

FEBRUARY 1, 2009

Stewardship News!

Cards of Thanks . . .

Many thank you cards were received from all the agencies that we provided knitted items and Christmas Gifts from our Angel Giving Tree . . . here are just a few.

To our Dear Friends at St Rita Parish,

Our heartfelt thank you for the hand knit and crocheted mittens, scarves gloves & Afghans. They were wonderful and are getting good use. The many Christmas gifts for the children were received with smiles and gratitude by various families; and several gifts were for single men and women.

The migrant worker population has a difficult time getting benefits of any kind. Your holiday generosity and continued support throughout the year has been a blessing to them and La Casa.

La Casa has provided a much needed assistance to the migrant farm workers in temporary housing, referrals and assistance for their needs.

Their work is hard and I see them trimming New York apple trees on weekends and holidays in the knee high snow in frigid weather.

May good blessings from our Lord fill your homes with good health, peace, joy and happiness.

Peter Mares

Coordinator La Casa Migrant Ministry

Pmares@dor.org

Your gifts helped bring the essence of the holidays to our fifteen young mothers and their babies. . .

Mercy Residential Services

Many people enjoyed a very happy Christmas thanks to your generosity . . . Matthew's Closet

Thank you for being so thoughtful. Your kindness meant so much to us . . . The Residents on D3

Many thanks for the wonderful toys – what a surprise! Because of you every child was able to receive a gift. Their parents and grandparents were so grateful to witness the smiles on their children's faces. May God bless you for your kindness.

St. Martin's Place

We are grateful for your generosity in these hard economic times. Your support with gifts, toys and warm items were appreciated by all those who walk through our doors. Williamson Come-Unity Center

Stewardship Live It!

Thank you to all the pastoral staff and parishioners for the care you all showed my aunt Shirley Kinsella. I'm sure her memory will live in the hearts of all of us.

Niece, Sue Macann

ALL Women of our Parish are Invited!

ST. RITA SOCIETY COMMUNION BREAKFAST
Sunday, February 8 ~ following the 9:00am Mass

Join us in Church for 9:00 Mass then to **Glendoveers** on Old Browncroft Road for a wonderful breakfast. We are delighted to have Sr. Karlien Bach as our guest speaker. Her topic will be Mary ~ Woman of Hope. Cost is \$7.00 for members and \$10 for non-members. All are welcome! Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend and next and are available at the parish office. **Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, February 3.** Questions? Please call Kathy Foster at 671-4347.

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St Rita Society is coordinating a collection of various items for Mercy Residential Services, a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy that works with pregnant and parenting teens, young women and their children providing housing and support services with compassion and guidance. **A box will be in the greeting area the next 2 weekends to collect items** such as combs, brushes, hair items, deodorant, liquid soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, manicure items, craft and art supplies, coloring book, crayons, story books, small toys, onesies, baby socks, baby laundry soap. Any of these items would be greatly appreciated.

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There will be a **St. Joseph's Day Table planning meeting** on Wednesday, February 4 at 10:00am in Room 3 for anyone who would like to help in this parish event. Bring your ideas or call Elaine King at 671-4930 for more information.

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BOY SCOUTING CELEBRATES SCOUT SUNDAY
and Awards Religious Emblems to Scouts

Congratulations to the following scouts who received religious emblems this weekend and were recognized at the Saturday 5:00 Mass. In order to earn these emblems, the boys were required to complete activities outlined by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. These activities helped them develop their faith and their relationship with God. They learned their importance within the family of God how to integrate his faith and his Scouting together in a learning experience. On February 28, Bishop Clark will also recognize these hard-working scouts for their achievements at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

LIGHT OF CHRIST:

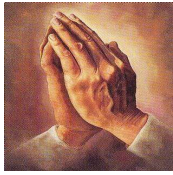
John Collins Nathan Cleary
Spencer Kohrt Brandon Connor

PARVULEI DEI:

Ethan Kohrt Michael Collins
Paul Padgett Joey Philippone (Pack 110)

AD ALTARE DEI:

Zachary Barbeau Bobby Link
David Brunette Raymond Smith
Daniel Helber Chris Staszak
Austin Korol Nicholas Wynne



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009

7:00AM MICHAEL RINASZ – Joyce & Henry Oskamp
9:15AM PASQUALE D'AMBROSIA –
Dr. Joseph Viola Dental Group

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009

9:15AM JOSEPHINE INDOVINO – Friend

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009

7:00AM ALICE O'CONNOR – Diane & Family
9:15AM **ST. RITA SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S**
WEEK LITURGY – All are welcome!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009

7:00AM ANTHONY ERMY – The Tarana Family
9:15AM LOURICE ENGEL – The Polle Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009

9:15AM EMILY WOHASKA – Clara Alward

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009

5:00PM MARION LILL – The Battoglia Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009

7:30AM GRAZIA RUGGERI – The Klimek Family
9:00AM LEE BARTLE – St. Rita Society
10:30AM AL MASINO – Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
in memory of Dorothy Duffy**

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**As part of our Spirit Alive! Initiative throughout the
diocese we are focusing on the Gospel of Mark**

**For the week of February 1
Read the Gospel of Mark Chapter 8**

Mk 8:27-38 How does your relationship with Jesus affect your lifestyle? Your relationships? Your politics? Your priorities?

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COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, February 10
7:30pm in Room 1

All who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death are invited to attend. All are welcome!

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GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY will be held on Sunday March 8, 2009 at the 9:00AM Mass. All Girl Scouts of the parish are invited to attend. Scouts and families are invited to a reception following Mass. Girls who are receiving religious emblems should contact Pat Vargas at 671-0434.

From the Desk of Mary Jo DiNoto . . .

2009 Youth Retreat

What is a Retreat? Every definition found defined Retreat using the words "withdraw", "withdrawal", "a place of refuge" or "a retirement or a period of retirement for religious exercises and meditation". In defining Retreat to our youth I tell them this... "A retreat helps you slow down, relax, have some fun, and spend time with your faith and your friends. A retreat is a time to stop and rest and reflect so you can recharge; especially during the winter blahs. It's a great way to "get away" and spend a little time with our God. A retreat should not be looked at as something else you have to do; it should be something you want to do FOR YOURSELF".

This weekend, 29 of our youth (who attend different high schools) are at the Salvation Army Camp at Long Point in Penn Yan on beautiful Seneca Lake. This is the fourth year that the Senior High Youth Group kids have gone away on retreat. We left Friday, January 30 and will be coming back on Sunday, February 1.

These 29 youth along with Fr. Hoan, a team of seven other adults and three young adults and I will be spending the weekend sharing, praying, laughing, talking, listening, singing and bonding with God and each other. Through various activities done all together and small group sessions with six groups of five youth and a small group leader, everyone will have a chance to get to know God and each other on a deeper level. There is even some "free time" for games, sports, walks, talks, listening to music or hanging with a friend.

The retreat starts on Friday with all the youth and several adults boarding a bus in our parking lot by the Youth Center and traveling together to Penn Yan. Once there, the fun begins with a night of relaxation, getting to know each other, ice breakers, snacks and small group sessions. Saturday is when the Holy Spirit works hard keeping the retreat strong and the youth and adults united through activities, small group sessions and a celebration of the Word through Liturgy – we have a great Mass celebrated by Fr. Hoan!!! On Sunday, we are winding down and getting ready to leave, no one is ready to come home. The power of prayer prevails!!!

On behalf of the entire youth group here at St. Rita's, I would like to thank Fr. Chuck, the entire staff and you, the parishioners of our great parish community, for your constant support. We ask for your continued prayers, especially this weekend, and each day beyond this weekend so the Holy Spirit can continue to shine through each of us.

God's Peace to all of you,

Mary Jo
Youth Minister
671-1100 x 18

PLANS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 1, 2009

SUNDAY 2/1

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 2/2

No Faith Formation Classes

TUESDAY 2/3

No Faith Formation Classes

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
 3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:30-9:00pm Lite Choir – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 2/4

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00-9:00pm Scripture Study – Rm 1
 7:00-9:00pm NCYC Information Meeting – Church
 9:00-10:00pm Men's Basketball – Gym

SATURDAY 2/7

10:00am-Noon NCYC Info. Meeting -Youth Center

BIBLE READINGS:

- 1 Sun **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28
- 2 Mon **The Presentation of the Lord** Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40
- 3 Tue Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28,30-32 Mk 5:21-43
- 4 Wed Heb 12:4-7,11-15 Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18 Mk 6:1-6
- 5 Thu **St. Agatha** Heb 12:18-19,21-24 Ps 48:2-4,9-11 Mk 6:7-13
- 6 Fri **St. Paul Miki and Companions** Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9 Mk 6:14-29
- 7 Sat Heb 13:15-17,20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34
- 8 Sun **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jb 7:1-4,6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 Mk 1:29-39

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From the desk of Mary Jo DiNoto, Youth Minister
 671-1100 ext. 18 or mdinoto@dor.org



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

NCYC 2009 - National Catholic Youth Conference In Kansas City, MO ~ November 19-21, 2009

Celebrate faith with more than 20,000 Catholic youth!! If you will be in grades 9-12 beginning September 2009 and want to know more about this great event, plan on attending an information night here at St. Rita Church:

Wed., February 4 from 7:00 – 9:00pm in the Church

OR

Sat., February 7 10:00am - Noon in the Youth Center

Sunday, February 8 from 12:00-1:00pm

Jr. High Youth Group will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 6-8 is most welcome!

Sunday, February 8 from 6:30-8:00pm

Sr. High Youth Group will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 9-12 is most welcome!

EXCITING RAFFLE NEWS!

If you wondered where the "Love My Parish, Love to Travel" raffle tickets are hiding, look no more. We have a new raffle planned for this year and details will be coming soon! If you are interested in being part of our Parish Raffle Committee please come to the meeting on Sunday, February 8 from 6:30-7:30pm in Room 1 in the parish center.

FIESTA NEWS

OUR 2009 FIESTA IS SET FOR MAY 29TH AND 30TH

Thanks to our title sponsors Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning, Q-Dental Group, and Vision Automotive, another fun-filled weekend of family activities is being organized. We are always looking for people interested in being part of our Fiesta Planning Committee. If you would like to help, please come to our next planning meeting on Sunday, February 8 at 7:30pm in Room 1.

PARISH SUPPORT For Last Weekend January 24 & 25

Last Week	Weekly Goal for Jan. 2009	Variance
\$14,322	\$14,900	- \$578
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$451,573	\$469,100	- \$17,527

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment	\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of January 1, 2009	\$190,543
Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal	\$105,051
Pledges Received to Date	\$103,360

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED

Next Weekend ~ February 7 & 8

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Marisa Vargas, Alex Vargas, Erin Hasso

Sunday, 7:30am:

Michael Hohl, Joshua Kwiatkowski, Sean McGrath

Sunday, 9:00am:

Zach Barbeau, Krista Barbeau, Eric Chiesa

Sunday, 10:30am:

Abby Geen, Jenny Geen, Jamie Farris

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SACRISTAN: Week of February 1 Agnes Kopin

LINENS: Week of February 8 Debbie Whitehair

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BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!



Join us in the parish center for a delicious breakfast on Sunday mornings! We offer a "Special" and a full traditional breakfast menu as well!

Next Week's special: Chicago Egg Bake with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.