

PASTOR'S NOTES

Here at Corpus Christi Parish, a Roman Catholic community of the Diocese of Albany, we seek to nurture the faith and serve the needs of parishioners and visitors by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through active stewardship, ministries of word and sacrament, programs of Christian formation, and works of charity and justice. This past weekend we celebrated our annual Ministry of Appreciation Day for those who give so generously of their time and talent in serving in the wide array of ministries we offer. If you find yourself wanting to become more actively involved in our parish life, please see any member of our Parish Pastoral Council, or any ministry and express your interest. I assure you that you will be welcomed with open arms. We're looking for brothers and sisters that wish to become ministers in the love of Christ, not volunteers. Each of our ministries will be addressing the congregation during weekend liturgies giving a brief explanation of their mission and then be available after each mass to answer any questions you may have. I pray that you respond generously and faithfully to these calls to serve. May God continue to bless you as we prepare to journey toward the fullness of Lent.

Fr Jim

MARCH 24 – 28, 2012
A Special Week in March

St. Mary's Church in Crescent and Corpus Christi Church are happy to announce that internationally known **Vince Ambrosetti** will be visiting our parishes for a Ministry Day, a Family Concert, and a three-day Retreat.

March 24th (Saturday) – MINISTRY DAY

Place: St. Mary's Church, Crescent

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM (includes lunch)

**** All parishioners, ministers, and volunteers of both parishes are invited to attend**

March 25th (Sunday) – FAMILY/PARISH CONCERT

Place: Corpus Christi Church

Time: 5 PM – Concert led by Vince Ambrosetti

Followed by a Social in the Parish Hall

**** All Members of St. Mary's & Corpus Christi are invited**

March 26th, 27th, & 28th (Monday -- Wednesday) –

LENTEN RETREAT

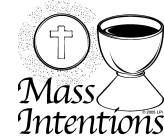
Place: St. Mary's Church, Crescent

Time: 7 PM – Lenten Retreat led by Vince Ambrosetti

Followed by a Social each evening in the Parish Hall

**** All Members of St. Mary's & Corpus Christi are invited to attend.**

Questions should be referred to Fr. Jim. #877-8605 X301



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.

February 4 - 11, 2012

SATURDAY:

**4:00pm: Sister Mary Angela by Thomas / Mary Mortka
John Adamson by Family**

SUNDAY:

**8:30am: David Calicchia by Peter/Marilyn
Norm Mickle by Bill / Angie Paquette**

**10:30am: George Farley, Jr. by George / Jean Hartshorne
Pam Rugg by Bob/Rita Berberich**

MONDAY

9:00am: William Coyle by the People of Corpus Christi

TUESDAY

9:00am: Adrian Tyburski by Joe/Jackie Connolly

WEDNESDAY

9:00am: Noelle Johnsen by Emma/Elaine Briceland

THURSDAY

9:00am: Dan Keary by Mary Spaulding

FRIDAY

9:00am: Charles Bleibtrey by Eileen Bleibtrey

SATURDAY:

**4:00pm: Adrian Tyburski by Don/Barb Suchy
James/Sandy Mittler by Family**

SUNDAY:

**8:30am: Scott Ryan by Sharon/John Ryan
Leo Gallagher by Wife, Genevieve**

**10:30am: Marilyn Julian by Joe/Jackie Connolly
And Nick / Joyce Papa**

"WORLD DAY OF THE SICK"

Saturday Feb. 11, at 9am in the daily Mass Chapel, our parish community will join with our Holy Father and Christians all over the world to celebrate the world day of the sick.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PARISH DIRECTORIES

The Directory Committee has been distributing the new Parish Directories before and after each Mass the past two weekends. If you had your picture taken you can pick your directory up at the Receptionist desk Monday - Friday during normal business hours. If you did have your **picture taken and you would like a directory you can purchase one for \$5.00.**

"LANDINGS PROGRAM"**Our Journey Continues**

Monday, February 6th will be our 5th week in our Landings Journey. The Holy Spirit seems to have brought together a dynamic group of people to explore our faith. All we would ask right now is for everyone in the Corpus Christi Community to pray for us so the Holy Spirit enlightens us in our Landings Journey every week. If you have any questions about the Landings Program, please call Carrie Wajda @ 383-5570.

"REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM"**A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion and Purpose**

Series by Matthew Kelly

It is our hope that you are enjoying the Book / CD.

Please join us for our three evening sessions held on Fridays, February 10 and 17 at 6:30pm in the Daily Mass Chapel.

"Rediscover Catholicism" series by Matthew Kelly is available free in book or CD form.

Visit DynamicCatholic.com and order your own free copy.

PASTORAL CARE

PASTORAL CARE has volunteers willing to visit and bring Eucharist to any parishioner who is homebound, in a nursing home or hospital.. **Call the parish office #877-8506 X 374. 374.**

This ministry will put a smile in your heart by giving 30 minutes to an hour once a week to **distribute Communion to the Catholic residents of Schuyler Ridge.** We need at least 6 people possibly more, so we can rotate the weekly schedule. Please call **Bill Danaher 951-5691** or Pastoral Care 877-8506 ext 374

"SHARE A MEAL"

Contact Carolyn DeSantis #877-8480, if you have a need for a meal to be delivered or if you know of someone in need.

CAR ANGELS

Are you someone who would be willing to bring a neighbor to mass (who does not drive.) If you would like to have a ride to church or would be able to provide transportation for someone, please call Roseanne DeFabio #518-877-6072.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:
CLASSICO BARBER SHOP

1521 Route 9
Clifton Park, N.Y. 12065 518-371-3332

LENTEN INFORMATION**2012 LENTEN GUIDELINES / FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. As a sign of our penance, we preserve for the Diocese of Albany, the custom of abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence binds all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Fasting binds all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Fasting refers to the quantities of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting calls for only one full meal per day. By retaining these traditions for our Diocese, we do not intend that they be interpreted as laws binding under pain of sin, but as customs from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused. They are expressions of our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other, and to love our neighbor.

BAPTISMAL ROBES

In the past we have used adult robes, blue and white, for Baptisms during the Easter Vigil. If anyone has one of these robes at home, we ask that you return them, to be used this year.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

You are invited to donate your old palm(s) for use on Ash Wednesday. The palm(s) will be collected in a basket at the reception desk in the gathering area to the Daily Mass Chapel from February 6th through 19th. It will then be burned and the resulting ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Judy Mullins, 664-6938.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

St. Mary's, Ballston Spa, Bereavement Support Group will be meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the school. Our meetings are open to anyone who is struggling with their grief after the loss of a loved one. For more information about our group, contact Josephine Perniciaro at 596-6886.

MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN:

If you have a loved one in a branch of the service and would like prayers offered for them, please contact Pat Kilgore, #584-3943. Please let her know their name, where they are stationed and include a photo 3" x 4." They will be added to our photo board in the church vestibule for display.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

January 28/29, 2012

Offertory: \$ 8,545.00

Debt Reduction: \$ 1,264.30

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS AT CORPUS CHRISTI
FEBRUARY 6 - 12, 2012**MONDAY**

6:00pm: Mother Mary's Rosary Group in Res. Chapel

7:00pm: The Landings in Room 4 / 5

TUESDAY

9:45am/6:45pm: GENERATIONS OF FAITH SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY

6:45pm: GENERATIONS OF FAITH SESSIONS

7:30pm: Music Ministry Rehearsal in Church

THURSDAY

6:00pm: Adoration/Night Prayer in DMC

6:30pm: Youth Ministry in Rooms 2/3

7:00pm: RCIA in Room 5

7:00pm: Cursillo Team in DMC/ Room 9

FRIDAY

6:30pm: Rediscovering Catholicism Series in Church

6:45pm: GENERATIONS OF FAITH SESSION

SATURDAY

9:00am: World Day of the Sick in DMC

2:30pm: 4:00pm Music Ministry in Church

4:00pm: Liturgy of the Word for Children (LOWC) Rm 7/8

SUNDAY

8:30am: LOWC in Rooms 7/8

12:00pm: GENERATIONS OF FAITH SESSION

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry News

Deacon Michael @ quisutdeus3@gmail.com

CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADES- 6-12

Our next Youth Ministry Session will be held on **Thursday, February 9th from 6:30 - 8:30.**

Come and join your fellow teens for an evening of **FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and PRAYER.**

Bring a friend - no registration required!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Around the World Dinner to benefit NCYC March 3rd at 5:30pm. Planning is currently being done. We will need both youth and adult volunteers. If you have questions, contact Deb Blinstrub by e-mail at ccym2001@gmail.com. We will begin planning for the Living Stations of the Cross to take place on March 30th. If you are in Grades 6 - 12 and interested in taking part as actors, readers, or musicians, email us at ccym2001@gmail.com.

Chrim Mass to be held on 3/29 at 7pm the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Albany. Youth are being asked to volunteer to be a musician or sing in the choir and there will be rehearsals. If you are interested in participating, please see Deacon Michael or Deb Blinstrub or send an e-mail to ccym2001@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Joan Haviland Faith Formation Coordinator: #877-8506 X373

ALL 10TH GRADE AND ABOVE

If you are not registered for Generations of Faith and the Sacrament of Confirmation, it will be necessary to wait for the class of 2013 to celebrate Confirmation.

EXCITING NEWS FOR 6th / 7th GRADERS.

In collaboration with our cluster parishes of St. Mary's and St. Edwards, we are offering 5 retreats of which there are 2 left. The theme of the retreat is **The Heart of Christ**. The retreat will include prayer, teaching, activities, food and fun. The first retreat was at St. Edwards and the youth were anxious for more retreats, so don't miss the opportunity.

THE REMAINING RETREATS ARE:

February 11th at St. Edwards...**March 3rd** at Corpus Christi and you are invited to attend any of these retreats.

For info' call Joan Haviland at 877-8506 ext. 373



The Youth Ministry is proud to sponsor the Souper Bowl of Caring again in 2012 on the **weekend of February 4th and 5th**. We will accept either cash or non-perishable food items after each mass **Super Bowl Weekend**. You can vote for your favorite team the NY Giants or the NE Patriots. Thanks in advance for your support and we hope to see you all soon.

PARENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST CHILDREN

The parent meeting is **Sunday, Feb. 19 after the 10:30 Mass**. First Eucharist will be celebrated on May 5th / 6th. You will have a chance to sign up for the time you prefer at the Parent Meeting.

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

We have started our classes on Sunday morning after the 10:30mass and in the evening at 6pm for those who can't make the morning class. If you have not registered yet, please call the Faith Formation Office so arrangements can be made.

YOUTH MINISTRY SIT-DOWN DINNER FUNDRAISER:



March 3, at 5:30pm

This fundraiser will benefit the National Catholic Youth Conference. This is an **"Around the World"** Family style dinner. Tickets are available for sit down or take out. Cost is \$10 per adult or \$7 per child 10 years and under. Family rate of \$30 for families 3 or more. Tickets will be sold the weekend of February 4 after all masses. Questions, you may call Shannon McClain, #877-8506 X302, to place your order prior to Feb. 26.

RCIA

RCIA is the process of exploring the Catholic faith, leading to reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. *If you are unbaptized, or baptized in another faith tradition, or if you were baptized Catholic but are in need of Eucharist and Confirmation, **please contact Karen Stockton, #371-7359 or email: skippystockton@nycap.rr.com.**

SINGLE SENIOR'S POT LUCK LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 15 - 12:30pm in the HALL
Please call CAROL ANN THOMAS - 877-6510

SIGN-UPS - FEBRUARY 11 AND 12 - AFTER MASSES

Bring a picture of your parents for our display table

IN REMEMBRANCE



Our Sanctuary Lamp in the Reservation Chapel is lit this week for: **Lt. Colonel Edward Dudley**

By: Tom and Mabel Dudley

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

First Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel Reading:
Mark 1:29-39

Jesus healed ill people and exorcised possessed people. So many sought him that he had to seek out deserted places for prayer and rest.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 12, 2012

First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11
Gospel Reading: Mark 1:40-45

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



CORPUS CHRISTI CRAFT FAIR 2012 - NOV. 3 / 4

If you were unable to make the last meeting of the Church Mice, another will be held **Feb. 15th at 7pm. in the center.** Come join us with new ideas and talents!

WE NEED THE FOLLOWING:

donations of new kitchen towels, recycled beads -1/4" or larger (old jewelry), buttons - 1" size, and scrap yarn. Please place in basket in the DMC gathering area. Additional info call: Judy, 877-5678, Pat, 399-2173 or Diane, 899-4874.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Many more are celebrating this welcoming sacrament and so our hours have been extended.

Saturdays 2:30pm – 3:30pm

After any mass or just call the office -#877-8506 X303

200 CLUB
“ FUNDRAISER ”

Tickets for the **2012 - 200 CLUB** will be on sale after each **Mass.** This is the largest fundraiser at Corpus Christi with proceeds for 2011 exceeding \$10,000. Proceeds for this fundraiser are used to support our ever increasing utility cost (heat, light, telephone, cable, etc.). Cost of a ticket is \$10 / month. There are four prizes each month ranging from \$100 to \$500. There are only 200 tickets available each year, and nearly 170 have been reserved already.

More info can be obtained at the ticket table.

WINNERS FOR JANUARY 2012

1 st place:	\$500.00	# 67	Marilyn Adsit
2 nd Place:	\$175.00	#18	Betty and Paul Ayers
3 rd Place:	\$125.00	#198	Pam and Jack Robson
4 th Place:	\$100.00	#16	Jim / Diane Marco

2011 TAX LETTER REQUESTS

Contact: Paula Barrett 877-8506 X301

Barrettp@nycap.rr.com

Anyone who used contribution envelopes in 2011 and would like a statement for tax filing purposes, is asked to fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Your requested statement will be mailed directly to you. Keep in mind that **this does not include your donation to the Bishop's Appeal,** that will be sent to you from the Albany Diocese.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____ **Env. ID#** _____