

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Friends,

The essence of the Holy Spirit is LOVE. St. Paul writes, "The love of God dwells in our hearts through the Holy Spirit."

If the love of God is in us, how come we at times have a hard time forgiving our sisters or brothers?

There are roadblocks, which keep us from surrendering to God's love in our hearts. Someone said, "It's not whether we have the Holy Spirit; it's whether the Holy Spirit has us."

One of the roadblocks for the Holy Spirit to work in our lives is a lack of willingness to desire the love of God to take over our lives. Do you really desire God's love to rule your life? Only you can make that decision, no one can make that decision for you. Two of the virtues of the Holy Spirit are patience and gentleness; the Holy Spirit will never force herself on us. We have to desire and ask for the love of God to take over our lives. Jesus said, "If parents know how to give good things to their children, how much more will God give the Holy Spirit to those who ask." Why should you want the Love of God to rule your life? When the Love of God rules our lives; it brings us peace, joy and hope.

The love of God ruled in Jesus' life. Those who didn't seem to deserve love, Jesus loved; those who didn't seem to deserve forgiveness; He forgave; those who didn't seem to deserve to be understood He understood.

Do you really desire this kind of love to operate in your life? That's the question only you can answer. Do you really want to love the unlovable? Do you really want to forgive the unforgivable? Do you really want to understand those who are not understood?

If you answer "AMEN" "YES" to these questions, pray this prayer: "Heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon me. Your son, Jesus, made your love visible here on earth. May your love rule my life so I may love the unlovable, forgive the unforgivable and understand those who seem impossible to understand. Amen and Amen."

Peace, Father Marty

**Welcome Table Ministry:** Cooking a meatloaf dinner on Monday, May 19, at 9:30am and serving on Tuesday, May 20, at St. John's/St. Ann's.

**May 10/11, 2008**

**Offertory:** \$ 11,215.00  
**Bishop's Appeal:** \$ 62,832.00 (278 Pledges)  
 We are assessed for \$87,000 for Bishop's Appeal

**Reminder: "Mass Time" Changes****Beginning July 5:**Saturdays at 5:30pmSundays at 8:30am and 10:00am**GENERATIONS OF FAITH****Next Session: "The Mass"****Sunday, May 25, at 11:00am****COME ONE COME ALL!****JESUS FESTIVAL-****"PRAY ALWAYS"****SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2008**

**10:15am:** Blessing of the "Mary Garden" and Peace Pole, followed by Hospitality

**12:30-2:30pm:** Food, Games and Prayer Booths

**PRAYING WITH MUSIC: CONCERT BY CEILI RAIN**

2:30-4:30pm

(international Celtic Pop Rock Band for ALL ages)**Ruth Moon, Office of Youth Ministries:**[Moonr@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Moonr@nycap.rr.com) # 877-8506 Ext. 374**Middle School Youth Rally: Saratoga Youth Deanery**

**Sunday, June 1, from 12:15-7pm** at Corpus Christi. This will include the Ceili Rain Concert. \$5 per person Reg. Fee collected at the door. Participants will register for workshops when they sign in..but should notify their Youth Minister of their participation to the Rally.

**Graduation Liturgy: Sunday, June 22, at the 11am Liturgy/reception to follow.** If someone in your household will be graduating this June, please email or call the above phone number with your graduate's information. Some of the Youth who have been active in Y.M. over the years, will be recognized at this Liturgy.

**Vacation Bible School VBS:** Help is needed from adults and youth alike. The theme is "BEACH PARTY." If interested, contact Angela Paolucci, # 877-5662 or at [hyperactivepolkadot@yahoo.com](mailto:hyperactivepolkadot@yahoo.com) Meeting May 19, at 7pm.

**Youth Ministry Happenings in May****19:** VBS Planning Mtg 7:00pm**June Events:****1:** Middle School Youth Rally 12:15 - 7:00pm

Jesus Festival For All 12:30 - 4:30pm

**22:** Graduation Liturgy and Reception 11:00am Mass**29:** Christian Leadership Institute Opening 12:00pm.

**Remember to take the Bottles whenever you can, please don't wait to be asked.**

Upcoming Events for the Week of:

May 19 - 25, 2008

Monday

9:30am: Welcome Table Cooking/Serving Tuesday

6:00pm: Rosary Group in Reservation Chapel

7:00pm: BSA in Rms 4/5

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Parish Offices Closed After Noon Today

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

Thursday

6:00pm: Wedding Rehearsal/Church

7:30pm: 9:00am Choir Rehearsal

Friday:

5:00pm: Wedding

6:30pm: Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday

2:00pm: Wedding

3:45pm: 5:00pm Music Ministry

Sunday

9/11: LOWC

Need Virtus - to assist in any of our ministries that involve children? Offered at:

May 20/ June 17 at 1pm at the Pastoral Center, Albany  
June 18 St. Paul the Apostle 7pm ,Schenectady

**"THANK YOU!!!** Many thanks to Mary Ann Smith and the hospitality committee for providing such wonderful receptions for our First Eucharist Families! We are fortunate to have such a dedicated team to enhance our celebrations.

**Food Pantry Donation Reminder:** Please remember that during the summer months, the need is just as great as during the winter months. The donations help our neighbors at the Jonesville and Mechanicville Food pantries. Thank You!

**A Reception will be held for Father Marty after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, June 21.**

Questions, call Linda Molloy, #877-8506 Ext 304

Music Ministry and Schedule Updates:

Some of you have been concerned about our new schedule change and what might happen to Tom Torebka, who has been a wonderful and faithful cantor and music leader at our 7:30am Sunday mass. Father Marty and our Music Leaders met in April to see how we could best utilize all of our different music ministries. It was decided that in July, we would begin a schedule that would allow us to keep Tom and that would also allow the choirs to have some extra time to practice music for special masses such as Confirmation, Christmas and Easter Beginning in July, Tom will rotate throughout the masses. He will begin on July 5<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30pm mass. He will rotate then to the 10am mass and so forth. Since the 9am and 11am choirs will be off during the summer, we felt this would be a good way to introduce Tom to all of the masses at Corpus Christi. Please make him feel welcome at the mass you attend. The best way to do this is to sing!

Offered May 17 -25, 2008

Saturday

5:00pm: Mary B. Foley by Husband and Sons  
Thomas J. Neidl by Kathleen Kopf

Sunday

7:30am: Alice/Harvey Hervieux by John/Phyllis Fannucci  
Orel/Irene Briceland by Elaine Briceland

9:00am: Frederick Searle by Greer Miller  
Kellie Elmer by Family

11:00am: Ethel Florence Brown by M/M Matthew Marino. Sr.  
Vincent Ferretti by Southworth Family

Monday Through Thursday Mass at 9:00am

Monday

9:00am: Susan Reilly by Jim/Faith Drake

Tuesday

9:00am: For the People of Corpus Christi

Wednesday/Sacrament of Sick offered after Mass

9:00am: Jeanette Gamache by Husband, Joseph

Thursday

9:00am: Mary/Jack Covais by Bruce/Carol Ann Thomas

Saturday

5:00pm: Jeannie Guilbault by K-Mart Employees  
Eric Ryan by Pat/Fred Anderson

Sunday

7:30am: Tim Williams by Dad, Donna, Cathy and John

9:00am: Fred Frokedal by Nicole Kaatz

11:00am: Jim Shannon by Anderson Family

Mary Riccardi by Richard/Olympia Riccardi

Sponsor of the Week:

**SONNY'S #899-7799 Lunch/Dinner**

**Spanish Masses Offered:**

At St. Mary's in Crescent each 3rd Sunday of the Month at 6:30pm. At St. Clement's Church in Saratoga Springs - Lake Ave. each 1st Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

**"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.

**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

**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.

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

A new pre-catechumenate adult group is starting. We meet approx. every two weeks for 1 ½ 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.

**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.

**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.