

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 19, 2012

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Mass Intentions

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 Any questions regarding cemetery plots and/or mausoleum space please call 756-3145.

New Families

WELCOME! We would like to include you in our Parish Family. Please call the rectory or stop by to register.



Handicapped Accessible

Personal amplifying units available for the hearing impaired
 Restrooms in the Parish Center

Sat. Feb. 18 (Vigil)	4:00 pm	Bishop Joseph Estabrook	Parish
Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time	8:00 am	For All Parishioners, especially, our Pastoral Council's standing committees' members	Pastor
Sun. Feb. 19	10:00 am	Dallas Sumbles	Clayton Rivers
Mon. Feb. 20		NO MASS here 8 AM Mass at St. Mary's Coxsackie	
Tues. Feb. 21 St. Peter Damian	9:00 am	No Mass here 8AM Mass at St Mary's Coxsackie	
Wed. Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday	9:00 am 6:00 pm	For all Parishioners Service of the Word	Pastor
Thurs. Feb. 23 St. Polycarp	9:00 am	Fanny & Frank Macarilla	The Family
Fri. Feb. 24	7:00 am	No Mass here 8 AM Mass at St. Mary's Coxsackie	
Sat. Feb. 25	9:00 am	No Morning Mass	
Sat. Feb 25 (Vigil)	4:00 pm	William J. Barry	Carol & Family
Sun. Feb. 26 First Sunday Of Lent	8:00 am	For all Parishioners, especially, for a holy Lenten journey	Pastor
	10:00 am	=open=	

Ministry Schedules

Altar Servers - Eucharistic Ministers - Lectors - Counters - Greeters - Camera

February 25/26 Group E March 3/4 Group A March 10/11 Group B
 March 17/18 Group C March 24/25 Group D Mar. 31/Apr. 1 Group E

Attention Eucharistic Ministers: Those serving Mass during the weekend are asked to **PLEASE** come into the Sacristy to sign in.



	Number	Average	\$ Amount	2010
Envelopes & Checks	123	25.54	3,141.00	3,703.50
Loose cash			431.00	476.00
Totals: 2/11-12			3,572.00	4,179.50
Budget			4,846.00	
Stewardship			179.00	
2nd Collection				

Reflection

Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who share their gift of forgiveness with others by seeking (and receiving) special graces through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is almost here!

Attendance for the weekend of 2/11-12 was 349 (total number of registered families = 891)

Upcoming special offerings: Feb. 19 - Easter Flowers: can be put into any Sunday collection
 Feb. 26 - Black & Native American & Latin American Missions will be the 2nd collection next weekend.

Ash Wednesday's collection is for Catholic Charities of Columbia and Greene Counties in our Deanery. Thank you for your support!

Linens - February - Mary Jane Persico
- March - Carole Brooks

Anyone willing to do church linens please call the Rectory 756-3145

Thrift Shop

Feb 23- Jeanne Randio - Mary Ann McCool
 Feb 24- Angie Meilak - Rose Schermerhorn
 Feb 25- Jeanne Randio - Maryann McCool

Pantry News

of families **13**
of children (0-17) **17**
of adults (18-64) **10**
of seniors (65+) **2**
using diapers/formula **2**

We are currently in need of instant potatoes, personal care items. Your monetary and food donations are greatly appreciated.

~Diane Hoffman, Coordinator

Thrift Shop Hours

Thursday - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 Friday - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 Saturday - 10:00am - noon

Pantry Hours

Tuesdays - 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Wednesdays - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Fridays - 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Quote of the Week:

“This Lent, then, let us strive to put on the mind and heart of Jesus by ‘trying a little kindness.’ This imitation of God’s love, mercy and compassion is an excellent way to enter into the paschal mystery of Christ’s Passover from death unto life, so that we can celebrate the Easter & Pentecost feast with a renewed mind, heart and spirit.”

-Bishop Howard Hubbard (The Evangelist –2/2)

Prayer of the Week:

“Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism. Look upon us as we enter these 40 Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble & grateful hearts. All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in his Cross you proclaim your love forever & ever. Amen.”

Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers- USCCB

Question of the Week:

“How will our renunciation & additional service make this Lenten season not only a grace but a joy?” -Pastoral Patterns (Winter 2011-2012)

“Dear God,

Please put another holiday between Christmas & Easter. There is nothing good in there now.”

-Children’s Letters to God-The New Collection

BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT SEASON:

Beginning February 28th, every Tuesday during Lent the bible study group will meet at 11:00 AM with Fr. Jim Kane and study the Gospel of Mark.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

My Dear Parishioners:

It truly does not seem possible that the winter continues as a pseudo spring-like season and we have seen very little snow. Depending on your likes and dislikes determines how you feel about the season. This past Sunday many of the children celebrated St. Valentine’s Day in their classes. One student from the second grade was eager to give me a valentine. This valentine although very short and to the point, captures the spirit and message of Lent and Easter. “God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son so we should not perish but have eternal life.” Thank you Brenda Morin and Erin Herman for being there to teach our second graders so well.

Please be certain to check the faith formation announcements. This week you will see a sign up for prayer partners for Confirmation. What a powerful way to show your support and encouragement to these young men and women as they journey along to know their God on a deeper level. This past week Rick Lesser delivered a very powerful power point presentation to them which truly made them examine their core beliefs, values and actions. Thanks Rick! Won’t you consider signing up to be a prayer partner? You simply write a letter about your faith experiences and support for the individual child. These letters are to be returned to the box located in the church underneath the Prayer Partner Sign-up by March 19th in a sealed envelope with the candidates name in clear view. They will be given to the students during the confirmation retreat, March 23rd & 24th. I know they will appreciate your support and prayer.

I want to ask you to take a look at the bulletin board in the parish center in the auditorium. It was done by Cynthia Julian. She had contacted us to ask us if we had any problem with her doing the bulletin board. “Of course not,” was the reply. She asked for some guidance as to the theme and I asked her to make it about lent centering around the theme companions on the journey. Please look at it: it is breathtaking. A very special ***Thank You*** to Cynthia for sharing her talent and time with us! We are blessed.

During this Holy Season of Lent remember me as I do you in prayer!

Faithfully yours in Christ and Francis,

~Brother Ronald-Francis Davis, FSD

Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation and DRE

Church Calendar

Faith Formation Calendar

- Feb. 20- K of C luncheon, noon, Room 4
- Feb. 20—President’s Day: Offices closed
- Feb. 20- Rosary led by K of C, 6:20 PM, church
- Feb. 20-Knights of Columbus Mtg, 7:00 PM, Room 4
- Feb. 21- **NO Women’s Bible Study**
- Feb. 22—Ash Wed.: ashes distributed at 9 AM & 6 PM
- Feb. 24-Stations of the Cross with Clowns—7:30, church

Religion Classes

Feb. 19 & 26 No Classes

Mar. 4 - 1st Communion Parents Meeting—11 AM

Mar. 23 & 24 - Confirmation Retreat

Mar. 31 - First Communion Retreat

Contribution Statements:

In order to have your contribution statements for 2011 generated, we ask that you either contact the office to request the information; send a self-addressed envelope or pick up your statement at least 48 hours after you have requested it. Please note that you will have to contact the diocese at 453-6680 for any contributions that you have made to the Bishop's Appeal. If you have any questions, please contact the Rectory office at 756-3145 between 9-3 Monday-Thursday or 9-12 Friday.

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS
IN THE COMPANY OF CLOWNS***

Friday, February 24th 7:30 pm St. Patrick's Church

Clown Ministry Associates invites you to experience a unique and uplifting Lenten Prayer. With music, prayer and drama we will facilitate your entrance into the passion of Jesus. Together we will reflect on the words and images of his final journey and together we will come to the joy of resurrection.

Welcoming the Heart of Christ: A Lenten Journey

The Amazing God Committee is hosting "Keeping Christ in Lent" during this Lenten Season. Please join us in the Parish Center with a **dish to share** on the following Sunday evenings:

February 26th, 6-8 PM March 11th, 6-8PM March 18th 6-8PM March 25th 6-8PM

Come and share in our Catholic Faith and The Heart of God. Also a special preview of an upcoming event to be hosted by our own Deacon Jim O'Rourke. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** We'd be happy to see you for all session, but if you can only make one or two that's fine too! If you are unable to join us during one of the events above, other Reflection times for viewing of the Amazing God DVD -**The Heart of Christ:** Saturday, Mar. 3rd following 9am Mass Tuesday Mar. 6th at Women's Bible Study 2PM, Tuesday, March 6th 7 PM. All sessions will be held in Room 5 of the Parish Center.

18th ANNUAL COMMUNITY AUCTION

To benefit THE FOOD PANTRIES

Saturday, March 31st 10 am - 2 pm Christ Our Light Church, 1 Maria Drive, Latham

Buy your ticket now..... 25 chances \$10. 50 chances \$15. 100 chances \$25.

Purchase tickets in advance and receive an additional 25 chances!!!

Make checks payable to: The Food Panties ...Give check to Diane Hoffman or is you already sent a check to The Food Pantries let Diane know and she will pick up your prizes!!!!

Sponsored by : The Food Pantries, 32 Essex Street, Albany

SELKIRK STATION #1 - LADIES AUXILIARY ANNUAL FISH FRY

Feb. 24th - Mar. 9th - Mar. 23rd - Apr. 6th

4:30 - 7:00 PM

Fish fry, french fries, cole slaw, drink
Adults - \$7.00

Also available: chicken nuggets, clam chowder

Children - \$3.50



Coeymans Fire Company Ham Dinner

Save the date! Coeymans Fire Company Annual Ham Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 25, at the Coeymans Fire House, 67 Church Street, Coeymans. Takeouts will start at 4:00 PM and dinner will be served 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Tickets will be available at the door. Adults \$10.00, Seniors \$8.00 (65 & over), Child \$5.00 (5-9) and under 4 free.

Let Us Pray

For The Dead.

Our deceased loved ones,
parishioners and benefactors:

Stanley S. Stefanik



**Sanctuary Lamp - February
In Loving Memory of**

Frank W. Scalzo

**Love,
The Family**

**Altar Bread - February
In Loving Memory of**

**Geraldine Bruno
Love,
Jimmy & daughters**

Altar Candles - February

Jeffrey Helm

**Love,
Your Family**

Memorial [as in above]

Memorials are available for your loved ones. Call and sign up as soon as possible to insure that you can get your choice.

Sanctuary Lamp - 2 weeks - \$15.00

Altar Candles - 1 month - \$15.00

Altar Bread - 1 month - \$50.00

Memorial Block - 1 month - \$35.00

Sacraments

Baptism:

Please contact the Office to make arrangements. Baptisms take place on a seasonal basis.

February 17 - Baptism Prep. 7 PM, Room 5

February 19 - Baptisms - 10:00 Mass

Marriage:

Please contact the Office at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding.

Homebound: 10:00 Mass can be seen on Ch. 11 T.V. at 10 A.M. each Sunday.
