

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week I had the joy of sharing a teaching on Ecumenism. Advances toward Christian unity affected by the Catholic Church in the thirty-five-plus years since Vatican Council II are monumental. Moving from opposition to cooperation with the other churches and ecclesial communities, the Catholic Church has entered into a prayerful dialogic, and collaborative relationship with many of them. Substantial agreement has been reached with some of these churches and ecclesial communities on major divisive issues of the past, and most recently, that of justification.

Clearly, the parish remains the most important place for renewal and educational efforts. The directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism lifts up the significance of the parish and the need for a Parish Ecumenical Representative in the following directive:

"The parish, as an ecclesial unity gathered around the Eucharist, should be, and proclaim it to be the place of authentic ecumenical spirit. This calls for a pastoral program which involves someone charged with promoting and planning ecumenical activity, working in close harmony with the pastor and pastoral staff; this will help in the various forms of collaboration with the corresponding parishes of other Christians."

Our response to Ecumenism is to pray; study and to put into action a social outreach in cooperation with other Christian denominations.

Peace, Fr. 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

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. Reservation forms are on the sandwich board outside of the Church entrance.

Contact Ruth Moon in the Y.M. Office #877-8506 Ext 374.

GENERATIONS OF FAITHTheme: "Pray Always"

Next Session: Prayer for Christian Unity **January 27.**
at 12:30 and 5:00pm

Come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Praying for Unity.

Service Project for January:

Please bring supplies for the local food pantries as your contribution to the poor this month. Thank You!

Ruth Moon, Youth Minister moonr@nycap.rr.com

"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 the NY Giants or the New England Patriots, 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 February

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.

Be Sure to watch the Center for Disability Services Telethon (formerly known as the C.P. Telethon) on **Sunday, Jan 27, on WXXA/FOX 23.** Please consider making a pledge if possible.

Corpus Christi Women's Society Meeting:

Father Marty will do a Benediction Service and Lenten Talk on **Tuesday, February 12, at 7:30pm in Rooms 4/5.** All Are Welcome! Questions, contact Mary Mortka, #371-5155.

Church Mice "Brainstorming" Mtg: Thurs. Feb. 14, at 9:30am in Rms. 2/3. Bring ideas for craft sale and a sample. **We are in need of old beaded costume jewelry necklaces.** Please leave your donations in the container in the Gathering Area of the Daily Mass Chapel. Questions, call Judy Ewing, #877-5678.

Masses Offered Jan. 26 - Feb. 3, 2008

Saturday

5:00pm: 50th Anniversary Intentions for
Bob and 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

Monday Through Thursday Mass at 9:00am

Monday

9:00am: Joseph Lydon by Maureen Varian

Tuesday

9:00am: Kevin Molloy, Jr. by Peggy Ethier
Gladys Kaufmann by Silvi Family

Wednesday

9:00am: Blanca and Lucas Busotto by Silvi Family

Thursday

9:00am: David Skinner by Ralph/Ann Misener

Saturday

5:00pm: Ann/Paul Morrill by Daughter and Family
Richard R. Jones by Wife and Family

Sunday

7:30am: Scott Ryan by Mom and Dad
Agnes Bolanski by Pat Clancy
9:00am: Walter Johnson by Maria/Richard Sullivan
John P. Treffiletti by John/Barbara Cassaro
11:00am: Dorothy Cocco by John Southworth
Joseph Ferrone by Rhoda/Adrian Tyburski

Upcoming Events for the Week of:
January 28 - Feb 3, 2008

Monday

6:00: Mother Mary's Rosary Group
7:00pm: BSA in Hall and Rooms

Tuesday

6:30pm: Evangelization Grp. (Returning Catholics) Rm 4/5
7:30pm: Baptism Prep. in Church

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:00pm: Baptism Team Meeting in Room 2
7:30pm: 9:00am Music Ministry Rehearsal

Saturday

3:45pm: 5:00pm Music Ministry Rehearsal
6:30pm: Coffee- House in Hall

Sunday

9:00am / 11:00am Baptisms at Mass
9/11am: LOWC (Liturgy of the Word for Children)
10:00am: RCIA in Rooms 2/3

Corpus Christi K of C Sweetheart Dinner at Fairways of Halfmoon: Tues, Feb. 12, 2008 at 6:30pm. Cost is \$25.00 person. Reservations required by Feb 8. Call Mike Tidd, 899-3174 or Bruce Newell, 877-7579.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Comfort those who mourn a Tiny Heart: a 6 week non-denominational Christian grief support group for those who have experienced the loss of an infant. Held at St. Clement's Church, Saratoga on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm. Call 692-9550 X220.

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

Year-End Tax Letters:

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

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

Renewal letters for the Corpus Christi 200 CLUB will be going out in the mail 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 2nd and 3rd**. For questions or details on the fundraiser e-mail them to: cc200club@nycap.rr.com.

Sponsor of the Week:

DeVito/Salvadore Funeral Home

30 So. Main St. Mechanicville, N.Y. 12118 #664-4500

Offertory for January 19/ 20 2008

Offertory: \$10,060.00

"The Word At Home" question of the Week:

How do you respond to Jesus' call to make you "Fishers of People."

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!