

February 8, 2009



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

*198 North Street*

*Caledonia, New York 14423*

*A Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group*

### **Comfort Care Home Update**

As you may know, the issue arose a while back among members of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, in regard to the use of the rectory on the premises in Scottsville. There is no one living there presently, although the building is used for meetings and offices, so they were concerned about that and wanted to do something. They thought that it might be put to fuller use by establishing a hospice there. (Technically speaking 'hospice' refers to a larger more regulated place usually located at a hospital, so we use the term "Comfort Care Home".) This issue was then brought to the 5 Saints West planning team, which is charged with pastoral planning among the Catholic churches of Scottsville, North Chili, Churchville and Caledonia. The pastoral planning team gave initial support to set up a subcommittee and explore the issue.

The subcommittee has been hard at work and you've seen some of the evidence of that over the past several months where, in the bulletin there has been a regularly featured Question and Answer column about the Comfort Care Home. Recently, you may have noticed that they gave it name. Honoring the fifth saint of 5 Saints West they named it Patrick's Place. The Questions and Answers are all listed on a website that has been set up for the home. (See [www.geocities.com/comfortcarehomefivesaintswest/](http://www.geocities.com/comfortcarehomefivesaintswest/) or go to [www.stcolumba-stpatrick.org](http://www.stcolumba-stpatrick.org) and click on the link at the bottom right of the page.

In the Q and A column they have also answered questions such as, "Does our area need another Comfort Care Home?" After having investigated with professionals at Mt. Carmel House, Teresa House, and Visiting Nurse Service, they have all verified that there is a need in our area. "Will we be required to provide care that conflicts with our faith?" No. "What if I wanted to find out what a Comfort Care Home is like? Is there a way I could volunteer?" Yes, see the website for more information. "How do we know we have enough volunteers?" Of the 420 people who responded to the 5 Saints West survey, an overwhelming majority indicated that they were willing to volunteer in some capacity. Additional volunteers from our communities have already stepped forward.

The subcommittee is now at the phase of needing seed money to help with the feasibility study that is ongoing. In the areas of legal representation and engineering we have some volunteers (at least in the early going) but we still need some money for some aspects of the study. To this end we have placed four extra envelopes in the collection packets for this year. You will notice that they are a yellowish/amber color. The first one in our parish is set for March 8, 2009 (the last is in December) and has the title "Comfort Care Home" on it. I wanted you to be aware of this so as not to surprise or confuse you.

Other than this initial seed money, it is not intended that Patrick's Place be a fixed cost or burden to the parishes. Rather, along with a grant writer already on the committee, volunteers will be sought to work on fundraising projects that will draw upon the wider community. These funds will be recorded so that, if the project should stall for any reason, the money will return to the parishes they came from.

The subcommittee has already written a mission statement: "Patrick's Place provides caring and love for the terminally ill as they continue to live out their lives in our Comfort Care Home. Each family will have the freedom to spend special time with their loved one and time to talk, share and grieve with our caregivers."

I hope this helps to clarify any questions you may have to this point. If you have any more, don't hesitate to ask me or our parish representatives: Judy Ball, Colleen Donegan and Charlene Sayers.

Peace 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 7

**5:00 p.m.** - Marion Wood (Barbara & Barry Haywood)

#### Sunday, February 8 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 a.m.** - Donna Smith (Brian & Nora Brunette)

**10:00 a.m.** - Betty Coyle (Don & Ruth Coyle)

#### Monday, February 9

**8:00 a.m.** - Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

#### Tuesday, February 10

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

#### Wednesday, February 11

**8:00 a.m.** - All the Sick & Suffering

#### Thursday, February 12

**8:00 a.m.** - Couples Preparing for Marriage

#### Friday, February 13

No Mass Today

#### Saturday, February 14

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

*Lector: Tim Anderson*

*Communion Ministers: Gary Bubel & Judy Szczech*

*Altar Server: Hannah & Michael Anderson*

*Greeters: Mike & Judy Stephany*

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

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

*Lector: Barbara McVean*

*Communion Ministers: Blanche Stein & Barb Burns*

*Altar Server: Donald Bullen*

*Greeters: Mary Schirmer & Eileen LaFave*

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

*Lector: Kristi Figenscher*

*Communion Ministers: Tom & Loretta Dintruff, Pat*

*Rountree & Peter Lent*

*Altar Servers: Matthew Condame*

*Greeters: Lori Bickford & Peter Lent*

### 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. Please contact the parish office **by this Friday, February 13**, if there are any dates that may be inconvenient for you to serve. There will be sign-up sheets posted for Holy Week & Easter liturgies toward the middle of March.

### This week in the parish

#### Sunday, February 8

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

6:00 p.m. - High School Youth Group meets at St. Mary's, Scottsville

7:00 p.m. - Holy Hour w/ Benediction

#### Monday, February 9

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study preliminary get-together, parish hall

#### Tuesday, February 10

7:00 p.m. - Building & Grounds meet, Rectory

#### Wednesday, February 11

6:30 p.m. - Faith Formation, grades K, 2 - 6

6:30 p.m. - Adult Gathering session, church

7:30 p.m. - Choir practice

#### Sunday, February 15

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

### Stewardship at Sts. C / P

#### For February 1

Attendance.....	316
Number of Sunday envelopes used.....	112
Sunday offering.....	\$3,248.00
Amount needed weekly to reach our budget.....	<u>3,816.00</u>
Difference (under budget).....	(\$ 568.00)

#### SACRIFICIAL GIVING COUNTERS for February 9 -

Team #5 - Mary Cullinan & Rissy Mooney

#### 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

*"But let our people, too, learn to devote themselves to good works, to supply urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive.." (Titus 3:14)*

### Vocation thought

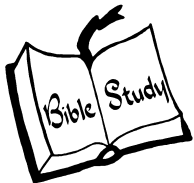
Unlike Job, who described his life on earth a "drudgery" and felt he would "not see happiness again," we have Jesus Christ who makes our true happiness possible. How do you share Jesus - and his promise of eternal joy - with others? Might God be calling you to do that by way of a ecclesial ministry? Would you like to know more? 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. A beginning meeting is set for Monday, February 9 at 7:00 PM on how to use the materials. Contact Deacon David for more information or to register.

### Blanket thanks!

Thank you to all who graciously donated blankets to my school, Thomas Jefferson High School in the Rochester City School District. We received over 100. My school has students and families who come from approximately 20 different countries. Many times, they come to the United States with very few resources. We often receive donations of coats, boots, gloves, etc. However, blankets were items that families indicated they needed. When my mother offered to put a request in the church bulletin for donations of blankets, I never dreamed that we would receive so many. Thank you again for your overwhelming generosity.

- Christine Caluorie Sickles

### “Invitation to the Feast” this Wednesday February 11th ~ Adult Gathering session

“Why do we go to Mass? For some of us, going to Mass on Sunday has become an obligation - something we try to squeeze into an already busy weekend, or something we just do not get to do because life gets too hectic.

Join us for this gathering session this Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (in the church worship area), as we come together to examine ways to make going to Mass on Sunday more meaningful for us as adults and for our families.

### 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

### Married Couples!

Valentine's Day is fast approaching. We believe we can help you to find an ever lasting, precious gift for each other (probably the best gift ever). 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 Piroska Mersich at 585 739-5913 / [mersich@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mersich@rochester.rr.com)

### 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.

### 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.

### 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)