



CONNECTION

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Week of October 5, 2008

Twenty-Seventh 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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Respect Life Sunday

On this Respect Life Sunday 2008, we recall the words of Pope Benedict: "The Church ... is called to proclaim the gift of life, to serve life, and to promote a culture of life. ... This is the message of hope we are called to proclaim and embody in a world where self-centeredness, greed, violence, and cynicism so often seem to choke the fragile growth of grace in people's hearts." As we approach the upcoming elections, you may wonder how to integrate Respect for Life with your deliberations about how you will cast your vote. The Social Justice Committee of St. Cecilia's presents for your consideration, the following excerpts from "*Voting With a Clear Conscience*" by Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life.

"There are many issues that have to be considered in elections but not all have equal weight. The U. S. Bishops make this clear in *Living the Gospel of Life* (1998) when they explain that the right to life is like the foundation of a house. It holds up every other issue, because it is the principle at the heart and core of every effort for justice and peace.

Most disagreements between candidates and political platforms do not have to do with principle, but rather with policy. For example, it is a basic principle that people have a right to the safety of their own lives and possessions. That's why we have to fight crime. We don't see candidates campaigning on opposite sides of that principle. Instead there is agreement on the principle, but disagreement on the best policies to implement the principle.

But when a policy dispute involves questioning whether people deserve that protection in the first place, *the policy is the principle*. To allow abortion, which is the killing of a human child in the womb, is to break the principle that every human life is sacred and to deny the principle that life deserves protection. When a policy breaks the very founding principle of government, which is that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" (The Declaration of Independence) that is more than an ordinary political disagreement. It is about the kind of authority government has and who is ultimately in charge, God or government?

Candidates are supposed to advocate policies that advance the common good and the dignity of the human person. A candidate who advocates policies that violate those fundamental principles should not be supported for public office, because he or she violates the purpose of public office.

We urge our fellow citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest."

Please pray for our beloved deceased:

Nicholas Pizzale, Dolores DeFrank, Anthony DeFabio, & Joseph Santovito

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 6

9:00 For our Parishioners

Tuesday, October 7

9:00 Vito Locurcio—

Jennie Scardinale &

Angie Mancuso

Wednesday, October 8

9:00 Mimma Pucci —

Gloria LoVecchio

Thursday, October 9

9:00 Thanksgiving —

Dorothy Claire Palo

Friday, October 10

9:00 Sharon Scott—

Rev. Walter Cushing

Saturday, October 11

9:00 Robert & Louise Rowe—

Virginia Bleier & Family

2:00 Wedding of Elizabeth Cole and Kevin Miller

5:00 Charles J. Malta & George Kermis—

Wife & Children

Sunday, October 12

8:30 Tito & Maria DeGiovine—

M/M D'Intino

11:00 Philip Lanzatella—

Frances DiTucci

First Penance/ Reconciliation Meeting

A **required** meeting for parents of those wishing to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation for the first time this year (2nd grade and beyond) will be held this **Monday, October 6** from **6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** in Newcomb Friendship Center. **Please note:** It is necessary for children to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation **before** their First Holy Communion, and they must have been in a Faith Formation program or Catholic School at least one year prior to the program this year.



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 **Delores DeFrank** from the *St. Cecilia's Ladies Guild*

R.C.I.A. Inquiry Session

An "Inquiry Session" for those interested in joining the Catholic Church, or completing their initiation into the Catholic Church will be held this **Sunday, October 5 at noon in Room 109.** All are welcome!

Liturgy of the Word for Children

During the 11:00 a.m. Mass this **Sunday, October 6**, the "Liturgy of the Word for Children" will begin again. All school age children in preschool through 6th grade are invited and encouraged to hear the "Good News" at their own level of understanding. Not only will they hear the readings of the day, but there will be music and lively discussion of what they have heard.

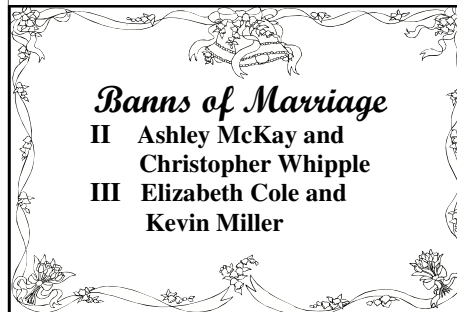
Sunday Offering



Envelope User..... \$6,448.00
Non-Envelope Users \$ 520.86

TOTAL.....\$ 6,968.00

Thank you for Your Generous Support



Banns of Marriage

II Ashley McKay and Christopher Whipple

III Elizabeth Cole and Kevin Miller

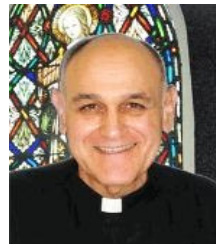
"Circle of Friends"

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, October 8 at 9:30 a.m.** in Newcomb Friendship Center. Please join us for prayer, sharing and support.

DATE		LOCATION	ACTIVITY
Sun., 10/5	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon	Newcomb Center Room 105 Room 109	Coffee Hour hosted by Social Justice Pre K & Kdgn. Liturgy of the Word R.C.I.A.
Mon., 10/6	8:30 am 6:15 pm 6:30 pm	MCR All Rooms Newcomb Center	Collection Counting Team C-D.Moore Faith Formation Grades 1—6 Penance Parents Meeting
Tues., 10/7	2:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Newcomb Center MCR Church Room 109 Room 111 Newcomb Center	Liturgy Committee Meeting Men's Club Executive Board Meeting Devotions to Mary & Benediction Alanon Meeting AA Meeting Stewardship Committee Meeting
Wed., 10/8	9:30 am 2:00 pm 4:30 pm	MCR Newcomb Center MCR	Circle of Friends ISM Regional Homebound Meeting Parish Council Executive Board Meeting
Thur., 10/9	1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Newcomb Center Newcomb Center Room 109	Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting Ladies Guild Tureen Supper & Mtg The August Group
Fri., 10/10	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Youth Room Newcomb Center	Youth Group BINGO
Sat., 10/11			
Sun., 10/12	9:30 am	Newcomb Center	Coffee Hour hosted by Ladies Guild

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lord Jesus Christ loved us so much that He was willing to be “rejected” in order to save us. “The stone which the builders rejected has become the Keystone of the Structure” (Mt:21:42). One of most interesting things about our Lord Jesus Christ was His preference to minister to sinners! He ate with sinners so often that He was even called “The friend of publicans and sinners”(Mt.11:19). When Jesus was criticized for this behavior, He responded with the beautiful answer: “They that are well have no need of a physician, but they that are sick. For I came not to call the just but sinners.” (Mt. 9:12-13). How blest we all are to have such a Redeemer!



Proverb: If all else fails, read the directions.

God bless you all,
Father Leone

Stewardship Appeal

The St. Cecilia Parish Renewal Appeal is being very well received by the people of this Parish. To date 166 people have responded; representing a combined weekly increase of \$850.75. The average increase in weekly offerings is \$5.13. If you have not already done so, please use the special stewardship envelope to indicate your new level of giving then return to your regular packet of envelopes.

MINISTRY & GREETER SCHEDULE: October 11 & 12

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lector	E. Petronio	D. Hummel	W. George
Commentaor	P. Mura	P. Kelderhouse	C. O’Kane
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Lawrenz D. Warren D. Pero, C. Warren C. DiNieri	G. Moroni,G. Gaston A. Kelderhouse, A. Della Fave L. Gaston	B. Pellegrino E. Byrnes J. Staffieri A.Colangelo I. Shevlin
Alter Servers	Nicole Tumminelli Samantha Tumminelli	Brandon Mackey Connor Mackey	Adam Smith Danielle Smith
Greeters	Marlene Lylak Sr. Mariella Joyce Kermis Marlene Ferreri Margaret Lambert	Jo White Gulsah George - Dorothy Vinci Cliff Milligan	Lee Garcia Marie Campanella Jim Campanella 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*.

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.

Building Faithful Citizenship

Respect Life Sunday reminds Catholics that we have a special reverence for the life and dignity of all human beings. From Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: "The consistent ethic of life provides a moral framework for principled Catholic engagement in political life and, rightly understood, neither treats all issues as morally equivalent nor reduces Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental moral obligation to respect the dignity of every person as a child of God." #40
Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. #44 We revere the lives of children in the womb, the lives of persons dying in war and from starvation, and indeed the lives of all human beings as children of God. #45

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 5, 2008

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition ... make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus". (Philippians 4:6) Are you looking for direction for your life? God promises to reveal to us the unique vocation for which we were created, whether married, single, religious, or ordained life. Pray, and ask God to lead you to your heart's content. **Office of Vocation Awareness** 585-461-2890/ www.dor.org/vocations

Ladies Guild

On **Thursday, October 9th** the Ladies Guild will have a Tureen supper in the Newcomb Center at **6:00 P.M.** Please bring your favorite dish to pass. Guest speaker will be Sr. Mary Smith, SSND from the Notre Dame Learning Center, a non-profit tutoring service for women and children in English and Math. Their "**WISH LIST**" consists of paper plates, cups, napkins, kleenex and other paper products and gift cards from Tops, Wegmans or Staples. Donations will be appreciated from parishioners as well as Ladies Guild members. Please leave donations in Parish Office or bring to the meeting.

ALUMNI 1952-1992

We need volunteers to help us contact our alumni classes. Class lists can be provided to help you search. Alumni parents are encouraged to help if they can. Please join us on **Wednesday, October 15 at 7 p.m.** to help us with a mailing. **SAVE THE DATE November 29th** for our Alumni Mass and Reception. For more information or if you can help, call Dorothy at 342-0587.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT CYBER BULLYING IS?

It is the meanest form of bullying and can be spread all over the world, not just at school. Please plan on attending an educational session on Cyber Bullying. It will inform you and your child of your rights and how to prevent it from happening to your child. Sponsored by the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children & St. Cecilia's Youth Ministry **October 19th** from 2 until 4PM at Newcomb Friendship Center 2732 Culver Rd.

Congratulations !

Mary & John Shevlin on their **60th** wedding Anniversary which was October 2, 2008.

Updating Records

Please notify Parish Office if you have a change of address, change of telephone number, or any other information related to your current records on file. Call 467-4286x100

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Children's Choir (ages 7-12) will resume its season starting October 5th singing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Previous members are urged to return, new members are urged to join, and may do so by attending the rehearsal. Call Jack Fiannaca, @ 723-1459, if you want additional information.

20/20 Tickets are now available from the Men's Club. If you forgot your ticket supplier, call Ray Stone @ 266-2524 or Sam Tripani @ 342-8560



The **Flower Committee** is in need of volunteers to help with decorating with flowers in Church. Volunteers work on a team of 2 that rotate with other teams every five weeks. Please call Sharon @ **670-0703**.

McQuaid Jesuit, a Catholic college preparatory school for young men in Grades 7-12, has entrance exams at 8:30 a.m. on the following Saturdays: October 4, November 8, November 22, (7th grade only), Dec. 6 and Jan. 3. Open House is Sunday, November 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. McQuaid Jesuit offers more than \$1million in financial aid. Go to mcquaid.org for more information, or call (585)-256-6112.

Jazzercise is coming to St. Cecilia's

Have you found yourself over doing the potato salad over the summer? Jazzercise is scheduled for **Thursday Oct. 9th @ 6:00PM**. For more information call Sara @ 467-4286 ext.104

AARP DRIVER PROGRAM

The next AARP Driver Safety Program sponsored by ISM is Mon. & Wed. Nov.17 & Nov. 19, 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 in the Newcomb Friendship Center. 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.

Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety Program is oriented toward the senior driver, **BUT IS OPEN TO ALL DRIVERS.** The course is being held on two Saturdays, **October 11 and October 18th from 9:30 AM till 11:30 PM** in the **Church Hall at St. James**, 109 Brockley Road. Please call Janette Masetta at 342-8143 to pre register. Bring your driver's license and a check made out to AARP for \$10, and a snack for yourself (4 hours is a long time).

Alter Servers: We would like to invite any students in grades 4, 5, or 6, that would like to become an Altar Server to please contact Sharron Trimaldi at 670-0703.

High School Seniors: If you are a High School Senior and volunteer in parish ministries or in the life of our parish in any way, please contact Sara Schmerbeck @ 467-4286 ext. 104 or May Ann Noto @ 467-4286 ext. 106 so you may be nominated for the **Hands of Christ Award.**

Independent Nursing Care

Offering Flu Clinic

October 22 - 4:00PM till 7:00PM
St. Cecilia's 2732 Culver Rd.
Newcomb Friendship Center

Beginning Experience

Widowed, Divorced or Separated?

If you are looking for peer support that can help you on your journey of healing from your loss, Beginning Experience of Rochester is offering a healing weekend, November 7—9, 2008 at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake. Beginning Experience is a Catholic founded organization that has helped thousands of people heal from their hurt. For information or to register for the weekend call (585) 987-1750.



The **BEATINI ITALIAN CHOIR** will be singing at the 5:00 PM Mass on **Saturday, October 11th.**

Forgiveness: Journey to Joy

Saturday, October 25, 9:00AM to 3:30 PM at Nazareth College. The keynote speaker is internationally known gospel singer and speaker, Valimar Jansen. Reflection groups will offer participants an opportunity to specifically address personal challenges of forgiving. Cost is \$40.00 and \$15.00 for full-time students. Call 442-9816 for more information.

2008 Flu Clinics

Sponsored by University of Rochester School of Nursing

Irondequoit

Tue. Oct 7 4PM to 7PM
 Herrema's Food Market
 125 Pattenwood Dr.

Wed. Oct 8 9AM to 4PM
 Irondequoit Senior Ctr
 154 Pinegrove Ave

Sun. Oct 12 9AM to 1PM
 Ridge Culver Fire Dept
 2960 Culver Rd

Sun. Oct 19 10AM to 2PM
 Herrema's Food Market
 125 Pattenwood Dr.

Sun. Oct 26 9AM to 1PM
 Laurelton Fire Dept
 405 Empire Blvd

Thurs. Oct 30 9AM to 2PM
 Irondequoit Senior Ctr
 154 Pinegrove Ave

Birthingright's

"Walk for Life" Awareness & Fundraiser

Are you looking for a fun and rewarding way to support Life? Birthright, a pregnancy support group that provides alternatives to abortion, will have their 11th annual "Walk for Life" on Sunday, October 19th. Why not bring your family or invite a friend to walk with you? Beginning next weekend, there will be pledge forms available in the back of church.

For those interested in joining others from our church for the 2-mile walk on the beautiful St. John Fisher campus, please contact Eddie Szewc @ 544-5087. If you are unable to walk, please consider sponsoring someone from your church. **No money is needed at this time. Birthright will mail invoices after the walk.** For more information about Birthright, please visit our international web site: www.birthingright.org or call 585-385-2100. Please pray for the success of this event. Thank You!