

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This Wednesday begins the **Lenten Season**. Visit our parish website (www.stmaryny.org) to see a short 2-minute video on the purpose and meaning of Ash Wednesday and Lent.

Last week, I told you of a surprise project I've been working on for the last several months. One of the spiritual treasures of our faith tradition is stained glass. While it can be very pretty to admire, usually stained glass tells a deep story and brings the viewer into the piece in order to teach, inspire, and spiritually move. Ultimately, its goal is to place one into prayerful contact with God.

Several months ago, a fellow lover of stained glass—Leo Corvino Sr.—died. Leo's family and friends approached me to make a gift in Leo's memory to the parish. Not knowing that I had been working on designing a very unique and particular window and hoping to be able to have it constructed and installed for us here at St. Mary's, I suggested that such a memorial might be possible. Reviewing the design with them and beginning to tell them the story of the window (which will be completed in two phases), each of them were thrilled to be able to assist with the project.

Well, the design has been completed with the help of local historian Fr. Hugh Vincent Dyer, OP. This first phase is currently being built and will be installed sometime soon after Easter. To keep you interested, here is a small detail of the upper left quadrant: the Blessed Mother under the title of the Immaculate Conception on the right-hand side (our parish's patroness) and St. John the Evangelist to the left, acknowledging that our parish sprang into existence from St. John's, Rensselaer many years ago.



Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more details of our new window!

A blessed Lenten Season to all...Fr. David

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Sun	2/10	12:30p	Anointing of the Sick
Tue	2/12	6:30p	Scripture Study
Wed	2/13	var.	Ash Wednesday
		7:00p	Finance Committee
Wed	2/20	6:30p	Eucharistic Adoration
Wed	2/27	6:30p	Scripture Study
Tue	3/5	6:30p	Pastoral Council



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY II, 2013



Tues.	2/12	7 ^{AM}	+MSGR. DON GRASS (available; priest's intention)
Ash Wed.	2/13	6:45 ^{AM} 12:05 ^{PM} 6:30 ^{PM}	+MICHAEL ROCK, 8 th Anniv., By His Wife, Jerrie PRAYER SERVICE WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES PRAYER SERVICE WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES
Thurs.	2/14	7 ^{AM}	+REV. JOHN THOMAS (available; priest's intention)
Sun.	2/17	8:30 ^{AM} 11 ^{AM} 7 ^{PM}	+HENRY BRUNS, JR., Birthday Remembrance, By His Family +RICHARD CIMMA By The VanWie Family +ALBERT J. FIACCO, SR., 19 th Anniv., By Frank & Terry Lochner +EDWARD HAMLIN, 20 th Anniv., By Frank & Terry Lochner +CHRISTINE BYRUM By Ray & Mary Tesiero FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR AREA PARISHES

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Report for: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offertory received from Envelopes & Loose Offerings	\$ 5,070.00
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$ 2,373.25
Total Offertory received for last week	\$ 7,443.25
Budgeted need for last week	\$ 7,741.00
Percentage of budgeted need received in offertory	96.2%
Last Week's Difference ("+" means surplus, "-" means deficit)	- \$ 297.75

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

DID YOU KNOW???

For the last three years our parish has had a strong focus on Adult Formation. We have offered a variety of opportunities for Adults in our parish and in the community to be formed in faith. Since we began our intentional Adult Formation in 2010, we have formed **124 participants** totaling **1,128 hours** of formation. Congratulations to those adults who have participated and have wanted to continue to grow in faith. Please watch our web site and the bulletin for continued opportunities for you.



MIDNIGHT RUN 2013



Sunday, 03/03/2013 at noon there will be a meeting for all High School youth interested in going on the Midnight Run.

K -5th GRADE (elementary)

16th Session: Sunday, 02/10/2013; 9:45AM -10:45AM
Parade through the Bible – join us!
No Session: Sunday, 02/17/2013 Winter Break
No Session: Sunday, 02/24/2013 Winter Break
17th Session: Sunday, 03/03/2013; 9:45AM -10:45AM



6th-8th GRADE (Middle School)

7th Session: Monday, 02/11/2013; 7:00PM – 8:30PM

9th-10th GRADE (High School)

8th Session: Monday, 02/25/2013; 7:00PM – 8:30PM



FAMILY FORMATION

2nd Session Sunday, 02/10/2013; Noon – 1:00PM

Don't forget to check the website (www.stmaryny.org) for detailed information and additional happenings or contact Maureen at 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

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY FAIR



On Sunday, March 3rd, stop by the Parish Hall before or after Mass and see all of the various ministries represented here at our parish. Ministry representatives will be available to share more information with those who wish.

ADULT/YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

Scripture Study—Tuesday, February 12th from 6:30-8:00pm

Fr. David LeFort will be our guide as we explore The Cup of Consummation.



Scripture Study—Wednesday, February 27th from 6:30-8:00pm

Maureen Billa will be our guide as we explore What Jesus Did.

"Catholicism" Series - Thursday, March 7th from 7:00-8:30pm

A VAST COMPANY OF WITNESSES: The Communion of Saints.

REST IN PEACE



Let us pray for the repose of the soul of **Carmine I. Pinette** whose funeral liturgy was celebrated on Thursday, February 7th. Apart from us now in body, may she share in the eternal life of the Risen Christ.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT—TO CONSERNS-U

This week the pantry needs are: **canned meals (spaghetti-o's, ravioli, chili), chicken noodle soup and boxed scalloped potatoes.** Thanks for your support!



DEANERY-WIDE LENTEN RETREAT

On Sunday, March 10th, parishioners from throughout Southern Rensselaer County will gather here at St. Mary's beginning at 3pm to enjoy an afternoon of retreat as we explore how God the Father's love and mercy are so evident in Rembrandt's artistic representation of the "Return of the Prodigal Son". The day includes retreat reflections, quiet time, free catered dinner, concluding with the 7pm LCC Mass.



Please **RSVP by March 3rd** if you want to join us for dinner by calling 449-2232, ext 11 or email pat@stmaryny.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY & THE LENTEN SEASON

Lent begins this week. The schedule for **Ash Wednesday (February 13th)** includes Mass, blessing and imposition of ashes at **6:45am**; prayer services with ashes at both **12:05pm** and **6:30pm**. And, as is our cherished custom, a simple soup supper will be available for all from 5:00 to 6:15pm in the hall.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL



On Wednesday, March 20th, join with the bishops of New York State and other Catholics at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany to advocate on behalf of the poor and vulnerable people of our communities. You may register independently at the NYS Catholic Conference - Catholics at the Capitol 2013 web page: www.nyscatholic.org. You will enjoy a full day meeting with legislators, representing our Catholic faith, celebrating Mass with Cardinal Timothy Dolan and lunch with fellow believers.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Christians throughout our area are invited to take part in the national **40 Days for Life** effort beginning February 13 through March 24. This program is a focused respect for life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. To learn more, sign up for specific vigil hours, or let us know how you feel called to serve in this effort, please visit www.40daysforlife.com or e-mail 40daysalbanyny@gmail.com.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: RUNNING RESULTS

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



Goal:	\$100,000.00
Pledges Received:	\$ 91,414.23
Still Needed:	\$ 8,585.77
Number of Pledges:	117
Average Pledge:	\$781.32

Less than \$8600 in pledges left to go!

We'll be remembering your loved ones with our Memorial Tree, which will be installed in the parish center this year!

TAKE THE CHALLENGE



This Lent, take the challenge of drinking water instead of coffee, tea, sugary drinks. Great idea for youth and adults!! The money you save, put into your water bottle and donate to the H₂O Project, to build permanent drinking wells for those who go without clean water.

PICK UP YOUR H₂O PROJECT WATER BOTTLE AT CHURCH AND START SAVING!

TAX STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a statement of your financial contributions to the Church of St. Mary during the 2012 tax year, simply call the Parish Office (449-2232, ext. 11) and we'll gratefully prepare one for you.



FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Will be held at Melvin Road's American Legion Post 1231 during the Lenten season, starting on Feb. 15 through March 29 from 5 to 8^{PM}. Meal consists of fish fry, French fries and coleslaw. Price is \$7.50. Please join us.

