



CONNECTION

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Week of December 28, 2008

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Now that the Holy Family “has been defined” by the observation of Christmas, ie., by the birth of Jesus, this weekend we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about them, but about our families too. The main purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all families, and for domestic life in general. St. Paul gives us some advice on family life in Colossians 3:12-21:

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord, Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”

The above passage certainly provokes some discussion, if not disagreement. “Singing psalms and hymns” at home has, today, given way to *listening to music from your I-Pod*. There is certain to be some discussion about “wives being subject to your husbands”. And do we know of any children who “obey parents in everything”? They are likely to not even hear their parents as they become absorbed in *instant-messaging with their cell phones*.

Still, without taking St. Paul’s advice totally literally, his words provide a framework and spirit for emulating the Holy Family. What constitutes a model of behavior within our families transcends time. Values pertaining to *goodness* do not change. We can always strive to be loving, compassionate, kind, patient, and forgiving of one another.

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 29
9:00 For our Parishioners
Tuesday, December 30
9:00 Margaret Miller—
 Dorothy Morrell
Wednesday, December 31
9:00 John & Hanna Pratt—
 M/M A. Russi
5:00 Rose Aratari—
 Anna Passarell
Thursday, January 1
9:00 Jean Marie Rackett
 Dorothy Claire Palo
Friday, January 2
9:00 Robert Silveri—
 Yolanda Ingrassia
Saturday, January 3
9:00 Joseph Barrows —
 August Cirel
5:00 Angello & Sarah DiNieri—
 Daughter, Carol
Sunday, January 4
8:30 Frank & Rose Alberti—
 Paula & Ralph
11:00 Ellen Wilson—
 Sister Beatrice Schroeder

Memorial Fund

We are grateful for donations in the memory of **Penny Pero** from *Marcy & Mike Ramich & family.*

**New Years Day
 Mass Schedule
 Holy Day of Obligation**

Wednesday December 31
5:00 PM
Thursday January 1
9:00 AM



2009

Wishing you all a very Blessed and Happy New Year from the Priests and Staff at St. Cecilia's Parish

Sunday Offering



Envelope User..... \$ 6,444.00
 Non-Envelope Users \$ 842.00
 Children..... \$ 4.00

TOTAL..... \$ 7,290.00

Thank you for Your Generous Support

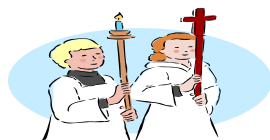


Go Tell It On The Mountain

The Sixth Annual Festival of Choirs, will be performed on **Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 3:00 pm** at St Ann's Community Chapel, 1500 Portland Ave. Come worship and praise the Lord in song with our six Irondequoit music ministries. This family concert is **FREE** and open to all. There will be a reception with refreshments following the concert. Information: 697-6322

Greeters

Please pick up your schedules after mass in the sacristy this weekend.



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

B I N G O

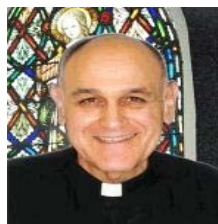
Every Friday Night

Doors open 5:00 PM
 Games begin 7:30 PM
 Handicap Accessible



DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
Sun., 12/28		
Mon., 12/29	8:30 am MCR	Collection Counting Team C D. Moore
Tues., 12/30	8:30 am MCR 7:00 pm Church 7:00 pm Room 109 7:00 pm Room 111	Collection Counting Team A L. Gaston Devotions to Mary & Benediction Alanon Meeting AA Meeting
Wed., 12/31	7:00 pm Newcomb Center	New Years Eve Christmas Party
Thur., 1/1		New Year Day
Fri., 1/2	7:00 pm Youth Room 7:30 pm Newcomb Center	Youth Group BINGO
Sat., 1/3	7:00 pm Newcomb Center	Euchre Tournament
Sun., 1/4	9:30 am Newcomb Center 9:30 am Room 111	Coffee Hour hosted by Bingo Committee Faith Formation Jr. High

Dear Parishioners,



Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. Family life is a blessing and a challenge. Remember the old saying about friends you can choose, family you can't! And so our parents and our brothers and sisters are gifts to us from God. They come to us with their faults, their good points and their challenges. One thing is certain, for us who believe, it is only with the help of God that we can achieve some degree of peace and harmony in our homes. Why not give God a chance to do this for us by praying together at home. Perhaps a family rosary, or some other form of prayer, can be introduced into the weekly family schedule? Give it a try! Remember, the blood of Christ that we receive at Mass makes us closer to one another than does the blood relationship of our immediate families!

**God bless you all,
Father Leone**

Joke: What do you get when you cross a sheep and a bee? A Bahumbug

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*.

MINISTRY & GREETER SCHEDULE: January 3 & 4

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<i>Lector</i>	K. Hummel	R. Morse	Sr. Ginny
<i>Commentator</i>	M. Lylak	H. Hetzler	A. Altieri
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	D. Walt, M. Lylak J. Zuber D. Pero R. Talarico	D. Walt S. Morse B. Kreamer B Hetzler A. Kelderhouse	D. Walt T. Altieri P. Gambacurta J. Staffieri E Byrnes
<i>Alter Servers</i>	Nicole Kalpin Allison Farnung	Erin Becker Rachel Becker	Taylor Michels David Michels
<i>Greeters</i>	Mary Anne Adams Sister Mariella Joan Cowan Emily Petronio Carol DiNieri	Evelyn DePeters Ann Zemel Dorothy Vinci Annette DellaFave Suzanne Becker	Lee Garcia Yvonne Triana Ida Brockman Sue Flanigan Rose Tanzi

*Building Peace with
Justice for
December 28, 2008*

As we come to the end of a challenging year, the Feast of the Holy Family provides an opportunity to stop and appreciate the people who are family to each of us—the individuals, whether related by blood, marriage or simply love, who comprise the first building block of community. Knowing that we are loved frees us to love others in the expansive, nonjudgmental way of Jesus.

Imagine if each of us, as a gift of love to our families, committed ourselves to building a more peaceful, just world. Twenty-five years ago in their document *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response*, the U.S. Catholic Bishops reminded us that "Peace is both a gift of God and a human work. It must be constructed on the basis of central human values: truth, justice, freedom and love."

Reflection: Be attentive this week to your interactions with others. Are you constructing peace?

Feast of the Holy Family

Among the gifts you give and receive during this season, consider the unique gifts God has given you, and how God may be calling you to share those gifts? Is it possible that your gifts may best be utilized in a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Please pray about it during this beautiful season and, if you'd like more information, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 25, 2009

CMA UPDATE

As of December 19th 2008 the Diocese has received **\$37,033** in pledges. We're making great progress and have now reached **66%** of our goal. Thanks again to all who have given, especially in these difficult times.

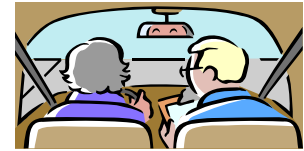
To carry on and meet our full goal by next month, we hope to find another 250 parishioners who could help us raise the remaining **\$19,015**. If you or any friends or family members who are parishioners haven't yet given, please consider a gift to help us in this very worthy cause. We'd deeply appreciate anything you could do to help out.



*Notre Dame's Couple's
Retreat House
Canandaigua, NY*

This is one of our most popular events and fills up fast! Give yourselves the opportunity to pray and grow closer to God and each other. Renew your faith through participation in Mass and scheduled conferences. Take a break from cooking and sample some of the finest cuisine in Canandaigua. Come....relax...reflect...and enjoy!
Friday, February 13, 2008—
Registration begins at 7:00 pm Sunday, February 15, 2008—Program ends with Mass followed by coffee and donuts. (Approximately 12:00noon)

Limited to 25 couples—register by calling 585-394-5700



AARP DRIVER PROGRAM

The next **AARP** Driver Safety Program sponsored by ISM is **Mon. & Wed. Jan. 12 & Jan. 14, 2009**. 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 \$12 fee (for AARP Members) & \$14 (non-members) 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.



*Springtime Visit to
Boston Mass.*

Join us for a 4 day 3 night motor coach trip to historical Boston, Mass. June 5-8 2009. We will be touring the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, The National Heritage Museum, The Minute Man National Historical Park, The Freedom Trail and much more. You will have time to stroll and shop in the famous Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall Market Place. The price is fantastic, \$379.00 per person including 6 Meals and beautiful accommodations. For more information or to make a reservation, call Marlene @ 342-3928.

*St. Ann's
Adult Day Centers*

St. Ann's Community, Rochester's premier provider of Senior Services, invites you to visit their three Adult Day Centers in Penfield, Irondequoit, and Rochester that benefit older adults with memory problems, decreased functioning, chronic illness, depression, or social isolation.

Family caregivers also receive much needed rest. To learn more about the Home Connection in Irondequoit, Home & Heart at the Cathedral, and Home & Heart of Penfield and to register for a complimentary day call 697-6361 or visit www.stannscommunity.com



*Creative Beginnings
Child Care, Inc*

Creative Beginnings Child Care, Inc. is located in the St. Cecilia's school building. We are a non-profit child care, offering services for families with children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. Currently we have openings in all age groups. We would love for you to check us out! We provide quality child care with loving dedicated staff. Enroll and receive after two weeks attendance:

- A refunded registration fee
- A 10% weekly fee discount until January 1st, 2009!
- Currently a CBCC family? Refer a family and receive a \$20.00 Wegmans Gift card.
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Visit us today or call for an appointment 323-2650



*Family New Years
Eve Party is being
planned*

If anyone is interested please call Sara @ 467-4286 X104 Time is running out, so please let me know **ASAP**. All are welcome!

Music games, food and a movie for the littlest ones.

\$7.00 per person
\$20.00 per family of four

Thanks, Sara



Peace be with you



Kate's Gift Shop

Kate's Gift Shop at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road, has lovely, inexpensive gifts you may not find elsewhere. The shop has many items of a religious nature including gifts for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Alongside these are greeting cards, bibles, spirituality books, hand-made baby gifts, the Willow Tree angel series, and beautiful candles made from recycled wax by two Sisters of Mercy. All proceeds benefit the ministries of the Sisters of Mercy. Come visit and see for yourself!

Bring this Bulletin Along for 20% off one item.

**Hours Tuesday—Friday
11:00am till 4:30pm
phone# 288-2710 ex 119**

McQuaid Jesuit, a Catholic college preparatory school for young men in grades 7-12, invites prospective students to shadow current students during any school day. Entrance exams are 8:30 a.m. on Saturday Jan. 3. McQuaid Jesuit offers more than \$1 million in financial aid. The College Board recently named 93 McQuaid students as Advanced Placement Scholars. See mcquaid.org or call (585) 256-6112.

*St. Bernard's School of
Theology and Ministry*

Did you know you can take courses at St. Bernard's? Our classes and programs are open to everyone interested in learning more about God, our Faith and ministry within the Church. Check out St. Bernard's website to learn about course offering, workshops and lectures at www.stbernards.edu. Call for information as well at (585) 271-3657 ext. 289, or check our website www.stbernards.edu.

Classes are forming now for Spring Semester at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry! Our spring 09 semester starts January 12th. Don't miss out!

Men's Club

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

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.