

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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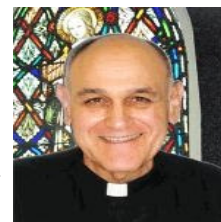
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Dear Parishioners,

I would like to share the following article with you written by Father Jack Bowling:



Lengthen your cords! Most tents are so made that cords of strong rope are fitted with a movable loop so that they can quickly be lengthened or shortened as need arises. The length of a tent cord depends upon the strain which the weather puts upon the rope. Isaiah has used a striking illustration. He calls us to lengthen our cords. The ropes of a tent are always lengthened in stormy weather to ease the strain. One of the most important uses of Lent is that it can be a time when we relieve the strain upon our daily lives.

Most of us live under a busy schedule of activities. We rush from one appointment to another in haste. We subject our tortured nervous system to a kind of punishment it was never intended to endure. We rush through day after day, fall wearily into bed at night, and wake up exhausted in the morning. The result is that, for many, there is no real joy in living. It is a rat race. Exciting, yes, but the peace of God which passeth all understanding is an empty Prayer Book phrase. Only a minority of people know what it means to have the gladness of thanksgiving in their hearts, or who face each morning with the attitude "This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it". Too many face the day with the attitude: "Oh hell, here we go again!"

This futile fury of modern living is shortening the life-span of many. They are cardiac attacks waiting to happen. The pace of modern living kills more people than AIDS, or even smoking, for that matter.

Use Lent as a time to throttle down. For six weeks, reduce the breakneck speed at which you are going. This is one of the reasons why the Church wants you to give up things for Lent. No Lent is well kept unless we obey the call of Jesus when He says, "Come apart into a desert place and rest awhile."

You know best what to take out of your daily schedule. Maybe you are taking on too much in your business. It may be the bad habit of staying up to late at night. Your social calendar may be too full. Maybe you are serving on too many committees. You may be doing too many good works. People today are more nervous from trying to do good than from the dissipation of being bad. Maybe you are a time-waster who puts off until the last minute the things you ought to do with orderly leisure, and then drives himself into a frenzy to do them all at the last moment. If so, get some order into your life this Lent.

Whatever your besetting sin, which causes you to live tensely, whether it be pride or sloth, face it honestly, and get rid of it during Lent. Lengthen your cords. Relax the strain.

**God bless you all,
Father Leone**

Please pray for our beloved Deceased:
John Guarrera & Joan Silveri

Mass Intentions

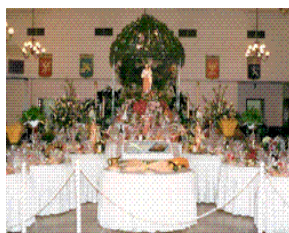
Monday, February 16
9:00 For Our Parishioners
Tuesday, February 17
9:00 Clete Streb—
Family
Wednesday, February 18
9:00 Gary Tellex—
Mom & Dad
Thursday February 19
9:00 Andy Ciulla
Cathy & Pat Connaughton
Friday, February 20
9:00 Sr. Lilian Marie, SSND & Rev. George Weinmann—
SSND's on Lafayette Rd
Saturday, February 21
9:00 Lillian Butera—
Family
5:00 John M. Chiavetta Sr.—
Wife, & Family
Sunday, February 22
8:30 Ann Chiella—
Family
11:00 Ellen Wilson—
Sister Beatrice Schroeder

Memorial Fund

We are grateful for donations in the memory of **Ronald DeGrave** from *David & Mary DeGrave*; for **Joseph Clarco** from *Maryanne Fusilli*; for **John Guarrera** from *Donald LaMorte* & for **Marion Marks** from *Sigsmund Ilgunas*

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule February 25

9:00AM, 3:15PM, & 7:00PM
Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all of the above Masses



ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Will be held on March 15th in the Newcomb Friendship Center after all Masses.

All are welcome

Sunday Offering



Envelope User..... \$ 8,494.00
Non-Envelope Users \$ 475.00
Children..... \$ 13.00
Total.....\$ 8,982.00
Maintenance Fund.....\$ 475.00
Debt Reduction..... \$ 275.00

Thank you for Your Generous Support

God's Housekeepers February 16 Team # 3
J. Stiegler, L. Long, P. DeChau, Carol DiNieri, M. Lambert, Noreen VanWuyckhuysse, & Marie Mastro Simone



GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED

We are in need of **more volunteers** for God's Housekeepers to help us clean the church on **Mondays**. It will only take a half hour of your time from **9:30 to 10:00 a.m.** as we now have 3 teams and you would only have to help every third week. Please call Joan at 342-6124 for more information if you can help in this important ministry.

Parish Council Members

Members are asked to pick up their folders after Mass in the Sacristy for their meeting on Tuesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. in Newcomb Friendship Center.

Office Closed Monday February 16,

In observance of Presidents Day

A special thank you to the Ladies Guild for their generous donation of \$1,000 to the CMA Appeal



BINGO Every Friday Night

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

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
Sun., 2/15	9:30 am Newcomb Center	Coffee Hour hosted by Faith Formation
Mon., 2/16	6:30PM Newcomb Center	Office Closed President's Day Holiday Men's Club Chef's Choice Dinner
Tues., 2/17	8:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm MCR Church Room 109 Room 111 Newcomb Center	Collection Counting Team A L. Gaston Devotions to Mary & Benediction Alanon Meeting AA Meeting Parish Council Meeting
Wed., 2/18	9:30 am 2:00 pm Room 105 Newcomb Center	Bible Study Group Homebound Regional Meeting
Thur., 2/19	1:00 pm 7:00 pm Newcomb Center Room 109	Alzheimer's Support Group The August Group
Fri., 2/20	7:00 pm 7:30 pm Youth Room Newcomb Center	Youth Group BINGO
Sat., 2/21	9:30 am 11:00 am Room 109 Room 111-109	Social Justice Meeting Super Saturdays (Youth Group)
Sun., 2/22	9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon Newcomb Center Room 111 Room 105 Room 109	Coffee Hour hosted by Parish Council Faith Formation Junior High Faith Formation Pre-K & Kindergarten RCIA

Regional Planning Reminder

Suggestion boxes have been placed in all 6 of our regional churches seeking input for ways the parishes in our region can reduce costs, bring Catholics back to Church, and cluster our worship communities. Please make some time to share your ideas with the Regional Planning Group - your ideas will help greatly as IPPG wrestles with these tasks!

The St. Cecilia IPPG suggestion box is located on the Usher's table at the center entrance to the church.

St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry

St. Bernard's invites you to explore the many wonderful opportunities waiting for you here this spring. 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 occurring this Spring At www.stbernards.edu/certifspr.htm Call for information as well at (585) 271- 3657 ext 289. We hope to see you here this fall!

MINISTRY & GREETER SCHEDULE: Feb.21 & Feb.22

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lector	B. Weeks	H. Hetzler	D. Thomas
Commentator	P. Mura	S. Trimaldi	J. Goodwin
Eucharistic Ministers	R. Talarico C. Warren D. Warren D. Pero J. Panzarella	S. Trimaldi B. Hetzler G. Gaston L. Gaston I. Shevlin	D. Thomas E. Byrnes B. Bloss K. Bloss P. Gambacurta
Altar Servers	Nicholas Santiago Tim Striebich	Timothy Jordain Amanda Jordain	Anna Marshall Gerry Caso
Greeters	Joyce Kermis Sister Mariella Jean Doud Emily Petronio Marlene Lylak	Evelyn DePeters Vera Gramlich Ann Zemel Yolanda Ingrassia Dorothy Vinci	Lee Garcia Angie Mancuso Jim Campanella Maria Campanella Dorothy Palo

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*.

**Building Peace with Justice
February 15, 2009**

In today's Gospel, Jesus' healing touch replaces the rejection faced by the unclean leper:

"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him," saying *"I do will it. Be made clean."*

Today's "leprosy" of poverty and ethnic segregation cry out for similar healing. Pope John Paul II wrote "The poor ask for the right to share in enjoying material goods and to make good use of their capacity for work, thus creating a world that is more just and prosperous for all"

Pope Benedict XVI adds that "Effective means to redress the marginalization of the world's poor ... will only be found if people everywhere feel **personally outraged by the injustices** in the world and by the ...violations of human rights.

Reflection: Consider the causes of poverty harbored within the human heart, like greed and narrow vision. How can we look at our world with the eyes of Jesus to find new ways to heal today's leprosy?

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus was moved with pity at the sight of the leper and went to him. Are you moved with compassion for those in need of spiritual or physical healing? Have you ever considered a life of service to others in the form of a vocation to religious life or ordained priesthood? Jesus continues to call women and men to minister as he did. Is he calling you that way? Please pray about it and if you'd like to speak with someone, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

ISM 7th Annual Lenten Series

The Church at Prayer-
A Study of the Mass

This five part series studies the various parts of the Mass and explains how we are welcomed and nourished by the word and bread of Christ.

Co-presenters are Rev. Robert Kennedy and Joan Workmaster, both renowned speakers in the area and teachers at St. Bernard's School of Theology. The series is FREE and all are invited.

When: Fridays in Lent—March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3

Time: 3:30pm to 4:45pm

Where: Christ the King Church—445 Kings Highway

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

It is sometimes difficult to live your Catholic Faith in a world that has very different values? Plan to attend this year's Regional Lenten Mission and hear Sr. Pat Schoelles practical suggestions on "Living with a Catholic Conscience Today."

Presenter: Sr. Patricia Schoelles, SSJ,
Dates: March 8—9—10

Session 1: "A World Perspective"
Sunday March 8 at 7:00PM at Christ the King

Session 2: "At Home, In the Neighborhood and On the Job"
Monday March 9 following 9am mass at St. Cecilia's&at 7:00pm at St. Thomas The Apostle

Session 3: "Myself and God"
Tuesday March 10 at 2:30pm at St. Ann's Community Chapel and at 7:00pm at St. Margaret Mary's

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



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15**

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[Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46](#), [Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11](#), [First Corinthians 10:31--11:1](#), [Mark 1:40-45](#)

A leper, healed by Jesus and told to tell no one, tells everyone what Jesus has done.

I am reminded this week that when I have good news to share with my friends or family, I often can't wait to call them or send them an e-mail. Sometimes I can barely get the words out before I feel like I have to call someone else! Do you remember a time when you had an announcement to make to your family that was so wonderful you couldn't bear waiting?

Is this how I feel about my faith? If it is, am I sharing that with others? If it's not, with whom can I speak with to help me explore why?



St Cecilia's Men's Retreat

St. Cecilia's Retreat Committee invites you to share the weekend of **February 27, 28, & March 1** for the Annual Men's Retreat at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua.

This year's theme is :
BE ALL YOU CAN BE: HOLY

Don't put off what could be the greatest experience of your life. Call Lucien Scaccia for details @ 288-5149

" CMA GOAL WITHIN REACH"

Through Monday February 9, 431 of our St. Cecilia parishioners had pledged \$40,923 (73%) toward our CMA goal of \$56,048. Many thanks to all who have helped us get this far.

Pledges 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. **Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.**

The youth from Eastridge High School and The Aquinas Institute will be holding a **30 Hour Famine on February 21—22** to raise funds for people in third world countries as well as our home communities. The Famine is a yearly event sponsored by the **World Vision Organization**. The funds are used to provide medical supplies, food, clothes and also sends qualified instructors to area to help educate people in the community to make a better life for themselves and the children in their villages.



SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 22ND

FROM 1—5 PM

ARUSHA PASTA DINNER

More information to follow

A Thought for Today

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something I have traded for it. I want it to be gain not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it.



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



**Pilgrimage to Fatima,
Lourdes & Spain**

Always wanted to visit Fatima or Lourdes? Now is your chance. Join your Parish family and friends for this wonderful experience of a lifetime.

11 Days Nov. 4-14 2009

\$1999.00 per person (plus taxes)
Breakfast and 9 dinners included.

For more information call Marlene 342-3928

**Upcoming Women's
Vocations' Event—Please help**

Plans are underway for an Irondequoit women's vocation event. So far, we expect the event to be held in the later part of May, the month of the Blessed Mother, and to include a panel of local women who will discuss religious, single, and married life. There will be prayer, food, and some fun. Why are we doing this? To make each woman more aware of her call from God and to support her in following that call. We are inviting all people from Irondequoit parishes to help with the event. Would you like to help? Please contact Sally Steinwachs at 342-8292.

Vocation prayer: Lord, let me know clearly the work which you are calling me to do in life. Grant me the grace and generosity I need to answer your call with courage and love, for to do your will is my joy and my peace. Amen



AARP DRIVER PROGRAM

The next AARP Driver Safety Program sponsored by ISM is **Mon. & Wed. March 23 & 25, 2009**. This 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.

When You Care Enough...to love the very best in your marriage, treat yourselves to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, March 20-22, Holiday Inn, Batavia. John & Belinda Brasley, 585-719-9848, johnandbel@aol.com

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.

Men's Club Chef's Choice Dinner **Monday February 16th @6:30 PM**. Reservations must be made by **7PM Friday, February 13th**. Call Tom @ 342-3458 or Sam @ 342-8560. Remember no call—no meal!

Men's Club Past Presidents Dinner Corned Beef—**Monday, March 16 @6:30PM**.