

Saint Cecilia



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Week of March 5, 2006

First Sunday of Lent

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*

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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

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl is a Lenten program that calls U.S. Catholics to pray, fast, learn and give. Operation Rice Bowl began as a program in the diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania in 1975. Today, millions of Catholics in more than 14,600 parishes, schools, and other faith communities across the U.S. use Operation Rice Bowl as a means to participate in the work of Catholic Relief Services and assist our brothers and sisters in need around the world. Operation Rice Bowl embraces the themes of Lent and invites participants to pray with their families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, learn about our brothers and sisters around the world, and give sacrificial contributions to the poor.

75% of Rice Bowl proceeds are received by Catholic Relief Services to fund development projects in 40 countries around the world, including agricultural enrichment, water and sanitation, maternal/child health, small enterprise development and job training. All of these projects help to promote human dignity and encourage self-reliance.

25% of Rice Bowl proceeds stay in the diocese to provide needed resources for local efforts to help the poor. These funds are for program costs related to hunger or poverty alleviation, such as soup kitchens, homeless shelters and food pantries. The Youth Group is willing to offer to a portion of the money donated in the Famine Jars over this Lenten Season towards Operation Rice Bowl. Please remember them in your prayers and help by donating \$.25 each time you come to mass. Look for stories of who your donation is helping at entrances of the church.

Once again thank you for your support.

PRAY, FAST, LEARN & GIVE: JESUS' TEMPTATION

In Mark's Gospel we read about Jesus being tempted by the devil for 40 days. Lent provides us with time to reflect on the temptations we face and remember we rely on God for all things. Through our participation in *Operation Rice Bowl*, we put our faith into action. Our prayers and alms help people in need in our country and around the world. As we continue our *Operation Rice Bowl* journey, let us remember in **prayer** that all humanity has been made in the image of God. Through our actions we must express that each person is precious and that the lives and welfare of all people are priorities. May our **fasting** keep us mindful of the hunger of the people of the world. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services as we **learn** about microfinance projects in Kenya.

Please pray for our beloved deceased:
Ralph F. Miller and Joseph Pilato

Memorial Fund

We are grateful for donations received in memory of *Agnes Parrish* from Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Mastrosimone.

Devotions to Mary

Will be held on **Tuesday** at 7 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 6

9:00 For Our Parishioners

Tuesday, March 7

9:00 Robert Smith —
Ann Dowejko

Wednesday, March 8

9:00 Carmella Boccia—
Janet Dovolo

Thursday, March 9

9:00 Eleanor & Philip Iacuzza—
Sister, Nancy

Friday, March 10

9:00 Joe Palo—
Wife, Dorothy

Saturday, March 11

9:00 Frank & Nancy Monello—
James Monello

5:00 Grace Vassallo—

Jean Borzilleri & son Joseph

Sunday, March 12

8:00 Gerald Risida—
Donna, Diane & Rose
Salamone

9:30 Theresa Cannarozza—
Ray & Mary Lanzafame

11:30 Kathleen Rice (Scantlin)—
Kellow Family

Escape Adulthood

You won't want to miss Jason Kotecki, author and creator of the comic strip *Kim & Jason* who will be visiting with his wife Kim. Through his hilarious presentation you will be inspired to rediscover your childlike faith and create a family dynamic that is more fun, loving, and supportive. Check out *Kim & Jason* comics at www.KimandJason.com. Friday March 31 at 7:30 p.m.; Bishop Kearney High School Cafeteria. For info and reservations call 336-4370.

Lenten Workshop

Joan Workmaster, well known liturgist will be presenting "Getting More Out of Mass" **Thursday, March 16th** at 6:45 p.m. in Church.

Friday Lenten Fish Fry

Boy Scout Troop 233 (Christ the King Church) are sponsoring a baked haddock fish fry on Fridays in Lent (through April 7th). Serving times are 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center (445 Kings Hwy S). Take-out orders can be ordered in advance at 266-0620. \$7.50 for adults, \$7.00 Senior citizens and children under 10.

Irish Pub Night

Nazareth Academy's 16th Annual Irish Pub Night will be held Saturday, **March 18th** at 8:00 p.m. At Nazareth Hall Elementary School, 180 Raines Park. Parking available at Sacred Heart Cathedral with shuttle service. Entertainment featuring the Dady Brothers and the Drumcliffe Irish Dancers, call 458-8583 for information.

YOUTH GROUP Webster Park 12-5 p.m., **March 12th** Parkview Lodge. Sledding, music, food and fun. No fee, bring food to share, all teens must be accompanied by an adult. Call Sara @ 467-4286 x 110 for more information.



Sunday Offering

Envelope Users..... \$5,558.00
Non-Envelope Users\$1,037.23
Childrens.....\$ 23.98
TOTAL.....\$6,619.21

YTD Collection\$239,411.24

Your continued support is needed and greatly welcomed. Thank you!

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!

REMINDER...Bring your money for the day trip to Stella Maris on May 16 and don't forget to return your raffle tickets.

St. Joseph's Table

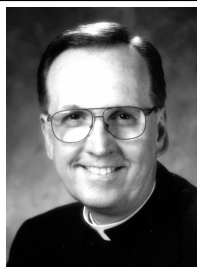
Everyone is welcome to attend a Celebration and Sweets Table on **Sunday, March 19** after the 8, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses in Newcomb Center in honor of St. Joseph's Feast Day. Donations of your favorite baked goods or any meatless dish in a disposable container would be appreciated.

THIS WEEK AT ST. CECILIA'S

Day & Date	Time	Location	Activity
Sun., 3/5	After 9:30 Mass 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Newcomb Center Rm. 109 Youth Room	Coffee Hour hosted by Men's Club Jr. High Faith Formation Class Communications Workshop for Teens
Mon., 3/6	6:00 p.m.	Newcomb Center	Men's Club Past Presidents Dinner
Tues., 3/7	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Room 107 Conference Rm. Church	Girl Scout Troop 59 Stewardship Committee Meeting Devotions to Mary
Wed., 3/8	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Room 109 Room 109 Conference Rm. Music Room Room 109	Circle of Friends Disciples In Mission Finance Council Meeting Choir Practice Social Ministry Meeting
Thurs., 3/9	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Room 111A Newcomb Center	Job Networking Group Ladies Guild Meeting
Fri., 3/10	After 9 am Mass 7:30 p.m.	Church Newcomb Center	Stations of the Cross BINGO
Sat., 3/11	7:00 .m.	Newcomb Center	Euchre Tournament/Dave Mauro
Sun., 3/12	After 9:30 Mass 9:30 a.m.	Newcomb Center Rm. 105	Coffee Hour hosted by Liturgy Committee Pre-K/Kindergarten Faith Formation Class

Pastoral Perspectives

During the National League playoffs a couple of years ago, Steve Bartman, a Chicago Cubs' fan, interfered with the ball preventing Cubs player Moises Alou from catching it. The Marlins went on to win the game and the National League series. Bartman went on to be vilified by Cubs' fans, held responsible for resurrecting the old curse that prevents the Chicago Cubs from going to the World Series. Later on a restaurant owner bought the infamous ball and had it destroyed in the hopes of "ending the curse!"



Would that life were that easy. Disappointments and setbacks are a part of life. Sometimes it may feel that we are cursed. Often times the Hebrew people, as recorded in the Old Testament, felt that they were cursed because so many things went wrong. Moses would tell them that there was no curse; rather, they had made choices. The way to start again was not to destroy or smash anything, but rather, to change their heart, to make new choices.

The first Sunday of Lent sets us on our path for the rest of the season. We realize that there is a lot about life that we cannot change. We will not always win the game. Someone will interfere and get in the way. But what we can control is the way, the choices we make, what is in our heart. There is a great temptation, Jesus says, to believe that we cannot be different people. That is why Jesus goes into the desert, to destroy the idea that you will always be stuck, that there is no way out, that you are doomed.

Turning to God's Word each day helps us to confront the temptation to doubt, to be distracted, to demand. It is God's Word that helps us to make new choices.

Thought for the week: Remember that good manners are always in fashion.

Smile for the week: Teacher: "What was George Washington noted for?" Student: "His memory." Teacher: "What makes you think his memory was so great?" Student: "They erected a monument to it."

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 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*. !

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.

New Affordable Senior Housing

St. Salome Parish is developing a Senior Housing project. If you or someone you know is interested please call 323-1160. The information we need is your name, age, address and telephone number.

Circle of Friends

The monthly support group for those who have lost a loved one through death, or whose lives have changed in a way that is causing them to experience a sense of grief, will take place this **Wednesday, March 8th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 109**. Please join us for prayer, sharing and support.

St. Andrew's Area Food Cupboard

To our Friends at St. Cecilia Parish— Thanks once again for your collection of foods this winter for the food cupboard. We are always grateful for your loyal assistance. This holiday season was especially busy with over 390 families served in November and again in December. We packed over 14,000 meals in December alone. So thank you for helping to restock the shelves as we continue our ministry to the hungry.

Sincerely, Margaret Oberst

The annual celebration of World Mission Sunday during October reminds us of the work of the universal church. We thank the good people of St. Cecilia's parish for taking part in this great work in bringing Christ to so many people by your prayers and generous gift of \$851.50 on World Mission Sunday. May God continue to bless you for your generous spirit.

Rev. Robert C. Bradler

MINISTRY & GREETER SCHEDULE: March 11 & 12

	5 p.m.	8 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lector	P. Mura	H. Hetzler	M. Messenger	O. Goodwin
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Lylak C. Warren D. Warren	A. DellaFave B. Hetzler K. Morgan	T. Alteri J. Colligan M. J. Colligan	B. Lawrenz R. Sanginario B. Sheridan
Altar Servers	P. Wagner J. Wagner	G. DiGabriele **Max Brady	C. Pusateri **G. Caso	D. Brockman M. Martellotta
Greeters	M. Camardo Sr. Mariella J. Doud E. Petronio	D. Vinci C. Milligan M. Taillie S. Becker L. Long	R. Tanzi S. Lanzi D. Wilber M. Bounaccorso B. Gambacorta	L. Garcia S. Flanigan E. Byrnes R. Binazeski A. Mancuso