

July 6, 2014

WE GATHER

Sunday 10A Eucharist
 Tuesday 10A Communion Service Adult Home
 8P AA Jaracz Hall
 Thursday 12N AA Jaracz Hall
 6:30P Communion Service - Spanish (welcome!)
 Friday 8A Eucharist
 Saturday 4P Reconciliation
 4:30 P Eucharist

 7/16 Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30P
 7/26 Drawing for Tickets to Jeter's Last Game
 7/27-8/2 Youth Mission Trip
 8/10 10th annual Golf Tournament
 9/7 Parish Picnic
 9/28 Derek Jeter's last regular game (are you going?)

WE TEACH

Do you believe it is valuable for our kids to know Jesus?
 Are you hesitant to teach our children but are willing to do "prep work"? Anyone who can "read and rip" can help. Even an hour would be appreciated.



You might be able to do it at home!
 July 25 is when this needs to be finished. Please offer today!
 Contact Sister Linda Hogan.

PS... Every time a child is baptized at St. C's, the community promises to help the parents raise the child in the faith. We really need to keep our promise. Do you have at least an hour in July?



Faith Formation helps to build a strong foundation. Adult Faith Enrichment is our next concern. Think about it.

Sunday, September 28th at 2PM is Derek Jeter's last scheduled game of his career!!!
 Would you like 2 box seats for the game?
 Take a chance...
 \$5 each or 3 for \$10.
 Chances are available in the Narthex.
 The drawing is July 26th.

Thank you to Richard and Louise Carriere!!
 Tickets are available at St. C's and at Cronin's Golf Resort. All proceeds will be distributed to local charities.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE WORSHIP



Saturday, 7/5 Chuck DeVitto Req. by wife, Connie
 Sunday, 7/6 George Bin
 Req. by daughter Louise & Richard Carriere
 Friday, 7/11 _____ (available)
 Saturday, 7/12 Iris Duers Req. by Martha Shostak
 Sunday, 7/13 McClure Edward Deason
 Req. by Nini & Poppie (Ed & Linda Gaiotti)

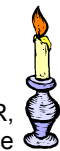
**Opportunities for Mass Intentions: Fridays, July 11, 18 & 25
 Saturday July 26**

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



The July candle burns in memory of CONROY WEBSTER,
 requested by wife, Grace



Sign up for St. C's Golf Tournament
\$95 pp include 18 holes, cart, steak dinner, prizes, raffles, etc!

Proceeds go to help area folks in need.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 NOON

contact Gail DeMarsh at pyramidlifemom@aol.com
 or 744-9241 (Would you like to "sponsor a hole"
 for just \$100. Some folks put their business
 name on the sign, others make it a memorial sign,
 others "best wishes from...." Contact Gail.)

Last call and Opportunity !!!
Jesus, I Trust In You
Join Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.
The Goal: Learn about Divine Mercy
& grow closer to Christ !!!

Saturday July 19 at St. Ambrose Church, Latham.
 (easy to find)

Tickets are \$30 (incl. lunch).

Make checks payable to: VWG-HAPP and send to:
 Hearts Afire PP, P.O. Box 261, Latham, NY 12110.

Or call Jack: 331-3336 to reserve a sectional seat.

Walk-ins welcome



WE SERVE

SHARING TREASURE

Last Weekend: Church Support= \$2,829.63 Make Up= \$774
 Gifts=\$270 the poor = \$100 Fuel = \$278
 Youth Mission Trip = \$5 Maintenance/Repair = \$5
 Parishioners in Need = \$60 Bottle Returns = \$133.40

NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY

623-2829 Clothing Center and Baby's Place... 3933 Main Street
 Open Monday and Tuesdays 9A-12N and on Wednesday thru Friday
 1-4PM. Volunteers are always needed.

NCM NEEDS

baby clothing for the Summer, especially sizes 2T and 3T. Thank youthey can be dropped at the Ministry Center across from the Post Office. Also needed are storage totes with lids.

Thank you for this weekend's donation of food for the pantry, detergent and personal supplies for the AIDS Ministry, and the cash for the North Country Emergency Fund. Remember what Jesus said: "Whatever you do for the least, you do for me."



All Handsome, Strong, Generous Men Please Apply.....

- Lend and show Sister Linda how to use your pressure washer.... or better yet, let her watch you! The Hall needs to be washed. So does the Church and Rectory. Could three handsome, strong, and generous men help? (Waiting for this to be done is holding up the window washing and painting.. Could you wash at least one building?)
 - If you are a handsome, strong, and generous man who attends the 10AM Eucharist, would you please note if a car is parked by the handicap signs? If yes, please carry or roll the sign to its resting place by the entrance. Every handsome, strong, and generous man is invited. It helps.
 - The extension ladder is in the garage and needs to be leaned against the rectory porch roof (south side) so the second floor windows could be washed. After that, the ladder needs to be moved four times. Could you help, at your convenience? (The old gray mare used to be able, but is no longer.) Please let Sister Linda know. TY
- This all goes toward your yearly five hours given to support the St. C Community. Thanks.**

Sexual Abuse is a sin and a crime. The Diocese of Albany urges all who suspect sexual abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy, church employee or volunteer, to report this to a local law enforcement agency or District Attorney's office. Additional information for reporting may be found at <http://www.rcda.org/ReportSexualAbuse>. You may also contact the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, Theresa Rodrigues, at (518) 453-6646 or assistance.coordinator@rcda.org.

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News From Neighbors

The Priory in Chestertown 494-3733

www.prioryretreathouse.org for full list of offerings

2014 GARAGE SALE, PRIORY, CHESTERTOWN

NEEDS WORKERS...EVEN FOR A FEW HOURS,
 Beginning at 1PM, Thursday July 10 to 4PM Sunday July 13.
 Check out the bulletin board for more info about this or the many wonderful programs offered at the Priory, or go to www.prioryretreathouse.org

Dominican Retreat House in Niskayuna
www.dslcny.org to see their many offerings.

Refer to June 8 bulletin (online) to read about July 14th Gala supporting Father Peter Young Foundation that serves folks struggling against addiction, incarceration, homelessness, or poverty. Go to www.pyhit.com or call Marge Reilly at 518-463-8109.

NEED HELP THIS SUMMER? GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

"YOUTHWORKS" is back already, and looking for projects inside or out. They are willing to work (paint, repair, rake, etc). Pick up an application for yourself or neighbor...found on the bulletin board. Questions? Speak to Sister Linda or Gail DeMarsh. **KIDS CLUB** is also back! Sponsored by Youthworks. Details on the bulletin board. Our kids love it! Free After the Rec. Program, 12:30-3P Kids K-5. Lunch included. WOW!

33 Days to Morning Glory is now coming to Blessed Sacrament Church in Bolton Landing. Let the Blessed Virgin Mary bring the glory of her Son to your summertime in beautiful Bolton Landing. This "do it yourself" retreat of Marian spirituality with special consecration to Jesus through Mary will be facilitated by Patti Schwartz who will be gathering us together each week on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM to guide us through our journey. This user-friendly, do-it-yourself retreat and the accompanying book will bless even the busiest of people. It will be starting in mid-July. Spend your summer weeks with the gentle Mother you have loved for so long. Please call Blessed Sacrament Rectory during the week to register. 644-3861

More "News from Neighbors" at bottom of column 2.

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.

CHILDREN AT OUR DOOR



*Detainees sleep in a holding cell at a US Customs and Border Protection processing facility.
AP Photo/Eric Gay, Pool*

For Sunday, July 6, 2014

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30

It is a scene that we are used to seeing at the borders of the war torn Middle East or impoverished sub-Saharan African countries. However, now at our nation's southern border thousands of migrant children from Central America are causing a humanitarian crisis the likes of which our country has not seen in some time.

While overwhelmed border patrols struggle to provide housing and food for the estimated 52,000 children, and politicians grapple with how to stem their flow into the country, we can only marvel at what level of desperation would drive parents to entrust their children into the hands of strangers to carry them to a far-off land in hopes of a better life. We can only imagine the anxiety they feel until they receive word that their children are safe.

Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador—the original countries of the majority of these children—are among the poorest countries in the world. Only Haiti has a lower standard of living in the Western hemisphere. Along with poverty, these children's families cope with the threat of violence spawned by political corruption and ruthless cartels serving the United States' multibillion dollar appetite for narcotics. It is just such desperate circumstances that compel these parents to send their children off in hopes of a better future.

As a country, we remain torn on how best to deal with the waves of undocumented immigrants crossing our borders. Some argue that such high numbers of immigrants, whether documented or undocumented, reduce the number of jobs and our standard of living in general. Others decry the human costs of deportations, especially on the large scale that would be necessary to uproot everyone who has entered the country illegally. The bishop of El Paso, Bishop Mark Seitz, in his testimony to Congress called the current crisis "a test of our nation's moral character." As Americans, and particularly as followers of Christ, we cannot allow ourselves to become indifferent about this growing problem.

This Fourth of July weekend, as we gather to celebrate the victory of Jesus over sin and death, we will hear these words in the Gospel:

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves”

They are echoed in Emma Lazarus' poem inscribed on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty:

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me.
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

We cannot hear Jesus' words and not think of those thousands of children, separated from their parents, who long for a home and a future full of hope. We cannot hear those words and close our hands or hearts to them and so many others whose labor we depend on and profit from. We cannot forget that the freedom and prosperity we enjoy is the result of the welcome we or our parents or grandparents once received when they took the risk of travelling to a foreign land in search of a better life.

Douglas Sousa

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Good and gracious God,
we thank you for the gift of families.
We are grateful for all of the joy and love
that they bring into our lives,
and we ask that you provide
special protection for all families,
particularly those who face hardships
as they move in search of a better life.
Show mercy to those who travel in danger,
and lead them to a place of safety and peace.
Comfort those who are alone and afraid because
their families have been torn apart by violence
and injustice.
As we reflect upon the difficult journey
that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt,
help us to remember the suffering of all migrant
families.
Through the intercession of Mary our Mother,
and St. Joseph the Worker, her spouse,
we pray that all migrants may be reunited with their
loved ones
and find the meaningful work they seek.
Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality
for all who come in search of refuge.
Give us the courage to welcome every stranger
as Christ in our midst.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

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A poem to ponder on the 4th of July weekend...

Following are the final words from ***On the Pulse of the Morning***, the poem **Maya Angelou** read at President Clinton's first inauguration. May it bring you hope for our country.

**Lift up your eyes upon
The day breaking for you.
Give birth again
To the dream.
Women, children, men,
Take it into the palms of your hands.
Mold it into the shape of your most
Private need. Sculpt it into
The image of your most public self.
Lift up your hearts.
Each new hour holds new chances
For new beginnings.
Do not be wedded forever
To fear, yoked eternally
To brutishness.
The horizon leans forward,
Offering you space to place new steps of
change.**

**Here on the pulse of this new day
You may have the grace to look up and out
And into your sister's eyes,
Into your brother's face, your country
And say simply
Very simply
With hope
Good morning.**

A few last minutes thoughts....

- Thank you to Clark Orton for mowing and mowing and mowing! And to Mark Axen who mows at West Wing for us. (Do you know you can hike the trails at West Wing???? Just go. They're yours.)
- Thank you to Barb Orton, Theresa Gomez, and Mark Semon who faithfully support the Thursday Evening worship and fellowship with our Hispanic brothers and sisters. Barb, Theresa, and Mark offer friendship and food! (Note: Thank you, as well, to all who are so kind to our Hispanic friends at the 10AM Eucharist. Feeling welcome is critical! Also, there is a small group of parishioners wanting to learn Spanish. Interested? Speak to Barb or Theresa or Mark or Sister.

This week's new bulletin cover (thanks to Lee West) pictures all the folks who prepared our grounds and hauled tables and chairs for Father Cox's Anniversary Party.

These folks are all going straight to heaven!! No doubt.