

**From the Pastor's Desk**

The Schools of the Roman Catholic Diocese  
Access to Excellence;  
The Beacon of Hope Scholarship Fund

The Beacon of Hope Scholarship Fund provides \$1,500 a year, for a three year period, to families who struggle to meet the costs associated with a Catholic education in the Diocese of Albany. This award represents approximately 50% of the tuition at a Diocesan Elementary School and 25% of the tuition at a Diocesan High School.

Since it was established last September, the Office of Catholic Schools has raised more than \$170,000 in three-year gifts that provided thirty students with much needed financial support this year.

It's a great start....but it's not enough.

In the first year of this scholarship program, 210 applications for the Beacon of Hope Scholarship could not be funded. All of these families deserved and needed assistance -- they are dedicated to their faith and schools, working several jobs and often going into debt to ensure that their children enjoy the benefits of a Catholic education.

Catholic Schools are needed more now than they have ever been--- in a world that bombards our children with messages that are contrary to the values of the Gospel. Catholic Schools provide a safe harbor where our students are formed into Christian leaders who will eventually ensure our future. Through the Beacon of Hope Scholarship Fund -- we are not only helping families today...we are shaping the families of tomorrow.

Next weekend Roseanne DeFabio, Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools, will speak further about this.

Peace,  
 Father Marty

**IMPORTANT UPDATE:**

As of this date, all Room and Space Reservations at Corpus Christi (by Ministries), will be handled by Ruth Moon. Please contact Ruth at 877-8506 Ext 374.  
 email: [moonr@nycap.rr.com](mailto:moonr@nycap.rr.com)

**Knights of Columbus Foul Shooting Contest:**

A preliminary Foul shooting contest, sponsored by the CC K of C, will be held at Shatekon Elementary School on Jan 26 between 9 and 11:30am. Contest open to boys and girls ages, 10-14, as of Jan 1, 2008. Interested? Contact Tom Huber, 664-9679. State Championship held at West Point.

**GENERATIONS OF FAITH****Theme: "Pray Always"**

Next Session: Prayer for Christian Unity January 22-27.

Come celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Praying for Unity among all who believe in Jesus.

Service Project for January: The poor still need our help even though the holidays are over. Please bring supplies for the local food pantries as your contribution to the poor this month. Thank You!

Haven't Registered Yet? No problem! Call the Parish Office, #877-8506 Ext. 302

Ruth Moon, Youth Minister [moonr@nycap.rr.com](mailto:moonr@nycap.rr.com)

**The Coffee-House is Returning Feb. 2, 2008:**

Members of our Youth Ministries Program are hosting the Coffee-House. We had a sell out crowd last year due to our supportive Community. The Coffeehouse is open to all the greater Community. Tickets will go fast and seating is limited. Mark your calendars and reserve your tickets today. Contact Ruth Moon in the Y.M. Office #877-8506 Ext 374.

**"Souper Bowl" of Caring Collection:**

On Feb 2/3, Youth Ministries members will be collecting both non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the food pantry in Jonesville. We will have two big pots at each door for your deposit. To make this more fun, each pot will be labeled with one of the teams playing in Sunday's Super Bowl game. Make your donation with your preferred team's name on it. In subsequent Bulletins, we will let you know the results!

**Youth Ministry Happenings in Jan and Feb.**

Jan. 19: Level 9 Retreat in Hall 1-6pm.  
20: Coffee House Meeting YM Rm. 12:30pm  
22-27: Generations of Faith Week

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Feb. 2: Coffee House Parish Hall 6:30pm  
2/3: Souper Bowl of Caring All Masses  
3: Y.M. Meeting in Y.M. Rm. 12:15pm  
10: CM Soup Luncheon 11:30am  
 Confirmation Ritual Church 7-8:30pm

**Check the Bulletin Board for up-to-date News/Happenings!**

**Adult Parish Retreat:**

Mark your calendars for Feb. 8, 9, 10, 2008.

Masses Offered January 19 - 27, 2008

Saturday

**5:00pm:** Flora and Frank Keevern by Sons and Family  
Bud Honan by Wife, Sally and Family

Sunday

**7:30am:** Rita Clancy by Pat Clancy  
**9:00am:** Robert E. McCormack by the DeWolf Family  
George Pinheiro by Corpus Christi Community  
**11:00am:** Luis Monguio~ by Wife  
Carlos and Rosa deColombi~ by Daughter

Monday Through Thursday Mass at 9:00am

Monday

**No Mass /Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Tuesday

**9:00am:** Donald Spaulding by Wife, Mary

Wednesday

**9:00am** Joseph Jerzykiewicz by Fred/Christian Donovan

Thursday

**9:00am:** John Adamson by Family

Saturday

**5:00pm:** Intentions of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for  
Bob/Phyllis McDonald

Sunday

**7:30am:** Alice/Harvey Hervieux by Jeanne/ Art Dufresne  
**9:00am:** Olya Kocynda by Norb/Pat Czelusniak  
Joseph Ianniello by Sheila/Tom Matejek  
**11:00am:** Bud Brosnan by Family  
MacLeod Quintuplets by Doug/Pat and Family

**\$\$\$\$ CORPUS CHRISTI 200 CLUB**

Renewal letters for the Corpus Christi 200 CLUB will be going out in the mail this week to all current members. Anyone wishing to join the largest fundraiser at Corpus Christi will have the opportunity to purchase a ticket after Mass the weekend of February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. For questions or details on the fundraiser e-mail them to: [cc200club@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cc200club@nycap.rr.com).

**Sponsor of the Week:**

**Dr. Bruce G. Davis, D.D.S.**

**Dr. Michael L. King, D.D.S.**

863 Rte 146, Clifton Park. #383-3960

**Corpus Christi K of C Sweetheart Dinner at Fairways of**

**Halfmoon:** Tues, Feb. 12, 2008 at 6:30pm. Italian Buffet and dessert/ Cost is \$25.00 per person. Reservations required by Feb 8. Call Mike Tidd, 899-3174 or Bruce Newell, 877-7579. Happy Valentine's Day!

Upcoming Events for the Week of:  
January 21 -27, 2008

Monday/Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Parish Offices Closed

**6:00:** Mother Mary's Rosary Group

**7:00pm:** Pastoral Council in Room 2/3

Tuesday

Generations of Faith 9:45am and 5:45pm

Wednesday

Generations of Faith 5:45pm

**7:30pm:** 11:00am Music Ministry Rehearsal

Thursday

**7:30pm:** 9:00am Music Ministry Rehearsal

Friday

Generations of Faith 5:45pm

Saturday

**3:45pm:** 5:00pm Music Ministry Rehearsal

**5:00pm:** 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Enrollment

Sunday

**9/11am:** 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Enrollment

**9/11am:** LOWC (Liturgy of the Word for Children)

**10:00am:** PC Executive Meeting

**10:00am:** RCIA in Rooms 2/3

**12:30pm / 5:00pm** Generations of Faith Sessions

Offertory for January 12/13, 2008

Offertory: \$11,216.00

"The Word At Home" question of the Week:

How can we continue the Mission of Jesus in relationship to our Christian brothers and sisters?

Coffee House Coming:

February 2, 2008 6:30-9:00pm

Reservation forms available in the Church / Offices.

Confirmation Ritual Session #2:

Sunday, Feb 10, at 7:00pm. All Parishioners are welcome! Come enhance your understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Theme - Light**

**From Luanne Hetz:** Thank you to all who came to and participated in the **Parish Showcase**. \$765.00 was raised for NPM (National Pastoral Musicians) scholarships! Thank you for your support!

**Year End Tax Letters:**

Please contact Linda Molloy, 877-8506 Ext. 304, if you are in need of your offertory donations for 2007.

**Snowbirds:** **If you are leaving for the winter,** would you kindly contact Linda Molloy in the Parish Office, 877-8506 X.304. It is important for her to keep accurate records; we appreciate your help in this matter.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Colonie Manor** Assisted Living is currently looking for volunteers. Do you love the senior population? Do you have a desire to volunteer some of your time? If you answered YES to these questions, then Colonie Manor wants you! They need volunteers in a variety of areas...If you like to read, fix or make things, cook, garden, or sew. Do you have a hobby or special skill you'd like to share with their residents? Let them know what your skills and interests are and they will find a volunteer job for you that will make a difference in their resident's lives. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Merry the Activities Director at 783 - 8695.

**Catholic Charities** presents the **Juvenile Mentoring Program:** Are you an advocate for children? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to mentor a young child? Consider saying yes by volunteering your time and talents to mentor a young boy or girl. Mentors make such a difference in a young person's life by providing support, counsel, recreation, academic help, encouragement and inspiration. For info' contact Selina Dobbs/Robert Bradley, Mentoring coordinators, #465-5408 Ext 3019 or 3011. Mail to Neighborhood Community Center; 340 First St. Albany, N.Y. 12206.

**Evangelization Committee:**

This is a small group that will reach out to inactive Catholics. If you have an interest, please call. We need someone with advertising experience. Also for anyone who has been away from the church, but has returned...your insights are needed. Call Rosemary, # 665-0490 or Jim, 899-6110.

**Pastoral Care: Linda Molloy 877-8506 X 304**

If you have a family member who is **homebound** and would like to receive Eucharist, please call to make arrangements. If you or a loved one **is** hospitalized, please call so that a pastoral visit can be made. If you know that you **will be** hospitalized ahead of time, please call so that you may receive the Sacrament of the sick.

**Are You Registered In The Parish?**

Have you ever filled out a **Registration Packet?** They may be picked up in the Parish Office or in the Gathering Areas of the Church. We'd like you to receive **ALL** the parish mailings throughout the year, in order to be aware of all Church activities and events. **WELCOME!**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:****Tax Deduction Information**

"Pursuant to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, those persons who wish to take a tax deduction for cash contributions, must have a receipt issued from the parish for such contributions. Those who contribute by check, either within or outside the envelope system, may use photocopies of both sides of a cancelled check, as such meets the deduction requirements of the new legislation. The Parish **cannot** issue receipts or statements to those people who contribute to the weekly offertory program outside of the envelope process. Questions, contact Gail Moore, parish accountant, 877-8506 Ext. 307

**To All Non-Parish/Non-Diocesan Organizations and Members:** Please be reminded that we have a **"No Soliciting"** policy on church grounds. It is inappropriate to sell products, (raffles, cookies, etc.) or collect money while on church property for other organizations.

**This includes Girl Scout Cookies!**