



It is true that going out on to the street implies the risk of accidents happening, as they would to any ordinary man or woman. But if the church stays wrapped up in itself, it will age. And if I had to choose between a wounded church that goes out on to the streets and a sick, withdrawn church, I would definitely choose the first one. *Pope Francis*

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2014

WE GATHER

Sunday 10AM Eucharist
 11AM FF K-6 resumes
 11AM Remove Christmas Decorations
 Tuesday 8PM AA Jaracz Hall
 Thursday 12N AA Jaracz Hall
 Friday 1PM RCIA Convent

WE TEACH

Dear Adults.... What we understand as a child is very different and not as deep as adult understanding. Although the message is delivered "simply" in the K-6 Faith Formation Gatherings, you are welcome to participate and "hear the message" on your own level. Just stay.

K-6 Schedule for January and February

1/12 Liturgical Year.... symbols, etc.
 1/19 Special Project
 1/26 "Sacramental Way of Seeing"
 2/2 Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation
 2/9 Sacrament of Reconciliation
 2/23 Eucharist

7-12 Schedule 4-7PM

1/19; 2/16; 3/16; 4/13; 5/18

Pastoral Council Meeting/Synopsis

All members were present.

"The function of the Council is to take the "balcony view," to guide the "bigger vision" of the church, and not necessarily be involved/responsible for the day to day operations.

The questions/ issues discussed:

- Participation in Eucharist and Faith Formation is "down." Why?
- Life will never be the same. We cannot go back to the "old days." We cannot operate in that model. How do we go forward in hope?
- Faith Formation is a struggle. Our numbers are small to begin with. When half the families are unable to participate during ski season, the highest total attendance K-6 is about 6! Should we cancel during ski season? What message would that send? Don't the six matter? What about sacramental guidelines?
- The Finance Report is nearly ready. Ought we include a "bigger picture," such as the ministries that are in operation? Successes? Struggles? "State of the Parish?" Isn't it about more than money? (Let's hope!)
- Participation in Eucharist is a struggle. Fewer and fewer parishioners participate as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, or even singing from their seats. Why?

Very Condensed Summary of Discussion: less sense of "obligation"/ not anyone's "fault," / a reflection of society-culture. / "keep going," meet people "where they are," get better "press" so the good that we do and offer is better known / continue to be welcoming / continue Faith Formation / choose familiar hymns, easy to sing / have standards / follow Pope's lead / MOVE FORWARD!

News from Neighbors

North Country Ministry welcomes you! Interested in seeing just what we are doing each day to help people in our community? Visit one of our centers in North Creek or Warrensburgh. Contact Barbara Maffey at 623-2829 for more information.

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 Tues and Fri, = hot lunch.

The Priory in Chestertown

(www.prioryretreathouse.org)

Go to the web page for details, See 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.dslcnyc.org

WE WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

Saturday 1/11 4:30PM
JAMES (Jim) MALONEY Req. Lorry O'Connor
 Sunday 1/12
ANGELA RIGGOZA (Mother of Mike Glebus)
 Req. Sue and Bob Shelpler
 Saturday, 1/18 4:30PM
 _____ (available)
 Sunday, 1/19, 10AM
MARY MURPHY Req. by Gerri Howe

Welcome,
 Father Joe Anselment!!



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 edaldamp@yahoo.com



In January, the "Tabernacle Candle" burns in memory of **George Smith**, requested by his daughter, Marianne Carroll.



NOW IS TIME
 TO START
 PLANNING for 2014!
 Simple ideas....
 Lots of them!

Did you receive any
 Christmas gifts that fit
 that description?
 (Check out
 Pinterest.com!!)

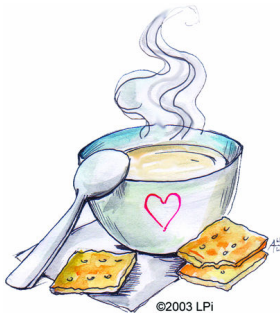
Contact Linda Gaiotti

at 793-9268 / elchloegaiotti@hotmail.com

Or when you see her after Eucharist

(Or contact "the Other Linda" at the rectory)

Watch for a Meeting Day/Date.



SOUP

This is "win-win!"

We have a healthy fresh meal and St. C's benefits from each sale!

Beginning next weekend,
Betty Kusky,
 Soup-Maker_ Par Excellent,

will provide soup at \$5 a pint.

(Sister Linda has been benefiting from Betty's love to make soup for a long time. SLH can testify to its superior quality!) First come, first served.

"Start up Menu"

- #1 January 18/19 ...Next Weekend
 Creamy Cheddar/ Chicken and Corn Chowder
- #2 January 25/26 Classic Chicken Noodle Soup
- #3 February 1/2 Curried Butternut Squash Apple and Onion Bisque
- #4 February 8/9 Vegetable Beef Barley

THANK YOU, BETTY!!!

And don't forget.....

10% BACK!!! When you bring this bulletin to dinner at Lizzy Keyes, 10% of the cost of the entrees will be donated back to St. Cecilia's Church, kindness of Tom and Amber Grace.

WE SERVE

After Saturday Eucharist, could you make just one trip to the upstairs of the Hall with Christmas costumes and décor that are presently in the Children's Chapel? Just transport what you see near the door. Thanks!! If need be, double check with Judy Rozell.

After Sunday Mass, would you like to stay for a bit and help with the "undressing" of the Church from the Christmas Season? Judy Rozell will guide you. Stay for a few minutes or until it is done. Every bit helps.

SHARING TREASURE

Last Sunday: \$2,036

(Thank you to all who "make up")

Make-Up = \$100 Gifts = \$3085 Fuel = \$360

Christmas = \$300 New Years Day = \$225

Mito = \$10 North Country Ministry = \$337

Faith Formation = \$5 Youth Mission Trip = \$80

Thanks so much !

TAX LETTERS

will be ready at the end of the month.

Thanks, Linda Gaiotti.



A huge thank you to all who removed our gigantic tree from the nave. They did a great job of carefully removing all the lights etc and storing it in the hall. Phew! Thanks to Dawn Brunner, Mark Semon, Cathy Sinnott, Tina and Travis and Trevor Gosselin, Vickie Sheldon, Chris Webster, and Mike and Suzanne Glebus. (Did slh miss your name? Let her know) Thank you to Judy Rozell for "hosting" the fire inspector for hosting the fire inspector Friday..

More Opportunities to Serve

- **Remove the spotlight** from the Creche—leave it and the lead cords in the children's chapel. (Leave the door spot light. TY)
- Move Christmas Décor from the Children's Chapel to the **upstairs of the Hall**
- Put **Crèche Figures upstairs in the Garage** (with your eyes closed when you get there.)
- Help **sort and cull** Christmas décor when once they are all taken down and returned to the Hall... date to be determined (warm spell!) see slh.
- **Check your Fabric Stash....**If you have any twill or denim or upholstery fabric that you would like to donate for the Christmas Craft Fair, please bring them to the narthex. One of our crafters could use it!
- **Do you enjoy "process" and planning?** In the next few years there will be a number of priest retirements in the North Country. (Don't worry. Father Cox is already retired...or maybe, "re-treaded!") The diocese is asking the parishes to work together to accommodate the change and the likelihood of even fewer priests than we have now. The first step is to "resurrect:" the results of the Called to Be Church process that we had a few years ago, and start from there. Eventually, we will need 3 or 4 parishioners to help. (YOU?)
- **Data input** our census info (still!) needs to be put into the computer. Do you data processing? Anytime Wednesday through Fridays. See SLH
- Thank you to all our "regulars!": Tina Gosselin for her weekly vacuuming, to Bud York for his daily locking, to Rozanne and Dave Degen, Kitty Moran, Geary Walpole for their weekly counting of the collection, Ellen Barlow, John Cleveland, and Gail DeMarsh for being the 10AM sacristans and Judy Rozell and Alice Damp for being the 4:30PM sacristans, to Rozanne Degen and Gloria Morrison for weekly washing and ironing the linens, Bobby Lamagna for weekly flushing the boiler, and to Dave Alexander, Clark Orton, and Tim Toolan for regular snow removal. We thank our ever faithful music ministers: Richie and Elaine Henzler, Linda Apple, Jesse Schuettinger, Mary Ann and John Doty, Dennis Coker, Aineen Callahan, Ann Murphy, Joe Ehle, Brendan Manly, Lou Zahra, Cheryl York, Diane Newell, Kimberly Belanger, Emily Daly, Jennifer Hurney, Thanks to Judy Rozell for keeping her eye on EVERYTHING, and to the Pastoral Council who keep us on track.