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Week of February 3, 2008

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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www.stceciliasonline.org



LENT -JOYFUL RENEWAL OF HEART AND SPIRIT

"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart." These words from the prophet Joel have set the stage for our Lenten theme. Our focus is on a *renewal* of our heart and spirit. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, we hear the call that echoes our Baptism. Those already committed to their faith are reminded of their Baptismal vows and, along with those coming into our faith, find it a time for *preparation*. The two groups should encourage and strengthen one another. Anyone planning a major joyful event (birth, vacation, wedding), while taxing in some ways, knows that half the joy comes in the preparation. The work of preparing can give new life and energy.

It is the perfect time to take the *journey within* to make changes which will have a positive affect on our lives and on those around us. This renewal should lead us to understand the suffering of others and lend to greater efforts to reach out to them. We are asked to seek forgiveness for our sins against God and also to reconcile with others. "Love your neighbor as yourself" we are instructed by God. Through healing and loving ourselves, recognizing and being grateful for the gifts God has given us, we are better able to love others.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are three traditional pillars of Lenten observance. Through prayer, we come to know ourselves better, strengthen our relationship with God, and see more clearly His plan for us. Fasting, by depriving ourselves of negative behaviors, actions, money or anything standing in the way of giving our hearts to God, is important. Almsgiving is shown by caring for those in need. It can be demonstrated through works of charity and justice-- as expressions of gratitude for all God has given us.

Holy Week begins on Passion (Palm) Sunday. We commemorate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The palms point us to Christ's resurrection and triumph over sin and death through the waters of Baptism. On **Holy Thursday**, the mystery of faith and the accounts of the Last Supper and the Washing of the Feet are commemorated. On **Good Friday**, as we remember Jesus' death for us, our prayers and reflection draw us closer to Him. The **Easter Vigil** holds great importance--- it brings new life to the baptized, energizes the faithful and proclaims Christ's Resurrection! On **Easter Sunday**, celebration of new life takes place!

Please join us during this season of spiritual renewal. Our Diocese is offering a series of Spiritual Renewal opportunities that will continue throughout the year. Read our Lenten brochure for regulations, retreat opportunities and Holy Week services as together we return to God with renewed spirits and hearts.

Please pray for our beloved deceased:
Gerald Brady
Mary Alongi
Gerald Oesterly

Mass Intentions
Monday, February 4
9:00 For our Parishioners
Tuesday, February 5
9:00 Julia Colangelo DiGregoira
 Samuel & Beverly Simone
Wednesday, February 6
9:00 Howard Fritz
 George & Grace Supple
Thursday, February 7
9:00 Michael Abbott
 Don & Barb Froehler
Friday, February 8
9:00 John Bretz
 Annette DellaFave
Saturday, February 9
9:00 Virginia Montione
 Teresa Marconi
5:00 Angelina DiRienzo
 Raymond Calabro & Boys from
 Ridge Donut Coffee Shop
Sunday, February 10
8:30 Carol Lederman
 James & Betty Connelly
11:00 Paolo & Domenica
Chiappone
 Daughter Cathy & Family

Ladies Guild Meeting will be held Thursday, **February 14th** at 6:00 p.m. in the Newcomb Friendship Center. The Men's Club will serve a delicious baked chicken dinner. Please join us for this wonderful evening. Cost \$8.00. For reservations call Sue 338-9228 or Marie 467-4089.

The AARP 8-hour Driver Safety Program will be taking place in the **Peace of Christ Parish** at St. James School, 109 Brockley Road, Rochester, NY 14609 on **Saturday, February 23 and Saturday, March 1** (both sessions mandatory) from 9:30-1:30 p.m. In this course: Learn how to avoid driving hazards for a minimal course fee of \$10.00. Class is open to people of all ages. Please bring your driver's license, a check for \$10.00 made payable to AARP and a snack as four hours is a long time. There are no tests to take and there are auto insurance discounts in most states. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Call Janet at 342-8143.

Memorial Fund
 We are grateful for donations received in Memory of: **Josephine Holdraker**, from Mary Alice Meyers

PASTA DINNER
February 10—noon-3:00
Tickets—\$6 Adult & \$4 Child
Available after Mass and the Parish Office.
At door \$7 Adult & \$5 Child

The Rights of Catholics
 Father McKenna will be giving a presentation on "The Rights of Catholics" at the Church of the Transfiguration, 50 W. Bloomfield Rd., Pittsford, **Monday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.** Copies of his books, including his most recent, *The Battle for Rights in the U.S. Catholic Church* will also be available for purchase to benefit the Archdiocese of Arusha Medical Mission project. All are welcome!

Stella Maris Retreat & Renewal Center
 Skaneateles, New York

Lenten Series-The Real Meaning of the Cross given by Fr. Jim Lauducci
 Wednesdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. \$5.00
Valentine Evening for Couples
 Wednesday, February 13—dinner 6:00 \$50.00/couple
Women's Retreat Weekends March 7-9 Fr. Jack Wagner and April 18-20 with Fr. Jim Lauducci (\$135.00).
Introduction to the Enneagram, Saturday March 8th at 9:30-5:00—offering \$30.00

Sunday Offering

THE TALENT TREASURY
 GIVING BACK
 GOD'S BLESSINGS

Envelope User..... \$ 7,463.70
 Non-Envelope Users\$ 610.17
 Children 4.00
TOTAL..... \$ 8,077.87

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Thinking about sending your child to a Catholic School next year?
 St. John Neumann School
 31 Empire Blvd.
 Rochester, NY 14609
 585-288-0580
 Preschool through Grade 6
 Full Day Kindergarten
 Before and After School Care
 Preschool with Extended Care
 School tours may be arranged at any time.
schools.dor.org/stjohnneumann
Open House for Preschool – Grade 6
 February 7th — 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

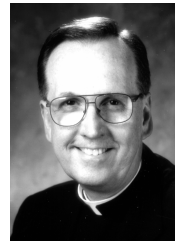
Preschool & Kindergarten Information Meeting for Parents and Guardians
 February 12th @ 6:30 p.m. Join Us!

SURVIVOR: The Real World — are you a young person anxious about the future? Learn how the spiritual life can help during a series of spiritual talks designed to help you find where God is calling you:
February 3rd @ 2:00 p.m. Cultivating the Spiritual Life
 Presented by Deacon Glen McDonald (266-1288) at Christ the King Church, 445 Kings Highway South.
mcdonald@basilian.org

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
Sun., 2/3	9:30 a.m.	Room 111-111a	Faith Formation Jr. High
	9:30 a.m.	Newcomb Center	Coffee Hour hosted by Parish Council
	10:30 a.m.	Room 109	Family Life Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Room 105	Faith Formation Preschool/Kindergarten
Mon., 2/4	6:00 p.m.	Newcomb Center	Men's Club Dinner and Meeting
Tues., 2/5	9:00 a.m.	Newcomb Center	City East Ministry Retreat Day
	7:00 p.m.	Church	Devotions to Mary
	7:00 p.m.	Newcomb Center	Stewardship Meeting
Wed., 2/6	9:30 a.m.	MCR	Bible Study Group
	4:30 p.m.	MCR	Executive Board Meeting
Thurs 2/7	7:00 a.m.	Newcomb Center	Irondequoit Chamber of Commerce
	12:00 noon	Newcomb Center	Young at Heart Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Room 109	The August Group
Fri., 2/8	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room	Youth Group
	7:30 p.m.	Newcomb Center	BINGO
Sat., 2/9			
Sun., 2/10	9:30 a.m.	Room 111-111a	Faith Formation Jr. High
	11:00a.m.	Room 105	FF-Pre/Kdg
	12:00 noon	Newcomb Center	PASTA DINNER

Pastoral Perspectives

A man once went to his doctor. "I've got this terrible problem" he said. "Lately, I've been misbehaving and its getting worse. My conscience is troubling me very deeply, and I was wondering if you could prescribe something that would help." The doctor said, "Oh, I see you want something to strengthen your willpower." The patient protested. "No, he said, "you don't understand. I want something that will weaken my conscience."



The words of Jesus to us this weekend might tempt us to weaken our consciences as well. The beatitudes seem so strange. For example, "Blessed are those who mourn because they will be comforted." One thinks of people at a funeral home crying at the death of a loved one. Is Jesus saying that a person is blessed because the person is in grief? This Beatitude is deeper than that. Jesus wept over Jerusalem because the center of God's chosen people refused to recognize the presence of the Messiah. He wept over Jerusalem because the people there were more concerned with their possessions and their lives than with the presence of God among them. He wept over Jerusalem because he could see the destruction their own actions were bringing on themselves. Blessed are those who weep, they shall be comforted. This is the reason why the Church has an active role in encouraging morality in our nation. When we see that our public policy is immoral, we weep over the destruction our actions are bringing upon ourselves. We often hear "Why does the Church make a statement which has to do with the laws of our country?" The Church does so because it is weeping about what is happening.

Whose beatitudes have we accepted in our lives: Madison Avenue, Wall Street, Hollywood? Or Jesus Christ?

Thought for the week: Never apologize for doing what you know is right.

Smile for the week: Sunday school teacher: "What were the Phoenicians famous for?" Sunday school student: "Blinds."

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

YOUTH NEWS

Our Springtime Party will be here before you know it. Anyone interested in volunteering to help plan this fun event please contact Sara @ 467 4286 X104. Lots of laughs I promise !

Any Senior High School student needing community service, there is a **30 Hour Famine** scheduled for Feb 23/24. It would be 30 hours plus of service hours. You need to contact Sara 467-4286 X104 to pick up your sponsor envelope. All money raised goes toward a third world country in need. Any adult that would like to participate please feel free to join us.

The Canadian Island Trip

Mystical Touring Company presents a guided trip to Quebec City, the beautiful Island of Coudres, St. Anne de Beaupre Shrine, Baie Saint-Paul and two casinos. Departure from St. Cecilia's Church on June 10 and returning June 15. For reservations or more information, Call

BINGO
Every Friday Night
Doors open 5:00 PM
Games begin 7:30 PM



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MINISTRY & GREETER SCHEDULE: February 9-10

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lector	M. Lylak	J. Vidal	B. Lawrenz
Commentator	B. Weeks	S. Trimaldi	S. Villareale
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Colligan M.J. Colligan J. Panzarella	A. DellaFave G. Gaston L. Gaston	E. Allocco A. Colangelo I. Shelvin
Altar Servers	Nicole Kalpin Tim Striebich	Cosmo Pusateri **Timothy Jordain	**Mark Alaimo Gerry Caso
Greeters	Betty Mullins Sr. Mariella Marlene Ferreri Emily Petronio Joyce Kermis	Yolanda Ingrassia Sally Lanzi Noreen VanW Marcella Taillie Sue Becker	Ida Brockman Marie Campanella Jim Campanella Rose Tanzi Carol LaCapruccia