

February 15, 2009



## *St. Columba ~ St. Patrick Parish*

*198 North Street*

*Caledonia, New York 14423*

*A Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group*

### **Continuing on Stewardship**

You may recall that just over a year ago Bishop Clark had the diocese embark on a three year journey for spiritual renewal called "Spirit Alive". The overall theme for this year is to go deeper in to the word of God. The way this is implemented in each parish may be a little different, but one of the goals is to have a Bible study in each parish.

This past week Deacon David met with 15 people for an introductory meeting. There may be a few other people in the group as well. To have that many (and perhaps more) is a very good sign. It says that people are hungry for God's word and that they are committed to going deeper into it.

Each Sunday we break open that same word, but we can glean so much more from the scriptures when we have the chance to study it. I'm sure that there are some younger parents with children who feel they just don't have the time right now, but would also like to do a Bible study at some point. It is my hope that this will be a regular feature of parish life for years to come. It should not be a one time thing.

The Bible study fit in perfectly within our overall Stewardship campaign that began in the Fall in which we were striving to get people to make a commitment to parish life in one area or another. We have now recorded all of the commitment forms and have tabulated them. There were just over 100 forms returned between teens and adults in which people committed to between 150 and 200 different areas of service or interest! This is a great sign for the parish.

Now that the busy season of Advent and Christmas have passed, the stewardship committee is now beginning to take the next steps in this endeavor. We want to make sure that everyone who signed up has been contacted by someone who is leading the new or existing ministries. This will be a bit tricky for the new ministries because we do not have leadership in place in all of the areas listed on the commitment forms. In areas where several ministries are closely related, we may combine them to create one well functioning entity with 8 to 10 people rather than three ministries with three people each.

Last year we focused on time and talent. The plan for this year was to begin to teach and emphasize stewardship of treasure. Given the current economy I don't know how useful or prudent that will be. On the other hand, the church is in need of a new roof. The current roof may have been put on in 1916, making it 93 years old this year. We have been able to do some minor repair work on our own so far, so we will see how well we can do and hope for things to improve in the marketplace very soon.

So the committee has its work cut out for it. You may expect to hear more from the stewardship committee in the near future, especially if you signed up for something back in the Fall.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Mickey



**The Sanctuary Candle at St. Columba will burn this week for The People of the Parish**

**Mass Intentions for this week**

**Saturday, February 14**

**5:00 p.m.** - Jim Wood (Dorothy Papineau)

**Sunday, February 15 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m.** - Marion Callan (Tom & Mary Catherine Hamilton)

**10:00 a.m.** - Barbara Anne (Jim & Ginnie MacKay)

**Monday, February 16 - Presidents' Day**

No Mass Today

**Tuesday, February 17**

**8:00 a.m.** - Conversion of sinners & peace in the world

**Wednesday, February 18**

**8:00 a.m.** - Special Intention of James M. White Family

**Thursday, February 19**

**8:00 a.m.** - People of the Parish

**Friday, February 20**

No Mass Today

**Saturday, February 21**

**5:00 p.m.** - Anniversary - Roger Sheehan (his family)

*Lector: Jason Kime*

*Communion Ministers: Tom & Suzanne Hendrickson*

*Altar Server: Carrington Wells*

*Greeters: Gary Bubel (1 more minister needed)*

**Sunday, February 22 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m.** - Joe Gustainis Sr. (Brian & Nora Brunette)

*Lector: Jim Dutton*

*Communion Ministers: Colleen Donegan & Cindy Oltmann*

*Altar Server: Tom Snyder*

*Greeters: Malcolm & Barbara McVean*

**10:00 a.m.** - Claire Baleno

*Lector: Sally Boylan*

*Communion Ministers: Tom & Loretta Dintruff, Karen Polo, Barb Figensch*

*Altar Servers: Alyssa Connelie & Samantha Horr*

*Greeters: Loretta & Tom Dintruff*

**New Ministers' schedule**

The next schedule for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers & Greeters for the months of March, April & May will be ready the weekend of February 28/March 1. There will be sign-up sheets posted for Holy Week & Easter liturgies toward the middle of March.

**This week in the parish**

**Sunday, February 15**

10:00 a.m. - No Faith Formation, grade 1 today; Children's Liturgy of the Word

No Youth Group

**Monday, February 16**

Parish Office closed

12:00 p.m. - Senior Citizens meet

7:00 p.m. - Building & Grounds (rescheduled from 2/10)

**Tuesday, February 17**

7:00 p.m. - Parish Council meets

**Wednesday, February 18**

6:30 p.m. - No Faith Formation, grades K, 2 - 6

7:30 p.m. - Choir practice

**Saturday, February 21**

Marriage Encounter speakers at Mass

**Sunday, February 22**

Marriage Encounter speaker at Masses

10:00 a.m. - Faith Formation, grade 1; Children's Liturgy of the Word

Middle School Youth Group meets

**Stewardship at Sts. C / P**

**For February 8**

Attendance.....302

Number of Sunday envelopes used..... 104

Sunday offering.....\$2,672.00

Amount needed weekly to reach our budget..... 3,816.00

Difference (under budget).....(\$1,144.00)

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING COUNTERS for February 17**

- Team #1 - Sam & Anna Serio

**SACRISTAN for February** - Julie Molisani

**ST. PATRICK CLOTHING CENTER volunteer for**

**March 7** - Meg Geer & Charlene Sayers

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD volunteer**

**for February 15** - Abby Formella

**Stewardship thought**

*We don't give because we have an abundance of resources and can afford it; we give because of a desire to share what we have with others out of love and gratitude.*

**Vocation thought**

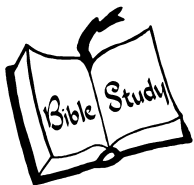
Jesus was moved with pity at the sight of the leper and went to him. Are you moved with compassion for those in need of spiritual or physical healing? Have you ever considered a life of service to others in the form of a vocation to religious life or ordained priesthood? Jesus continues to call women and men to minister as he did. Is he calling you that way? Please pray about it and if you'd like to speak with someone, contact the Office of Vocation Awareness at 461-2890; visit our website at [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org) and choose "Vocations"; or e-mail [vocations@dor.org](mailto:vocations@dor.org).

### Catholic Ministries Appeal - update

Goal: \$21,691.00

Given to date: \$15,893.00 – 143 Donors - 73.27% of our goal

### Bible Study to begin



We are offering a 10-week study of the Gospel According to Mark. We will begin Monday, February 23 at 7:00 PM in the church hall. Prior registration is required.

The cost is \$15.00 for the study guide and the commentary. Please register soon so the correct number of books can be ordered. Contact Deacon David for more information or to register.

### Parish Office closed

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, February 16th because of the holiday.

### Souper Bowl



Youth Group will be collecting cans of soup for the Food Pantry as part of a community service project. Please bring in your cans of soup and deposit them in the boxes in the church foyer. Thank you

### Singers Welcome!

The Genesee Harmonic Society, a choral group connected to the Genesee Country Village & Museum, invites singers to attend two workshops on vocal techniques. Join us for some reminders and new ideas to improve your singing. The workshops will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at GCV&M on Wednesday, February 25th & Wednesday, March 25th.



The Genesee Country Harmonic Society was formed in 1991, and have performed regularly for many events around the museum. The group of thirty volunteers and staff practices weekly during the regular season. This season the Harmonics will perform four concerts beginning in May, then again in July, August and the last being in October.

Call Anne Rodgers for information on the workshops or joining the Genesee Harmonic Society, 538-6822, ext 275. Registration for the workshops is required.

### WANTED - Missing booklets

We're missing some of our copies of "Through Death To Life" funeral planning booklets. If you have one, please return it. It can be left on the pick-up shelf in the side entrance of the rectory. Thank you.

### Married Couples!

Come and spend an entire weekend with each other on the next Marriage Encounter Weekend to get back to the romance of your courtship, early marriage, to rediscover each other and to enrich your Sacrament of Marriage by bringing it closer to God. The date is March 20-22, 2009, at the Holiday Inn in Batavia.

Contact Mike and Michelle Hunzek at (585) 421-9471 / [mhunzek1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mhunzek1@rochester.rr.com) or Karl and Pirooska Mersich at 585 739-5913 / [mersich@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mersich@rochester.rr.com)

### HOPE & HEALING

—a peer-support group for the Separated, Divorced, and Widowed will meet on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at St. Christopher's Church, 3350 Union St., N. Chili 14514 from 6:15-8pm-- Fr. Steve Kraus will be our presenter from St. Theodore's Church. Topic: Weathering February--Our faith, the Scriptures, our fellowship with one another, and our prayer life can help us so much to make it through this time of the year. Come and celebrate the Lord's help, which means so much to us!

For info please call Peggy at 585-617-4614 or e-mail [peggymcunningham@yahoo.com](mailto:peggymcunningham@yahoo.com)

### From Social Ministry: "Eat to Heat"

Thank you for your support of the Monk's Bread sale this year. We raised \$700.00 for the Livingston County Catholic Charities "Eat to Heat" program. Combined with the money raised by the "Soup"er Sunday luncheon of \$350.00, and the 50/50 football pool - \$250.00, the parish was able to send \$1,300.00 to help families in the county meet their heating costs. It has been a cold winter as you well know, and we all can appreciate the vital need this program serves. Thank you so much for your participation.

### Results of 50/50 Football pool

Congratulations to the winners of our 50/50 Super Bowl pool that was held the Sunday before the game. Half of the money went to our winners and half Livingston County Catholic Charities "Eat to Heat" program.

Winners were:

1st quarter - Betsy Gremer	\$ 25.00
2nd quarter - Joe Gustainis	25.00
3rd quarter - Steve Boscoe	25.00
Final - Betsy Gremer	135.00
Mike Boylan	10.00
Joe Snyder	10.00
Tina Andalora	10.00
Della Page	10.00