

All Saints Church



Holy Cross Church



St. Anthony Church



December 12 / 13, 2009

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Sacramental Life

Baptism

Baptismal preparation is offered and required for parents of children to be baptized in our churches. Please contact the parish office for an initial interview and baptismal preparation.

Marriage

Couples must contact the parish office at least six months prior to the celebration. Marriage preparation prerequisites must be fulfilled before the celebration of marriage.

Reconciliation (Confession)

1st & 3rd Saturday from 3:00-3:45 pm at St. Anthony; 2nd & 5th Saturday from 3:00-3:45 pm at Holy Cross; 4th Saturday from 3:00-3:45 pm at All Saints; (or by appointment).

RCIA/RCIA

Those interested in becoming Catholic or wishing to complete their Christian initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are asked to call the parish office.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Rel. Ed. classes at Holy Cross Sunday 9:45 am; Rel. Ed. classes at St. Anthony Sunday 10:00 am; Rel. Ed. classes at All Saints after Sunday Mass (about 11:30 am). The All Saints Teen Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday at 7:00 pm. The St. Anthony Youth Group meets scheduled Sunday evenings at 7-8:30 pm. The Holy Cross High School Group meets Sunday evenings.

Pastoral Care / Hospital Visitation

Please contact the parish office if you know of a parishioner who is sick, homebound, or hospitalized and who would appreciate Communion or a pastoral visit.

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday • December 12 *Zep 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde; Lk 1:26-38*

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pollack by Kay Bishop

Sunday • December 13 *Zep 3:14-18a; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18*

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Leonard & Christopher Ackley by Katherine, Allan & Pat Ackley

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Kathleen Brand by Carolyn Montague

Monday • December 14 *Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27*

9:00 am Liturgical Service at Holy Cross

10:30 am Mass at **Groton Nursing Home** for Pat Senecal by Ruth Adams

1:30 pm Mass at **Oak Hill Nursing Home** for Mary McGowan by Shelly Weiss & Family

Tuesday • December 15 *Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23; Mt 21:28-32*

9:00 am Mass at **St. Anthony** for Lewis Robinson by The Robinson Family

9:30 am Liturgical Service at **All Saints**

Wednesday • December 16 *Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Psalm 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23*

9:00 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Betty Tanner by Don & Nan Lisk

Thursday • December 17 *Gn 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17*

9:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for John Smith by the Partridge Family

Friday • December 18 *Jer 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25*

12:00 pm Liturgical Service at **St. Anthony**

Saturday • December 19 *Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 713-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25*

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Elsie Staniszewski, Helen Gike & Mary Jane Staniszewski by Mary Ann & Rich Morse

Sunday • December 20 *Mi 5:1-4a; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45*

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Jim Thorpe by Lee McGill

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Mary Jane Mikula by Rich & Elsie Zifchock

A Note from SR. DOREEN

Dear Parishioners,

From my seat in the sanctuary, I saw Gabrielle leave the Reconciliation Room full of smiles, skip down the aisle, meet her waiting parents, and with them light “her” candle indicating that the light of Christ had just been shared with her. Gabrielle is one of 11 youngsters who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Sunday. It was an absolute delight to observe how happy each one seemed as he or she left the room where they had met with Fr. Scott to celebrate God’s forgiveness. We are graced to have a pastor who did not hurry this process, but spent quality time with each child. We are blessed to have Religious Ed. staff members who made sure that the children were well prepared and that when the last child finished, the celebration continued over large, gooey cookies and cake, lemon bars and juice. Truly it was a joyous occasion!

The Church calls the Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday, reflecting the opening verse of the Mass: “Rejoice in the Lord, always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” This week is probably the prime time for an Advent Penance Service, and our cluster has one scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, at 7:15 pm at All Saints Church in Lansing.

There is no denying that confessing one’s sins can be difficult, especially if our sins are many or serious. Yet the sacrament is meant to celebrate the wonder of God’s merciful love, not to focus mainly on our sins or our confession. I hope that Gabrielle and the other children who celebrated their First Reconciliation last Sunday will always associate joy with “going to confession.” I hope many of you will take the opportunity to gather together Tuesday and experience the joy and peace of God’s mercy.

Speaking of hope, during recent weeks I have deepened my understanding why hope is a major theme of Advent. Fr. Michael Himes’ DVD series that we are using in the cluster has brought that grace to me. He points out that the purpose of all of Scripture is to give us hope. It is to encourage us to not give up, no matter how dire the situation of the world is. We Christians dare to hope for the triumph of good over evil, of justice over injustice and love over hatred, both in this world and in the next. God has come in the flesh, is coming in every present moment and will come in the end-time. Our discussion groups have had some good conversation about what we Catholics believe about the Second Coming. We expect it to be joyful, not fearful.

At every Mass, in the midst of the Our Father, we pray, “...and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ.” Yes, Advent reminds us to hope for better days, but it also reminds us that we can’t just passively wait. Nothing happens between heaven and earth without human cooperation. With urgency we are to sow the seeds of the kingdom by loving our neighbor, feeding the hungry and obeying Jesus’ commands.

Happy Gaudete (Latin for “**Be Joyful**”) Sunday, *Sr. Doreen*

MEDITATION

JOHN THE BAPTIST made quite an impression, apparently. His message was to make the way straight where the Lord would move. The message was effective—many in the crowds saw the need to change their lives, and they began: they were baptized.

But now what? Part of John’s message was to wait. Someone else was coming. And what happened between now and the Christ’s arrival *mattered*. Images like “the ax lies at the root of the trees” are serious. The waiting John preaches is not just waiting around; it’s not a passive, spectator’s waiting. John’s followers were apparently anxious. The prophet answers specific questions from his audience. The tax collectors of the day were known to gouge those who owed money. With the power of the Roman rulers behind them, they could demand and obtain more than the official price.

So what would a *changed* tax collector look like? John doesn’t demand they leave their jobs. They should just collect what is prescribed. It would have been easier, in a way, to leave their jobs. Now they had to stand out from fellow tax collectors as honest oddities. They would likely look like fools.

Soldiers could expect to gain financially, too. John tells them to hold back from the fear tactics others would expect of them. Don’t extort. Be satisfied with your wages. Would other soldiers accept this?

If a prophet came to our modern workplaces, would we have the courage to ask how we should do our jobs? What should we do so we look like we’re baptized—like we’re waiting for the Lord? Followers of the Gospel are called to be *in* the world, not *of* it.

Those who *are* in the world—can they tell who we are?

DAN FINUCANE sundaybulletins@liguori.org

FR. SCOTT’S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays at St. Anthony 9:30 am—12:00 pm

Wednesdays at Holy Cross 9:30 am—1:00 pm

Thursdays at All Saints 10:00 am—1:00 pm

ALL SAINTS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. • Wed. • Thurs. 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Tues. 8:45 am—11:45 am

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. • Wed. • Thurs. 9:00 am—1:00 pm

ST. ANTHONY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am—12:30 pm

ST. ANTHONY DEACON OFFICE HOURS

Saturdays 3-4:00 pm (or by appointment)

BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

“Don’t worry, be happy,” was a catchy phrase from a delightful tune that was popular a few years ago. Those words sum up beautifully the essence of today’s Scripture readings. They invite us to shout for joy because God’s love is very close at hand; ready to be born among us in Jesus. The readings encourage us to let go of our fears, our negative attitudes, all that weighs us down and rejoice in God’s all encompassing love. The joy of God’s love relationship with each person calls us to be more than who we are at this moment.

Reflection: Who do I leave out of my circle of justice and love...some relatives, coworkers, immigrants, Muslims, my neighbors...?



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Go and tell what you see “The King is coming!!” We joyously proclaim the coming of Christ to all who will hear. We have waited so long for our beloved guest. Here in the last days before his arrival we wait in precious anticipation, listening eagerly for his step on the sidewalk, his knock on the door. Our house in order, our hearts open in welcome, we share our joyous expectation with one and all. We cry our eagerness to the world—**Maranatha!**

ST. ANTHONY NEWS

Saturday, Dec. 12 & 19 Fair Trade Sales @ St.A. after Mass
Sunday, Dec. 13 **Giving Tree Gifts Due**
Monday, Dec. 14 Mass @ Groton Nurs. Home 10:30am
Tuesday, Dec. 15 Advent Penance Svce. @ A.S. 7:15pm
Saturday Dec. 19 Confessions @ St.A. 3-3:45pm

ST. ANTHONY PRAYER REQUESTS

Floyd Vassalotti, Sara Friend, Josephine Rabinski, Fred Shafer, Don Kane, Jackie Lory, Sara Morse, Hubert and Bernadine Sharpe, Marion Allen, Paulette Cote, Jim Haskell, Karen Brown, Ginny Bradshaw, Bob Leitch, Jim Oswald, Steve Kletjian, Richard Weiss (Iraq), Ian Charles (Iraq), and Special Intentions.

THANK YOU — Many thanks to all those who donated baked goods for our annual Bake Sale at the Bank last Saturday. We sold everything and made a profit of \$200!!

COOKIE PLATTERS—Groton Nursing Home Residents

We will be assembling the cookie platters for the Catholic Nursing Home residents on Tuesday, **Dec. 15**, around 9:30am (after Mass). If you can bring in some cookies and stay to help put the platters together, we would greatly appreciate it. We'll plan coffee, as well.

LAP BLANKETS—If you have made a lap blanket for a Nursing Home resident, we will need it by Tuesday morning (Dec. 15). Thank you for your contributions.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, you may place your contribution in a marked envelope in the collection basket by Dec. 20. A full list will appear in the Dec. 26/27 Bulletin.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
Saturday, December 19 4:30 pm	
Greeters	Tony Astarita Julie Martin
Lectors	Martha Antrum Cathy Bishop
Altar Servers	DeAnna Darling Nate Morse
Ministers of Communion	Kathy Curry Pat Curry
Gift Bearers	Irene Gutchess Karen Zirbel
Cantor	Margie LaFrance
Nurs. Home Dec. 20	Irene Gutchess
Counters Dec. 21	Margie LaFrance Sheri Shurtleff

CLUSTER ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 7:15 pm at All Saints. This is the only penance service in the cluster this year.

CMA 2009 CAMPAIGN	
Goal:	\$11,717
Pledges:	\$ 7,810
Donors:	64
% of Goal:	66.66%

STEWARDSHIP

December 6, 2009 Offering (Week 23)

Envelopes (65): \$ 3,137.00
 Loose: \$ 209.25
Total: \$ 3,346.25
 Budgeted Weekly Goal: \$ 2,100.00

2nd collection next week: Utilities & Insurance

Thank you for your generous support!

MARY'S ROSARY at ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

Please join in this devotion to Mother Mary on Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the Chapel.

Happy is he who lives and dies under the protection of the Blessed Virgin.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE in the CHURCH

burns in loving memory of
LEWIS ROBINSON

(requested by The Robinson Family)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Today we welcome The Knights of Columbus, who are selling "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" magnets as a fundraiser after Mass. It is a great way to spread an important message as we enter the Christmas season. The durable and attractive magnets will last for years. The size of the magnet is 6.25 inches by 7 inches. The cost is **\$5.00**.

THANK YOU to the **Knights of Columbus Council 277**, who donated \$500 to St. Anthony Church to help defray the cost of our Missalette.

2010 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your boxed set of offertory envelopes in the vestibule.

PLEASE NOTE our Christmas Eve Mass will take place at **6pm**.
 Bring **BELLS** to ring during the Gloria!!

**GIVING TREE GIFTS
 DUE TODAY**

SINGING AT CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Practice continues (immediately after Mass) through Dec. 19 for any students who will be singing at Mass on Christmas Eve.



YOUTH FUNDRAISER — BEEF RAFFLE

Please help spread the word to family and neighbors about our Beef Raffle! Chances at winning are very high with only 75 tickets being available. This is a special opportunity to enjoy healthy, locally raised beef. Tickets are on sale after Mass. \$20 each or three for \$50. All are welcome to participate!!

CLUSTER NEWS

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, Dec. 15 7:15pm at All Saints Church

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The **Knights of Columbus** are selling "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" magnets as a fundraiser at All Saints, Holy Cross and St. Anthony Church this weekend. It is a great way to spread an important message as we enter the Christmas season. The durable and attractive magnets will last for years. The size of the magnet is 6.25 inches by 7 inches. The cost is **\$5.00**. They will be available after **Mass**. For more information contact: **All Saints** (Norman Wheeler, 257-7375), **Holy Cross** (Joseph Amore, 898-3760), **St. Anthony's** (Anthony Astarita, 838-3300). Thank you for your interest.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Join us at All Saints this afternoon (Sunday, Dec. 13) at 3pm for an exploration of Mary's answer to God's call. The Magnificat is one of the most beautiful of the canticles from the New Testament. Johann Sebastian Bach's setting of this beautiful text is one of the most expressive and profound versions of this canticle. Singing in the Magnificat will be Doreen Kelly Alsen, soprano, Katy Munson, soprano, Lorrie Butcher, alto, Drew Benware, tenor, Jim Evans, bass and Christopher Morgan Loy accompanying. This afternoon of prayer and reflection to God's call is open to all and free of charge!

TAB COLLECTING

The **Holy Cross Kindergarten class** is collecting aluminum can tabs to be sent to the Ronald McDonald House in the spring. Please join in their efforts!

ST. ANTHONY YOUTH FUNDRAISER — BEEF RAFFLE

Please help spread the word to family and neighbors about our Beef Raffle! Chances at winning are very high with only 75 tickets being available. This is a special opportunity to enjoy healthy, locally raised beef. Tickets are on sale at St. Anthony's after Mass. \$20 each or three for \$50. All are welcome to participate!!



Third Sunday of Advent

In this Sunday's gospel, John the Baptist describes how people should behave while they wait for the One who will baptize them with the Holy Spirit.

It is interesting that John the Baptist tells people how to behave in ways that reflect their particular circumstances: tax collectors should not collect more than required, and soldiers should not extort (a common occurrence) to make up for little wages. Each of us has ways of behaving as disciples that reflect our beliefs in our everyday life. The gospel reminds me that I live out my participating in the kingdom not only in extraordinary acts of charity or justice, but also in my day to day life at work, school or home.

How can I live my everyday life in a way that shows I believe that Jesus has come, and will come again?

dear Padre,

I have a friend who says that singing the "O Antiphons" is her favorite part of Advent. I was too embarrassed to tell her I didn't know what she was talking about. Can you help?

Janel

Dear Janel,

Most Roman Catholics have heard and sung the "O Antiphons" for years even if they don't know it. An *antiphon* is a brief refrain, usually from the Bible, either sung or said during worship. An "O" antiphon is an antiphon that starts with O, as in "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"—each verse of that song is made up of an "O Antiphon."

The antiphons are most at home in the Liturgy of the Hours, the collection of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings that make up the regular rhythm of the Church's prayer at morning, midday, evening, and night. The "O Antiphons" your friend refers to are verses used during the Church's evening prayer from December 17–23. With one verse spoken or sung before Mary's Magnificat each evening, these antiphons call on the Lord to come to his people using titles taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

When the "O Antiphons" are sung in Latin, they present a sort of acrostic with a hidden message. The first letter of each title in the antiphon spells *sarcoph*, which is *ero cras* spelled backward. In Latin, *ero cras* means "tomorrow I come" or "tomorrow I shall be."

In their original language and context, the "O Antiphons" have a particularly rich significance, but they remain beautiful even when sung simply in English as the verses of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

Matthew Allman, C.Ss.R.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24 4:00pm @ Holy Cross
6:00pm @ St. Anthony (note new time)
6:00pm @ All Saints
9:00pm @ All Saints
Midnight @ Holy Cross
Dec. 25 10:00am @ St. Anthony



TRAVELING CHALICE

The Cluster Vocation Committee invites you to sign up for the "Traveling Chalice" program. Look for the sign-up sheet, and do your part to help with the priest shortage.

POSITION OPEN at Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga Receptionist — 30 hours/week, benefits. Provide reception for phone callers and visitors to Ithaca office; accept Samaritan Center donations; check-in, process intakes and provide personal care products for Samaritan Center Program Participants. The Receptionist is the "face" of CCTT and is responsible for promoting a professional, warm and welcoming atmosphere to all entering CCTT. Associate's or two years experience, preferably in Human Services, required. Valid NYS driver's license, reliable vehicle preferred. CCTT is an Equal Opportunity Employer, seeking energetic and diverse applicants.

Resumé, cover by **December 18** to: Receptionist Search, CCTT, 324 W. Buffalo St., Ithaca, NY 14850. No phone calls please.

ALL SAINTS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 13	3 rd Sunday of Advent Giving Tree Gifts Due! Regional RCIA St. Catherine's 11:30am <i>Magnificat</i> / Musical Advent Reflection 3- 4pm
Tuesday, Dec. 15	Liturgical Service 9:30am Children's Choir 3:30pm Cluster Penance Service 7:15pm
Wednesday, Dec. 16	Adult Choir 7:30pm
Thursday, Dec. 17	Mass 9:30am Staff Meeting 11am (office closed 11am-12:30pm)
Saturday, Dec. 19	Heavenly Bakers Bake Sale 11am- 2pm Teen Group Bell Ringing 12-4pm @ TOPS Market
Sunday, Dec. 20	Confessions @ St.A. 3-3:45pm 4th Sunday of Advent Epiphany Pageant

GIVING TREE

Giving Tree gifts must be turned in today!! If it is still at home, please get it now, as the Social Ministry committee needs to check them off and get them up to LUMC for distribution tomorrow.

EPIPHANY PAGEANT

The annual presentation of the religious education classes' Epiphany Pageant will be after Mass next Sunday, December 20th. Plan to stay for this always charming depiction of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE Sunday, Dec. 20 10:30 am	
Lectors	Bridget Randall Tom Streb
Cantor	AnnMarie Hautaniemi
Host Choir	Shelly Matheny Tricia Miller
Cup Choir	Pat Miller Carolyn Montague Ed Pasto Maureen Trowbridge
Altar Servers (Training)	(C) Kristin Galvin (A) Margot Miller Andrew Galvin
Ushers	Megan Cretney Danny Cretney TJ Cretney Anne Drake
Nursery	Wendy Ouellette Ashley McDonald
Coffee Hr.	Colbert

GIVING THANKS

Thank you to Margaret Haring and the other members of the Social Ministry committee for their work organizing the Giving Tree. These presents mean a lot to families in need in the Lansing area, and we appreciate your work in making it possible for us to help! Thank you also to everyone who took a tag or 3 and brought gifts. Many Christmases are brightened by the collective generosity!

The **MAGNIFICAT**
Today at 3pm

ALL SAINTS STEWARDSHIP — December 6: \$ 2,891.60

HEAVENLY BAKERS BAKE SALE DECEMBER 19th

Company coming for Christmas? We've got you covered with homemade cookies, cakes, pies, breads, Marie Romano's famous Gingerbread Houses, and more at the annual Christmas Heavenly Bakers' Bake Sale on **Saturday, Dec 19th 11am-2pm**. Bakers—clearly marked baked goods can be dropped off anytime during office hours or Saturday morning before the sale.

CMA

Goal: \$11,749

Pledged: \$13,100

Donors: 48

% of goal: 111.50%

The **ANNUAL MEETING** for the **All Saints Parish Corporation** will take place on Monday, Dec. 21st at 6:30pm at All Saints.

CLUSTER PENANCE SERVICE

All Saints will host the Advent Cluster Penance Service this year. It will be this Tuesday, December 15th at 7:15pm. There will be several priests available for individual reconciliation.

PINK FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES

Among the envelopes in your stewardship boxes are pink ones with "Flower Donation" printed on them. Although Michaleen's generously donates most of our altar flowers, including Christmas and Easter, we send flowering plants throughout the year to anyone in the parish who is sick, homebound, recovering from surgery or bereaved and to the elderly and homebound at Christmastime. The flower donations pay for those flowers and additional items for the altar displays when needed. If you would like to donate to the flower fund in memory of someone, be sure to write the name of the person in whose memory you are donating on the outside of the pink envelope (a list will be published in a later bulletin). Thank you! Your flower donation dollars bring a lot of cheer throughout the year!

MUSIC FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

If you would like to join the choir for Christmas, we meet on Wednesday evenings 7:30-9pm. Anybody who plays an instrument and who wants to play on Christmas Eve needs to contact me so we can set some things up! It's best to e-mail me at dalsen@twcny.rr.com. You can also reach me at 342-1004. I look forward to hearing from you!

Doreen

TEEN GROUP NEWS

• ADVENT PROJECT

Each Sunday in Advent, there will be a slide show in the narthex as you enter the church. These are photographs the teens have taken that were inspired by the day's Gospel reading. The slide show will change each Sunday.

• BELL RINGING

December 12th and 19th from 12-4pm the teen group will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army, first at Northside Liquors on the 12th then TOPS Market on the 19th.

HOLY CROSS NEWS

MEETINGS / CLASSES/ SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 13	Christmas Basket Collection
	Giving Tree Gifts Due
9:45 am	Religious Ed, Sprouts – MS
	Quilt Raffle Drawing
10-11:30 am	Advent (Christmas) Party
11 am-3 pm	Youth Group Bell Ringing
3 pm	Advent <i>Magnificat</i> @ A.S.
Monday, Dec. 14	
9:45 am	Advent Program #4 @ H.C.
10:30 am	Mass at Groton Nursing Home
1:30 pm	Mass at Oak Hill
5:45-6:45 pm	Jazzercise
Tuesday, Dec. 15	
7:15 pm	Cluster Penance Service @ A.S.
Saturday, Dec. 19	
3-3:45 pm	Confessions @ St.A.
7:00 pm	Bingo, Team E
Sunday, Dec. 20	
9:45 am	Religious Ed, Sprouts – MS
After Mass	Christmas Basket Delivery Church Decoration

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Lloyd Kimmich, Vinnie Adinolfi, Russ Kowalski, Pat Foley, Marion Witko, Jim Swinnich, Gary Vrabel, Mary Falise, John Steele, Sunhee Schickel, Phyllis Campbell, Charles Walsh, Paul Conklin, Gordon Gladden, Ethel Thomas, Leah Mayor, Chrissy Bravo-Cullen, Jocelyn Woods, and Amy Grosser.

Please keep our area servicemen and women in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS CHOIR



Calling all youth singers! Would you like to sing a song (or two) during the Children's Christmas Eve Mass? Let Lacy Park or Barb Ivers know if you would like to sing. We will practice after Mass.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Sunday, December 20 8:30 am	
Greeters	Bob Harkness Joe Unterreiner
Lectors	Catherine Flanagan Lorena Bobnick
Altar Servers	Ali Abel- Ferretti Tanis Bobnick
Host	Pat Brennan Sr. Doreen
Cup	Doug Collins Ellen Fagan Lina Pucinischi Margie Albern
Oak Hill	Lisk

15 WEEK CLUB
Entries are due by **Dec. 15th** to join the "15 Week Club" and be part of the fun. You have to be in it to win it!

CMA
Goal: \$14,704
Pledges: \$11,230
Donors: 67
% of Goal: 76.37%

OUR GOAL is to be a parish of tithers ...

Weekly offerings to meet expenses:	\$ 2,700.00
Offerings week of 12/6: (includes ACH deposits)	4,206.50
Offerings needed July 1 to now:	62,100.00
Actual offerings received since July 1:	61,063.04
Difference for the year to date:	(1,036.96)
Tithing Account balance:	1,030.92

WEB — Weekend Back Pack Collection

A number of students from very low income families in the Dryden School District receive backpacks on Fridays, which have some food for over the weekend. Every month a different food is collected to help the program. **For the month of December, we are collecting granola bars.** Collection bins are at the back of the Church. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Thank you for the non-perishable food that is accumulating in the back of church. The collection continues until Dec. 20. Each child has 2 tags on the tree each with different suggestions. You are welcome to take more than one tag, especially if there are tags left. Please do not wrap the gifts that you buy—we will provide wrapping paper so the parents can wrap the presents themselves. *Please return the gifts by Dec. 13th so we know all the gifts are ready for the 20th and do not have to shop for replacements.* **We need drivers to deliver the Christmas baskets. Delivery will begin at noon.** We will pack and deliver the baskets on December 20 after Mass. The Middle School Rel. Ed. students will be packing the food, and the High School students will be organizing the gifts. We will need adults to help with packing and delivery. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping these families.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES — Participate actively in both of the Christmas Eve Masses. Bring one of your favorite ornaments to help decorate the tree and bells to ring during the singing of the Gloria.

CLUSTER ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 7:15 pm at All Saints. This is the only penance service in the cluster this year.

COLLECTING TABS — Please collect your tabs from aluminum cans for the Kindergarten Class! They will be sending them to the Ronald McDonald House this spring.

NEW COMMUNION MINISTER TRAINING will be held tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 14th at 4:30 pm in the church. Consider prayerfully if God is inviting you to serve in this way.

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** have generously donated \$500 to the parish to defray the cost of our Missalettes. We are most grateful for their donation.