

Saint Cecilia



CHURCH

CONNECTION

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Week of September 7, 2008

Twenty-Third Sunday of 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's, Glenn & Karen Miller one week in advance of the meeting.

Visit our Web site

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www.stceciliasonline.org



GRANDPARENTS DAY: SEPTEMBER 7TH

All of us can appreciate the observations below about grandparents:

- * What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance: They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort, lessons in life, and, most importantly: cookies.
- * Becoming a grandmother is wonderful. One moment you're just a mother. The next you are all-wise and prehistoric.
- * A grandfather is someone with silver in his hair and gold in his heart.
- * An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly.
- * Grandchildren are God's way of compensating us for growing old.
- * The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.
- * It's amazing how grandparents seem so young once you become one.
- * Grandchildren don't make a man feel old; it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother.
- * A grandfather likes to do nice things for his grandchildren - like buy them those toys he always wanted to play with.
- * A grandchild asked his grandmother: "Gramma, do you know how you and God are alike?". "No", she replied, "how are we alike?" "You're both old" he replied.
- * No cowboy was ever faster on the draw than a grandparent pulling a baby picture out of a wallet.
- * One of the most powerful handclasps is that of a new grandbaby around the finger of a grandfather.

ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE TRUE !

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Who should participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)?

- Anyone who has never been baptized.
- Anyone who has been baptized in another faith, but now wishes to experience the doctrines and traditions of the Catholic Church.
- Any baptized Catholic who has not completed initiation by the reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.
- Anyone who would like an opportunity to grow closer to the Lord in and through the Catholic Church.

What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?

- It is a **process**. A faith journey cannot be a "program" because programs as such do not cause conversion; only God brings about conversion.
- It is a **community event**. The Christian community initiates new members into itself.
- Its ministry is basically one of **witness and hospitality**.
- It is **ongoing and multi-dimensional**. Conversion takes time and requires a change of heart that cannot be accomplished by an educational program alone.
- It restores the baptismal focus of Lent, and reinstates the **Easter Vigil as the honored time for initiation**.
- It is a **step-by-step journey** punctuated by corresponding rituals.

For more information please attend the "Inquiry" session on Sunday, October 5 at noon in Room 109 or call Ann at (585) 467-4286 x 105.

As announced in detail from the pulpit today, St. Cecilia Parish is conducting a renewal of our Appeal that was conducted in 2007. The objectives of the Appeal are two: **1) to promote the concept of Catholic Stewardship "God loves a cheerful giver" and, 2) to request a slight weekly increase in the offering by all members of the Parish.** In order to keep our parish life vibrant and our ministries available to the entire parish family, we ask that everyone prayerfully consider a small additional sacrifice in their weekly offering to our parish. As our forbearers built these beautiful buildings which we are enjoying today, we of this generation have to create the tradition for future generations to keep our spirituality vibrant.

Please pray for our beloved deceased:
William Danis, John Dusel, Maria DiFiore, Margaret Hewitt, and John Fink

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 8

9:00 For our Parishioners

1:30 Legacy @ Cranberry

Sean Cristo—

Pat & Sharron Trimaldi

Tuesday, September 9

9:00 William Zimmer—

Lucille Williams

1 Wednesday, September 10

9:00 Barbara Gargano—

Bob & Carol Murawski

Thursday, September 11

9:00 Mary & Frank Trovato —

Rose Balsamo

Friday, September 12

9:00 Sharon Scott—

Bingo Workers

Saturday, September 13

9:00 Donald Schwartz, Jr.—

James, Susan & Heidi Schwartz

2:00 Wedding of Kristi Noto & Aaron Mindel

5:00 Clara Surace—

Family

Sunday, September 14

8:30 Harry Basalyga—

Cimo Family

11:00 Antoinette Privatera—

Louie & Mickey LiVecchi

Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast

Bishop Kearney Cheerleaders to hold a Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast Saturday **September 13, 2008 8:00am till 10:00 am** at Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill, 1683 East Ridge Rd. Rochester, NY. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door or in advance through a BK Cheerleader or by contacting Karen Rauchfuss @ 227-7173.

Adult Choir: is scheduled to begin the coming season with a Rehearsal at **7:15 pm on Wednesday, Sept 10th**, to prepare for singing at the **11:00 am Mass on Sunday, Sept. 14th**. Anyone wishing to join the choir can do so by attending the rehearsal in the Music Room, and/or by calling Jack Fiannaca at 723-1459.



BINGO

Every Friday Night

Doors open 5:00 PM

Games begin 7:30 PM

Handicap Accessible

Memorial Fund

We are grateful for donations in Memory of: **Ellen Wilson** from Beatrice Schroeder (sister) and **Harold Tellex** from *Daniel & Louann Lange, Mary Kay Riedman, Lorraine Long, Don & Kathleen Brown, Jack & Mary Adams, Audrey Hoffman, and Don & Penny Pero*

Faith Formation Class Registration

To aid in accurately planning for teachers, classroom space, textbooks and supplies purchasing, please register your children for classes pre-school (age 4) through grade eight right away. Your help with this will be greatly appreciated. Forms are available in the Parish Office.

COME JOIN US AT THE PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH IN NEWCOMB FRIENDSHIP CENTER FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

GOOD FOOD, GOOD TIME, BASKET RAFFLES, BAKE SALE AND A CHANCE TO BE A BIG WINNER. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. RAIN OR SHINE!

Men's Club Clam Bake Dinner Date Sept. 29 at 6:30PM

Reservations Required: Please contact Tom Stoffel @ 342-3458, Sam Trapani @ 342-8560 or Ray Stone @ 266-2524 by **Sunday Sept. 28th**

Sunday Offering



Envelope User..... \$ 8,479.58
 Non-Envelope Users\$ 734.00
 Children.....\$ 58.00
 Monthly EFT.....\$ 1,446.33
TOTAL.....\$ 10,717.91

Thank you for Your Generous Support!

Banns of Marriage

I Angelina Tranello and Anthony Sessa

II Laurie Beebe and William Kiley III

III Kristi Noto and Aaron Mindel

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2008

“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20) How fortunate we are to have a God who wants to be with us – who wants to be included in all aspects of our lives whether exciting or boring, happy or sad. Do we remember to let God be an active participant in the decisions of our everyday lives? **Office of Vocation Awareness 585-461-2890/ www.dor.org/vocations**

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
Sun., 9/7	1:00 pm till 4:00 PM Newcomb Center	PARISH PICNIC Donations for Food Cupboard
Mon., 9/8	8:30 am MCR	Collection Counting Team C- Donna Moore
Tues., 9/9	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm Church Room 109 Room 111	Devotions to Mary Alanon Meeting AA Meeting
Wed., 9/10	9:30 am 7:00 pm Newcomb Center Newcomb Center	Circle of Friends Alumni Meeting
Thur., 9/11	1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm Newcomb Center Newcomb Center Room 109	Alzheimer's Support Group Ladies Guild Installation Dinner The August Group
Fri., 9/12	7:00 pm 7:30 pm Youth Room Newcomb Center	Youth Group BINGO
Sat., 9/13		
Sun., 9/14	9:30 am Newcomb Center	Coffee Hour hosted by Men's Club

Dear Parishioners,



The Scriptures we hear most in Church are from the Gospel of Matthew, The Psalms (David), and the letters of St. Paul. With these three men we have examples of the three kinds of sins which plague humanity. They are avarice, lust, and pride.

St. Paul sinned by pride when he persecuted the Church beyond measure. David sinned by lust when he committed adultery with Bathsheba and then had her husband Uriah killed. St. Matthew sinned by avarice by seeking ill gotten gains, since he was a tax gatherer. Therefore, the writings of these three men are recited to us often so that no one who might wish to be converted would despair of pardon, when he sees that such great sinners were also great in the grace of the Lord. St. Matthew's feast day is September 21.

A joke for the week: Bulletin announcement: "If your troubles are deep-seated and long-standing, then try kneeling".

God bless you all,
Fr. Leone

Building Faithful Citizenship

Beware of the readings this week if you don't want the challenge to be a very active Christian. Each reading exhorts us to pay attention to God speaking in the world around us; acting on the invitation to love as God loves; and to nurture, care for and repair as necessary all the relationships and responsibilities we have towards others. This is no weak message. The readings give a call to purposeful living, speaking the truth and living by an active love, not passivity. In this election year, these readings call us to our responsibility to listen to social analysis and weigh proposed solutions according to how they will affect our neighbors, especially the poor. These readings call us to listen for the truth and "speak that truth to power" as we build a future that leaves no one on the fringes.

Reflection: Do you know what the candidates are proposing in economics, health care, for the environment? Are you making decisions with your neighbors in mind and the call to "love your neighbor as yourself?"

AARP DRIVER PROGRAM



The next AARP Driver Safety Program sponsored by ISM is **Mon. & Wed. Sept. 22 , & Sept. 24, 2008**. The AARP Program is oriented toward the senior driver but is open **to all drivers** affiliated with a parish in the Diocese of Rochester. The 8 hour course is held over 2 days in 4 hour sessions at St. Cecilia's, 2732 Culver Road. A \$10 fee is required at registration. Please call the Good Samaritan office 336-1777 to pre-register. Classes begin at noon & last until 4pm. Please bring your driver's license & a check made out to AARP. Cookies and coffee will be served.

MINISTRY & GREETER SCHEDULE: September 13 & 14

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lector	D. Striebich	C. Milligan	D. Flynn
Commentator	J. Striebich	L. Mancine	D. Thomas
Eucharistic Ministers	D. Toot, J & M.J. Colligan, S. Schmerbeck, C. DiNeri	D.Toot, A. DellaFave G. Moroni, J. Crosby, K. Morgan	D. Toot, J. Staffieri, I. Shevlin, R. Tanzi, B. Sheridan
Altar Servers	Tim Striebich ***Corrine Gambacurta	Erin Becker Rachel Becker	Jake Fioravanti Juliana Fioravanti
Greeters	Marlene Lylak Sr. Mariella - Sally Striebich Joyce Kermis	Eleanor Marzano Rose Mulley Peter Kelderhouse Anne Kelderhouse Gulsah George	Lee Garcia Pat Gambacurta Bill Gambacurta Sue Flanigan Ruth Binazeski

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

PLEASE NOTE: All articles for the Connection need to be submitted to the Parish Office by the end of business on Monday's in order to appear in the following week's *Connection*.

Coming to the **PICNIC** this weekend? Sara will be selling **Macy's SHOP FOR A CAUSE Coupons Save 10-20% on Sept. 20th @ any Macy's store**

Attention Junior High Youth. You are invited to an Adventure Day at Camp Stella Maris on **September 14th**. Call Sara by **Monday September 8th** if interested at 467-4286 X104.

Jazzersize is coming to St. Cecilia's
Have you found yourself over doing the potato salad over the summer. More information to follow  regarding dates and times.



Autumn Wine Tasting

Saturday October 25th featuring visit and wine tasting at Anthony Road Wine Company, lunch at Miller's Essenhous Restaurant, visit and wine tasting at Dr. Frank' Winery and visit and wine tasting at Bully Hill cost \$70.00. Call Marlene Ferreri for more information and reservations @342-3928