



Week of March 8, 2009

Second Sunday of Lent

## 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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## OUR SAVING LIGHT

This weekend (at 2:00 a.m. March 8<sup>th</sup>) begins Daylight *Saving* Time for 2009. What are we saving? Time? How? Actually, aren't we just "daylight-shifting"? Why do we do this? Although, in any 24-hour period, we are not really saving light, in a sense, we are *saving* one hour of the morning's light *for use in the evening*. Many of us appreciate this shift of *light* to a time of day when most of us are not working at our paid jobs.

What is more important than *saving light* is the realization that the *light of our faith* can actually save *us*, that is, the Light of Christ. How is Jesus our Light? He is, because He has revealed to us *truths* about God, so that by our faith, we can accept them. He has also revealed to us the prescription for the living of our lives, by His example first and foremost, via the Beatitudes, and by reflecting God's Commandments given through Moses.

These are thoughts that we can contemplate year round, not just during Lent. In one form, they are summarized in the hymn: "Christ, Be Our Light", which begins:

"Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.  
Christ, be our light.  
Shine in our hearts, shine in the darkness.  
Christ, be our light,  
Shine in your church gathered today."



The BEATINI ITALIAN CHOIR will be singing at our 5:00 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, March 14th** ( in recognition of St. Joseph's Day, March 19th.)

## 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:**  
*Angelo Vassallo*

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 9**

**9:00 Urban May—**  
Patricia Woods

**Tuesday, March 10**

**9:00 Eleanor & Philip Iacuzza—**  
Sister, Nancy

**1:15 Legacy @ Cranberry**  
**Joseph Marino—**  
Joseph & Linda LaTempa

**Wednesday, March 11**

**9:00 Penny Pero—**  
Mary & Gary Klebes

**Thursday March 12**

**9:00 Jean Borzilleri—**  
Carlene, Jim & Jaimee Moriarty

**Friday, March 13**

**9:00 Barbara Ellen Zarzycki—**  
Paula Zarzycki,  
Larry & Marylynn Zarr &  
Peter & Cass Dzwonkoski

**Saturday, March 14**

**9:00 For Our Parishioners**  
**5:00 Joyce & Phillip Barz—**  
Michael & Marge Mazzei

**Sunday, March 15**

**8:30 Paul Noto Sr.—**  
Don & Sally Morgan  
**11:00 Frank Horvath Jr.—**  
Mother & Family

**St. Rose deLima Lenten Project**  
**Spirit Of Hope**  
**The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina**

This project is in place of Operation Rice Bowl. The rebuilding continues and the people of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi could use our support material and spiritual!



**BINGO**  
**Every Friday Night**

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

**Memorial Fund**

We are grateful for donations in the memory of **Aldo Mastrosimone** from *Don Pero*; **Penny Pero** from *Joann Larkin*; **Teresa Stango-Vidal** from *Carol Arieno* and from *Cynthia Langhauser*; and **Anna Casaccia** from *Carl Casaccia*



**ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE**

A Celebration and Sweet's Table will be held on **Sunday, March 15** after the 8:30 and 11 a.m. Masses in Newcomb Friendship Center in honor of St. Joseph. Everyone is invited to attend. Donations of your favorite baked goods or any meatless dish would be appreciated. If you would like more information or are interested in helping, call Sally at 872-9107.

**Sunday Offering**



Envelope User..... \$ 8,281.50  
Non-Envelope Users ..... \$ 724.00  
Children..... \$ 12.07  
**Total.....\$ 9,017.57**  
**Black & Native American ...\$ 268.00**

**Thank you for Your Generous Support**

**God's Housekeepers**  
**March 9 Team # 3**

*J. Stiegler, L. Long, C. DiNieri  
M. Lambert, P. DeChau, N. Van Wuyckhuysse & M. Mastrosimone*

**Circle of Friends**

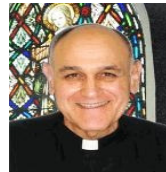
The monthly support group for those who have lost a loved one through death, or whose lives have changed in a way that is causing them to experience a sense of grief, will take place the **Wednesday, March 11, at 9:30 a.m.** in Newcomb Friendship Center. Please join us for prayer, and sharing and support.

**Week-End Parking**

Please be considerate when parking for Masses on the week-end. Please park in designated areas and do not block driveways. **Thank You**

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
<b>Sun., 3/8</b>	9:30 am <b>9:30 am</b> 11:00 am	Newcomb Center <b>Room 111</b> Room 105
		Coffee Hour hosted by Liturgy <b>Faith Formation Junior High</b> Faith Formation Pre K & Kindergarten
<b>Mon., 3/9</b>	8:30 am <b>6:15pm</b>	MCR <b>All Rooms</b>
		Collection Counting Team C D. Moore <b>Faith Formation Grades 1-6</b>
<b>Tues., 3/10</b>	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Church Room 109 Room 111
		Devotions to Mary & Benediction Alanon Meeting AA Meeting
<b>Wed., 3/11</b>	9:30 am	Newcomb Center
		Circle of Friends Group Meeting
<b>Thur., 3/12</b>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Newcomb Center Room 109
		Ladies Guild Tureen Supper The August Group
<b>Fri., 3/13</b>	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Youth Room Newcomb Center
		Youth Group <b>BINGO</b>
<b>Sat., 3/14</b>	12:00 noon	All Rooms & YC
		Regional Retreat for Confirmation
<b>Sun., 3/15</b>	<b>After all Masses</b> <b>9:30 am</b> 12:00 noon	Newcomb Center <b>Room 111</b> Room 109
		<b>St. Joseph's Table</b> <b>Faith Formation Jr. High</b> RCIA

**Dear Parishioners,**



The object of faith is not primarily a “promise,” but God Himself! Today’s beautiful and powerful scripture reading (the sacrifice of Isaac) tears one’s heart apart. How could God ask Abraham to sacrifice his only child? How would God make good His promise (Abraham, the father of many nations) if Abraham killed his only son? These questions have no good answer if we forget that our primary goal in life is to know, love and serve God. It is this purpose that should inform all we do. So, if a Lenten resolution, fast or prayer leads you anywhere but to God, put it aside and find something that does.

Our ultimate act of faith is to believe that Jesus Christ is truly the “beloved Son of God”! (today’s Gospel)

**God bless you all,  
Father Leone**

**Joke:** Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular?

**MINISTRY & GREETER SCHEDULE: Mar. 14 & Mar. 15**

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Lector</b>	K. Hummel	F. Riesenberger	W. George
<b>Commentator</b>	R. Reisinger	J. Vidal	G. George
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	D. Pero, G. Reisinger J. Panzarella R. Talarico, C. DiNieri	J. Vidal, A. DellaFave B. Kreamer, I. Shevlin S. Trimaldi	G. George, T. Altieri E. Byrnes, D. Thomas J. Staffieri
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Nicole Kalpin Allison Farnung	Timothy Jordain Amanda Jordain	Anna Marshall Gerry Caso
<b>Greeters</b>	Joan Stiegler Sister Mariella Ken Walker Emily Petronio Joyce Kermis	Ellie Marzano Rose Ann Stiehler Suzanne Becker Rose Mulley Cliff Milligan	Lee Garcia Angie Mancuso Helen Mercurio Rose Tanzi Sue Gangarossa

**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  
March 8, 2009**

In his 2009 World Day of Peace message, Pope Benedict XVI challenges us to build peace by fighting poverty. Commenting on the Pope's message in a recent article in *America*, Bishop Howard Hubbard explains "that concern for the welfare of poor persons strengthens the common good of all and that addressing the needs of the most vulnerable improves the health of all. In the face of seemingly 'either/or' choices, Catholic social teaching proposes 'both/and' solutions."

**Reflection:** In these challenging economic times, how can we stay attentive to the needs of those around us while continuing to assist the world's poor? Building a peaceful world requires a "both/and" solution.

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

If you think God may ask you to do something that is just too difficult, remember how Abraham answered God's call. "Here I am." Then, he prepared to sacrifice his only son according to God's message. What faith! Responding to a call to consider ordained priesthood or religious life requires a leap of faith, too. It's counter-cultural and requires trusting in God's complete love for us. If God may be calling you to serve the Church in this way and you would like to speak with someone, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, [www.dor.org/vocations](http://www.dor.org/vocations), or by e-mail: [vocations@dor.org](mailto: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.

**Friday, March 13th—Christ the King Church from 3:30pm to 4:45pm. The Church at Prayer, A Study of the Mass.** Co-presenters, Fr. Robert Kennedy and Joan Workmaster discuss *Hearing God's Word* in our celebration at the Mass by reading scripture, reflecting on the Word and listening to the lesson of the day.

Information on the 3 remaining series will be provided next week.

This series is **FREE** and all are invited. Info: 697-6322

**2nd Annual Meaghan's Run  
5K Race/Walk**

**Saturday April 4, 2009**

Raising dollars for Local Cancer Research. See entranceways postings for further detail. If interested registration forms are in the Church Office.



**Dear Friends,**

Thank you so much for the huge donation of food to the cupboard. We appreciate your kindness and generosity. Thank you for helping us help so many here in Irondequoit.

**Your Friends at the Irondequoit Community Cupboard**

**LADIES GUILD**

Will be holding their meeting on **Thursday, March 12** in Newcomb Center. It will be a tureen supper at 6 p.m. Members are asked to bring their favorite dish to pass. Our speaker for the evening will be from Bethany House, a center serving the needs of homeless women and children. They shelter and feed abused women. The Ladies Guild is asking for donations for the following items to help Bethany House: **BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPES, POSTAGE STAMPS, SHAMPOO, SOAP, DEODORANT, BODY LOTION, TOOTHPASTE, TOILET PAPER, HAIR SPRAY, SOCKS, KNEE HI'S AND WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR-SIZE 6, 7 OR 8.** Contributions from parishioners will be appreciated and can be dropped off at the office or at the church entranceways. Thank You!

**Vocation Youth Event**

The Irondequoit Vocation Awareness Committee is hosting a vocation event for youth on **Sunday April 5th @2:00pm in the Bishop Kearney High School Auditorium, 125 Kings Hwy South.** This event will feature Catholic speaker John Pridmore. John comes to us from London, England. He is an ex-London gangster turned Catholic by the grace of God. He has spoken to over one million youth at **World Youth Day, Australia.** He has been featured on the EWTN programs, including the **Journey Home Network.** He is the author of **"From Gangland to the Promised Land"** and **"A Gangsters Guide to God."** John's conversion story of how God changed his life will inspire our youth to understand and discover God's call for their lives. The event is **free** and open to the public. Food will be provided. For further information, contact John Maurer, 342-3216.

**" CMA GOAL WITHIN REACH"**

Through Monday March 2, 432 of our St. Cecilia parishioners had pledged \$40,993 (73%) toward our CMA goal of \$56,048. 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](http://www.dor.org). **Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated.**



**ARUSHA PASTA DINNER**

**Date: March 22nd**  
**Time: From 1—5PM**  
**Place: Newcomb Center**  
**Cost: Adults \$7.00**  
**Children 5 thru 12 \$4.00**  
**Children under 5 FREE**

**Tickets are on sale after all Masses this week-end in the school hall and will also be available in the Parish Office.**

**Women Weaving the Word**

Women of all Irondequoit parishes, you are warmly invited to attend a Lenten program, "Women Weaving the Word," on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 – 4:30 PM, at Christ the King Church. It will be a day of prayer and friendship consisting of a scripture meditation, tea and scones, an opportunity for palm weaving and egg decorating, and a weaving demonstration and brief Biblical history of weaving. For registration information or any questions, please contact either Marlene Mura at 544-9916 or Carol Thiell at 338-7969.



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

*More information to follow soon*



**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



**St. Cecilia's Casino Day**

**Tuesday April 21, 2009**

Join us for a fun day at the Seneca Niagara Casino in Niagara Falls, NY. Cost is only \$26.00 per person with a \$20.00 bonus and a \$5.00 food bonus upon arrival with a picture ID). For reservations, please call Marlene at 342-3928. Depart at 9:45 from St. Cecilia's parking lot. Return home will be approximately 6:30 PM.



**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.

**Pilgrimage  
 Austria, Czech Republic, Poland**

Under spiritual leadership of Father Adam Ogorzaly, of St. Stanislaus Church Rochester, NY Tel: 585-467-3068 September 15—September 26, 2009 USD\$ 2,590; CAD \$2,990.

**Men's Club Past Presidents  
 Corned Beef Dinner**

**Monday March 16, @6:30PM.** Reservations must be made by 7:00PM Friday, March 13th. Call Tom @ 342-3458 or Sam @ 342-8560. Remember no call, no meal!