



# CONNECTION

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Week of January 25, 2009

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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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK January 25th through 31st, 2009

Recognition and celebration of Catholic Schools takes place across the nation this week. However, the question may be raised: "What have we to celebrate?", in light of the closing of 14 Catholic schools in our diocese last year. In addition, with the clustering of parishes in our diocese, we may wonder what these changes will lead to. These are certainly not like the *good old days* when we had plenty of priests and nuns to share in the staffing of our parishes and schools.

Well, we've seen that the *good old days* have changed, in our economy, in our finances, and in our religious vocations. (Last week we asked for efforts and prayers toward increasing religious vocations.) So, what do we do? Do we despair in difficult times? *Certainly not!* Our problems are not characteristic of just the Diocese of Rochester, NY. Many Catholic schools across the country have had to be closed because they could not be (or were not) supported. It hurts most when it was *your child's school* that was closed.

Let's now look at the bright side of this picture. Do you realize that our diocese still has 34 operating Catholic schools? That is something to celebrate, and to protect. They are not all in Monroe County, but the number includes 24 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and 7 high schools. Diocesan leaders believe that under the present organization of schools, reduced tuition in the elementary schools, and increased enrollment in the schools that remain, they are protecting the existence of our 34 schools still open.

Maybe the diocesan school plan is not perfect, and may need some future adjustment. But let us celebrate what we have, and direct our support and prayers toward the continued existence of a Catholic School System.

### State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

9 Million children in the United States do not have health insurance. The Catholic tradition teaches that every person should have access to equitable and affordable health care. This is essential to safeguard human life, and is a basic human right. In response to the situation of uninsured children and Catholic Social Teaching, Bishop Clark has stated that he supports "state and federal efforts to expand opportunities for coverage for the most vulnerable members of our communities." Join our bishop by requesting an expansion of the State Children's Health Care Program, SCHIP, by signing the Public Policy Committee petition on after Mass on **February 7 and 8**.

### 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.

Please pray for our beloved  
Deceased:  
*Joseph Calarco, Jr. & Valerie Palumbos*

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, January 26**

**9:00 Frances Pirrello—**  
M/M Joseph Bogdan

**Tuesday, January 27**

**9:00 Anne Spagnolia &  
Annette Di Cesare—**  
Sister, Angela

**2:00 Shire @ Culverton**  
**Paul Noto Sr.—**  
Joe & Linda LaTempa

**Wednesday, January 28**

**9:00 Valentino Tanzi—**  
Wife & Family

**Thursday, January 29**

**9:00 Joe Palo—**  
Dorothy Claire Palo

**Friday, January 30**

**9:00 Sam Spallina—**  
Mike & Mary Sassone

**Saturday, January 31**

**9:00 For Our Parishioners**  
**5:00 Paul Riedman—**  
Mary Kay & Children

**Sunday, February 1**

**8:30 Lillian Buttaggi—**  
10 year anniversary  
Family

**11:00 Marjorie Tydings—**  
Paul & MaryAnn Noto

**Memorial Fund**

We are grateful for donations in the memory of **Ronald DeGrave** from *Bill & Barb Childs, Rochester Midland Corp. and Maria Stankus & Ruta Szabo*



**First Communion Parent Meeting**

Parents interested in having their children prepare to receive their First Holy Communion this spring are asked to attend the Parent Information Meeting on **Monday, January 26 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** in Newcomb Friendship Center. The guidelines for the “readiness” for this sacrament state that your baptized children must be in 2nd grade or beyond, have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance), and been in a Faith Formation program or Catholic School last year as well as this year. At this meeting registration forms will be available, and you will be invited to sign up for one of several parish celebrations of this beautiful sacrament.

**Sunday Offering**



Envelope User..... \$ 6,717.00  
Non-Envelope Users ..... \$ 504.32  
Children's..... \$ 13.95  
**TOTAL..... \$ 7,235.27**

**Thank you for Your Generous Support**

**God's Housekeepers  
January 26 Team # 3**

*J. Stiegler, L. Long, E. DePeters,  
C. DiNieri, M. Lambert,  
T. Metzger, and  
Marie Mastrosimone*



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will have a rehearsal in the Music Room at 3:30 p.m. on **Saturday, January 31st**. This will be in preparation for singing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass the next day (**Febraury 1st**). Please call Jack Fiannaca at 723-1459 if you plan to have your child participate (or if you have any relevant questions).



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**PASTA DINNER** will be held on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009** in Newcomb Friendship Center. Serving Noon — 3:00P.M. Advanced tickets are \$6 Adults & \$4 children and will be sold after all Masses on **Jan. 24, 25, Jan. 31, Feb. 1 & Feb. 7th**. Also available in the Parish office and at Coffee hours. More information in next week's Connection.



**BINGO**

**Every Friday Night**

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

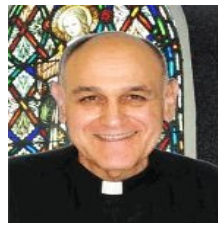
DATE		LOCATION	ACTIVITY
Sun., 1/25	9:30 am <b>11:00 am</b> 12:00 noon	Newcomb <b>Room 105</b> Room 109	Coffee Hour hosted by Youth Group <b>Faith Formation Pre K &amp; Kindergarten</b> RCIA
Mon., 1/26	8:30 am 4:00 pm <b>6:15 pm</b> 6:30 pm	MCR Room 109 <b>All Rooms</b> Newcomb Center	Collection Counting Team B M Ferreri Development Committee Meeting <b>Faith Formation Grades 1—6</b> Holy Eucharist Parent Meeting
Tues., 1/27	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Church Room 109 Room 111	Devotions to Mary & Benediction Alanon Meeting AA Meeting
Wed., 1/28			
Thur., 1/29	7:00 pm	Room 109	The August Group
Fri., 1/30	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Youth Room Newcomb Center	Youth Group <b>BINGO</b>
Sat., 1/31	6:30 pm	Room 109-111	Texas Hold'em Games
Sun., 2/1	9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Newcomb Center Room 111 Church	Coffee Hour hosted by Choir Faith Formation Jr. High Holy Eucharist Enrollment Ceremony

**Dear Parishioners,**

The Bible reveals what God is like and what we should be like.

The book of Jonah revealed that God would grant mercy to whomever He wanted. At the same time, the Bible also teaches that man is free to turn a deaf ear to God. Jonah also gives us an example of this human disposition to ignore God.

In Mark's Gospel we see God present in the midst of earthly realities (wind waves and darkness) which scare humans because they are beyond our control. How simply St. Mark teaches that even the sea must obey Jesus. Then why would you not trust Him and submit your life to Him in obedience? This is a good question for each of us to think about this week!



**God bless you all,  
Father Leone**

**Joke:** Public notice: Police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers.

**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: Jan. 31 & Feb. 1**

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Lector</b>	R. Reisinger	P. Kelderhouse	G. George
<b>Commentator</b>	E. Petronio	D. Hummel	W. George
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	R. Talarico G Reisinger C. Warren D. Warren J. Panzarella	A. Kelderhouse S Trimaldi B Hetzler B. Kreamer G Moroni	G George J Staffieri B Sheridan E Byrnes P. Gambacurta
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Nicholas Santiago Tim Striebich	Timothy Jordain Amanda Jordain	Anna Marshall Gerry Caso
<b>Greeters</b>	Jean Doud Sister Mariella - Dorothy Vinci Carol DiNieri	Evelyn DePeters Suzanne Becker - Ann Zemel Cliff Milligan	Angie Mancuso Yvonne Triana Sue Flanigan Rose Tanzi Helen Mercurio

**Building Peace with Justice**  
**January 25, 2009**

The disciples in today's Gospel responded swiftly and decisively to Jesus' call, abruptly leaving behind them all that was familiar. Suddenly, Jesus, his person and message, had become the center of their lives, inviting them into a relationship that was both enticing and challenging. Accompanying Jesus meant testing their old points of view, their former priorities and ways of acting against the teachings and life of Jesus.

**Reflection:** Does the light of Christ touch and influence the way I think and what I think about? Are my priorities centered around the teachings of Jesus?

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus invited Simon and Andrew – simple fishermen – to be his apostles, the first priests of the new Church. Mark's gospel tells us that "they abandoned their nets and followed him." Jesus continues to make that invitation today, but we often find it very difficult to abandon our own desires and trust God's plan for us. What is Jesus inviting you to? Let us all pray that we have the courage to accept God's loving invitation to us – our personal vocation – like the first apostles.

If you would like to speak with someone regarding a possible vocation to the Priesthood, or other Church vocation, please call the Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890; visit our website at [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org) and choose "Vocations"; or e-mail [vocations@dor.org](mailto:vocations@dor.org)

**Attention Preschool Parents**

You are invited to our Preschool Information Night at Christ the King School on **Tuesday, January 27 at 7 PM** in room 132. Any questions, please call 467-8730.

**St. John Neumann School!**  
**Located at 31 Empire Blvd.**

St. John Neumann School is a pre-school through grade 6. We would like to have you join our family.

Kindergarten Information and Pre-school Information Meetings are Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30PM

Visit our website at [www.schools.dor.org/stjohnneumann](http://www.schools.dor.org/stjohnneumann)

**Save the Dates !!!**  
**Mark your calendar!!!!**

Regional Lenten Mission 2009  
**"Living with a Catholic Conscience Today"**

Presenter: Sr. Patricia Schoelles  
**March 8 – 9 - 10**

Watch the bulletin for more details!!!!

(Sponsored by the Irondequoit Catholic Communities of St. Ann, St. Cecilia, Christ the King, St. Margaret Mary, St. Salome and St. Thomas the Apostle)

**Mission Statement**

**St. Cecilia Catholic Church is a united, caring Christian community providing opportunities for worship, faith formation and social involvement.**

**We reach out to those in need and encourage all to actively participate in the life of the Church by sharing God's gifts of time, talent and treasure.**



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 25**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
[Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#), [Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#), [First Corinthians 7:29-31](#), [Mark 1:14-20](#)

*Simon and Andrew abandon their fishing nets to follow Jesus.*

Our gospel reading today has Jesus speaking to the fishermen Simon and Andrew, inviting them to be "fishers" in a new way. Jesus was a master at using images and language that would connect with those around him. He helped them imagine discipleship by using what they knew, like fishing, to help them go further in their relationship with God. I, too, am called to help those around me deepen their understanding by connecting their living experiences to a deeper understanding of the life of a disciple. Do I have the courage to do so?

How can I help someone in my life make the connection with Jesus in a new way?

**"RECONCILIATION and RENEWAL"**

**Give yourself a gift and attend the annual "R and R" weekend on Friday eve., February 6th and all day Saturday, February 7th at Christ the King. This year's theme is: "Hope for the Journey..."** This "mini-retreat" weekend offers **ALL** adults the opportunity to set aside other cares and concerns, and to draw closer to Christ within us, without having to travel or to sleep elsewhere. There is **no cost** for the weekend, just the commitment of your time. Registration will take place after all Masses, **January 24th & 25th** at Christ The King, St. Salome & St. Thomas. Space is limited, so please don't delay! If you have any questions, please call: Maryann Brown (585) 342-9991 or Donna Walker (585) 697-6322.

**" CMA GOAL WITHIN REACH"**

Through Friday January 23rd, 426 of our St. Cecilia parishioners had pledged \$39,448 (70%) toward our CMA goal of \$56,048. Many thanks to all who have helped us get this far.

With \$16,600 left to reach our goal, we still have a big challenge ahead. If you haven't yet contributed, please help us reduce our remaining obligation by considering a pledge which can be paid over several months. Pledges can be paid by check, credit card or electronic funds transfer.

To make a pledge, do one of the following: (1) Call Linda at Saint Cecilia's 467-4286, Ext.100; (2) Call the Diocese of Rochester at 328-3228, Ext. 1288; or (3) Give online at [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org). **Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.**

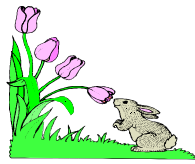


**FOOD CUPBOARD'S COLLECTION**

St. Cecilia parishioners have been very generous in the food collection to both St. Andrew's Food Cupboard and Irondequoit Community Cupboard. Non-perishable food donations will be collected on the first weekend of every month and can be placed in the entranceways of the church. **Let us help try to end hunger in our community!**

**St. Cecilia's Ladies Guild**

Come and join us on **Thursday, February 12 at 6:00 P.M.** in Newcomb Friendship Center for our Annual Dinner prepared and served by St. Cecilia's Men's Club. It will be followed by a brief business meeting. More information in next week's Connection.



**SPRING IS COMING!  
SAVE THE DATE  
APRIL 25, 2009**



**Gilda's Club Walk for Wellness**  
*Please consider joining our team or sponsoring one of us.*

**Sara Schmerbeck  
(Youth Minister)**  
**Liz Easley**  
**Samantha Hill**  
**Tara O'Dea**  
**Father William Leone**

We will be walking Greece Ridge Mall on **February 8th** to raise funds to help find a cure for childhood cancer. If you would like to join us on our walk, contact Sara @467-4286 x 104. If you would like to be a sponsor, drop off your donations at the Parish Office. Address the envelope Gilda's Club Walk for Wellness. Attention: Sara Schmerbeck. Thank you for your Support.

**Texas Hold'em**

**Jan 31, 2009**  
Games start @ **6:30**  
Entrance fee **\$10.00**  
To hold your spot call 467-4286 X 104 by **Jan. 28th.** (limited number of seats)  
Prizes will be raffled off, per points  
There are **NO** cash prizes.  
There will be Gas Cards, Gift certificates, and more.

**Men's Club News:**

Even though the 20/20 draws have begun, you still have a chance to purchase a ticket. There are still 16 more draws with 3 prizes each! Besides, with your ticket you get a catered meal with music, door prizes and more drawings. Call Ray @ 266-2524 or Sam @ 342-8560.

**Men's Club 20/20  
Winners**

Week # 1	Winnie Delehanty	\$25.00
	Ed O'Neill, Jr.	\$15.00
	Steven Linton	\$10.00
Week # 2	Chet Krygier	\$25.00
	Estelle Curcio	\$15.00
	Mike Christopher	\$10.00
Week # 3	Estelle Curio	\$25.00
	Ed O'Neill	\$15.00
	Frank Barber	\$10.00
Week # 4	Donald Morgan	\$25.00
	Sam Marchese	\$15.00
	Joseph Rizzo	\$10.00

**House of Mercy  
Thank You Letter**

**Dear Father Leone and Parishioners,**

We thank you for taking care of 20 families with Christmas Baskets . You have made their Christmas a very happy and festive occasion. We are deeply grateful for your on-going support.

Without your help, we could not carry on our ministry. Thanks to all of you we were able to distribute Christmas Baskets that provided food for over 3,000 people. Our Lord bless you for your great generosity and many sacrifices to make this possible. We pray for you Father and for all of your parish.

May God give you many blessings for the New Year.

**With deep gratitude,  
Sister Grace Miller**

**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.