

Mass Intentions Feb. 20-28

SAT	5:00 PM	Fay Nappi Patrick Visser - <i>Doris Visser</i> Deceased members of the Walkuski and Olkoski families - <i>Walkuski family</i>
SUN	8:00 AM	Juliette Gingras - <i>Pat & Tom Kuster</i> John McNulty - <i>Jay Alix and family</i> Mary G. Fraenckel - <i>Pauze family</i>
	11:00 AM	Ernest Gautneau Intentions of Joan Flatley <i>on the occasion of her birthday - John Hosty</i> John Cashman - <i>Margaret Cashman</i> Michael Marchesiello (10 th Ann.) - <i>family</i> Loretta Cappello (<i>in her memory on her 87th birthday and 67th wedding anniversary</i>) - <i>Cap & Allison Capello</i>
MON	9:00 AM	Mary Pinson
TUES	9:00 AM 9:30 AM-6 PM	Barbara Maddalone - <i>Charles & Christine Moore</i> ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
WED	9:00 AM 12 Noon	People of our parish Dave Selig - <i>Fran Szplyczyn</i>
THURS	7:00 AM	Intentions of the Maciora family
FRI	7:00 AM	People of our parish
SAT	5:00 PM	John & Joseph Kozlowski - <i>Janice Rourke</i> Deceased members of the Caouette family - <i>family</i> Victor Smith - <i>Lorraine Deere</i>
SUN	8:00 AM	Hyacinth Moynihan - <i>Marilyn & Jack Moynihan</i> John Allaire - <i>wife, Benita</i> Eddie Prystup - <i>Rachel Winters</i> Agostino Cuda - <i>family</i>
	11:00 AM	Nicholas Lesando - <i>Conifer Park Admissions Office</i> Ernest Gautneau - <i>the choir</i> Roy C. Zonca - <i>Stan & Mary Ann Jendrazak</i>

~ If you are having a mass offered, please contact the usher before mass and let him know you would like to bring up the gifts. ~

Free Lectures Thursday nights at 7 PM
on *Adult Formation and Catholic Teaching*
in the Flicker Room Thursday, 3/4, the topic is:
The Mystery of the Holy Spirit.

The newly-formed **Senior Singles** is sponsoring an afternoon of fun and laughter, Sunday, March 21, to see the hilarious interactive play, **Late Night Catechism**, at 2 PM at Proctor's GE Theater. For tickets (\$40.78) and information, call Audrey Hughes at 399-5121 or Bill Larkin at 399-4858. P.S. Sister says that you don't have to be single to be in her classroom. Tickets are open to all.

Baptism Preparation Class will be held Tuesday, March 9, at 7 PM in the Library. Parents planning to have their child baptized are asked to contact the rectory and attend.

Winter Notice: If BH-BL Schools are closed or delayed, there will be **no morning Mass on weekdays.**

PASTORAL COUNCIL CORNER

Last week, our February 16 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, and has been tentatively rescheduled for March 2. To help us prepare for the goal-setting phase of pastoral planning, we will be inviting ministry representatives to our meetings.

There is so much for us to learn and we need your prayers and support. As a Parish, what are we doing well and what can we do better? Please share your ideas with your Pastoral Council. To facilitate this process, **we have placed a box in the Gathering Space** where you can leave a note for us. You may also email us at icpastoralcouncil@gmail.com.

For a more in depth discussion of the Seven Elements of Parish Life please consider reading: "Revisioning the Parish Pastoral Council: A Workbook" published by Paulist Press © 2001.

Wednesdays during Lent



Join us for **Mass at Noon**; intentions are available throughout Lent. Then join us for **Lenten Soup Lunch** in the parish hall. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit **Birthright**. Bread donations are requested.

For info, call Charlie and Mary Lou Moskov at 399-5797.

**U.S. Bishops' Justice for Immigrants
POSTCARD CAMPAIGN**

The U.S. Bishops have identified immigration reform as a key issue of concern. This weekend, parishioners will be invited to sign postcards to our U.S. representatives and senators that call on them to adopt legislation that keeps families together, creates a legalization process for undocumented immigrants and employs humane border enforcement strategies.

Postcards can be found in your church bulletin. Please fill them out and return them, intact, to the church next week. They may also be left at the rectory. The postcards will be sent in a large batch with others from parishes throughout the diocese and will be distributed to legislators en masse during a special event in D.C., to demonstrate widespread support for comprehensive immigration reform.

One card will go to each of our two NYS Senators: Sen. Charles E. Schumer and Sen. Kirsten E. Gillibrand. The third should be addressed to either Rep. Paul D. Tonko (21st district) or Rep. Scott Murphy (20th district). The church is in the 21st congressional district. The fourth card need only be filled in if you would like more information.

Thank you.



The **Knights of Columbus** will host **Tilapia Fish Dinners** during Lent through March 26. Dinner includes Battered Deep Fried **Tilapia**, Fried Potatoes, Coleslaw, Dessert and Coffee, Tea or Punch. We will serve dinner from 5-7 PM or until sold out. Adult dinners are \$7.50, Seniors \$7.00 and a Child portion \$4.50. Mac & Cheese will also be an option for children. Take-outs will be available.

FAITH FORMATION 399-9210

Madeline Fretto & Michele DeLorenzo
mat417@nycap.rr.com

FIRST EUCHARIST WORKSHOP is scheduled for Saturday, March 13 in the Parish Center. Please be sure that your child arrives no later than 2:45 PM. Following the Workshop all of the Children and their Catechists will attend 5 PM mass together. Every child preparing to celebrate the sacrament of First Eucharist in May is expected to attend the Workshop.

HOME STUDY EVALUATION #3 will be held Sunday, March 14 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center

No Kindergarten sessions on Sunday, March 14.

10,000 PRAYERS FOR HAITI

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be celebrated on all Sundays in the month of March.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS: Please check our Web site for Faith Formation cancellations: www.ic-glenville.com

"The value of consistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will hear God." ~ W McGill

WANT TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR LENT?

Join the national **40 Days for Life** effort. Many parishioners are joining others to pray peacefully in front of Planned Parenthood during the 40 days of lent. For many of us, it is the first time and we have been motivated and energized by being out there, to spread the message of God's love to everyone. There are several groups going at different times. Call Viviane at 384-0699 for times that are convenient to you and for carpooling.

Last weekend, the collection for parish operation amounted to **\$11,310** (\$9,315 in pew and \$1,995 by e-giving). **\$11** was received from our children. **\$477** was received for our renovations (\$213 in pew and \$264 by e-giving). We are blessed and grateful.

Masquerade Gala

The 4th annual Dinner Gala for Mother Teresa Academy takes place at the Edison Club in Rexford on March 13 at 6 PM.

Tickets are \$70 a person or \$500 for a table of eight.

Lots of prizes, fun and a great DJ!

Contact Joyce Maddalone at 857-2288 for info.



YOUTH MINISTRY 399-9203

Christine Goss & Patty Nally
cicyouth@nycap.rr.com

YOUTH MINISTRIES SESSIONS

<u>Monday Nights</u>	<u>Wednesday Nights</u>
March 1	March 3
March 15	March 17
March 29	March 31

YOUTH MINISTRIES MINI-COURSES

..... *final Mini-Courses begin this week*

Sunday, Scripture Reflection for 7th & 8th graders begins this week. Meet in the Gathering Space by 10:45 AM; you will sit together for 11 AM Mass and then meet to discuss the weekly readings. This mini-course for 9th & 10th graders begins on March 7.

Mini-Course - Monday Nights from 7-8:30 PM begin on March 1, 8, 15 and 22

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Group Service - Completing one meal service at the City Mission is required of all Candidates. The one remaining date is Monday, March 1. Contact us to sign up and don't forget to complete your service reports!

Retreat - March 20-21. Info has been mailed. Forms & fees are PAST DUE! Reminder: a retreat is required.

Sessions - Confirmation Session - Monday, March 8. Candidate Information Sheets are Due

FLIHP MEETING

Thursday, March 4 at 6 PM in the Youth Center

LASER TAG LAST CALL March 5, 2010

Meet at the Youth Center at 5 PM for pizza & soda, then carpool to play three games of Laser Tag (Cost is \$20). Permission slips and \$\$ required to reserve your spot - limited to 30 people!! Deadline is March 1. Permission slips are on the website, back porch of the Youth Center, and bulletin board in the Parish Center.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION - For workshop descriptions and details, check out the YOUTH MINISTRIES TAB on the parish website. YM participants will also receive info in class.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE	as scheduled
LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Friday, March 19 at 7 PM in the Church
COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE	Tuesday, March 23 at 7 PM in the Church
THEOLOGY OF THE BODY	HS students only Thursday, April 15 at 7 PM in the Flicker Room
WALK THROUGH THE MASS	Tuesday, April 27 at 7 PM in the Church
"CHAMPIONS OF FAITH"	Tuesday, May 4 6:30-8:30 PM in the Youth Center
INTERNET SAFETY AND CYBERBULLYING	MS students only Monday, May 17 7-8:30 PM at Our Lady of Grace
BECOMING A PEER LEADER	HS students only Saturday, May 22 10 AM-6 PM

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group meets Monday, March 1 and alternate Mondays in the church at 6:30 PM for the Rosary and spiritual readings. All are welcome!



PARISH NURSE / HEALTH MINISTRY

Betty Parks, Ministry Coordinator,
can be reached at 346-3418.

A Community Dialogue: How Faith Communities can Support Men impacted by HIV/AIDS will be held at Calvary Tabernacle Church in Schenectady on Thursday, March 18 from 6-9 PM. Dinner will be provided. To register, contact Ron Derway at 800-692-8528 or Rgd01@health.state.ny.us. Registration deadline is 3/11.

This is not medical advice. Always consult your doctor first.
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We pray for those who have died recently, especially **Mary "Marie" Spring**, wife of Donald Spring. Now absent from the body; they are present with the Lord.

Remember in your prayers all who are sick or suffering in any way. We remember especially:

Sister Marge Moon, SA, Anna Dintrone, Joe Conte, Shirley Bomba, Sharon B., Jo LaVerde, Richard Piatkowski, Ines Colucci, Sharon Grass, Heather, Emily Suski, Nancy Narcavage, Judy Bacon, Tony Randazzo, Melissa Francis, Madeline, Patty B., Richard Vanderhoff, Joel Finnie, Gerri Branch, Gabriella Hope O'Brien, Sandy McNitt, Lou Esch, Allison Murdock, June Wheeler, MaryAnn Mandala, Marilyn Giaquinto, Nina Triplo, Shirley Gregory, Eileen, Tyler DeMarco, Sarah Miller, Steven Nielsen, Alan Herrmann, Virginia Ponce, Serge Shishik, Jacob Shell, Jerry Keeler, Julie Daniels, Bill Manikas, Elizabeth Buyce, Anthony Guidarelli, Patricia Castelli, Michael Martin, Tom Janega, Bob Lynch, Janice, Lynn Schumann, Joseph Mazzone, Frances Rinella, Barbara & Jerry Sullivan, Ron Wood, Susan LaPlant, Jerry Stewart, Valerie Saenger, Simone McGuinness, Debbie Cianfarani, Rita Staszak, Michael Altamari, and Lavita Marshall.

Names remain for three months. Contact the rectory with requests.



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Organized, detail-oriented person needed to fill a **FULL-TIME SECRETARIAL POSITION** at Dominican Retreat and Conference Center.

For more details, contact Sr. Sue Zemgulis, OP at 393-4169.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat on **May 14-16** at the **Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham**. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$100. Some financial assistance will be available. For information or registration, contact Mrs. Pat Mousaw at 518-222-1160 or at rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

For a complete listing of retreats call 1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

THE REV R. MANSFIELD STARKS

\$1,500 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

for high school seniors and college students
sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Applicants must be an active member of this parish, an active member of their school and community, attending or planning on attending a 2-year or 4-year college and an average or above-average student.

Applications are available at the rectory, from your school's guidance office or from Helen Smrstik.

Completed applications must be returned to the church rectory by Friday, May 7.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 65 is collecting **REDEEMABLE BOTTLES AND CANS** from 9 AM-Noon, this next Saturday, March 6 in the church lot by the small white garage (south side). For inquiries, call Mike Nally at 384-1535.

EVERY BROOM AND BRIDGET - A play about Emily Dickinson and her Irish Servants, narrated by her chief pall bearer, played by the author, Tom Daley, takes place at St. Edward's Church in Clifton Park on **Sunday, March 21, at 3 PM**. \$4 with advance registration, \$6 without advance. All admissions payable at the door. For info or registration, call 518-859-3504 or email: paulfbryant@aol.com.

The **Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat** is hosting a women's luncheon for all interested in women's issues, with speaker, **Maugerite Marsh**. The luncheon will be held in The McCormick Center at St. Ambrose Church, 347 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Saturday, March 20 from 11 AM-3 PM. Call Lenora at 664-4374. **Reservations due by March 12**. For info, visit www.magnificatalbany.org.

NOTICE:

The annual **Black, Native American and Latin American** collection was not completely collected last weekend. If you have an envelope for this collection (incorrectly dated as March 7), you may send it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket at any mass. Envelopes are also available at the church doors. Sorry for the confusion!

New Family Blessing

Newly registered families and members of our parish will be invited to receive a special blessing at the 5 PM mass next Saturday, March 6. You are asked to respond to the rectory regarding your participation. If you are new to the parish and did not receive an invitation, or if you were not able to receive a blessing on an earlier occasion, give us a call at the rectory (399-9168) so you can be included on Saturday.

Rosary Altar Society invites all ladies of the parish to the **Annual Potluck Supper** on Monday, March 1 at **6 PM (please note time change)**. You are asked to bring a dish that will feed 6-8 people. Call Mary Beth at 399-7736 or Marge at 399-4585 to let us know if you are bringing an appetizer, main dish, vegetable/salad or dessert. **RSVP by Sunday evening, February 28.**



Afterglow of the Eucharist is meeting **Wed., March 3**, from 4 to 5 PM for an hour of prayer for the needs of our parish family, our families, the sick and dying and any needs you may have to bring to Jesus.

All are invited to meet in the church.

“Call for Volunteers” - Glendale Home is seeking volunteers who could transport residents to religious and secular activities within the home or visit with residents. Background check and physical are required. For more information, contact Madelyn Thorne at 384-3638 or Madelyn.thorne@schenectadycounty.com.

“Graces” returns next Sunday, March 7. Come and view Catholic religious items that are offered for **FREE** in the **Parish Hall** after all Sunday Masses. This ministry accepts all like-new Catholic religious items: tapes, CD's, medals, statues, etc. that you would like to donate.



Do you have a First Communion outfit that can be used by another child that you would like to pass along? Graces can do that for you! Bring it with you or call Simone McGuinness at 399-9506.

WANTED!! Loving husbands and wives

Reward: Passion and appreciation for your marriage
Found: Marriage Encounter-Cooperstown, March 20-21
(Last week to receive 50% on application fee.)
#518-279-3243 or MEalbany@juno.com

We honor the memories of
Theresa Caouette and Thaddeus Zalonek,
who have gone to God one year ago this month.

Stations of the Cross in the Company of Clowns

Friday, March 5 at 7 PM at St. Joseph's in Scotia

Mary's Way of the Cross

Friday, March 5 at 7 PM at Our Lady of Grace

Last year, the Church of the Immaculate Conception initiated a CENSUS PROJECT.

Our parish-wide census is more than a decade old and much information is out of date. We need everyone's updated household information. An accurate parish-wide census will allow us to improve our pastoral services, assist in making realistic pastoral plans today and in the future, create an accurate mailing list to lower printing and mailing costs, and allow us to respond appropriately to all sacramental requests.

We now have updated forms on file for about half of our families and would like to finish our project. If your family is one of those who have yet to update your information, please pick up a census form in the gathering space, fill it out and return it to the rectory, or place it in the collection basket at any mass.

Thank you!

\$1000 Clarence Neumann Scholarship

sponsored by the Glenville Knights of Columbus

A one-year \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school student entering a college of their choice this fall. Entries will be judged on community service, extracurricular activities, academics and the applicant's written statement. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2010. **Applications are available in the Rectory Office.**

Enrich your Spirituality with a *Life in the Spirit Seminar*

A *Life in the Spirit Seminar* (LISS) is being held for our cluster parishes with the assistance of the Cluster Adult Faith Formation Committee and the Diocesan Service Committee. This 5-week series of talks will lead you to understand and to experience "God's Love" through a deeper infilling of the Holy Spirit.

An informational program will be held at Our Lady of Grace on Friday, March 26 from 7-8 PM. DSC member Diane Sever will speak about the Seminar and how it may change your daily life! Bring your questions. The seminar will be held at St. Joseph's in Scotia on five successive Fridays, beginning April 16, from 7-9 PM. **Save the dates.** For information, contact Kathy Richard at 399-7316.

You are invited to a panel presentation and discussion on

Charity in Truth

a social justice encyclical by Pope Benedict XVI

March 11 from 7-8:30 PM at Hubbard Interfaith Sanctuary at The College of St. Rose. Panelists will address what development means in a globalized economy.

- Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, DD RCDA
- Sister Patricia Schoelles, PhD, Pres. of St. Bernard's Institute
- Rev. Kevin Mullen, OFM, PhD President of Siena College
- Barbara DiTommaso, MA Dir. of the Comm. on Peace & Justice

For more information, contact Bill Halligan at whalligan@earthlink.net.

From the Pastor:

In our Gospel from St. Luke this weekend, Jesus is transfigured, made new, changed, and glorified in the presence of his disciples. In the story of the Transfiguration, we are given a glimpse of the promise of glory made to those who put their faith in Christ. That transfiguration has not happened to us as of yet, but the promise *is* made. Right now we are like the broken terracotta pot in our Lenten desert scene in the church. Broken for now, but thru the Resurrection of Jesus, we, too, will be made new, we, too, will be transfigured! Let us together celebrate that promise during our Lenten journey.

Thank you to our teens who helped to prepare the first Lenten Soup for last Wednesday’s sacrificial lunch. Under the direction and watchful eye of our Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry, **Christine Goss**, the teens created a delicious vegetable chowder concoction which delighted the palate of all those who attended the lunch...especially those who love garlic! The Lenten lunches are held every Wednesday following the 12 noon mass during the season of Lent. The offering from the Lenten lunch is benefiting BirthRight of Schenectady.

Congratulations **Mr. Gerard Havasy**, our parishioner, for having an article published in last week’s **Evangelist**. *The Evangelist* is our Diocesan newspaper which is published weekly. If you do not receive the Evangelist, and would like it mailed to your home, please call the Parish Office. It’s worth the read.

We have received some donations towards the purchase of this year’s **Paschal Candle**. If you would like to make a donation towards the candle in memory of or in honor of someone, please call the Parish Office. We will publish the names of the donors at a later date. Thanks for your generosity.

I have extended the opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** to the following times: 8:15-8:55 AM and 11:15-11:55 AM on Wednesdays; 6:15-6:55 PM on Fridays; and 3:45–4:40 PM on Saturdays (*please note that I need to leave the confessional at 4:40 to prepare for mass*). Our Lenten Communal Penance Service will be on Tuesday, March 23 at 7 PM.

From our children’s envelopes we read: *I helped my brother; I walked my dog in the woods; I helped a person pick up his books in the school hall; I helped my mom put the groceries away; I got my mom a Valentine; I shoveled snow in the driveway; I sent money to Haiti; I was nice to the substitute teacher; I brought the garbage can to the end of the driveway; and, I helped organize the basement.* All the children’s envelopes contained a sacrificial gift along with their good deeds. Good job, kids! Keep those good works coming!

We received a thank-you letter from **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany** thanking us for our contribution in the amount of **\$17,890.00** to CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES for the support of the people of Haiti. I would also like to add my thank you for your very generous charity to the victims of the earthquake. Your offering was tremendous!

This week you will receive a new **Pledging Lent Together** card as you leave the church. It is our hope that these cards will help you remain faithful to your Lenten prayers and sacrifices. We would very much appreciate your comments on these cards. If you did not receive one last week, you can always find it on our web page at: <http://www.ic-glenville.com>.

We are pleased to share that **Lorraine Miskinis** will be showing her original artwork at the 7TH ANNUAL NATURE ART EXHIBIT from March 13-17 at the Thacher Nature Center. The opening reception is on March 13 from 1-4 PM and is open to the public. Call Joy at 872-1237 for details. Bravo, Lorraine.

Till next week, be well, do good deeds and say your prayers!

Fr. Jerry



5K Cross Country RUN 4 VOCATIONSWalkers Welcome Too

RUN 4 VOCATIONS will take place at Christian Brothers Academy on April 24, 2010. We are “raising prayers, not money” for those we know who are considering marriage, single life, diocesan priesthood, diaconate or religious life and for those who are presently living their commitments to these vocations. The event is meant to raise vocation awareness and to also witness to the message: *“Everyone has a vocation. What’s yours?”*

This is a diocesan-wide event. Designated prayer sites are being set up throughout the diocese for those who cannot join us on that day, but would like to pray for the intentions of our **RUN**. Kim and Reggie Harris will be at the kick-off on that day.

The pledges for the day are prayers, not dollars! One may pledge to pray during Mass for each lap a person walks, etc. The parish, youth ministry group, faith formation class and school who have the greatest representation at the **RUN 4 VOCATIONS** will be recognized.

Our parish plans to register as a group and will absorb the registration fee for its participants. If interested, contact the parish office (399-9168) or John McGinnis (399-9506) by March 28. You will need to complete a registration form and health/waiver form. You will receive lunch and a T-shirt (first 300 registered are guaranteed a T-shirt). Registration forms can be downloaded and more information can be found at www.AlbanyVocations.org.