

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I know it's early, but Lent begins in just about three weeks from now! If you wish to bring any old/used palms to the church, you can leave them in the narthex/vestibule of the church in the basket labeled "palms".

Last week, I was invited to celebrate with a priest friend his "Rite of Installation" as a new pastor. It gave me the opportunity to recall my role here in our parish and I thought I might share with you some of the words Bishop Hubbard shared with me almost six years ago when he appointed me to St. Mary's...in a sense, a kind of "position description" for my ministry among you:

*"As pastor, you should see to it that the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is the center and culmination of the whole life of the Christian community. You should labor without fail to see that the faithful are nourished with spiritual food through devout and frequent reception of the sacraments and through intelligent and active participation in the liturgy. Mindful of how much the sacrament of penance contributes to the developing Christian life, you should always make yourself available to hear the confessions of the faithful." He goes on, "Encourage a full Christian life among the faithful, give special attention to adolescents and youth, devote particular concern to the poor and to the sick, and by your leadership encourage the faithful to assist in the mission of the church."*

My prayer is that each of you finds in my ministry such care and deserved attention.

*Blessings to all...Fr. David*

PS - We're still collecting tablets of writing paper, pens and blank mailing envelopes in order to send boxes of these to our troops overseas. If you are able, please bring **tablets of writing paper (8 1/2 x 11), boxes of pens, and boxes of #10 envelopes**. We'll be sending these through Melvin Roads Post of the American Legion in late February.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Wed	1/23	9:00a	OLM Prayer Group
		6:30p	Scripture Study
Sun	2/3	var.	Blessing of Throats
	2/3	7:00p	NO MASS TONIGHT
Thu	2/7	7:00p	Catholicism, episode 6
Sun	2/10	12:00p	Anointing of the Sick
Tue	2/12	6:30p	Scripture Study
Wed	2/13	var.	Ash Wednesday



## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2013



Tues.	1/22	7 <sup>AM</sup>	+RICHARD SPANO By John DelGrosso & Family +GEORGE W. BOBERSKY, Birthday Remembrance, By His Sister, Mary
Thurs.	1/24	7 <sup>AM</sup>	+MSGR. WILLIAM CHARBONNEAU (available; priest's intention)
Sun.	1/27	8:30 <sup>AM</sup> 11 <sup>AM</sup> 7 <sup>PM</sup>	+RICHARD CIMMA By Tony & Joan Rossello +ELENE D'ORSI By The Billa Family +CAROL ANN WINNE, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, By Betty Bruso +LEO CORVINO, SR. By His Family +LARRY WILLI By Mary Pat & John Lashoff FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR AREA PARISHES

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Report for: The Baptism of the Lord

Offertory received from <b>Envelopes &amp; Loose Offerings</b>	\$ 4,880.16
Offertory received from <b>E-Giving</b>	\$ 2,468.25
<b>Total Offertory received for last week</b>	<b>\$ 7,348.41</b>
<b>Budgeted need for last week</b>	\$ 7,741.00
<b>Percentage of budgeted need received in offertory</b>	<b>94.9%</b>
<b>Last Week's Difference</b> ("+" means surplus, "-" means deficit)	- \$ 392.59

**Thanks to all of you who show such generous care!**

Please remember our parish in your will...we are:

**"St. Mary's Church, Clinton Heights, NY"**

## EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

### K -5<sup>th</sup> GRADE (elementary)

No Session: Sunday, 01/20/2013; MLK Weekend  
14<sup>th</sup> Session: Sunday, 01/27/2013; 9:45AM -10:45AM  
15<sup>th</sup> Session: Sunday, 02/03/2013; 9:45AM -10:45AM  
Parade through the Bible on Sunday, 02/10/2013

### 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> GRADE (Middle School)

6<sup>th</sup> Session: Monday, 01/28/2013; 7:00PM - 8:30PM

### 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> GRADE (High School)

7<sup>th</sup> Session: Monday, 02/04/2013; 7:00PM - 8:30PM

### FAMILY FORMATION

2<sup>nd</sup> Session Sunday, 02/10/2013; Noon - 1:00PM

### ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS OFFERINGS

- **Scripture Study—Wednesday, January 23; 6:30-8:00pm**  
Maureen Billa will be our guide as we explore The Incarnation.
- **"Catholicism" Series - Thursday, February 7; 7:00-8:30pm**  
A BODY BOTH SUFFERING AND GLORIOUS: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church.
- **Theology on Tap, Thursday, January 24; 7:00pm**  
Brown's Brewing Company, River St., Troy  
Guest: Fr. Bob Longobucco, Topic: Being "Filled with the Spirit"



Don't forget to check the website ([www.stmaryny.org](http://www.stmaryny.org)) for detailed information and additional happenings or contact Maureen at [maureen@stmaryny.org](mailto:maureen@stmaryny.org) or 449-2232 x12.

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

**For Our Sick:**

Jaime Adams	Joan Filkins	Frank Lochner
Withani Anvwater	Michael Gabriel	Madison Chester Mann
Rose Bix	Tiffany Gamache	Mary Murtha
Nancy Burns	Robert Guynup	Lorenzo Carling Russo
Marilyn Burt	Toni Jones	David Salzer
Hudson Cushman	Louise Kolakoski	Helen Tencza
Bill Dawson	Kassidy Krenzer	Ruth Van Dyk
Carole Farrell	Theresa Orciuoli Lacy	Mabel Whitcomb

**Names will be on our list for 3 months. To request continued prayer, please contact the parish office.**

**For Our Parish Soldiers and Friends:**

Aaron Bentley	Vincent Catalfamo	Caroline Cleveland
Sean Markham	Tera & Tyson Quink	Josh Spath
		Arthur Thornton



7:00PM: SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Over the last few years, we've found that the **7pm Mass on Super Bowl Sunday** has never received much participation and, in fact, our parishes find it difficult to staff the various necessary ministries for that evening. The priests of our LCC, therefore, have decided to cancel the particular 7:00pm Sunday Evening LCC Mass of February 3<sup>rd</sup>...returning on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



On Super Bowl Sunday, 130 million people all over the world will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. Our youth join tens of thousands of other youth around the country to demonstrate God's love by loving our neighbors through a different kind of bowl...the Souper Bowl of Caring. There will be soup pots at the church doors on Super Bowl Sunday to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. This year's entire Souper Bowl collection will be donated to the [midnightrun.org](http://midnightrun.org).

**JOIN US ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 3, 2013!**

REST IN PEACE



Let us pray for the repose of the souls of **Christine Ann Byrum** who was buried from our parish on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> & **Ralph L. Pinto** who was buried from our parish on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Apart from us now in body, may they share in the eternal life of the Risen Christ.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

**ST. MARY'S SUPPORT—TO CONSERNS-U**

This week our pantry needs are: **canned tuna, canned fruit and canned pasta**. Your generosity enables us to feed our neighbors in need. God bless you!



HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL

Parents and Guardians interested in sending their child to Holy Spirit's Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten Class should plan to attend an Informational Meeting on **Wednesday, January 23 at 6:30<sup>PM</sup>**. Classes are forming for the 2013-2014 school year. Holy Spirit School is located at 54 Highland Drive in East Greenbush. For more information, please call 477-5739.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND ~ THE H<sub>2</sub>O PROJECT



Imagine what your life would be like if you awoke tomorrow morning and found that there was no water coming into your home. What would you do? Probably you'd get a few gallons of bottled water, and feel a bit grumpy and inconvenienced until the water came back on. Other than that, things would really be OK. But what if the water never came back on? And what if the stores ran out of bottled water? What if the nearest drainage ditch became the only place you could get any water at all? Would you begin to worry about your health? There are people living with exactly that problem all over the world. And we can help. Please pick up your H<sub>2</sub>O Project Bottle this Lent, and see what a difference you can make in someone else's life.

RCIA UPDATES



As we enter into the beginning weeks of Ordinary Time, realize that Lent will soon be upon us and, for three of our members, a special time of intense formation as they approach the Easter Sacraments. Throughout this last year, our community has watched as **Rick Nestler & Shakir Cannon** have been flourishing in their formation and acceptance of our Catholic faith. What many have not noticed is that **Brian Haney** has also been in formation to be received into our faith. Brian has been worshipping with us for many, many years and in these last several months has been joining Shakir & Rick each week for extended catechesis. Let us continue to hold all three of these fine men in our prayers, along with their catechetical sponsors, Jay O'Connor, Amy Van Wie and Brad Hutton, and all of our RCIA Team members. We will send them from our parish to be received by Bishop Hubbard on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> during the 8:30am liturgy.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: RUNNING RESULTS

Here are the running results of our capital campaign for air conditioning our church and installing a new organ:

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
<b>Pledges Received:</b>	<b>\$ 82,799.23</b>
<b>Still Needed:</b>	<b>\$ 17,200.77</b>
Number of Pledges:	108
Average Pledge:	\$766.66

Before you know it, summer will be here. With your support, these projects will begin this spring. Please consider joining us. *We'll be remembering your loved ones with our Memorial Tree, which will be installed in the parish center this year!*



COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We will be celebrating a **communal Anointing of the Sick**—one of the Church's sacraments of healing—after the 11am Mass on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel of St. Joseph. If you are able to assist any of our disabled parishioners come to this celebration, please contact Linda Knerr at 449-2232, ext 16 or [Linda@stmaryny.org](mailto:Linda@stmaryny.org).