

Mass Intentions Feb. 13-21

- SAT 5:00 PM Alexine Czaban - *family*
Fay Nappi - *St. Vincent de Paul Society*
Ray Rinella - *St. Vincent de Paul Society*
Raymond Stryjski (6th Ann.) and Anna Barnes
- *family*
- SUN 8:00 AM Amedeo Lupi - *Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lupi*
Ron Sheppard - *Julie Sheppard*
Mary Jane Clark - *family*
- 11:00 AM Juliette Gingras - *Murdock family*
George Seymour - *Doug & Dolores Pauze*
Dottie Larkin - *family*
Theresa Caouette (1st Ann.) - *family*
- MON 9:00 AM Elie Gemayel - *parish family*
Donald L. Hathaway - *Roger & Maryann Haskell*
- TUES 9:00 AM Diego Figueroa - *a friend*
Elie Gemayel - *RC Team*
- 9:30 AM-6 PM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- WED 9:00 AM Lynn Anne DeSantis (35th Ann.) - *family*
Catherine Styga (1st Ann.) *family*
- Noon Vivienne Groves Hamilton - *sister*
Georgette LaPointe - *Kathy MacDonald*
- 6:00 PM Wendy I. Florkiewicz - *Henry Florkiewicz*
- THURS 7:00 AM Edmund Spilik - *Connie Hogan*
- FRI 7:00 AM Ron Sheppard - *Julie Sheppard*
- SAT 5:00 PM Sandra Chase and Ralph Janack - *family*
Juliette Gingras - *Gertrude Kolakowski*
Mary Lou Young - *Fran Szpylczyn*
- SUN 8:00 AM Max Taberski - *Ron & Mary Ann Johnson*
Gerard Quinn (9th Ann.) - *Margaret King*
Leah Kenton - *Cramer family*
- 11:00 AM Thomas Rourke - *Janice*
Anne Carpenter - *Carole Pink*
David Obrecht
Fritz Neumann (4th Ann.) - *Neumann family*

~ 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
on *Adult Formation and Catholic Teaching*
in the Flicker Room from 7-9 PM
Thursday, Feb. 18, the topic is:
Lent: the Season



In honor of *Mardi Gras*, the **Senior Singles Group** will host a **Pot Luck Luncheon** followed by watching a few episodes of the original **Bob Newhart Show**. Join us on Tuesday, February 16 at 11:30 AM in the parish hall for good food and a few good laughs. For more info about **Senior Singles** and to sign up for the Pot Luck Luncheon, call Joan Milavec at 399-7276.

Parish Offices will be closed February 15
for President's Day.
Monday morning mass is scheduled for 9 AM.

PASTORAL COUNCIL CORNER

Last week in this space we touched on Pastoral Planning. A pastoral plan is a "living" document – the unique expression of a particular parish. The three components of a parish pastoral plan are: (1) the parish mission statement, (2) goals, and (3) objectives.

Our **mission statement** indicates the unique aspects of our history, tradition, and composition, as well as our vision for fulfilling the mission of Jesus Christ. It defines **why** our parish exists.

Goals are descriptive statements of achievements to be attained within three to five years and should be explicit extensions of our mission statement. Goals deal with strengthening the existing programs or charting new ones. They are statements of **what** the parish wants to achieve.

Objectives describe concrete, explicit outcomes to be reached in one year in pursuit of a goal. They specify **how** a goal will be achieved by stating what is to be done, who is to do it, and the date by which it is to be completed.

Since it is important that the role of every ministry be considered as we enter into Pastoral Planning, we will be inviting representatives of our ministries to our meetings starting this month.

We also value your input. Take a moment to share your ideas with us (icpastoralcouncil@gmail.com) or leave your comments in our box in the Gathering Space.

For a more in depth discussion of the Seven Elements of Parish Life please consider reading: "Revisiting 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.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** deeply appreciates the response to our selling of Entertainment Books this past season. We made a profit of \$630. Your support of our fundraising is deeply appreciated. The money is being put to good use supporting the less fortunate in our area. *Thank you very much for your support in this endeavor and throughout the year.*



PARISH NURSE / HEALTH MINISTRY

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

PARISH NURSE/HEALTH MINISTRY MEETING
Takes place Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7 PM.
All interested persons are welcome.

No Parish Blood Pressure Screening this month.
We plan to resume in March.

This is not medical advice. Always consult your doctor first.
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FAITH FORMATION 399-9210
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No Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday.
CLOW will resume Sunday, February 21 & 28.

No Sessions for Winter Recess
Sunday, Feb. 14 through Wednesday, Feb. 17

Classes resume Sunday, Feb. 21 at 9:30 AM for Rainbow, Sunday Sacrament Preparation class, and grades K- 5. The Sunday Grade 6 class will resume on Feb. 28 followed by Sixth Grade Mass at 11 AM.

Attention Catechists and volunteers who have not taken Virtus Training

A Virtus Training Session will be held at Our Lady of Grace in Ballston Lake on Tuesday, February 16 at 1 PM. If you plan to attend, please call Mary Salm at 384-0109.

First Eucharist Workshop will be held Saturday, Mar. 13, in the Parish Hall at 3 PM followed by mass at 5 PM. Every child preparing to receive First Eucharist in May is expected to attend and to **arrive by 2:45 PM.**

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

"Love is always bestowed as a gift---Freely, willingly, and without expectation. We don't love to be loved; we love to love." ~Leo Buscaglia

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



The **Knights of Columbus** will host **Tilapia Fish Dinners** during Lent starting on Friday, February 19 - March 26. Dinner will include Battered Deep Fried **Tilapia**, Fried Potatoes, Coleslaw, Dessert and Coffee, Tea or Punch. We will be serving dinner from 5-7 PM or sold out. Adult dinners are \$7.50, Seniors \$7.00 and a Child portion \$4.50. Mac & Cheese will be available for Children not wanting fish. Take-outs will be available.

Last weekend, the collection for parish operation amounted to **\$11,715** (\$9,720 in pew and \$1,995 by e-giving). **\$10** was received from our children. **\$1,6679** was received for our renovations (\$1,415 in pew and \$264 by e-giving). We are blessed and grateful.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group meets Monday, February 15 and alternate Mondays in the church at 6:30 PM for the Rosary and spiritual readings. All are welcome!

Special Notice for Winter: If BH-BL Schools are closed or delayed, there will be **no morning Mass on weekdays.** School closing info, can be found on Capital News 9, WNYT-TV, WRGB-TV and WTEN-TV - also, on radio stations WFLY-FLY92 and WGY-810 and at www.timesunion.com. Weather conditions also affect the availability of our substitute priest celebrants.

YOUTH MINISTRY 399-9203
Christine Goss & Patty Nally
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YOUTH MINISTRIES SESSIONS
Sessions Continue in March - Enjoy Winter Break

YOUTH MINISTRIES MINI-COURSES
Please remember to turn in your mini-course reflection sheets!

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.

Community Service Opportunities

- **Contact YM to sign up for any of these!**

Knights of Columbus Fish Fries - Fridays during Lent
Lenten Soup Lunch - Ash Wednesday, February 17
Help us prepare, serve and clean up from 9 AM-2 PM. Please **CALL OR EMAIL TO SIGN-UP** to help.

For details and more service opportunities, check out the Youth Ministries Page on the parish website.



Christians throughout Schenectady area are invited to take part in the national **40 Days for Life** effort from February 17 through March 28. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood, 1040 State St., Schenectady, during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

The Kickoff Rally to begin the Schenectady **40 Days for Life** campaign will be held February 16 at 7 PM at St. Anthony's Church in Schenectady. All are welcome!

For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: Viviane Strain 384-0699, Dan O'Connor 588-7211 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady.

Rosary Altar Society invites all ladies of the parish to the **Annual Potluck Supper** on Monday, March 1 at 6:30 PM. 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. Please call by February 26.

Knights of Columbus will hold a Business Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 16 in the library at 7 PM.

The second collection next week will be for the Black, Native American and Latin Missions.

There will be an opportunity to make a donation for charity at the door after Ash Wednesday services.

From the Pastor:

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. The Church in her wisdom gives us a variety of seasons to celebrate, just as Mother Nature gives us a variety of seasons in which to experience the beauty of creation. In the season of Lent, we are invited to journey for forty days in the desert with Jesus. We are encouraged to follow the lead of our Lord: pray, fast and give alms to the poor. It is a season of sacrifice and grace. During this desert time, the church is stripped of its joyful colors of green, red and white. The color purple predominates. Signs of life, such as green plants and floral arrangements are noticeably absent from the worship space. We have moved from life to death. . During this season we long for the risen Lord. But the Lord must first endure the desert, the devil's temptation, the crown of thorns, the cross and the tomb before the waters of baptism flow again. May we journey with Jesus as we recall these penitential forty days.

Our **Prayer and Worship Committee** (Liturgy Committee) has prepared some suggested Lenten practices so that we might better share in God's call to a life of grace during these forty days:

- Each week, a card suggesting several **concrete ways** of following the Sunday Scripture will be offered to each parishioner as they exit the church;
- A **Lenten prayer for grace** before meals will be given to each household after the weekend masses on the first Sunday of Lent;
- **The Word Among Us**, a Lenten magazine will be available in the gathering space on the first Sunday of Lent;
- The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available throughout the season: before the 9 AM mass on Wednesday (beginning at 8:30), before the noon mass on Wednesday (beginning at 11:30), before the Stations of the Cross on Fridays (beginning at 6:30, and, on Saturday from 3:45 to 4:30 PM. We will also celebrate a Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, March 23 at 7 PM;
- The LASALLE HIGH SCHOOL students from Troy will offer the **Living Stations of the Cross** on Friday, March 19, at 7 PM;
- **Eucharistic Adoration** will continue to be celebrated each Tuesday following the morning mass until 6 PM and an **hour of prayer** will be offered every Wednesday from 4-5 PM in the church;
- As a reminder that Lent is a season of penance, **we will kneel during the Penitential Rite** at the beginning of mass.

We will continue our traditional **Lenten Soup Lunch** after the Wednesday noon mass; and the Knights of Columbus will again offer a **Tilapia Fish Fry** on the Friday evenings during Lent.

As you can see, there will be a lot going on for Lent. I hope this information will help you pray and sacrifice during this time.

I am most grateful to **Janice Rourke** for purchasing our new **flagon** to be used at mass at our large gatherings. The flagon is a match to our silver and gold chalice set. Janice purchased the flagon in memory of her husband, +Thomas, who died in November of 2008. Thank you, Janice, for your generous and beautiful gift.

Each year we purchase a new **Paschal Candle** at Easter time. This year our candle will be sized to conform more appropriately to the size of our church and to reflect its significance as the representation of Christ, the Light of the World. The candle will sit in our new Paschal Candle stand given to us by **Claudette Herzog** in memory of her father, +Ed Prystup. The candle will stand next to the ambo throughout the fifty days of Easter, then on Pentecost Sunday, it will be moved to our gathering space to stand vigil by the Baptismal font for the rest of the year. The Paschal Candle is also placed at the head of the casket at all of our funerals. If you are interested in donating the Paschal Candle in memory or in honor of someone, please call the parish office. Your gift will be appreciated.

We offer our congratulations to **Allison Caron**, who will represent Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons at the Greater Capital Region Spelling Bee at Proctor's on March 15 at 5 PM. We are rooting for you, Allison!

Joyce Maddalone will be honored by the Girl Scouts of NYNY as a "Distinguished Community Leader" at their Women of Distinction Awards Dinner on February 24 at the Desmond. Joyce is being cited for her work as founder of Mother Teresa Academy. A longtime parishioner, she has shared many of her gifts with our parish family over the years. Congratulations, Joyce.

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

Fr. Jerry



We pray for those who have died recently, especially

Anne Gorman, mother of Pat Jankowski.

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:

Judy Bacon, Melissa Francis Madeline, Richard Vanderhoff, Joel Finnie, Gerri Branch, Patty B., Gabriella Hope O'Brien, Sandy McNitt, Allison Murdock, June Wheeler, MaryAnn Mandala, Marilyn Giaquinto, Shirley Gregory, Eileen, Tyler DeMarco, Sarah Miller, Joe Conte, Steven Nielsen, Vera, Alan Herrmann, Virginia Ponce, Serge Shishik, Jacob Shell, Jerry Keeler, Julie Daniels, Bill Manikas, Elizabeth Buyce, Anthony Guidarelli, Patricia Castelli, Michael Martin, David Walrath, Joe H., Tom Janega, Bob Lynch, Janice, Lynn Morrow, Joseph Mazzone, Frances Rinella, Barbara & Jerry Sullivan, Ron Wood, Susan LaPlant, Lynn Schumann, Nina Triplo, Valerie Saenger, Jerry Stewart, Simone McGuinness, Debbie Cianfarani, Lou Esch, Rita Staszak, Jamie Mallia, Michael Altamari, and Lavita Marshall.

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