

Saint Cecilia



CHURCH

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Week of April 29, 2007

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekend Masses

- Saturday evening at 5 p.m.
- Sunday at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

- Monday - Saturday at 9 a.m.

Holy Days

- Check *The Connection*

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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, Steve Caso, one week in advance of the meeting.

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MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, JOHN

On March 25th we celebrate the feast of St. Mark, the Evangelist. Each Sunday we hear a new testament reading during Mass, the gospel according to St. Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The gospel or "good news" readings present the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, so essential to our religious beliefs.

As one recognition of these evangelists, we can see depictions representing Matthew, Mark, Luke and John on the walls above our sanctuary in church, represented by four winged creatures: a lion, an ox, a man, and an eagle. The *man* stands for Matthew, whose narrative begins with the human genealogy of Jesus; the *lion* stands for Mark, whose narrative begins with John the Baptist crying out ('roaring') in the desert; the *ox*, a sacrificial animal, stands for Luke, whose narrative begins in the Temple; and the *eagle* stands for John, whose narrative begins in Heaven, with the eternal Word.

- Matthew, a Jew, wrote to convince Jews who were familiar with Old Testament prophecy, that Jesus was the promised Messiah, citing a genealogy to prove that Jesus was an heir to King David.
- The Book of Mark was probably written for Romans. Mark often explained Jewish words, customs, and places. He used Roman time rather than Hebrew time, and translated some words into Latin.
- Luke presents Jesus to the Gentiles as the savior of all mankind. His gospel contains numerous references to the activity of the Holy Spirit. He also gave special attention to women, with the birth narrative from Mary's perspective, telling also of women observing the crucifixion, and of Jesus first appearing to women when he resurrected.
- John's purpose in writing the gospel was expressly stated: "These are written that you many believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." John emphasized the eternal nature and deity of Christ, and revealed much about the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

As we recognized St. Mark this week, we are thankful for his witness, and for the other evangelists as well, who have enabled us to be firmly grounded in the truths of our religion.

Festivals of Choirs



This Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., our choir is performing at the St. Salome Church. The program "In Harmony & Praise" includes Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. It's a free concert and a wonderful way to spend an afternoon with family, friends and neighbors.

Please pray for our beloved deceased:
*Ralph Salerno, Patty Chiappone,
 Joseph Crociata and Paciana L.
 Oblefias*

Memorial Fund

We are grateful for donations received in memory of *William Dixon* from Mary Alice Meyers and the Senior Group of Transfiguration Lutheran Church Committee.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 30
 9:00 For our Parishioners—
Tuesday, May 1
 9:00 Alphonse Oliveri—
 Smith Family
Wednesday, May 2
 9:00 Mae & Chet Walker—
 Ken
Thursday, May 3
 9:00 Daniel Hurley—
 Tom & Sue Wilhauck
Friday, May 4
 9:00 Nunzio Liberti —
 Santina Adams
Saturday, May 5
 9:00 Anthony Vaccaro—
 Mother
 5:00 Angie Caprarella —
 “Sam & the Girls”
Sunday, May 6
 8:00 Agostino Geraci—
 Helen & Bill Lee
 9:30 Kennedy Bucklin—
 Pat & Sharron Trimaldi
 11:30 Luigi & Filomena Ingutti—
 Family

National Day of Prayer

Please join your neighbors and friends on **Thursday, May 3rd at noon** at the Irondequoit Town Hall Gazebo for the National Day of Prayer.

Every Friday Night



BINGO

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

Handicap Accessible

Men's Club

A Special Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m. will be held on **Monday, May 14** in Newcomb Friendship Center. **Reservations are a must.** Call Ray at 266-2524 by May 11th.

Crowning of Mary

The Ladies Guild will be holding their annual **Crowning of Mary** in church on **Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend this beautiful ceremony. *Joan Stiegler* has been chosen to be our May Queen. Board members are asked to arrive at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments and meeting will follow in Newcomb Center.



Ladies Guild Raffle

Don't forget to return your Raffle Tickets for the drawing on May 10th. Additional tickets may be purchased in the parish office. Prizes are a Handmade Afghan, \$100 and \$50.

Volunteers Needed for Clean Up Day

Saturday - May 12
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Many hands make for light work !!! Please join us for a few hours of indoor and outside sprucing up. Food and beverages will be provided. Forms are located in the entranceways of church. Please return them in the collection basket or to the office.

Sunday Offering



Envelope User..... \$ 7,512.00
 Non-Envelope Users\$ 826.82
 Childrens\$ 30.00
TOTAL..... \$ 8,368.82
Missions \$ 1,008.75

Thank You for your generous support !

AARP Driver Program

The ISM Driver Safety program will be held on **Monday and Tuesday, May 21 & 22.** It 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. Salome's. Fee is \$10. Call Good Samaritan office at 336-1777 to pre-register. Classes begin at 9:15 a.m. and last until 1:30 p.m. Bring your driver's license, lunch and a check payable to AARP. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Wine Tasting Party

The PAC Committee will be hosting a Wine Tasting Party for ages 21–50, married or single.

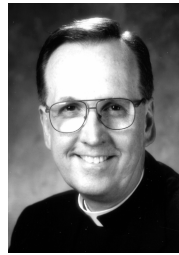
Date Saturday, May 12
Time 7 to 9 p.m.
Cover Fee \$5.00

If you need a babysitter, a movie will be available in Cushing Theater

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
Sun., 4/29	After 9:30 Mass After 11:30 Mass	Newcomb Center Church	Coffee Hour hosted by Ladies Guild Baptism of ANTHONY RONALD and FRANK RONALD CACECI Baptism of MARISA ROSE FIORAVANTI Baptism of ETHAN PATRICK HENDERSON
Mon., 4/30	11:00	Newcomb Center	Regional Lunch & Meeting
Tues., 5/1	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Church Conference Room	Devotions to Mary Stewardship Meeting
Wed., 5/2	9:30 a.m. 7:15 p.m.	Room 109 Music Room	Bible Study Group Choir Practice
Thurs. 5/3	Noon 7:00 p.m.	Newcomb Center Room 111	Young At Heart August Group
Fri., 5/4	7:00 P.M. 7:30 p.m.	Youth Room Newcomb Center	Youth Group BINGO
Sat., 5/5	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Church Newcomb Center	First Saturday Devotions Euchre Tournament
Sun., 5/6	After 9:30 Mass	Newcomb Center	Coffee Hour hosted by Youth Group

Pastoral Perspectives:

A poet was once sharing some of his work with his audience. He invited them to listen not only with the ears of their head but also with the ears in their hearts. We would do well to do something similar with this weekend's Gospel. It does much to flesh out the person of Jesus. He becomes less a mystery and more of an open book.



Jesus the Teacher refers to his relationship to us as that of a shepherd to sheep. Christ took very special care of those who had been entrusted to him. Luke in his Gospel tells us that Jesus restored sight to a blind man. John tells us that Mary said to her Son, "They have no wine," and we all know what happened. Recall too the Roman officer who pleaded with him for his ill servant, as recorded in Matthew's Gospel. Matthew also recounts, as do all the other evangelists, what Jesus did with a few loaves and fishes for a famished crowd. Surely, our Shepherd is one of a kind.

The deeds He performed went well beyond the physical. Eagerly this Shepherd listened to His sheep with the ears of His heart as well as the ears of His head. He was a counselor, advocate and listener. There was about Him no condescension. We have only to look at the stories of Nicodemus, the window of Naim, the blind and the lepers.

It is a beautiful thing to know Psalm 23. But it is an even better thing to know the Good Shepherd.

- **Thought for the week:** Be gentle toward beginning efforts.
- **Smile for the week:** Little Robert was attending Sunday School and was asked to give his regular evening prayers as an example for the entire class. Robert got down on his knees and said, "Dear God, I want a new eight-speed bike, a baseball, a football and a new suit. And, dear God, these requests are non-negotiable!"

God bless! Have a wonderful week!
Fr. Kevin McKenna

First Holy Communion

This weekend we would like to extend our congratulations to the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time. On **Saturday, April 29**, we welcome **Sara Calderon, Nathan Porter, Sierra Porter and Nicholas Santiago** to the Table of the Lord. On **Sunday, April 30**, **Allessandra Crawford, Amanda Jordain, Dillon Mackey, David Michels, Taylor Michels, Sara Rose, Giavanna Sylar and Kelly Weeks** will receive their First Holy Communion. God bless these children and their families.

Young At Heart will be meeting Thursday, May 3 at noon in Newcomb Center. Brown bag lunch. All men and women over 55 are welcome to join.

MINISTRY & GREETER SCHEDULE: May 5 & 6

	5:00 p.m.	8 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lector	P. Pero	L. Morrell	B. Weeks	D. Flynn
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Stan J. Panzarella D. Pero	Deacon Stan S. Morgan J. P. Vidal	Deacon Stan E. Cook D. Hamilton	Deacon Stan A. Colangelo M. Giordano
Altar Servers	N. Kalpin Z. Chang	E. Becker R. Becker	A. Kessler L. Kessler	N. Christiano T. Michels
Greeters	J. Doud Sr. Mariella C. Connaughton C. DiNieri	E. DePeters V. Gramlich A. Zemel A. DellaFave S. Becker	A. Buff P. Gambacurta S. Lanzi B. Gambacurta D. Yockel	L. Garcia B. Sheridan S. Flanigan R. Binazeski D. 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

Youth Group

Grandparents, Parents & Teens - Pass the word !!!!

Any teen in the 9-12th grades is welcome and encouraged to join the Youth Group from St. Cecilians to Columbus, Ohio this November. It is known as the National Catholic Youth Convention (NCYC). It is a 4 day trip which will change your life and the way you see your faith. There is a cost involved but we can fundraise to bring it down. Call Sara if you are interested at 467-4286 ext. 104.

Euchre Tournament

Will be held on Saturday, May 5 in Newcomb Center. Registration at 6:30 p.m. No partners needed.

VOCATION BLESSING CUP

Week of May 5, 2007



Jim & Betty Sheridan

Will be praying for vocations with our Vocation Blessing Cup