



Third Sunday of Lent March 23, 2014

Ordination and Installation of Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger, is scheduled to be televised live on time warner cable news channel 9 at 2PM, Thursday, April 10, 2014. In addition, live streaming of the ceremony may be accessed via a link on the home page of the diocese: www.rcda.org. The success of this will depend on your internet speed.

WE GATHER

- Sunday 10AM Eucharist
- 11 AM K-6 Faith Formation Gathering
- 2-4PM Dr. Stephen and Laura Danna
"Our Mother is Ill. Lord, what can we do????"
- Monday 1PM or 6:30PM Field of Compassion Rectory
- Tuesday 10 AM Adult Home Communion Service
- 8PM AA Jaracz Hall
- Thursday 9:30A Catching Fire Becoming Flame— chapel
- 12N AA Jaracz Hall
- 4PM RCIA Rectory
- 6:30P Catching Fire Becoming Flame—at Yorks'
- Friday 7P Stations of the Cross
- Saturday 9:30AM Catching Fire Becoming Flame—chapel
- 4:30 Eucharist
- Youth Mission Trip Basket Raffle—Narthex
- Nxt Sun 10AM Eucharist
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- Noon - 7PM "Wing Off" for Youth in Mission @ George Henry's
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- 4/2 (possibly) Pastoral Council 6:30-8:30P
- 4/10 Consecration of Bishop Edward Scharfenberger
- 4/11 "Clown Stations" at St. Mary's, Glens Falls
- 4/26 Gala for Mito Hope and Help
- 5/2 Gala for North Country Ministry
- 5/4 First Communion for Tyler, Alex, and Haley
- 6/12 Fathers Cox and Tremblay's 60th Anniv. of Ordination

"Catching Fire—Becoming Flame" Lenten Retreat Session 3....

Thursdays, 9:30AM (Children's Chapel)
Thursdays, 6:30PM Cheryl York's Home
Saturdays, 9:30AM (Children's Chapel)
Your Convenience, Children's Chapel

(This is the type of retreat that if you miss a week, it is not a disaster. So, just come! If you cannot make those times, consider watching the video at your convenience. It is all set up in the Children's Chapel. It is worth it.)

Field of Compassion Book Study

Mondays at 1PM or 6:30PM in the rectory.
(Read Chapters 2 in preparation.)

Each Friday 7PM
Nave of Church



LENT

WE WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 3/22 4:30PM Intentions of Parishioners
- Sunday 3/23 10AM **INTENTIONS OF THE LaFOND FAMILY**
Req. Claire LaFond
- Friday 3/28 9AM Robert Sinnott Req. Sister Linda Hogan
- Sat, 3/29 4:30PM **ALLISON M. LANGWORTHY, Anniversary**
Req. by daughter, Linda Apple
- Sun, 3/30, 10AM **DANIEL DONALDSON**
Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Donaldson

Opportunities for Mass Intentions April 11, 12, 25 and 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
In March the "Tabernacle Candle" burns
in memory of **Thomas Havens**
at the request of Renate Elber.



News from Neighbors

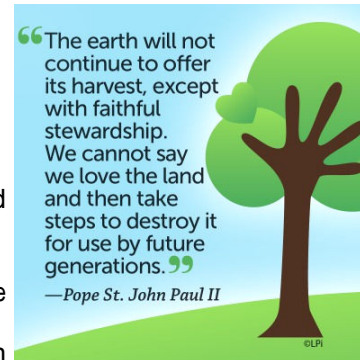
The Churches of Warrensburgh is the new exhibit mounted at the **Warrensburgh Museum of Local History**. It will run from March 9 through Mothers Day, May 11. Christian churches played an important part in the lives of Warrensburgh's early settlers and, indeed, continue to be an important part in the 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.

FABULOUS 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 ambivona@aol.com Or you may download an invitation from the organization's web site at www.northcountryministry.org/spring-gala.html If you would like to plan a table of friends, please provide this information with your ticket payment.

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- Parish Life Director: **Sr. Linda Hogan csj** slhcsj@verizon.net / 623-3021
- Sacramental Minister: **Rev. Paul Cox** 656-9464
- Pastoral Associate Administration: **Gail DeMarsh** pyramidlifemom@aol.com / 744-9241
- Bookkeeper/Cemetery: **Dawn Brunner** 623-3021 (Tuesday AM)
- Parish Nurse / Building Maintenance: **Judy Rozell** sunflower50@yahoo.com 222-4140



Today, March 23 2-4PM

"Our Mother is ill! Lord, what can we do?? We depend on her. We need her to be healthy!"

Severe storms, flooding, increasing global temperatures, expanding droughts, melting ice and rising sea levels ... climate change is having an increasing adverse impact on Mother Earth. 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. This matters! The future of our grandchildren depends on our choices.

"This we know. The earth does not belong to people. People belong to the earth. This we know. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the people of the earth. We did not weave the web of life. We are but a mere strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves." **Chief Seattle**

IMPORTANT. PLEASE COME.

WE SERVE

SHARING TREASURE

- Last Weekend: Church Support: \$1,936.35
- Make-Up = \$372 Gifts = \$230 Mito = \$10
- North Country Ministry = \$35 Parishioners in Need = \$82
- Ash Wednesday = \$101.50 Youth Mission Trip = \$75
- Collection for Black, Native & Latin America = \$10
- Rice Bowl = \$85 Stoves for Guatemala = \$396
- Fuel/Parishioners = \$130 Fuel/Elderly = \$50
- Faith Formation = \$25 Soup Sales Donation = \$205

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)

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.dslcn.org

WE TEACH

Today, Sunday, March 23, 11AM....
K-6... "Jesus Cleanses the Temple"
7-12 April 6, 4:30-7:30PM



Last Call to help Cecilia go to school....

Cecilia is the young lady that our children are raising school money for. The drawing will be after Sunday Mass this weekend.. Our Kids thank you!

PLEASE 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 Mission Trip
- 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 !!**

This Weekend, Creamy Chicken and Corn Chowder
Next Weekend: Cream of Broccoli w/ Cheddar Cheese



Orders now taken for "Good Chowder for Good Friday"

delivered (with homemade bread/rolls) on Holy Thursday.
Thanks to Soup-Maker-Par Excellent: **BETTY KUSKY!**
\$5/pint donation suggested. **Please return the mason jar.**

5 hours given to St. C's Community

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Many thanks to **Rich Eaton** who early last Sunday removed the burm at the handicap parking (heavy frozen snow!- no easy task.) and to **Clark Orton** for plowing and **Tim Toolan** for clearing the walks after the recent snowfall. Thank you to the **mystery person** who left a box of Clementines on the back porch... Thank you to **Sister Donna Ervine** (chaplain at GF Hospital) for assisting the Ministers of Care with visitation and confidentiality etiquette. At the meeting were **Barb Orton, Irene Harrison, Peg Villeneuve, Danielle Robichaud, and Pat Leonard**. Sunday evening, **Gail DeMarsh** and **Emily Kladis** hosted our teens for their faith formation gathering. **Steve Schiappa** of Marco Polo provided the pizza. Present at the meeting were **Alyssa Birkholz, Tommy Birkholz, Jayden Cain, Jimmy Cunniffe, Travis Gosselin, Michael Morey, Patrick Morey, Jarod West, and Sean Winter**. Our Christmas Craft Fair Elves worked hard on Thursday. We thank co-chairs **Linda Gaiotti and John Cleveland, and Elves Ann Murphy, Jennifer Hurney, Johanna Morin, Alice Lochmann, and Donna Emerson**.



Saint C's Christmas Craft Fair Elves
were hard at work on their assembly line last Thursday!

Watch the bulletin for the next project
or contact Linda Gaiotti to get on the email alert!
elchloegaiotti@hotmail.com
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Left to Right...
Ann Murphy, Linda Gaiotti, Johanna Morin, John Cleveland,
Alice Lochmann, Jennifer Hurney, Donna Emerson.

Wait 'til you see what they have already accomplished! Wow!

Become an Elf! The more the merrier!

Thank you to the **“Gosselin Men”**: **Travis, Lee, and Trevor**. They gave up a day of their vacation to organize all the balsam collected over the years! Thanks, men!



Now needed.... Someone to **help** Sister Linda with the next step.... It is simple, but needs four hands: we need to sift and possibly grind the balsam needles in prep for balsam pillows. Are you in? Just get the project started. Let slh know. ☆

Sister Catherine Schuyler csj

Thoroughly enjoyed the celebration of her 80th Anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph. Her dear friend, Nicole Newell, led the entrance procession with her ribbons and praise dance. Both Nicole and Sister Catherine received standing ovations!



Lawsuit Update

There was a hearing on Wednesday, March 19, St. Joseph's Day. The Judge was well prepared, understood the situation, and wants further information. The next hearing is April 14th, Monday of Holy Week. Please continue to pray.... Pray for justice and the possibility that this ends in our lifetime.



Away With Despair

[John W. Martens](#)



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“Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?” (Ex 17:3)

When my oldest son was a little boy, he was shopping with my mother and father and saw something on a display shelf that he wanted. He said so. “I want that, I want that.” My mother explained that you cannot have everything you want, but that we buy what we need. He thought about that for a while and then said, “I need that, I need that.” God knows we need things—material things, friends, spiritual insight and love—and God knows that our true needs do not grow out of selfishness or misplaced craving.

We need, though, to discern genuinely between our wants and our needs. For a perfect way to stunt spiritual growth, in Lent or at any time, is to yearn for all the things we want and complain about all the things we do not have. What makes

this spiritual discernment particularly difficult is that sometimes we do lack those things that we need, materially, emotionally or spiritually. We must not only discern between want and need; we must maintain trust and hope that God knows our needs and continues to care for us, and will supply our needs.

The Israelites, after being released from slavery, wandered in the desert and soon began to grumble about their situation. The source of their grumbling was a genuine need for water, essential for life, but their need started to erode trust and hope in God’s care for them. Despair was at the heart of their “quarrelling” and “testing,” which resulted in the question, “Is the Lord among us or not?” This is not a question regarding the existence of God, but whether God’s care and compassion extend to the people in need. Trust in God and hope in God begin to wear away. This spiritual erosion can lead any of us to despair, or to ungratefulness and forgetfulness about God’s care in the past, even the recent past, leading us to ask, “What have you done for me lately?”

Sometimes events can overwhelm us. During the years when I worked in crisis intervention, I saw that people in crisis, when their lives were falling apart (and often things truly were falling apart), were not able at certain points to perceive God’s action in their lives or the many blessings and gifts they still had. It is important in this spiritual wandering to simply walk alongside people, because how God was working and why God was working in certain ways often become clear only with time and distance. Only with a glance behind us do we see the ways in which what we have been given was precisely what we needed and at the right time, how sufferings have shaped and molded us and how God has watched out for us when we thought we were abandoned.

The Samaritan woman, for instance, could not have been expecting some new spiritual awakening when she went to perform the simple task of drawing water. Yet her daily chore of drawing water, as necessary for her life as for the Israelites in the desert, led to her encounter with Jesus, who offers her “living water.” Jesus says that anyone who drinks this water “will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” Initially, she misunderstands and just wants this water “so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Ultimately she grasps that what Jesus offers fulfills more than material desires; it is exactly what she and everyone needs.

The water Jesus offers, made visible in the sacrament of baptism, leads to eternal life. In grasping this truth, the Samaritan woman recognizes Jesus for who he is, the Messiah, and grasps the truth about God’s knowledge of our ultimate need.

The Samaritan woman might have been considered on many counts unworthy of Jesus’ visitation, but God has come to her, a woman (which astonishes his own disciples), a Samaritan and someone who had been married five times. But her life had prepared her for this meeting, to become the voice of Jesus among her people. When we are prepared for the “living water” to become what we want, despair is banished and we have all that we need.

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

Readings:

Ex 17:3–7; Ps 95:1–9; Rom 5:1–8; Jn 4:5–42

Prayer:

Imagine yourself with the Samaritan woman at the well. As you listen to Jesus, what do you need to learn from him?

In CATHY LAFOND EVANS' Words.....Describing Mito Hope and Help

I'd like to talk to you about something that is very important to me and my family. The subject is MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASES. Many of you may already know that my entire family is afflicted by MITO. "MITO", by the way, is the abbreviation commonly used when referring to mitochondrial diseases. What you probably don't know is that there are actually dozens of other individuals and or families in the surrounding counties affected by MITO. Some of you may also know that I founded a local non profit organization called MITO HOPE AND HELP in memory of my daughter, Randi, who lost her very brave life long battle with MITO in July of 2010. I did this because HOPE and HELP are the two things those afflicted by MITO desperately need, yet they are virtually non existent at this time. It seems inconceivable in this day and age that anyone would be denied basic appropriate health care but unfortunately, as we all know to well, that can be the case. For those afflicted by MITO its much worse because even if you have insurance coverage, doctors that can recognize, diagnose and treat mito patients are very few and far between. Further complicating matters, usually the doctors who are knowledgeable and trained to care for MITO patients are pediatricians and if you are an adult patient with MITO you are left without knowledgeable, trained physicians able to care for you. The reason for this is; When research scientists first discovered MITOCHONDRIAL DEFECTS, which lead to MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASES in the 1950's, they assumed these were incompatible with life. They felt only babies who died before or shortly after birth could have MITO and that's why only pediatric doctors were trained to deal with these diseases. In the mid 1990's a handful of doctors throughout the country began recognizing, diagnosing and treating MITO patients with any kind of regularity. Again, initially the main focus was on infants and very young children. As time went on doctors began documenting MITO in older children and adults. Despite the fact that my children were born with obvious multiple health problems from birth, the majority of which were unique manifestations, it took our family 19 years before we were finally properly diagnosed with MITO. That was in 2001, the same year all 3 of my children were seniors in high school. If anyone is interested in our story I published a book which is available called, MY CHILDREN AND MITO. That was nearly 4 years ago and a great deal has transpired since then. I am currently in the process of revising my book to include the last four years. If interested you can go to my website, MITO HOPE AND HELP, and read the draft version of the past 4 years which is not yet part of my published book. I want to give you a brief overview about MITO. I've provided brochures that will reiterate as well as go into further details about this very complex, devastating group of diseases. I also encourage you to visit our website www.mitohopeandhelp.com which is listed on the brochures. (See Brochure) Well, that's a basic overview of MITO. To give you an idea of just how complicated these diseases can be my daughter Randi had every one of the symptoms / problems listed on the inside, right, of the brochure. GOD created Randi and sent her to this earth in an earthly body incompatible with life. GOD also created Randi with the most unique, special soul I've ever known! GOD entrusted her to me and I know she was sent here on a mission! Randi and I envisioned a day when there would be a special hospital just for MITO sufferers of all ages. Besides raising awareness of MITO today I'd like to ask each of you to help make Randi's dream a reality. Some of you may think I am crazy, that our dream is too far fetched and unobtainable. However, I have seen GOD's work and I believe, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that miracles do happen and that in GOD's name anything is possible! Each of you can help by talking to GOD and asking him to please help us make this dream a reality! There are other simple, free, ways you can help MITO HOPE AND HELP as well which I'll talk about in a minute but this is the most important of all and its all I am asking of anyone! Another way of helping MITO HOPE AND HELP is to stop in a branch or call TD Bank, if you're a customer, and tell them you support MITO HOPE AND HELP through the AFFINITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM. Its that easy! Nothing is deducted from your account, everything is confidential between you and the bank. TD bank will donate to MITO HOPE AND HELP, yearly, based upon a percentage of the supporters balances. THANK YOU EVERYONE! THANK YOU GOD!

(MITO HOPE AND HELP is the recipient of St. C's Alms this week.

Cathy and her family are parishioners of St. C's. She is one courageous and faith-filled woman! Thank you for caring!! slh)