

Saint Cecilia



CHURCH

CONNECTION

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Week of December 20, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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*
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Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

*From the Priests and Staff at
St. Cecilia's Parish*

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday December 24th at 4 :00 (Family Mass) and 6:00 PM

Friday December 25th at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Thursday December 31st at 5:00 PM

Friday January 1st at 9:00AM

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 21

9:00 John Hoh
Sister, Marie

Tuesday, December 22

9:00 Corrodo Vetri
M/M Salvatore Mastro Simone

2:00 Shire @ Culverton
Frank & Rose Alberti
Mario & Teresa Ferruzza

Wednesday, December 23

9:00 James Panzarella
Mom & Dad

Thursday, December 24

9:00 John Jack White
Lucy & Gary Gaston

4:00 For all living & deceased
6:00 members of St. Cecilia Parish

Friday, December 25

8:30 For all living & deceased
11:00 members of St. Cecilia Parish

Saturday, December 26

9:00 For our Parishioners
4:30 Dominic Vella,
Carmela Vella
& Dominic Visconti
Lorraine & Dennis Trocano

Sunday, December 27

8:30 Walter & Thurza Cushing
Rev. Walter Cushing
11:00 Luciano & Lucia Ferruzza
Daughter, Angie

Memorial Fund

We are grateful for donations received in memory of
Eleanor Conte from
Sam & Julie Russo

SATURDAY MORNING MASS

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

MANY THANKS...

To all who took part in any way in our Giving Tree Program this year...our annual core team-- the Schulers, the Jakymowyczs, the Messengers...from those who put together the shelving to those who donated, shopped, knitted, sorted, packed, loaded cars and delivered packages! There are too many to mention without fear of leaving someone out!

Many who delivered packages returned to let us know how grateful the family was for *your* generosity and kindness.

May Our Lord richly bless you and may you have a wonderful Christmas knowing you helped so many have one.



Sunday Offering

Envelope User..... \$ 6,869.00
Non-Envelope Users \$ 572.50
Children's..... \$ 7.25

Total.....\$ 7,448.75

Christmas Flowers.....\$ 191.00
Immaculate Conception.....\$ 1,549.70

Attendance Last Week – 742
Thank you for Your Generous Support

THANK YOU FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE
The Outreach Family thanks you for your participation in the Christmas Plant delivery to our dear shut-ins. By sharing your time, talent and treasures, you brought them joy and happiness and brightened up their day! May God Bless you with joy and happiness as you celebrate His birthday!

Parish Office will be closed Thursday December 24 and Friday December 25



God's Housekeepers December, 21 Team # 2

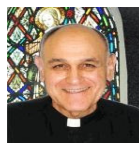
P. Russi, M. Bow
M. Piazza, S. Brown,
R. Tanzi, G. Zanni,,
N. VanWuyckhyuyse,
& M. Mastro Simone



Please note there will be no Bingo on Friday December 25 Christmas Day and no Bingo on Friday January 1 New Years Day.

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
Sun., 12/20	9:30 pm Newcomb Center	Coffee Hour hosted by Parish Life
Mon., 12/21	8:30 am MCR	Collection Counting Team B M. Ferreri
Tues., 12/22	7:00 pm Church 7:00 pm Room 109 7:00 pm Basement Hall	Devotions to Mary & Benediction Alanon Meeting AA Meeting
Wed., 12/23		
Thur., 12/24	7:00 pm	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Fri., 12/25		NO BINGO
Sat., 12/26		
Sun., 12/27		

Dear Parishioners,



As we near the celebration of Christmas this year it is good to remind ourselves that the Spirit of Christmas is for everyone to share. As Archbishop Vincent Nichols (Westminster, London) once wrote: “Secular objections to the public manifestations of faith, while usually reserved to criticism of Christianity, actually point to a deeper unease. What is at stake is the role of religious faith in a secular society and the relationship between faith and politics.

Here the imagery of Christmas is helpful. What we celebrate is the coming of light into darkness. The light shines and, as St. John tells us, the darkness cannot overpower it (John 1:5). Indeed, we welcome the light because, in all honesty, we recognize that, in many ways, we are a people that walk in darkness.” Be proud of your Catholicism and celebrate Christmas with faith and joy. The world needs your witness!

**God bless you,
Father Leone**

Thought for the day: There are two people in every picture. The photographer and the person viewing the photo!

MINISTRY & GREETER SCHEDULE: Dec. 26 & Dec. 27

	4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lector	K. Hummel	J. Vidal	D. Thomas
Commentator	M. Lylak	D. Morgan	J. Goodwin
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Caretta, M. Lylak, J. Colligan, J. Zuker M.J. Colligan	A. Kelderhouse, G. Tellex, I. Shevlin J. Vidal, S. Morgan	B. Lawrenz, V. Magin D. Thomas, G. George P. Gambacurta
Altar Servers	Adam Smith Danielle Smith	Erin Becker Rachel Becker	Anna Marshall Matthew Quarino
Greeters	Mary Ann Adams Joyce Kermis Ann Gelo Emily Petronio Margaret Lambert	Jo White Rose Ann Stiehler Ann Zemel Dorothy Vinci Ellie Marzano	Sue Gangarossa Carol LaCapruccia Helen Mercurio Rose Tanzi Betty Sheridan

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 20, 2009**

Each year we celebrate The World Day of Peace on January 1, the Feast of Mary Mother of God. Pope Benedict's 2010 message, *If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Safeguard Creation*, expands upon the environmental section of his recent encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*, which states, "The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole." The poor of the world suffer most when the environment is harmed.

As we, like Mary, wait in Advent hope, let us remember the world's poor who struggle to stay hopeful that they will not be forgotten by those of us who live in wealthier nations. May we have the compassion of the one whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; (who) shall be peace."

4th Sunday of Advent

First, Mary believed that what was spoken to her by the Lord would be fulfilled and she accepted God's plan for her. Then, in the same obedient way, Jesus said, "As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God." We have been given two perfect examples of love, obedience and sacrifice to follow. Are you open to hearing God's voice in your life? How are you being called to a life of love, obedience to God and sacrifice? Is it through consecrated single life; a holy married life; possibly, ordained or religious life? If you've ever considered diocesan priesthood and would like to talk with someone about it, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness/** 585-461-2890/ vocations@dor.org/ website: 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

Pro-Life Education

"The Word became flesh and dwelled among us," St. John's Gospel states. Perhaps if we could look at each unborn child as a word from God, we would be less likely to destroy those children who each have a unique message to share with the world.

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.

KATE'S GIFT SHOP

Kate's Gift Shop at Mercy Center (motherhouse), 1437 Blossom Rd. has a variety of inexpensive gifts including items for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Alongside these are greeting cards, bibles, spirituality books, hand made baby blankets, the Willow Tree angel series, and beautiful candles made from recycled wax by two Sisters of Mercy. All proceeds benefit the ministries of the Sisters of Mercy. Come visit and see for yourself! Kate's is open **Tuesday through Friday 11AM to 4PM 288-2710 x119.**

Stop by St. Cecilia Parish Office to receive a 20% off one item Coupon.

"Reconciliation and Renewal"

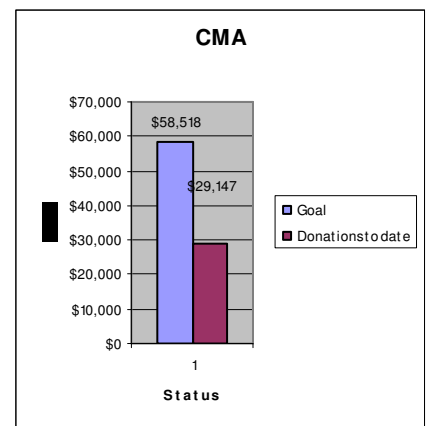
Save the date for the annual "R&R" weekend: February 5th & 6th, 2010. This 'mini-retreat' offers an opportunity for adults to set aside time for a deeper faith experience at Christ the King! The theme for this year will be: **"FEAR NOT, I AM WITH YOU."** Please watch the bulletin for more details!

PLEASE READ

If your name did not appear on the CMA list that was an insert in the bulletin last week-end and you have made a contribution, please call the Parish Office at 467-4286 ext 100.

Catholic Ministries Appeal
Update as of 12-16-09

2009—2010 Our CMA Goal is \$58,518 and as of 12-16-09 there are 375 Donors who pledged \$29,147. We're 50% 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!





The U.S. Bishops have recently given their final approval to the new translation of the Missal, so parishes will need to prepare for the transition once the new Missal is published. Parish staff, liturgy committee members, and other interested parishioners can make the most of this opportunity and update themselves on the vital context of this new translation by taking "History and Theology of the Eucharist" with Dr. David Stosur. This graduate course, which may be taken for credit or audited, will meet at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry on Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30PM, in the Spring semester, and will include an examination of the new translation. Scholarship monies are available for those wishing to take the course for credit. Call St. Bernard's at 271-3657 x 298 or visit our website: www.stbernards.edu.



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 or call 585.346.2243 to secure your gift will be the best of the year! Happy Holidays from our family to yours!

Prayer for Families

O Lord, Jesus, God of Love, you are the center of our family. You humbled yourself and came to live among us. And the greater part of your life was spent in your home with Joseph and Mary.

Take our family. Let your peace be with us! Help us to do your will in all that we say or do. Guide us, Jesus, in our family decisions, in our financial needs and worries, in our work, our play, and in our study.

Give us a strong faith; strengthen our relationship with you. O Lord, keep us on the path to the Father! We ask this in your holy name.
Amen

Men's Club News

There will be a Men's Club Meeting with Dinner on **Monday January 4th**. There will be a **guest speaker**. Please call Tom @342-3458 or Ray @ 266-2524 by Friday, January 1st to make your reservation.



WE'RE HERE TO GET YOU THERE.....

NEED A RIDE SENIORS? Good Samaritan will take you to your appointment. Please call us first to register & allow 3 business days to find a driver. Service is provided by our volunteers to doctor appointments, hair appointments, grocery shopping & rides to church for Mass. We are always in need of drivers. CAN YOU HELP? Please call us for more information at 336-1777 to register, for a ride, or to volunteer. Our phone message system is available 24 hours a day.



AARP DRIVER PROGRAM

The next AARP Driver Safety Program sponsored by ISM is **Mon. & Wed., Jan. 25th & Jan. 27th, 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!