



**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Weekend Masses**

- Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Weekday Masses**

- Monday - Saturday at 9 a.m.

**Holy Days**

- Check *The Connection*
- **St. Cecilia's Staff**

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**THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS**

We are very early in our new church year, so just like any new year resolution, we should want to renew our resolve to comply with the rules of our Church. At this time let's focus, in particular, on the correct way to receive Holy Communion. Most of us already follow recommended practice, but it is useful to review what is prescribed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

“Communion will be received *standing*, and a *bow* will be the act of reverence made by those receiving.” A bow should precede receiving Communion, typically when the previous person is just finishing receiving. The person distributing Communion says audibly to each person approaching: “The Body of Christ”. As an expression of faith on the part of the one who receives, the communicant should audibly respond: “Amen”. Those receiving the Body of Christ “may receive either in the hand or on the tongue”, with the choice being that of the person receiving. If Communion is received in the hand, one hand should rest (palm up) on the other to receive the host, and then taken to the mouth with the other hand *before returning to the pew*. “It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing.”

When one receives from the chalice, the recipient should be standing, and a bow as an act of reverence is again appropriate. The person distributing proclaims: “The Blood of Christ”, and the recipient affirms with the response: “Amen”. **“It should be noted that it is never permissible for a person to dip the host he or she has received into the chalice.”** Dipping the host into the chalice may spread germs from the fingers of one holding the host. Even worse, it enables an accidental dripping from the host before it reaches the tongue of the recipient. If the communicant is not able or willing to drink from the cup, then that person should receive only under the form of bread. Even under one form alone, a recipient has fully participated in the reception of Communion.

Please, let's all willingly comply with the above practices. They are prescribed for good reasons. Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will have a rehearsal on **Saturday, Dec. 19th at 2:15 p.m.** to prepare for singing at the Christmas Eve Family Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Dec. 24th. New members are always welcome, and can join by attending the rehearsal. Please call Jack Fiannaca at 723-1459 if you have any relevant questions.

**SATURDAY MORNING MASS TIME will be changing starting Saturday January 2, 2010 from 9:00AM to 9:30AM.**

**Please pray for our beloved**

Deceased:

*Rosalie Tumia, Marguerite Beckman, Rose Harshbarger, Robert Kirchhoff, Samuel Leone & James Monello*

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 14**

**9:00 Rose Miriam Miller**

Joseph & Beverly Taschetto

**Tuesday, December 15**

**9:00 Jean Privitera**

Robin Partridge

**Wednesday, December 16**

**9:00 Gregg Waters**

Felix Budinski

**Thursday, December 17**

**9:00 Lena & Evangelist Oakes**

Daughter, Jan

**Friday, December 18**

**9:00 Marie & Harold Snell**

Sister, Nancy

**Saturday, December 19**

**9:00 David Attoma**

Richard & Helen Yake

**4:30 John M. Chiavetta Sr.**

Wife & Family

**Sunday, December 20**

**8:30 Margaret Mamo**

Shelia & Joe Mamo

**11:00 Anthony & Joanne Agnello**

Children



**God's Housekeepers  
December, 14 Team # 1**

*J. Urban, J. Caretta, M. Gramlich, A. Ferruzza, V. Wendelgass, L. Baldo, N. VanWuyckhyuyse, & M. Mastrosimone*



**B I N G O  
Every Friday Night**

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

**Future Fund**

We are grateful for donations received in memory of

**Patricia Colman (Fosco)** from *Sam & Josephine Giambrone, Nicklas Fosco & Barbara Fasco* and for **Sister Marie Therese** from *Lou & Sally Lanzi*

**Parish Council Members**

Members are asked to pick up their folders after Mass in the Sacristy for their meeting on Tuesday, December 15 at 7 p.m. held in the Newcomb Friendship Center.

**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 Chairpersons Glenn & Karen Miller one week in advance of the meeting.



**Sunday Offering**

Envelope User..... \$ 10,434.75  
Non-Envelope Users ..... \$ 563.75  
Children's..... \$ 14.50

**Total.....\$ 11,013.00**

**Christmas Flowers.....\$ 1,428.00**

**Attendance Last Week – 866**

**Thank you for Your Generous Support**



**We Welcome**

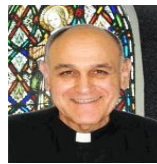
*Dominic Michael Carbone*

**Baptized December 5th**

**Special Thanks to Earl Costich for his generous donation in Loving memory of his wife Lee**

| DATE         | LOCATION  | ACTIVITY  |
|--------------|---|---|
| Sun., 12/13  | 9:30 am<br>12:00 noon<br>Newcomb Center<br>Room 109   | Coffee Hour hosted by Choir<br>RCIA   |
| Mon., 12/14  | 8:30 am<br>6:15 pm<br>MCR<br>All Rooms  | Collection Counting Team A L. Gaston<br>Faith Formation Grades 1—6                        |
| Tues., 12/15 | 7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>Church<br>Room 109<br>Basement Hall<br>Newcomb Center | Devotions to Mary & Benediction<br>Alanon Meeting<br>AA Meeting<br>Parish Council Meeting |
| Wed., 12/16  | 9:30 am<br>Room105  | Bible Study Group   |
| Thur., 12/17 | 1:00 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>Newcomb Center<br>Room 109  | Alzheimer's Support Group<br>The August Group   |
| Fri., 12/18  | 7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>Newcomb Center<br>Youth Center  | Bingo<br>Youth Group  |
| Sat., 12/19  | 9:30 am<br>Room 109   | Social Justice Group  |
| Sun., 12/20  | 9:30 am<br>Newcomb Center   | Coffee Hour hosted by Parish Life   |

**Dear Parishioners,**



“A paradox unifies two realities that seem to have nothing in common” (DeMarco, Catholic Register, November 2009). Christmas presents us with the ultimate paradox. Why should God love men and women after the rebellion that took place in the Garden of Eden? But, He does love them and is their happiness and fulfillment. Advent is a good time to ask ourselves the question: Do I believe in God’s love for me, or not? The meaning of our existence depends on the answer to that question. The good news is, we wouldn’t be in Church today if we didn’t believe in God’s love for us!

**God bless you all,  
Fr. Leone**

**Thought to ponder:** “This is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God: and Jesus Christ, Whom thou hast sent” (John 17:3)

**MINISTRY & GREETER SCHEDULE: Dec. 19 & Dec. 20**

|                              | 4:30 p.m.   | 8:30 a.m.  | 11:00 a.m.   |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>Lector</b>                | D. Striebich  | G. Miller  | Sr. Ginny  |
| <b>Commentator</b>           | J. Striebich  | K. Miller  | M. Messenger   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | D. Striebich, C. Warren<br>J. Striebich, D. Warren<br>Ross Talarico             | J. Crosby, G. Moroni<br>G. Miller, S. Trimaldi<br>D. Hamilton                      | R. M. Tanzi, E. Byrnes<br>B. Pellegrino, J. Gugino<br>E. Allocco                 |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>         | Tim Striebich<br>Giavanna Sylar   | Brandon Mackey<br>Connor Mackey  | Juliana Fioravanti<br>Jillian Fioravanti   |
| <b>Greeters</b>              | J. Stiegler<br>Betty O'Rourke<br>Joan Cowan<br>Sally Striebich<br>Carol DiNieri | Evelyn DePeters<br>Donna Moore<br>Bob Moore<br>Cliff Milligan<br>Annette DellaFave | Lee Garcia<br>Sue Flanigan<br>Mary Alice Meyers<br>Dave Yockel<br>Nancy Calcagno |

**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 **3:30 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  
December 13, 2009**

Don't worry, be happy", was a catchy phrase from a delightful tune that was popular a few years ago. Those words sum up beautifully the essence of today's Scripture readings. They invite us to shout for joy because God's love is very close at hand; ready to be born among us in Jesus. The readings encourage us to let go of our fears, our negative attitudes, all that weighs us down and rejoice in God's all encompassing love. The joy of God's love relationship with each person calls us to be more than who we are at this moment.

**Reflection:** Who do I leave out of my circle of justice and love... some relatives, co-workers, immigrants, Muslims, my neighbors...?

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

Today's readings instruct us to show kindness to all, to be just in our dealings with each other, and to offer our petitions to God with thanksgiving. Then, we are told, "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." This is the simple path to holiness that each of us is called to follow. Another name for that path to holiness is your VOCATION. The path is different for each of us, but the destination is the same... the promise of eternal joy with our Creator. What path are you following? **Office of Vocation Awareness/ 585-461-2890/ [vocations@dor.org](mailto:vocations@dor.org)/ website: [www.dor.org/vocations](http://www.dor.org/vocations)**

**Irondequoit Plan Information**

Now that the IPPG Plan is public, all Irondequoit parishioners are encouraged and reminded that the most up-to-date source for on-going information is our website: [www.irondequoitcatholic.org](http://www.irondequoitcatholic.org)

**Pro-Life Education**

Speaking of her Down syndrome baby as a "gift from God," Congresswoman Cathy M. Rodgers stated, "There are tremendous resources, support and early intervention available to families. There are medical advances and breakthroughs in the realm of education and early learning. I am extremely grateful to those who have walked this path before me." *NRL News*, May, 2008)



**A Big Thank You**

A big thank you is extended to the Faith Formation Committee members who worked so hard to make their sixth annual Breakfast with Santa such a success last Sunday. We are also very grateful to those who generously donated raffle items that were won by Sonny Polemeni, Carla Salerno, the Shores family and Dennis Trocano. And, of course, thank you to our special Santa who always brings great joy to this yearly celebration.

**Updating Parish Records**

Please notify the Parish Office if you have a change of address, telephone number, or any other information related to your current records on file @ 467-4286 ext. 100.

**"Reconciliation and Renewal"**

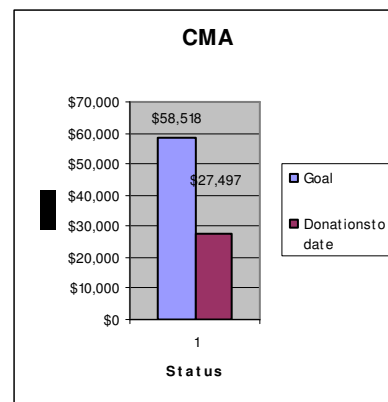
Save the date for the annual "R&R" weekend: February 5th & 6th, 2010. This 'mini-retreat' offers an opportunity for adults to set aside time for a deeper faith experience at Christ the King! The theme for this year will be: "FEAR NOT, I AM WITH YOU." Please watch the bulletin for more details!

**REMEMBRANCE**

In loving memory of **Sr. Marie Therese**, a leaf will be added to the Living Tree. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Please send donations to St. Cecilia's Future Fund in Sister's memory. Thank you, Peter Kelderhouse and Lillian Dee.

**Catholic Ministries Appeal  
Update as of 12-9-09**

**2009—2010** Our CMA Goal is \$58,518 and as of 12-9-09 there are 361 Donors who pledged \$27,497. We're 47% of the way **thanks** to all who have contributed to date. If you need more information contact Linda in the office (467-4286, x100) for forms or more information on how to contribute. Please read the inserts prepared by Fr. Jim Hewes. All who have read them have been inspired to make an offering!





For those considering beginning theology or ministry studies at St. Bernard's, a new scholarship is available for first time students. This coming term, starting in January, several 'starter courses' are scheduled: Introduction to New Testament, Introduction to Hebrew Bible, Orientation to Theology. Why not make an appointment to talk with someone about beginning your studies by calling 585-271-3657 x-289, or visit our website at [www.stbernards.edu](http://www.stbernards.edu).

## CAMP

**Give the gift of Camp**  
**What better gift to give this holiday season, than the gift of character building, self esteem, friendships for a lifetime, and week of adventure! This holiday season, why not give your loved ones a week of camp at Camp Stella Maris! You will save with 09 pricing, and be guaranteed a spot for the 2010 season! Log on to our website, [www.campstellamaris.org](http://www.campstellamaris.org) or call 585.346.2243 to secure your gift will be the best of the year! Happy Holidays from our family to yours!**

### HELP FOR VICTIMS:

Victims of abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To report a case of possible sexual abuse and to receive help and guidance from the Diocese of Rochester, victims are encouraged to contact the victims' assistance coordinator appointed by Bishop Clark: Barbara Pedeville, telephone 585-328-3228, ext. 1215.

### Christmas Concert Tim Janis

Fresh from Carnegie Hall with his nine piece ensemble including guest choir:

The Irondequoit Chorale  
**Tuesday, December 15, 2009  
 7:00 pm**

Asbury First United Methodist Church

1050 East Avenue  
 General Admission -\$20.00

Tickets: 473-6893 or  
[Mercyprayercenter.org](http://Mercyprayercenter.org)  
 All proceeds benefit the Mercy Prayer Center, a retreat and spirituality ministry of the Sisters of Mercy



### Holiday Bowling Party

**There is a youth/parent bowling event on Sunday December 20th @ Clover Lanes..**  
**Cost will be \$13.95 per person which includes, 2 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza, and pop. Prizes will be rewarded for the youth best game (w/o bumpers) and total pins knocked down. All money must be in by December 16. Call Sara @467-4286 x 104.**



### AARP DRIVER PROGRAM

The next AARP Driver Safety Program sponsored by ISM is **Mon. & Wed., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.** 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, AARP card & a check made out to AARP. Cookies and coffee will be served.

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AAA is offering a 6 hour **Defensive Driving Course** approved by DMV for point reduction & insurance credit. **Saturday January 9th.** This class is being held at St. Cecilia's, 2732 Culver Rd. in rooms 111-111A from **9AM until 3:30PM.** The cost is \$35.00 for AAA members and \$41.00 for non-members.

Call 1-800-836-2582 to register.

Free Blood Pressure Screening will be offered during coffee hours on the **second and fourth Sundays** of each month. Nurse volunteers needed !! Please call parish office (467-4286 ext. 100) if interested. Thank you!