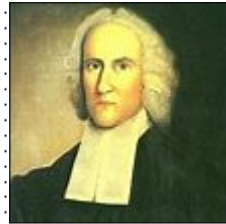


1703-1758: Jonathan Edwards was a Christian preacher and theologian. Edwards "is widely acknowledged to be America's most important and original philosophical theologian," and one of America's greatest intellectuals.



"Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will."



Happy, Healthy, and Holy New Year!

Feast of the Epiphany

January 5, 2014

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WE GATHER

Sunday 11AM ff Take down huge tree and Outdoor Creche. Figures

Monday 10AM ff Continue (above) if needed (See Column 3)

Tuesday 8PM AA Jaracz Hall

Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30PM Narthex Pastoral Council

7PM Women's Spirituality — Convent

Thursday 12N AA Jaracz Hall

Friday 1PM RCIA Convent



[A few of the justice issues that might be of concern/interest:](#)

As we leave 2013, there are many difficult and unresolved issues still to be addressed!

Gun Violence: Stats from the USA Gun Violence Statistics Document indicate an estimated 283 million guns are in civilian hands. Each year more than 30,000 people will be killed by firearms.

Comprehensive Immigration Reform is still on the agenda! The House of Representatives has not yet introduced legislation to assist the 11.7 million immigrants who have no legal status. National Migration Week 2014 will take place January 5-11 with the theme, "Out of the Darkness." Migrants and particularly the most vulnerable migrants: children, the undocumented, refugees, and victims of human trafficking, often find themselves existing in a kind of figurative darkness where their options remain limited and their ability to live out their lives in its fullness severely restricted. These vulnerable populations need to be provided the support needed so that they can thrive.

Human Trafficking continues to be a major issue internationally, nationally, and locally! We continue to lobby for strong legislation to discourage trafficking in any form! January 11 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day!

Poverty Congress chose to separate SNAP benefits (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) from the Farm Bill this year and subjected it to automatic cuts as part of the sequester. As 2013 closes, Congress has still not approved a comprehensive Farm Bill!

Climate Change and Environmental Issues are still on the agenda! Unresolved issues regarding the Keystone Pipeline, fracking in NYS, and a myriad of other issues!

You are invited to participate in a **RALLY AGAINST FRACKING AND FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY** at Gov. Cuomo's State of the State address Wed. Jan. 8th at 11:30 am at the Empire State Plaza. Multitudes of New Yorkers will gather in this vast marble concourse to call for a ban on fracking and a future powered by renewable energy. Hopefully there will be many folks there with other faith communities delivering our message about our obligation to future generations to protect our health and environment.

Another rally **FREEDOM FROM WANT FOR THE 99%** takes place at 12 noon on Tues., Jan. 14 at West Capital Park... This is a great opportunity for us to be present and speak out about the fundamental human right to food. Are you are interested in participating? **Occupy Albany** is sponsoring **Freedom from Want for the 99% - Food, Shelter, Health Care and Work**. The afternoon begins at noon with free lunch, speakers and music; at 12:30 p.m. will be "Occupy the park and march around the Capital; at 1:00 p.m. will be "Speak out," an opportunity to network. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

WE WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 1/4 4:30PM

MILLY BYRNE Req. by Byrne Family

Sunday, 1/5, 10AM

PETER FLYNN

51st Anniversary of Birth and Death

Req. by Dr. James and Jane Flynn

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

SAFE JOURNEY AND HAPPY GOLFING ON YOUR ANNUAL MISSION TRIP, FATHER COX. WE WILL MISS YOU!!

Welcome, Father Joe Anselment!! We look forward to your presence, presiding, and homilies.



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.



There will be a **Natural Family Planning** class held at St. Ann's in Fort Ann. The first class will be held on March 15, 10:30 AM in the rectory. Students can register by going to www.ccli.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Several local Knights of Columbus Councils are chartering a bus to the 2014 March for Life in Washington D.C. The trip details are as follows:: Departure: OUR LADY OF ANNUNCIATION CHURCH, Aviation Rd. in Queensbury (Parking available at OLA) January 21 9PM. Arrive Washington, January 22 at 6AM. Depart Washington January 22 at 5PM. Arrive Qnsbry January 23 2AM. Cost: \$40pp. Deadline for reserving a seat is Sunday, January 5, 2014. Please reserve early if possible. Contact Thomas Clohosey if you are interested. tompc@verizon.net or 798-3758

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.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR 2014

(Like the good ole' days!!)

NOW IS TIME TO START PLANNING!

Simple ideas.... Lots of them!

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

NEEDED:

Folks with ideas / samples.....Folks willing to help.

Linda Gaiotti is

willing to be one of the co-chairs.

Is anyone willing to be the other?

Contact Linda Gaiotti at

793-9268 / elchloegaiotti@hotmail.com

Or when you see her after Eucharist....

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

We Serve

Three Cheers and a Million Thanks to Tim Toolan, Dave Alexander, & Clark Orton!

These men are our heroes! Dave and Clark have kept the driveway clear and Tim has kept the walkways clear. These are no small accomplishments, considering the weather of late!

Opportunity to Serve

(In other words: *Hellllllppp! Please?*)

◇ The mammoth Christmas Tree needs to be carefully taken down and stored for future use. You don't have to do the entire job...or do it alone.... a gang of people could each do a little bit! Here is the problem.... there is a funeral in the Church on Tuesday. So, we need to have it completely done by Tuesday, stored away and the platform cleaned up.... We can start Sunday right after Mass and work on it for an hour or so and continue Monday between 10 and noon.

One thing definitely needed is someone STRONG who can detach the top from the bottom, about Sunday at 11:30AM.

- Step 1: Bring the four huge storage boxes from the garage to the nave.
- Step 2: Take the bottom lights off and mark and store them carefully for next year.
- Step 3: Remove the bottom branches and store them according to size.
- Step 4: Remove as many of the branches on the top half of the tree as can be reached.
- Step 5: Detach the top half from the bottom half. (This is where the strong person is needed.)
- Step 6: Remove the lights from the top half and store/mark carefully.
- Step 7: Remove the top half branches and store according to size.
- Step 8: Place all of the parts in the boxes and duct tape them.
- Step 9: Clear/shovel/ de-ice the hall steps.
- Step 10: Bring Everything to storage in the top of the church hall. (Two strong folks needed.)
- Step 11: Relax and feel good about a great job done!!

More Opportunities to Serve

- Remove the Crèche Figures from the manger outside and store them upstairs in the Garage. Leave tarp on.
- Carefully remove the lights from the bushes in the front of the church. Wrap them in such a way that they will be easy to use next year. Leave in the Children's Chapel.
- Remove the spotlight from the Crèche—leave it and the lead cords in the children's chapel. (Leave the door spot light. TY)
- Help sort and cull Christmas décor when once they are all taken down and returned to the Hall... 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?)

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Say only what is True, Necessary, and Kind.

Try it for a week. It is harder than you think!