



## Celebration of the Eucharist

### Weekend Masses

- Saturday evening at 5 p.m.
- Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

### Weekday Masses

- Monday - Saturday at 9 a.m.

### Holy Days

- Check *The Connection*

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### Parish Council Meetings

Are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Newcomb Friendship Hall. All meetings are open to parishioners as observers. Any registered parishioner interested in addressing the Council should contact the Chairperson, Bonnie Rozinski one week in advance of the meeting.

### Visit our Web site

For more information, visit our Web site at



[www.stceciliasonline.org](http://www.stceciliasonline.org)

## STEM CELLS IN THE NEWS

Deacon Walt

Did you notice that stem cells were making headlines before the Christmas season? Did you wonder why? Did you find yourself wondering what our Church teaching is about stem cells? Read on as we explore these questions.

First recognize that there are two types of stem cells, their main difference being how they are acquired:

- 1) those derived from embryos, which requires destroying the embryo.
- 2) those derived from adult cells.

Our Church has consistently taught that deriving stem cells from embryos is not morally acceptable because it involves the destruction of the embryo. "The human being is to be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception; and therefore from that same moment his rights as a person must be recognized, among which in the first place is the inviolable right of every innocent human being to life". In contrast, Church teaching finds using adult cells to be morally acceptable since it does not violate the rights of any human being.

So why do some researchers want to use embryonic stem cells? It was thought that embryonic stem cells are capable of creating a wider range of treatments whereas adult stem cells are far more limited. However, the headlines that came before Christmas were caused because scientists have discovered how to manipulate adult cells to behave like embryonic stem cells. This is a huge breakthrough because it means that a method now exists that can advance stem cell research and therapies while fully respecting the dignity of human life.

The Social Justice Committee hopes that you find this information useful. If this, or other concerns for social justice strike a chord with you, please accept our invitation to join us at 9:30 on the third Saturday of the month, January 19 being our next meeting.

### ANSWERS TO "Days-of-Christmas" QUESTIONS:

The 8 beatitudes are: Blessed are: (1) the poor in spirit, (2) those who mourn, (3) the meek, (4) those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, (5) the merciful, (6) the pure in heart, (7) the peacemakers, (8) those who are persecuted for righteousness sake.

The 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit are: (1) love, (2) joy, (3) peace, (4) patience, (5) kindness, (6) generosity, (7) faithfulness, (8) gentleness, and (9) self-control.

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**Please pray for our beloved deceased:**  
 Lucille Netzman  
 Michael Arengi  
 Anthony Cassara  
 Rose Moretter

**Mass Intentions**  
**Monday, January 14**  
**9:00 For Our Parishioners**  
**Tuesday, January 15**  
**9:00 Andrea Risolo**  
 Family  
**Wednesday, January 16**  
**9:00 Glen Caretta—**  
 Mom  
**Thursday, January 17**  
**9:00 Anne Yanicky—**  
 Greg & Terry Christo  
**Friday, January 18**  
**9:00 Conrad Salber—**  
 St. Cecilia's Mens Club  
**Saturday, January 18**  
**9:00 Jerry Mauro, Mauro,**  
**Romano & Sauzzi Families—**  
 Mauro, Moroni, & Huussen  
 Families  
**5:00 James Palmiere**  
 M/M Arnold Roberti & Family  
**Sunday, January 19**  
**8:30 George Ellia—**  
 Elaine, wife  
**11:00 Luciano & Lucia Ferruzza—**  
 Daughter, Angie

**ANSWERS TO "Days-of-Christmas" QUESTIONS (con't)**

The 11 faithful apostles were: (1) Simon Peter, (2) Andrew, (3) James, (4) John, (5) Philip, (6) Bartholomew, (7) Matthew, (8) Thomas, (9) James bar Alphaeus, (10) Simon the Zealot, (11) Judas bar James. (The unfaithful 12<sup>th</sup> apostle was Judas Iscariot.)

The 12 points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed are: (1) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; (2) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord; (3) He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary; (4) He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell (the grave); (5) On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; (6) He will come again to judge the living and the dead; (7) I believe in the Holy Spirit; (8) the Holy catholic Church; (9) the communion of saints; (10) the forgiveness of sins; (11) the resurrection of the body; and (12) life everlasting.

**Memorial Fund**

We are grateful for donations receive in memory of John Hoh from John E. Cappon, Jr.; Lena Oakes from M/M Richard Falvo and Anthony Cassara from M/M Frank DePeters and M/M Henry Beghini

**First Communion**

Parents interested in having their children prepare to receive Holy Eucharist for the first time this spring are asked to attend the Parent Information Meeting this **Monday, January 14** in Newcomb Friendship Center from **6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** The guidelines state that your baptized children must be in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or beyond, have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance), and been in a Faith Formation program or Catholic School last year as well as this.

**Creating A Safe Environment (CASE)**

All volunteers at St. Cecilia's who work with children, teens or vulnerable adults are mandated by Bishop Clark to have a background check and to participate in a "Creating A Safe Environment" session. One of these C.A.S.E. classes will be held on **Monday, January 28** from **6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** in Newcomb Friendship Center. There is no fee for this class, but it will be necessary to pre-register by calling Ann Kubiak at 467-4286 x 105.

**Sunday Offering**



Envelope User..... \$ 11,173.50  
 Non-Envelope Users .....\$ 621.00  
 Children Envelope \$ 9.13  
**TOTAL..... \$ 11,803.63**

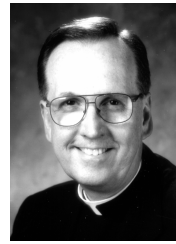
**Thank You for your generous support !**

**The Liturgy of the Word for Children**

Congratulations are extended to Melanie Isaac and Anna Marshal for attending the most sessions of the Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses first semester. Our next attendance contest has begun and all children pre-kindergarten through grade 6 are invited to hear the Word of God at their age level at these special sessions.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
<b>Sun., 1/13</b>	9:30 a.m.	Room 109	Faith Formation Committee Meeting
	9:30 a.m.	Newcomb Center	Coffee Hour hosted by Finance Committee
	12:00 p.m.	Room 109	R.C.I.A.
<b>Mon., 1/4</b>	5:00 p.m.	Newcomb Center	Men's Club Meeting
<b>Tues., 1/15</b>	7:00 p.m.	Church	Devotions to Mary
	7:00 p.m.	Newcomb Center	Stewardship Committee Meeting
<b>Wed., 1/16</b>	9:30 a.m.	Newcomb Center	Circle of Friends
	4:30 p.m.	MCR	Executive Board Meeting
<b>Thurs 1/17</b>	1:00 p.m.	Newcomb Center	Liturgy Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Room 109	The August Group
	7:00 p.m.	MCR	Ladies Guild Executive Committee
<b>Fri., 1/18</b>	5:00 p.m.	Youth Room	Youth Group
	7:30 p.m.	Newcomb Center	<b>BINGO</b>
<b>Sat., 1/19</b>	9:00 p.m.	Room 111	Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic
<b>Sun., 1/20</b>	9:30 a.m.	Room 109	Faith Formation Committee Meeting
	9:30 a.m.	Newcomb Center	Coffee Hour hosted by Finance Committee
	12:00 p.m.	Room 109	R.C.I.A.

**Pastoral Perspectives**



In a large parish there was a custom that the staff would go on a retreat each Fall. There they would plan the major parish activities for the year ahead. At one such retreat, they decided that a big Christmas pageant would be a good activity. When it came time to map out the production, they got into a very long discussion of how to symbolize Jesus in the manger. They didn't want to use a doll or a statue, and they ruled out using a real baby. Finally they decided to put a *light* in the manger. They did this very tastefully so that throughout the pageant a warm glow of light would shine out from the manger.

On opening night, the house was packed, the audience was expectant, and the curtain went up. Immediately, all of the principals realized that something was wrong and there was a moment of silent hesitation. Then everyone heard the director say in a loud, raspy stage whisper to the stage manager, "Hey, Bill, you forgot to turn on Jesus!"

We are invited by today's Feast of the Epiphany to ask ourselves like the wise men who traveled to Bethlehem: Have we been turned on by Jesus?

With all our technology, with all our affluence, with the power we have shown to dominate many forces of nature, we moderns are convinced that we need no other light than that of our own creativity. The air no longer holds us to the ground. We can fly in it. The atmosphere no longer holds us to the earth. We can fly through it. The depths of the sea are no longer mysteries. We can put on scuba gear, or enter deep submersibles. We are convinced that we are wise. But we have forgotten the Child. How blessed are those who become like little children, for the Kingdom of God is theirs!

**Thought for the week:** It is the daily courtesies more than the occasional grand gestures that show how much you really care.

**Smile for the week:** On his first trip to the zoo a little boy stared at a stork for a while, then turned to his father and remarked: "Gee, Dad, he doesn't recognize me!"

*God bless! Have a wonderful week!*

Fr. Kevin McKenna

**New Parishioners**—Welcome to St. Cecilia's! Please stop in at the Parish office to introduce yourself and register. We look forward to meeting you and your family.

**Celebration of Baptism**—The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on pre-arranged Sundays. Parents are required to have an interview with the Faith Formation Coordinator, Ann Kubiak at 467-4286 ext.105.

**Celebration of Penance/Reconciliation** Saturdays at **4 p.m.** and at other times by appointment by calling the Parish office.

**Celebration of Matrimony**—Couples planning to marry should contact the priest at the Parish office six months prior to their wedding date. Pre-Cana is required. Weddings will be scheduled only on Saturdays at 10 a.m., 12 noon and 2 p.m.

**Ministry to the Sick**—The Sacraments are available to those in need. Please call Mary Ann Noto.

**R.C.I.A.**—Interested in becoming a Catholic? Please contact Ann Kubiak at 467-4286 ext. 105.

**Pastoral or Liturgical Volunteer Opportunities**—Call Mary Ann Noto at 467-4286 ext. 106.

**Bequests**—In making out your will, kindly remember your Church. Our legal title is St. Cecilia's Church of Rochester, NY.

**Irondequoit Senior Ministries: 697-6322**  
**Good Samaritan Transportation: 336-1777**



**Mission Statement**

St. Cecilia Catholic Church is a united, caring Christian community providing opportunities for worship, faith formation and social involvement.

We reach out to those in need and encourage all to actively participate in the life of the Church by sharing God's gifts of time, talent and treasure.

**MINISTRY & GREETER SCHEDULE: January 12 & 13**

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Lector</b>	B. Weeks	L. Morrell	V. Magin
<b>Commentator</b>	T. Scrimale	C. Milligan	D. Thomas
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	M. Lylak	A. DellaFave	M. Giordano
	D. Schuler	G. Gaston	B. Pellegrino
	D. Schuler	L. Gaston	B., Sheridan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A. Smith	B. Mackey	Anna Marshall **
	D. Smith **	C. Mackey	Nicole Christiano
<b>Greeters</b>	J. Kermis	S. Becker	I. Brockman
	Sr. Mariella	S. Lanzi	M. Campanella
	M. Ferreri	N. VanW	J. Campanella
	E. Petronio	M. Taillie	R. Binazeski
	C. DiNieri	G. George	C. LaCapruccia