



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 - Friday at 9 a.m.
- Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Days

- Check *The Connection*
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BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Jan. 10, 2010
WHY DID JESUS WANT TO BE BAPTIZED ?

In the days of Jesus on earth, when a Gentile wished to convert to Judaism, he would be publicly baptized to identify him as a convert. Jesus, of course, was not converting to anything. The baptisms that John, the Baptist, performed symbolized repentance rather than conversion, and emphasized *baptism* for the forgiveness of sins. So why did Jesus, the Son of God who was sinless, want to be baptized? When Jesus came to the Jordan River to seek his own baptism from John, understandably, John humbly objected to baptizing Jesus, saying that he should, instead, be baptized by Jesus.

The baptism of Jesus was very public, his first public act as an adult. Although he was sinless, Christ was identifying himself with sinners, because he would ultimately bear our sins as he died for us on the cross. The event was a public affirmation of his *messiahship* by the testimony that came directly from heaven. "This is my Son whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Why is it necessary to baptize an innocent baby? In addition to our belief that we were all born with the taint of Adam's original sin, baptism is also seen as a rite of initiation and acceptance into the Catholic Church. Although our parents and godparents spoke on our behalf during our reception of this sacrament, we are later given the opportunity to *Confirm* our membership in the Church.

How often do we confirm our membership in the Catholic Church by our actions, behavior, relationships, and participation?

UPDATE ON RECEPTION OF COMMUNION BY INTINCTION:
(ie., by dipping the host into the chalice before consumption)

A couple of weeks ago, we provided an insert in the Connection to ask parishioners to indicate if they would prefer to receive Communion by *intinction from a Eucharistic Minister*. Only a few placed the tear-off response into the collection basket, or otherwise personally indicated interest in this method. Thus, due to insufficient interest, we are not offering this method at this time. We can revisit this subject at a later date in case interest increases. In the meantime, *Communion by intinction performed by the recipient is not allowed*. The only available approved method at St. Cecilia Church is reception of the host and/or drinking from the cup offered by a Eucharistic Minister.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 11

9:00 Jerry Mauro, Mauro, Romano, & Sauzzi Families
Mauro, Moroni,
& Huussen Families

Tuesday, January 12

9:00 Angelina & Rocco Labuzetta
Daughter, Nancy

1:15 Legacy@Cranberry
Jo Mae Mauro
M/M Richard Zona, Sr.

Wednesday, January 13

9:00 Glen & Mary Allen
Larry Allen

Thursday, January 14

9:00 Michael Mancuso
Wife Angie

Friday, January 15

9:00 Aldo Mastrosimone & Antoinette
Tony & Lilla Micale

Saturday, January 16

9:30 Pro Populo
4:30 The Flass Family
Frances Kulousek

Sunday, January 17

8:30 Sam & Jennie Castiglione
The Gaston Family
11:00 Joseph Calarco, Jr.
Mario Provenzale

Memorial Fund

We are grateful for donations received in memory of
Eleanor Conte
from *Joy Conte*



SAVE THE DATE

Are you ready to eat again?

**St. Cecilia's
Annual Pasta
Dinner**

Will be held on **Sunday January 31st from 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM** in Newcomb Friendship Center. Tickets will be on sale the weekends of the 16th and 23rd and Saturday the 30th. More details to follow: Save your appetites.

The **January Greeter** schedules can be picked up in the sacristy after mass.



Sunday Offering

Envelope User..... \$ 5,397.00
Non-Envelope Users \$ 339.12
Children..... \$ 13.00

Total.....\$ 5,749.12

New Year.....\$ 2,332.64

New Years—424

Attendance Last Week – 528

Thank you for Your Generous Support

THANK YOU!

Banns of Marriage

I Meghan O'Brien and Andrew Reddy



**God's Housekeepers
January 11, Team # 2**

*P. Russi, M. Bow,
S. Brown, R. Tanzi,
G. Zanni, N. VanWuyckhuyse
J. Stiegler & M. Mastrosimone*

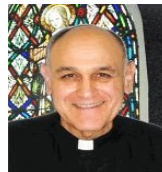


**BINGO
Every Friday Night**

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

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
Sun., 1/10	9:30 am 12:00 noon Newcomb Center Room 109	Coffee Hour hosted by Finance Council RCIA
Mon., 1/11	8:30 am 6:15 pm MCR All Rooms	Collection Counting Team D J. Sheridan Faith Formation Class Grades 1-6
Tues., 1/12	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm Church Room 109 Basement Hall	Devotions to Mary & Benediction Alanon Meeting AA Meeting
Wed., 1/13	9:30 am 2:00 pm Newcomb Center Newcomb Center	Circle of Friends Liturgy Meeting
Thur., 1/14	7:00 pm Room 109	The August Group
Fri., 1/15	7:00 pm 7:30 pm Youth Center Newcomb Center	Youth Group BINGO
Sat., 1/16	9:30 am 11:00 am Room 109 Youth Center	Social Justice Group Super Saturday
Sun., 1/17	9:30 am Newcomb Center	Coffee Hour hosted by Youth Group

Dear Parishioners,



This past week the Town of Irondequoit said good-bye to Father Peter Abas, who returns to his home diocese in Borneo. Father Peter, who was born in a far and distant land, has distinguished himself by earning academic degrees in Rome (Italy), Fordham University (NYC), and the University of Rochester (D.Ed.). We have all been truly blessed by the presence and ministry of this holy and humble priest of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Safe journey home, Father Peter, thank you, and come back to our diocese as soon as you can.

God Bless you all,
Father Leone

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*.

MINISTRY & GREETER SCHEDULE: Jan. 16 & Jan. 17

	4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lector	D. Schuler	R. Morse	V. Magin
Commentator	T. Scrimale	R. Morse	B. Lawrenz
Eucharistic Ministers	R. Talarico, D Schuler Don Schuler, J. Zuker J. Caretta	S. Morse, G. Tellex S Morgan, G Miller I. Shevlin	E. Byrnes, V. Magin R.M. Tanzi, B. Lawrenz B. Pellegrino
Altar Servers	Nicholas Santiago Giavanna Sylar	Erin Becker Rachel Becker	Taylor Michels Jessica Michels
Greeters	Joan Stiegler Betty O’Rourke Cathy Connaughton Marlene Lylak	Evelyn DePeters Donna Moore Bob Moore Margaret DeGrave Suzanne Becker	Lee Garcia Dave Yockel Sue Flanigan Angie Mancuso

**Building Peace with Justice
January 10, 2010**

Today's reading from Isaiah speaks of the "covenant of the people". The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that God established the covenant with the people, "so that they would recognize him and serve him as the one living and true God" (62).

And how are we to serve God? By becoming a light to the nations, opening the eyes of the blind, and bringing out prisoners and those who live in darkness. The Diocesan Public Policy Committee has asked parishes to heed that call by learning about and advocating for one group who lives in the shadows of our society - undocumented immigrants.

The Catholic Church has a rich heritage of being an immigrant church. We are living proof that immigrants bring gifts, not burdens, and they should not be turned away. Take action to bring them out of the shadows by participating in Public Policy Sunday 2010.

**Baptism of the Lord
(January 10, 2010)**

This is National Vocation Awareness Week. How fitting that the week begins with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus' baptism in the Jordan marked the beginning of his public expression of the life that God the Father had called him to. In much the same way, each of us is called by nature of our own baptism to publicly live our life as a sign of God's love in the world. We do that through many different vocations - married and single life, ordained and religious life. Let us pray in a special way this week for all holy vocations. Let us also pray that women and men will generously answer God's call to the religious life and ordained priesthood to serve our local church. 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

HARVESTING JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Where: The Little Theater, 240 East Ave., Rochester
Cost: \$10 general admission, \$8 students/seniors
To benefit: Rural and Migrant Ministry

****Jan. 11, 6:30 pm -**

Brother Towns / Pueblos Hermanos

Sponsored by Colgate Rochester Crozier
A Film by Charles Thompson. A production of the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University. (Durham, 2008)
After film Talk Back: Charles Thompson

****Feb. 8, 6:30 pm - Sin Nombre**

Written and directed by Cary Fukunaga.
Honduran teenager Sayra reunites with her father, an opportunity for her to potentially realize her dream of a life in the U.S. Moving to Mexico is the first step in a fateful journey of unexpected events. (2009)

****Mar. 15, 6:30 pm -**

Broken Branches, Fallen Fruit
Sponsored by St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Brockport
A 31-minute video documentary and related short documentaries. All by Bill Jungles. (total running time 70 minutes)
After film Talk Back: Bill Jungles

"Reconciliation and Renewal"

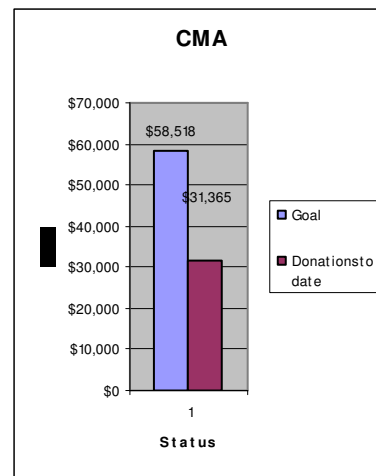
Save the date for the annual "R&R" weekend: February 5th & 6th, 2010. This 'mini-retreat' offers an opportunity for adults to set aside time for a deeper faith experience at Christ the King! The theme for this year will be: "FEAR NOT, I AM WITH YOU." Please watch the bulletin for more details!

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

**Catholic Ministries Appeal
Update as of 1-6-10**

2009—2010 Our CMA Goal is \$58,518 and as of 1-6-10 there are 406 Donors who pledged \$31,365. We're 54% 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!



Welcoming The Newcomer

Below is an imaginary scenario from a new parishioner:

You cannot know the reason why I am here this morning. It may be as simple as a move to your community or as complicated as a personal crisis that leads me to seek strength from God. In either case, I am here. And I will probably remain here and come back to worship with you next Sunday and the Sunday after that if you will do something for me. Won't you please...

Smile at me as I walk in your door. You are my first impression of the Church during the few moments I am in your building, and this impression will probably stay with me for a long time.

Speak to me during the coffee hour. I know you want to see your friends and settle that piece of committee business; but, I may find it hard to believe that you truly care for "the stranger in your midst."

Tell me good things about your Church and Clergy. I want to believe that I have some place where people love each other and where they believe that they are doing something exciting and important for the Lord.

Notice me even if I am not a family. I don't want to feel invisible just because I am unmarried, a single parent, a teenager or an older person.

Talk to me again the second week when I come back and the third and fourth. I am still not part of your Parish family. Please don't feel you have "done your duty" by me just because you made a point of greeting me the first week I was here.

Invite Me to become part of a church group or organization. I need more than worship every Sunday. I need to know that I am accepted and affirmed by a group of people within the Church who know me by my first name and who care about me as an individual. If you can find it in your heart to do these things for me, I will come back...the second Sunday, the third, and maybe even forever. I will worship with you. And I may even join your choir, work on your projects, and become a highly involved member in your Church. In so doing, I will find my own life immeasurably enriched.

Accept one another, then as Christ accepted you. (Romans15:7)

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 this **Wednesday, January 13 at 9:30 a.m.** in Newcomb Friendship Center. Please join us for prayer, sharing and support.

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.



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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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!

**Super Saturday
January 16th**

**Time: 11:00am until 2:00pm
Place: Downstairs Youth Center**

**Grades 1 through 4 invited
Story Telling Time
Call Sara for more info at
467-4286- ex.100**