

FEBRUARY 17, 2008

RCIA News!

Last Sunday afternoon, February 10 at 2:00pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, our catechumen celebrated the **Rite of Election** with Bishop Clark. For our catechumen **Debra Zarcone**, this election is about God's choice of the catechumen to embrace the mission of Jesus. For our catechumens, we ritually celebrate this commitment in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. After Bishop Clark's homily, the catechumens are presented to the bishop for election. The godparents give testimony to the worthiness of the catechumens to the bishop. The bishop asks the catechumens to publicly state their intention. Then they go forward to inscribe their name in the **Book of the Elect**. The bishop then acknowledges that they are the elect of God and chosen by God.

After the bishop ritually recognizes the catechumens, he personally gives a sign of peace to all the catechumens. At this point, the catechumens are ready to enter the final period of purification before the Easter Vigil. This final period is called the scrutinies which is the final, intense period of preparation for the catechumens. They study scripture which helps them to examine their faith in depth and leads them to confirm their decision for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

Last Sunday afternoon, February 10 at 2:00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, our candidates celebrated the Call To Continuing Conversion with Bishop Clark. **Our candidates are: Margaret Helber, Larry Helber, Daniel Helber, Christopher Helber.** Candidates are people who need to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. At this liturgy, the sponsors of the candidates give testimony to the readiness of the candidates to complete their initiation. The gathered assembly affirms this testimony and prays for the candidates as they complete their final preparation. The bishop asks the candidates to publicly state their intention to complete initiation and then gives them a sign of peace. At the 9:00am Mass last week, our faith community celebrated **The Rite of Sending**, a prayer that sends our catechumens and candidates from our local community to the larger diocesan community represented at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Because of the 600 catechumens and candidates that yearly celebrate the rites of initiation in our diocese, there will be four other celebrations of the **Rite of Election**.

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OPERATION RICE BOWL

Our Lenten Journey is well underway. Catholic Relief Services invites you to make this journey in solidarity with your global family and Operation Rice Bowl makes this easy and enriching. St. Paul tells us to "bear your hardship for the gospel with strength that comes from God". Through your donations you too can shoulder the burden of those in need and express a profound message of solidarity. Extra Operation Rice Bowl coin holders are available on the table in the back of church.

Save the Dates For Our

LENTEN RETREAT

Have you given any thought yet as to how you might make the season of Lent special this year?

Our four-parish Webster-Penfield Catholic Community would like to invite you to a Lenten Retreat "**Change: Challenge and Grace**", **March 3-5**. Our speaker and facilitator will be Dr. Roslyn Karaban from St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. This series will include prayer and presentation. We hope you will join us:

Understanding Change as Part of Loss

Understanding loss, how we respond to it, and how loss is about letting go, getting through, and moving on. **Monday, March 3, 10:00am-12:00 Noon**, at Holy Trinity Church's Gathering Space, and repeated at **7:00-9:00 pm**, at St. Paul's Church.

Understanding Change as Crisis

Understanding that crisis presents us with both danger and opportunity: the danger of relapse and the opportunity for change and growth. **Tuesday, March 4, 10:00am-12:00 Noon** at St. Rita's Church, repeated at **7:00-9:00 pm**, at St. Rita's Church.

Understanding Change as Transforming Hope

Choosing how we respond to the special circumstances affecting our church today can result in conflict, disease, and complicated grieving, or growth, renewed faith, and transformation. **Wednesday, March 5, 10:00am-12:00 Noon**, at St. Paul's Church, and repeated at **7:00-9:00 pm**, at Holy Spirit Church.

**From the desk of Mary Jo DiDia, Youth Minister
671-1100 ext. 18 or mdidia@dor.org**



Youth News

All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! Check out our website at www.saintrita.org for more information.

Friday, February 22 from 4:30-7:00pm

Bake Sale during the Lenten Fish Fry. Please stop by and buy a tasty treat.

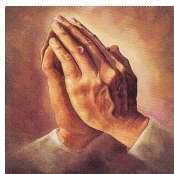
Saturday, March 1 from 10:00am to 6:00pm

Youth Rally for all youth in grades 6-12 at St. Rita Church. Please call Mary Jo for more information.

EASTER CANDY SALE



Hippity Hop, Hippity Hop ~ Here come those delicious chocolate Easter bunnies. Our St. Rita Society will hold their annual candy sale in the greeting area after all Masses until they're sold out! Chocolate bunnies are \$3.00 each and delicious Mint-Melt-Aways will be sold for \$2.00 per box. Proceeds will be used for St. Rita Society Outreach Projects.



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

Among the intentions for those who gather for the Eucharist this week will be:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008

Holiday ~ No Masses

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008

9:15AM HANNAH KELLER – Daughter, Joyce

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008

7:00AM SANTINA INTERLICCHIA – Mark & Lisa DiFrancesco

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

10:00AM MASS AT BAYWINDE (Sage Harbor)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008

7:00AM ANGELO BARBETTA – Nina Barbetta

9:15AM CIRCLE OF FAITH GROUP – Nila Osborne

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008

9:15AM JOSEPH PILATO – Loving Wife and Family

**Eucharistic Adoration
following 9:15am Mass until 11:00am**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2008

5:00PM LEE MITCHELTREE – Helen Waytowich

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2008

7:30AM ARTHUR CONN – Wife, Phyllis

9:00AM HELEN BACCANTI – Joseph & Gerry DiNoto

10:30AM EUGENE POWERS – Clementine Powers & Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
in loving memory of Joseph Pilato**

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LENTEN PENITENTIAL REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence. All other Fridays during the season of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat. All persons fourteen years of age and up are obliged to abstain.

Fasting refers to eating only one full meal a day with smaller portions that do not constitute a full meal at the other two meal times. Adults eighteen years of age up to the age of sixty are obliged to fast.

BAPTISMS ~ Official instructions that accompany the Rite of Baptism state that Baptisms are not to be celebrated during the Lenten Season. To remember the Paschal character of this Sacrament, we will resume Baptisms at Easter time.

Special Services of Reconciliation and Hope Scheduled throughout the Diocese



As part of the Diocese of Rochester's **Spirit Alive!** Spiritual Renewal, which is aimed at deepening people's relationship with Jesus Christ, special prayer services of Reconciliation and Hope are being held in numerous churches throughout the 12-county diocese in the coming weeks.

The prayer services are an opportunity for people for prayer, for healing, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, talking about past hurts, experiences or questions.

- Feb. 23 Church of the Annunciation in Rochester at 11:00am
- Feb. 26 St. Pius Tenth Church in Chili at 1:30pm and again at 7:00pm
- March 1 Church of the Transfiguration in Pittsford at 10:00am
- March 9 Our Mother of Sorrows in Greece at 2:00pm
- March 12 St. Joseph Church in Penfield at 7:00pm

All are Welcome!

Spirit Alive! is a multi-year renewal initiated by Bishop Matthew Clark beginning in Lent 2008. "It will be a very special and important time to deepen our relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and to more fully learn and practice what true discipleship means," the Bishop has said. "This is, after all, what is truly crucial to our lives as Catholic Christians."

For more information and resources for individuals and groups, visit www.rochesterspiritalive.org

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**The Parish Offices will be closed on
Monday, February 18
for the President's Day Holiday**

PLANS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 17, 2008

SUNDAY 2/17

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 2/18

No Faith Formation Classes

TUESDAY 2/19

1:00pm No Faith Formation Classes

Recovery – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 2/20

7:00-9:00pm Bible Study – Rm 1

7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

FRIDAY 2/22

8:50am Stations of the Cross – Church

5:00-7:00pm Fish Dinner – Gym

7:00-7:45pm Family Stations of the Cross – Church

PARISH SUPPORT

For Last Weekend – February 9 & 10

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$12,959	\$13,700	-\$ 741
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$480,974	\$452,100	+\$28,874

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/07 – 6/30/08)

The surplus in the weekly collection is allocated to reduce the overall budget deficit of the parish.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SACRISTAN:

Week of February 17

Jean Melia
Mary Ann Beikirch

LINENS: Week of February 24

Bev Schnorr

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

Breakfast is served every Sunday morning from 8:30am to 11:00am in the gym. Order from a complete breakfast menu.

This week's special: **Homemade German Potato Pancakes** (Jane's father's recipe with all fresh ingredients). Served with your choice of bacon or sausage, homemade applesauce and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

Next week's special: **Sausage and Egg Bake** served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$3.00.

SUNDAY SUPPER

Did you know that there is a free dinner on the last Sunday of every month at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Webster? This service is provided by the Webster Council of Churches. Sunday, February 24 is St. Rita Church's turn to provide the meal. Help is needed to feed about 100 people. Please call Carol VanAtta at 671-7832 to volunteer.

BIBLE READINGS:

- 17 Sun **2nd Sunday of Lent** Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 2 Tm 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9
- 18 Mon Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Lk 6:36-38
- 19 Tue Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mt 23:1-12
- 20 Wed Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6,14-16 Mt 20:17-28
- 21 Thu Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31
- 22 Fri **The Chair of St. Peter** 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19
- 23 Sat Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Lk 15:1-3,11-32
- 24 Sun **3rd Sunday of Lent** Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Rom 5:1-2,5-8 Jn 4:5-42

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ February 23 & 24

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Marisa Vargas, Alex Vargas, Joseph DiRaimo

Sunday, 7:30am:

Josh Kwiatkowski, Nick Rieger, Jack Samuelson

Sunday, 9:00am:

Tim Bruno, Alex Verneti, Nick Verneti

Sunday, 10:30am:

Caprie Romano, Emily Virgil, Juliana Baratta

DAILY MASS PARTICIPANTS

Phone 671-1100 x 22 – anytime for the most up to date daily Mass schedule!

Call the parish office ask for extension 22 or if the recording comes on you can press 22.

Because funerals are scheduled in our 9:15am daily Mass slot ~ there are times we need to change the Mass schedule and the intention for that Mass - or due to the unavailability of a priest. We will make every effort to contact the person offering the Mass to have that rescheduled. Our parish community is encouraged to celebrate the life of fellow parishioners, so in the event of a funeral, you are always welcome to attend.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Served every Friday during Lent

5:00-7:00 PM

in the Parish Center

Each Friday during Lent Fish Dinners will be served from 5:00-7:00pm in the Parish Center Gym. It is staffed by a wonderful team of volunteers sharing their stewardship of time and talent.

Fried or Baked Haddock are available as well as **Cheese Pizza** for those who do not care for fish! Fish dinners include coleslaw, french fries and a roll ~ \$8 for adults and \$7 for Seniors. Children's portions are available for \$4 - as well as Soft Drinks, Milk, Coffee, Tea, and Ice Cream cups.

Come in for great sit down table service or take out.

