

# Saint Cecilia



CHURCH

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Week of February 26, 2006

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Celebration of the Eucharist

### Weekend Masses

- Saturday evening at 5 p.m.
- Sunday at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

### Weekday Masses

- Monday - Saturday at 9 a.m.

### Holy Days

- Check *The Connection*

## St. Cecilia's Staff

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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, Sally Lanzi, 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)

## Rites, Rites, Rites

The "**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**" (R.C.I.A.) is a series of rites, conducted in the context of learning about the Catholic faith and spiritual formation, through which a person is fully incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church. It is a step-by-step journey punctuated by corresponding rites between each of the 4 basic steps.


The process begins with the "pre-catechumenate". This is a time for inquirers to hear the Word of God and a time for members of the community to listen to the inquirers and answer their questions. The **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens** (for those unbaptized) or **Rite of Welcoming** for candidates who are baptized seeking full initiation took place last November.

The second step is called the "catechumenate" where the participants move from being inquirers to being people who have already begun to live as Catholic Christians. They are joined by sponsors from the community who serve as companions for them on their journey of faith. Next Sunday, we will celebrate the **Rite of Sending** when the members of our faith community send forth the R.C.I.A. participants to Sacred Heart Cathedral for the **Rite of Election**. It is during this special rite that catechumens have the opportunity to officially request of Bishop Clark entrance to the Church, and the candidates formally request the completion of their initiation.

The third step is the period of "purification and enlightenment" during Lent when candidates, through a **Penitential Rite** and the catechumens, through a series of three **Scrutiny Rites** receive the prayers and support of the community to have the strength to withstand evil and remain pure and free from sin as they journey toward initiation, continued conversion and maturing faith.

The culmination of this journey of faith occurs at the Easter Vigil when after sunset on Holy Saturday, those in the R.C.I.A. process celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism (for the unbaptized), Confirmation and Eucharist. And, finally, the newest members of the faith community enter the final phase, the "mystagogy period" as they move forward toward a deeper understanding of God's Word, of the sacraments and the lived Christian life.

This year we have three adults and four children in our R.C.I.A. process. Please be generous with your prayers and support for them.



**Sunday Offering**

Envelope Users.....\$4,923.00

Non-Envelope Users .....\$ 917.16

Childrens.....\$ 60.00

**TOTAL.....\$5,900.16**

**Debt Reduction .....\$311.00**

**Maintenance Fund.....\$282.00**

**YTD Collection .....\$232,486.00**

**Snowplowing and Salting** for 2005-2006  
 Winter Season has totaled \$5,700.01 to date.  
*Your continued support is needed and greatly welcomed. Thank you!*

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, February 27**

**9:00 For Our Parishioners**

**Tuesday, February 28**

**9:00 Rose & Ed Groszewski —**  
Joyce Kermis

**Wednesday, March 1-Ash Wednesday**

**9:00 Margaret Davis—**  
Dorothy Vinci

**Thursday, March 2**

**9:00 Lillian Buttaggi—**  
Vivian & Sammy

**Friday, March 3**

**9:00 James Bretz—**  
Lorraine Long & Betty Natale

**Saturday, March 4**

**9:00 John J. Miller**  
Mary Alice & Family

**5:00 Josephine Morano—**  
M/M Lewis Panzarella

**Sunday, March 5**

**8:00 Angie DiPaolo—**  
Sam & Lena Arango

**9:30 Joseph Allu**  
Family

**11:30 Richard Maher—**  
Wife, Betty

**Please pray for our beloved deceased:**  
**Nancy Mazzullo, Joseph Cassara,**  
**Lorraine Sage, Raymond Barg and**  
**Lawrence Lazzara**

**Devotions to Mary**  
 Will be held on **Tuesday at 7 p.m.**  
**Memorial Fund**

We are grateful for donations received in memory of **Row Bow, Jr.** from Catherine Stanton and in memory of **Gordon Doell** from Ann, Curt & Irene Winkler.

**Catholic Roots of Mardi Gras**

Taken from an article by St. Anthony Messenger Press

Mardi Gras, literally "Fat Tuesday" in French, has roots that lie in the Christian calendar, as the "last hurrah" before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. That's why the enormous party in New Orleans, for example, ends abruptly at midnight on Tuesday, with battalions of street sweepers pushing the crowds out of the French Quarter towards home.

What is less known about Mardi Gras is its relation to the Christmas season, through the ordinary-time interlude known in many Catholic cultures as Carnival. Carnival comes from the Latin words *carne vale*, meaning "farewell to the flesh." Like many Catholic holidays and seasonal celebrations, it likely has its roots in pre-Christian traditions based on the seasons. Some believe the festival represented the few days added to the lunar calendar to make it coincide with the solar calendar; since these days were outside the calendar, rules and customs were not obeyed. Others see it as a late-winter celebration designed to welcome the coming spring. As early as the middle of the second century, the Romans observed a Fast of 40 Days, which was preceded by a brief season of feasting, costumes and merrymaking.

The Carnival season kicks off with the Epiphany, also known as Twelfth Night, Three Kings' Day and, in the Eastern churches, Theophany. Epiphany, which falls on January 6, 12 days after Christmas, celebrates the visit of the Wise Men bearing gifts for the infant Jesus. In cultures that celebrate Carnival, Epiphany kicks off a series of parties leading up to Mardi Gras.

Epiphany is also traditionally when celebrants serve King's Cake, a custom that began in France in the 12th century. Legend has it that the cakes were made in a circle to represent the circular routes that the Wise Men took to find Jesus, in order to confuse King Herod and foil his plans of killing the Christ Child. In the early days, a coin or bean was hidden inside the cake, and whoever found the item was said to have good luck in the coming year. In Louisiana, bakers now put a small toy baby, representing the Christ Child, in the cake; the recipient is then expected to host the next King Cake party.

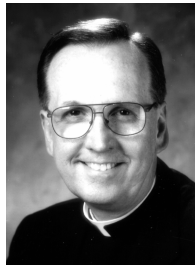
The official colors of Mardi Gras, with their roots in Catholicism, are purple, a symbol of justice; green, representing faith; and gold, to signify power. *Mardi Gras* is also known as Shrove Tuesday (from "to shrive," or hear confessions), Pancake Tuesday and fetter Dienstag. The custom of making pancakes comes from the need to use up fat, eggs and dairy before the fasting and abstinence of Lent begins.

**T H I S   W E E K   A T   S T .   C E C I L I A ' S**

Day & Date	Time	Location	Activity
<b>Sun., 2/26</b>	9:30 a.m. After 9:30 Mass 10:30 a.m.	Room 105 Newcomb Center Rm. 109	PreK/Kdg. Faith Formation Class Coffee Hour hosted by Parish Council Jr. High Faith Formation Class
<b>Mon., 2/27</b>	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	<b>All Classrooms</b>	<b>Faith Formation Classes Grade 1—6</b>
<b>Tues., 2/28</b>	7:00 p.m.	Church	Devotions to Mary
<b>Wed., 3/1</b>	<b>3:15 &amp; 7 p.m.</b> 9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	<b>Church</b> Room 109 Room 109 Music Room	<b>Prayer Service with Ashes</b> Bible Study Group Girl Scout Troop 685 Choir Practice
<b>Thurs., 3/2</b>	7:45 a.m. Noon 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Room 109 Newcomb Center Newcomb Center Room 111A Room 109	Irondequoit Chamber of Commerce Young At Heart Meeting Joan Workmaster –Lenten Program Job Networking Group Knights of Columbus Meeting
<b>Fri., 3/3</b>	After 9 am Mass 7:30 p.m.	Church Newcomb Center	Stations of the Cross <b>BINGO</b>
<b>Sat., 3/4</b>	12:00 noon	Conference Room	St. Joseph Table Meeting St. Andrew's Food Donations
<b>Sun., 3/5</b>	After 9:30 Mass 10:30 a.m.	Newcomb Center Rm. 109	Coffee Hour hosted by Men's Club Jr. High Faith Formation Class

**Pastoral Perspectives**

A commercial jetliner was cruising at an altitude of thirty thousand feet. A businessman was gazing idly at the cloud formation below. Suddenly, he saw sparks streaming out of one of the jet's four engines. He watched in horror as the engine burst into flames and dropped off the wing, disappearing into the clouds below. Shuddering violently, the plane began to lose altitude. Also shuddering violently, the businessman closed his eyes and joined his hands in prayer at its most fervent. He remained in that condition until the pilot had successfully negotiated an emergency landing. Then the man's eyes opened and his hands parted as he listened to the pilot's reassuring voice: "It's all over. We've made a safe landing. There is no danger." Whereupon the man once again closed his eyes and joined his hands in prayer. As the plane began to empty a woman passenger said to the man: "When we were in trouble up there, I watched you pray, and it helped me to get through the experience without panicking. I am grateful that your prayer was answered. Would you mind telling me what you prayed?" "Not at all," the man replied. "I just kept repeating, 'Lord, if you let us land safely, I'll sell all my stocks and bonds and real estate, and give the money to the poor.'" Still curious, the woman asked, "What did you say the second time you prayed, after the pilot announced that we had made a safe landing and all was well?" "Oh, I just added one word," the man replied, "Amen?" she asked? "No, *someday*," he answered.



Ash Wednesday arrives this week. It is a not so subtle way for the Church to say — our time to reform and to change is now — not *someday*. Traditionally, our practice during Lent as been prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May I suggest one more? "Silence." Turn down the volume of the world for just a few minutes each day. See what difference quietness can make. In the quiet we can hear the Lord's voice. As the psalmist says: "If *today* you hear his voice, harden not your heart."

- *Thought for the week:* Remember, life is too brief and too beautiful to rush through it all out of breath.
- *Smile for the week:* Three-year old Johnny was very interested in the communion rite at Mass and watched the priest closely until he had finished wiping the chalice. At this moment the boy looked up at his mother and said, "Can we go home now? He's doing the dishes"

God bless! Have a wonderful week! *Fr. Kevin McKenna*

**YOUTH NEWS:** Please return any Family Feud Surveys taken home to Sara. JAZZ Band postponed to later date

**MINISTRY & GREETER SCHEDULE: March 4 & 5**

	5 p.m.	8 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Lector</b>	R. Stone	L. Morrell	F. Riesenberger	D. Flinn
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	C. DiNieri Sr. Jeanne G. Reisinger	J. Crosby B.Rozinski K. Rozinski	D. Hamilton G. Tellex S. Trimaldi	J. Costa G. George M. Giordano
<b>Altar Servers</b>	B. Lange R. Reisinger	T. Streibich **C. Mackey	D. Swan K. Stapleton	J. Goodwin D. Tydings
<b>Greeters</b>	C. DiNieri Sr. Mariella  J. Kermis M. Lylak	E. DePeters R. Mulley V. Gramlich M. Taillie G. George	R. Tanzi A. Scarlata J. Staffieri S. Lanzi H. Mercurio	L. Garcia MA Meyers C. LaCapruccia D. Palo I. Brockman

**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 Ministry Coordinator Please call Sr. Cathy Solan.

**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 Sr. Cathy Solan at 467-4286, ext 104.

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

**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**

**Bible Study** will continue on the **first** and **third Wednesday** of the month at 9:30 following the 9:00 Mass in the Newcomb Center. We will start *The Acts of the Apostles*. !

**Ladies Guild** Will meet on **Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m.** in **Newcomb Center**. The speaker will be Kathy Staunton, Radiology Technologist from the Wendy Logan Breast Clinic. Her topic will be on Osteoporosis—its prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Followed by Refreshments. All are welcome!

**Men's Club** will meet **Monday, March 6 at 6:30** for the Past President's Dinner. Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served. All are welcome, call Sam @ 342-8860 or Cosmo @ 544-0632.

**Volunteer Opportunity** We would like to add names to our list for **office receptionists**. If you are interested in helping one afternoon a week or month, please call Dorothy at 467-4286 ext. 100.

#1 Cartoonist and author Jason Kotecki will be sharing insights on living and loving with a childlike faith. Jason will provide ideas on how to "Escape Adulthood" on **March 31 at 7:30** at BK School while gaining peace of mind about things you worry about most. For more information [www.kimandjason.com](http://www.kimandjason.com). Reservations by March 24 (336-4370) sponsored by the SSJ Spirituality Center.