

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

March 2, 2014

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WE GATHER

Saturday 4:30 Eucharist
 Sunday 10AM Eucharist
 11AM K-6 Regular Gathering
 7-12 Regular Gathering
 Tuesday 10 AM Adult Home Communion Service
Pancake Supper—Mardi Gras!! (4:30-7P)
 8PM AA Jaracz Hall
 Wednesday **ASH WEDNESDAY!! (10A or 7P)**
 Thursday 12N AA Jaracz Hall
 4PM RCIA Convent
 3/7-8 Suffering (See Bulletin Board)
 Nxt Sat 4:30 Eucharist
 Special Collection Black, Native American,
 and Latin American Missions
 Nxt Sun 10AM Eucharist
 11AM Faith Formation K-6

3/15 80th Jubilee for Sister Catherine
 3/16 1st Reconciliation (All Welcome) 11A
 4-7P High school Faith Formation
 3/23 "Our Mother is Ill. Lord, what can we do???"
 2-4PM Dr. Stephen and Laura Danna
 March 29 and 30.... Youth Mission Trip Basket Raffle
 3/30 "Wing Off" for Youth in Mission Trip
 4/26 Gala for Mito Hope and Help
 5/2 Gala for North Country Ministry

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 WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 3/1 4:30PM **ABIÍLIO PAES COBRAL**
 Req. by Donna & Dick Emerson
 Sun, 3/2, 10AM **EYVONNE JOHNSON, (1st Anniv)**
 Req. by daughter Shari, Rob, MacKenzie and Duncan
 ASH WEDNESDAY 10A Adult Home { Intentions of
 7P Church { Parishioners
 See bulletin insert for other possibilities in the North Country.
 Friday 3/7 9AM _____ Available
 Saturday 3/8 4:30PM **MICHAEL DiPASQUALE**
 Req. by Richelene Morey
 Sunday 3/9 10AM **DR. JOSEPH PATRICK KELLY**
 Req. by Mike and Cathy Kelly

Many Opportunities for Mass Intentions in March

Fridays: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28;
Saturdays 3/15, 3/22; **Sundays** 3/30

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 edaldamp@yahoo.com

In March the "Tabernacle Candle" burns in memory of **Thomas Havens** at the request of Renate Elber.



WE SERVE

SHARING TREASURE

Last Weekend: Church Support: \$1,663
 Make-Up = \$95 Gifts = \$315 Fuel = \$485
 Parishioners in Need = \$65 Mito = \$40
 Faith Formation = \$160
 Evangelist = \$50 Roof Renovation = \$58

Thank you to all who support the ministry and maintenance of St. C's

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Thanks so much to Clark Orton for setting up and taking down the ladder for the roof shovel-ers...and for spreading sand all over the parish walkways and driveway.....and to Rich Eaton, who once again worked on clearing the snow burm in front of the church....to Tim Toolan who faithfully snow-blows as needed..... and "Z" Skorko for tuning the piano. (It now sounds wonderful!)

SOUP



(Each healthy fresh meal benefits you and St. C's.)

This Weekend, Potato and Leek
 Next Weekend: Stuffed Pepper

Soup-Maker-Par Excellent is **BETTY KUSKY!**
 \$5/pint donation suggested.
 First come, first served.

Please return the mason jar. Please.

THANK YOU, BETTY!!!

News from Neighbors

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.

North Country Ministry is looking for any firewood folks might like to donate. We have a wood donation program where we accept wood split or unsplit, we can split it, we store it next to the adult living units and folks in need of wood for heating can call and ask for a face cord. With this cold winter we have helped 15 families so far and have no supply left to offer.

NCM also needs volunteer help for our lunch program - The Gathering Place

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.dslcny.org

WE TEACH

K-12... Lent? Ashes? Huh???
Today, March 2....
All Adults Welcome....

Plus, we try to teach our kids to think of others:



Meet Cecilia of Namibia!

It is true that education (key to future) is free in Namibia.... provided you have shoes, uniform, supplies, books, lunch! If you are missing any of these, you cannot attend school.

Our friend Mary Beth Gallagher is committed to hundreds of children like Cecilia, doing everything she can to keep them safe, healthy, and in school.

It will cost \$120 to send Cecilia to School.

(Their school year has just begun.)

Our children, K-6, with their parents, have agreed to raise the money for Cecilia's education.

It is their way of "going on a mission trip!"

For the first three weekends of Lent, there will be 3 baskets raffled for Cecilia. The tickets will be \$1 each of 6 for \$5.

The baskets are on display this weekend. **Thanks!!**

SUPPORT THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP

- bring your return-ables to Direct Deposit and say "St. C's Missionary Youth Group"
- Just make a donation on your envelopes where it says "Other." Say: Youth Trip (Like last weekend...did you see that? It helps so much!)
- Support their Basket Raffle in the narthex on March 29 and 30 and then attend the "Wing Off" at George Henry's on March 30th.

Our Youth Thank Us !!

Save....Sunday March 23 2-4PM

"Our Mother is ill! Lord, what can we do???"

Whether it is severe storms such as Hurricane Sandy, extreme flooding, increasing global temperatures, expanding droughts, or melting ice and rising sea levels, climate change is having an increasing adverse impact on our planet. SUNY Plattsburgh at Queensbury Branch Campus Dean, Dr. Steve Danna, has received training as a Climate Reality Leader through the Climate Reality Project and will present introductory information about Climate Change's causes, problems, impacts, and solutions. This session is for those individuals concerned about how our changing climate will impact this generation and generations to come. A conversation on the effects of Fracking will follow.

What does this have to do with Church????

In numerous talks this past year, Pope Francis has spoken of the environment and his desire for us to re-examine our treatment of the Earth Community. the pope calls us to return to "the attitudes of wonder, contemplation, listening to creation".

In his talk on June 5, 2013, World Environment Day, our pope reflected on the creation account in Genesis: "And the question comes to my mind: What does cultivating and caring for the earth mean? Are we truly cultivating and caring for creation, or are we exploiting and neglecting it: the verb "to cultivate" reminds me of the care that the farmer has for his land, so that it will bear fruit, and it is shared: How much attention, passion and dedication! Cultivating and caring for creation is God's indication given to each one of us not only at the beginning of history; it is part of God's project; it means nurturing the world with responsibility and transforming it into a garden, a habitable place for everyone."

A LENTEN MEDITATION BASED ON THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Are you willing to be poor in spirit, that is, to realize how much more you need to grow in realizing who you are called to become?

Are you willing to learn to mourn and deal with loss and failure in your own life, as well as how to comfort people who are grieving?

Are you willing to be gentle, docile, and unassuming for you will be required often to show compassion to the lost and forgotten, the poor and the sick, the anxious and the discouraged?

Are you willing to be continually merciful and forgiving toward others – even toward your enemies and toward yourself?

Are you willing to be open and pure of heart, for only then will you be able to recognize my presence in the least likely places?

Are you willing to be a peacemaker, willing to keep searching to find ways to mutual understanding with others and defending the innocent without resorting to violence?

I am looking for women and men who hunger and thirst for honesty and truth and are willing to take a stand against injustice.

I am looking for women and men who expect to be persecuted for being good, honest, and compassionate, and who will not be surprised to be scorned falsely and hear all kinds of evil spoken against them on my account.

In addition, I am looking for you to be proactive and creative, to be the salt of the earth, never losing your taste for the kingdom.

I am looking for you to be a lamp for the world, letting god's light shine through you, so that others may see the good works around them and give glory to the Creator.

Can you be these things for me?

Composed by Father Ed Kacerguis
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Ash Wednesday This Week.....March 5 10AM Countryside Adult Home 7PM at St. Cecilia's Church



In the Neighborhood...

7AM St. James, North Creek:
8AM Sacred Heart, Lake George
9AM St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown:
12N Sacred Heart, Lake George
3:30PM St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown
7PM Blessed Sacrament, Bolton Landing

2014 Weekly Lenten Schedule at St. C's

Sundays... 10AM Eucharist

Mondays.... Discussion of Field of Compassion by Judy Cannato 1PM and 6:30PM

Tuesdays 10AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion at Adult Home on Horicon Ave.

Wednesdays Wonderful opportunities at the RPI Cultural Center in Troy... See Bulletin Board

Thursdays 9:30AM and 6:30 PM Children's Chapel "Catching Fire – Becoming Flame"

See descriptions on blue paper hanging near coffee maker.....

Each week is independent of week before.... come any time.

Fridays 9AM Eucharist 7PM Stations of the Cross

Saturdays 9:30AM Children's Chapel.... "Catching Fire – Becoming Flame" (see Thursday note)

Special Events

March 4, Tuesday... 4:30-7P Pancake Supper 50/50 Raffle Church Hall

March 16 11AM Sunday First Reconciliation All encouraged to attend.

March 23 2-4PM "Our Mother is Ill. Lord, how can we help her?"

Weekends of March 9/16/23.... Basket Raffle to send Cecilia of Namibia to School

Weekend of March 29/30... Mission Trip Basket Raffle and Wing Off (to fund youth mission trip)

Pray, Fast, and Give Alms...

WHY SHOULD I?

These are ancient expressions of our desire for a change of heart, to be reconciled with one another, and to love our neighbor.

"Lord, help me to "be the change" I want to see in the world.
Help me to be kinder, more generous, more patient and understanding,
more forgiving, less self-centered and greedy.
Lord, help me to become the person you dream me to be."

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence.

Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten: traditionally, **fasting** calls for only one full meal per day with no snacking. . . In the Diocese of Albany, keep the custom of **abstinence from meat on Fridays** of Lent.

Abstinence binds all Catholics who are **14 years of age and older.**

Fasting binds all Catholics who are **18 years of age but not yet 59.**



About Our **Lenten Alms**

The choice is yours, of course.
You may have a destination not listed.
Our suggested beneficiaries are::

Rice Bowl: We help people around the world and in our own community via "poverty and hunger alleviation programs." 25% of the donations support local efforts and 75% support programs around the world.

And/Or

March 5 – Ash Wednesday

Parishioners In Need

We have many parishioners living on the edge. They NEVER ask for help. If you know of a parishioner in a pickle, please let Sister Linda know. She will add them to the list and the money will be distributed as fairly as possible.

March 8/9

Black Native American, & Latin

American Missions: This collection is the embodiment of the Church's concern for the evangelizing to our Black, Native American, and Latin Brothers and Sisters. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses through the US and Latin America.

March 15/16

Guatemalan Stoves for the many households who cook on an open fire, resulting in creosol build up in their homes and lungs. Each stove cost \$150. How many can we build for them?

March 22/23

MITO Hope and Help What would you do if your child had poor growth, weight loss, exertional fatigue, lack of energy, muscle weakness, low muscle tone, muscle cramping, muscle spasms, poor coordination, neuropathies, diffuse and unmanageable pain, seizures, developmental delays, learning disabilities, confusion, memory loss, psychological problems, vision and

hearing loss, low blood pressure, syncope, dizziness, tachycardia, palpitations, migraines, tremors, intolerance to extremes in temperature, positional intolerance, gastrointestinal disorders, increased susceptibility to infections, abnormal immune responses, ...and doctor after doctor said, "I have no idea what is wrong!" If you could help, would you? Check out www.mitohopeandhelp.com and consider offering your Lenten ALMS for Mito.

March 29/30

Local Seniors Without Fuel

This has been a horrible winter for folks on a fixed income. Do they purchase medicines, food, or fuel? We can help them not have to choose.

and/or

Annual National Collection for Catholic Relief Services

CRS is the international version of our local Catholic Charities... CRS is often first on the scene when disaster hits anywhere in the world.

April 5/6

North Country Ministry Emergency Fund..... Our Neighbors in Need

In our name and directly with our donations, the folks at North Country Ministry assist our neighbors with food, clothing, advocacy, fuel, etc.

April 17 Holy Thursday

Alleviation of Hunger Today we return our Rice Bowls and/or make a generous gift .

April 18 Good Friday

Holy Land

Support of the Shrines and Sacred Places in the Land where Jesus walked. The local number of Christians is very small and they are poor. There is no way they can preserve these treasures of our faith without our help.