BREAD BAKERS are preparing Easter Baskets for our homebound. They will be ready at Mass Time next weekend. Sign up and take a basket to a parishioner next weekend. Consider visiting about 15 or 20 minutes. Please do not take a basket to someone you see regularly. Let's give them a "new face." Take your kids and brighten the day.

# Away With Death

[John W. Martens](#)

**Fifth Sunday of Lent (A), April 6, 2014**

“I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live” (Jn 11:25)

Why did Jesus cry when he saw the tears of Lazarus’s sisters and his friends? After all, Jesus already knew Lazarus was dead. In fact, his purposeful actions allowed that death to occur. So why, when faced with the mourning of Lazarus’s loved ones, did Jesus cry? The account of the raising of Lazarus brings to the fore Jesus’ humanity and the reasons why Jesus came to conquer death.

Lazarus had two sisters, Mary and Martha, who “sent a message to Jesus” that their brother was ill. Jesus decides not to attend to his sick friend

immediately, but to wait for two extra days, until Lazarus has died, and then go to “awaken” him from his “sleep.” Physical death, Jesus will demonstrate, is not the end of our lives, but a “sleep” from which we awaken through God’s power. In fact, Jesus has allowed this death to occur—he is “glad” he was not there—in order that the disciples “may believe.”

Jesus and his disciples travel to Lazarus’s home, where he has already been in the tomb for four days, but Martha intercepts them along the way. Martha says to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus responds, “Your brother will rise again,” she comprehends that Lazarus will rise up in the resurrection on the last day. Jesus affirms this as the bedrock of faith in him: “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” And Martha declares her belief in Jesus.

She is soon joined by her sister, Mary, who comes out to meet them. A number of friends, who thought Mary was going to Lazarus’s tomb to cry, join her to console her. It is here that the story is grounded not just in the divine power of resurrection, but in the human heartache of death. Mary says to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” This sentence Mary speaks in verse 32 is identical to the words of Martha in verse 21. But Mary begins to cry at Jesus’ feet when she speaks these words, unlike Martha, who consoled herself with the hope of resurrection.

When Jesus sees the weeping of Mary and her friends, he does not respond, “Your brother will rise again,” as he did with Martha. Instead, he becomes “greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.” But why? He has caused this very scene, and was “glad” that Lazarus had died so that he could evoke faith in his disciples and perhaps others who knew Lazarus. Yet confronted by the searing loss that physical death brings, Jesus himself begins to cry. Again we ask why. He knows he can raise Lazarus from the dead; he knows that death will not have the final say over his life, or any other human life.

Yet at this time, in this moment, the human reality of death affects Jesus in a way it had never done before. In this encounter he does not simply know death in an abstract way but in the fabric of his human life, in his bones. He sees his friends mourn, even those who believe that death will one day be conquered; he feels the cold sting of a loved one laid in a tomb.

Ray Jasper, an inmate of death row in Texas who may be dead by the time this column appears, described empathy this way: “Empathy gives you an inside view. It doesn’t say, ‘If that was me’; empathy says, ‘That is me.’” Jesus cried because he felt our pain, shared our pain; he could say, “That is me.”

Jesus experiences the suffering of death as a human being, feels the loss shuddering through his friends. He knows the ravages death has wrought, returning us to the dust from which we have come. We remember during Lent that for our sake he would take on this same death in order to save us from death, for he saw the tears of others and cried tears of mourning. He did not have to die with us and die for us, but he wanted to wipe away our tears forever. He said: Away with death, for we were made for eternity.

**John W. Martens** is an associate professor of theology at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.

Readings: Ez 37:12–14; Ps 130:1–8; Rom 8:8–11; Jn 11:1–45

**Prayer:** Place yourself at Lazarus’s tomb with his family and friends.  
How does Jesus’ experience of Lazarus’s death comfort you?

