

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

Fr. Tom Hayes, Pastor of St. Mary's, Crescent, Fr. Patrick Butler, Pastor of St. Edward's, Clifton Park and myself, have had several meetings in regard to our cluster Weekend Mass schedule. The "Called to be Church" process commissioned us to change our Masses in order to accommodate our Communities, while taking into consideration the shortage of Priests.

The "Called to be Church" process has determined that there will be three Priests covering the three parishes. However, scheduling Masses must be decided so that two Priests are able to cover the three churches. Why two Priests when the cluster will have three? The reason being is that there will be times when one of the Priests will not be available due to vacations, etc. **Therefore, the new Weekend Mass schedule for the cluster Parishes will begin on the weekend of July 5, 2008.**

Corpus Christi weekend Masses will be 5:30pm Saturday evening; 8:30am & 10:00am Sunday Morning. St. Mary's Crescent Masses will be 4:30pm Saturday, 8:00am & 10:30am on Sunday. St. Edwards Masses will be 4:00pm Saturday and 9:00am & 11:00am on Sunday.

I know that this new schedule will take time getting used to, but it does allow two Priests to cover our entire cluster Masses on the weekend. Because of the shortage of Priests, Mass schedules have to be determined so that the Priests in each of the Clusters are able to cover the Masses. In prior years, you could call the Diocese and they would send a Priest to cover when one of the Priests was not available, but in the future that will not be the case due to the shortage. This new schedule allows two Priests to cover all three parishes when needed.

I know this is inconvenient, but I ask for your patience and understanding as we as a Church struggle with serving the needs of the people of God with fewer Priests.

It is important to note that by having the Sunday Masses closer to each other at Corpus Christi, we will be saving on our energy cost. We only heat and air-condition the Church during services. If you celebrate at one of the cluster Churches, just place your envelope in the collection basket and it will be sent back to your own local Parish.

Since 2005, the average weekend attendance at Corpus Christi is about 1200 people. The average at St. Edward's is about 2,200 and St. Mary's is 1,000. Since St. Edward's has weekend attendance of over 1,000 more than the other Churches, they may need an earlier Mass to accommodate the people.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Peace, Fr. Marty

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

Next Session: "The Mass"

Sunday, April 20, at the 7:30 and 9:00am Masses

Saturday, April 26, at the 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, April 27, at the 11:00am Mass

June 1, The "Jesus Festival."

Ruth Moon, Office of Youth Ministries:

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Youth Ministry Happenings in April

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| 13: | Bible Study at 12:30pm |
| 20: | Generations of Faith 7:30am or 9:00am Lit. |
| 26: | Generations of Faith 5:00pm Liturgy |
| 27: | Generations of Faith 11:00am Liturgy |
| | Confirmation Prep Session 6-8:00pm |

Upcoming Events for the Week of:

April 14 - 20, 2008

Monday

6:00pm: Rosary Group in Reservation Chapel

Tuesday

6:00pm: Catholics Returning Home Rms 4/5

7:00pm: K of C in Rms 2/3

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:30pm: 9:00am Choir Rehearsal in Church

Saturday

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

Sunday

9/11: LOWC

10am: Baptismal Reunion Setup

Noon: RCIA in Rms. 2/3, 4/5

7:00pm: BSA in Rms 4/5

Need Virtus - to assist in any of our ministries that involve children? - Please attend a Virtus Training.

Offered at

Our Lady of Grace, Ballston Lake Mon. Apr 14, at 7pm

Pastoral Center, Albany Apr 15 / May 20 / June 17, at 1pm

St. Paul, Sch'dy, June 18, and Sept. 25, at 7pm

St. Edwards, Clifton Park Sept. 15 at 7pm.



Have you often wondered why we do what we do at Mass and why? When you attend one of the following Masses, this question will be answered. April 20th at 7:30am or 9:00 am: April 26th at 5:00 or April 27th at 11:00am. To prepare, see the bulletin insert. Please read it before next Sunday's liturgy.

Spring Enrichment isn't just for Catechists Anymore!

Initially, 35 years ago, Spring Enrichment served as a training program for Catechists and Youth Ministers. In recent years, it has expanded its scope, size and numbers. S.E. now offers courses for Pastoral Care and Liturgical Ministers, Parish Leaders and Called To Be Church Committee Members. Please see the brochure on the Diocesan website www.rcda.org or call 518-453-6630 to register.

ATTENTION: Sacrament of Confirmation is moving from the spring to the fall!!!! Our next celebration of Confirmation will be in the Fall of 2008!

Therefore if you are presently in 10th grade and are interested in receiving the sacrament please contact Ruth Moon - ext. 374 ASAP. If you are an adult interested in receiving the sacrament please contact Sister Sue - ext. 306



Welcome Table Serving:

Will serve a turkey dinner at St. John's/St. Ann's on Tuesday, Apr 15. There will be no "Prep" on Monday, Apr, 14.



Church Mice: will be selling child size rosary bracelets representing one decade for \$10.00. Do you want to order a bracelet, contact Pat Hackett at #885-9968.

Great First Communion gifts!

In need of: beaded costume jewelry to be used in making Rosary Bead Bracelets. Please place your donations in the container in the gathering Area. Thank You!

April 5/6, 2008

Offertory: \$11,084.00

Sponsor of the Week:
Catricala Funeral Home

1597 Rte 9 Clifton Park, N.Y.
#371-5334

Offered April 12- 20, 2008

Saturday

5:00pm: Evelyn A. Wieczynski by Judy/ Art Armstrong
Marie Greenough by Rose Masseria

Sunday

7:30am: Bud Honan by Ann Delehant
9:00am: Lucy Crenshaw by M/M Maston Sansom
Michael Stone by Family
11:00am: Carlos/Rosa deColombi by Daughter
Luis Monguio~ by Wife

Monday Through Thursday Mass at 9:00am

Monday

9:00am: For the People of Corpus Christi

Tuesday

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Wednesday

9:00am: For the People of Corpus Christi

Thursday

9:00am: Jim Shannon by Eileen Smythe

Saturday

5:00pm: David MacArthur by Wife, Peggy
John and Marie Walsh by Pat/Jerry Donoghue

Sunday

7:30am: For the People of Corpus Christi
9:00am: Marian/ Angelo D'Aloia by Children
11:00am: Christopher Southworth by Mom and Dad
Ethel Florence Brown by Judy Grady

RCIA: (Karen Stockton, (#371-7359))

A new pre-catechumenate adult group is starting. We meet approx. every two weeks for 1 1/2 hrs. If you are thinking about exploring the Catholic faith, this is a great opportunity. We are looking for Parishioners (also,) to share their faith stories. Are there children (ages 7 and up) in need of Baptism? Join us.

Life in the Spirit Seminar:

There will be a Life in the Spirit Seminar on April 19th at St. Edward the Confessor Church in Clifton Park from 9 am to 4 pm. It is open to all who desire to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and grow in their faith. While there is no cost, it is necessary to register by calling 371-7911, 399-7316 or 237-7391.

Catholics Returning Home:

Have you been away from the Church? Have you ever thought about returning? Please join us for four meetings. We'd like you to feel at home again. To register, call #877-8506 Ext. 215.

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.

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.

"The Word At Home" question of the Week:

Year -End Tax Letters:

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

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.