

Parish Mission

To expand and improve our Catholic faith community by responding with compassion and understanding to the spiritual and corporal needs of our parishioners and neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.

Revenue Sharing Program

Winner April 1 Sarah Goodall

Cardinal's Annual Appeal

Our current pledge total for the 2007 Annual Cardinal's Appeal is now \$25,875 with \$19,780 paid. So we are over halfway toward our parish goal of \$43,050. Thank you to the 139 families who have contributed so far. If you have not yet contributed, please make your gift soon so we can finish our solicitation phase timely. Please be as generous as you can. Cardinal's Appeal envelopes are in the vestibules of the churches.

Attendance

April 1, 2007
1651

April 2, 2006
1061

This Week's Events

Today, Sunday April 8

No Religious Ed Classes this week.

Monday, April 9

No Religious Ed Classes this week
St. Vincent De Paul, 6:30, CCD Office

Tuesday, April 10

Pastoral Council, 7 pm, St. John's Hall

Spring Breakfast

The parish will be having a spring breakfast on Sunday, April 29 from 8:30 until 12:00 at St. Joachim's Hall. We will be serving pancakes, egg and bacon sandwiches, juice and coffee. Please come and enjoy a delicious breakfast.

Adult Education Classes

No class this week (Wednesday of Easter Week).

Bulletin Submissions

A reminder that items for the bulletin should be received in the Parish Office by Friday one week before the desired publication date. Occasionally items can be used if received by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, but this is not guaranteed. Submit items via e-mail if possible.

Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy service at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 15 at St. John's. All are welcome.

Exposition and Vespers

During the Easter season, beginning today (Easter Sunday), we will hold Vespers and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's. All are invited to join us.

Thank You from Sr. Kathy

Fr. Nolan received the following note.
"Dear Fr. Nolan, I am humbled by the extraordinary generosity of your parishioners in support of the mission trip to Guatemala. Please extend my sincere thanks and assure them that they will travel with us in spirit as we interact with the beautiful people of Guatemala. Blessing. Sr. Kathy Maire"

Pilgrimage/Leisure Tour of "Majestic Italy"

Planning for this parish pilgrimage is going well. It should be a great trip for all. For more information call Marianne Dahl (831-5406) or Helen Iannone (831-1230).

Rummage Sale

Clean, usable clothing and clean, usable household goods may be dropped off at the gym between the hours of 2-4:30 and 6:30-8:30 Monday through Wednesday. No heavy, bulky items please. The Rummage Sale will be held from 10 am-4 pm on Thursday and Friday and from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday. Please, donation items are not being accepted on the sale days. Thank you.

Couples Married 50 Years During 2007

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary anytime during 2007 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Egan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, May 20, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the parish office to register before Friday, May 4. This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

To serve your needs better, Fr. Nolan would like to know:

- Of any parishioner who is hospitalized
 - Of any one in need of prayer
 - Of any one who would like a pastoral visit
- Our parish priests and the Special Ministers of Holy Communion bring the Eucharist to our ill parishioners. The Sacraments of the Sick and Reconciliation are also available from our priests on their visits. If you or someone you know is in need of the Sacraments, please call the parish office.

Through the Outreach Program – Parish Volunteers provide supportive and practical services for seniors and other persons who are in need. These include friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, shopping and local medical transportation/escort. *Drivers are needed for the Outreach Program for doctor's appointments. If you are able to help please call the parish office.*

Pray for the Sick – Lorraine Barnett, Annie Bates, Alice Baxter, Deborah Bonnell, Victoria Burke, Noah Cory, Dorothy Edwards, Cornelius D'Aprile, Gilda D'Aprile, Jane Dirito, Marie Ann Gama, Gabrielle Engstrom, Valerian Fernandes, Russell Fullen, Lillian Hughes, Cindy Kyriazis, Jane Licht, Eileen Malik, George Maleakas, Aric Morgan, Carol Morrone, Charles Morse, Kevin McElduff, Jim O'Donnell, Nancy O'Neil, Marion O'Shea, Diane Pavelock, Mary Rafter, Helen Resek, James Rogers, Bibi Rodrigues, Steve Rose, Seabury, Dorethea Tompson, Jean Torrie, Christian Toro, Wanda Tortora, Patricia Tribble, Thomas Trochan Jr., and Bill Wassweiler.

In your kindness please remember in your prayers those at home:

Emily Adams	Ann Petix
Antonina Giavatto	Jean Pettorossi
Tomasso Giavatto	Robert Sandford
Anne Komer	Florence Sensel
Charles Morse	Catherine Smith
Debbie Milkovich	Kathleen Thurston

And also our friends in McClelland's, Elant (formerly Fishkill Health Related), Wingate at Beacon, Forrestal Heights and Hamilton Fish.

If you know of anyone who is homebound or ill, please call the parish office.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the people who have recently died, and ask God to grant their family and loved ones the strength to carry on until we all join God in the Resurrection: Marie Haight, Constance Riley, John Collins, and Donald Lyman

Broadway Musical

The tickets to see the Broadway musical, "Mary Poppins" on Sunday, August 26 are sold out! Thank you for your interest in these parish social events.

Cooking Class

Our third cooking class will be held on Sunday, April 22. If interested, please call Marianne Dahl at 831-5406. Additional information will be in next week's bulletin.

Outside the Parish

High School Teens

There is a special retreat just for you called Day-by-Day Agape at the Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries in Garrison. Agape is a Greek word, which expresses the love between the human and the divine. So DDA refers to living in God's love as an individual and in community. The next weekend for girls will be Thurs. evening Apr. 19 thru Sun. Apr 22. If you have any questions or would like an application, please call Michelle Antalek at 831-1544.

Country Night

Sponsored by Trinity Council, Knights of Columbus. Friday, April 13, 7 pm until midnight at the Council hall. Buffet dinner, draft beer, wine, soda. DJ Kactus Keith line dancer instructor. Tickets \$20 before April 4, \$25 at the door. For reservations, please call the Council at 831-0445. Part of the proceeds to benefit Special Olympics.

Mount St. Alphonsus Retreat Center

Day of Prayer Tuesdays, Apr. 17, May 15, Jun. 19 from 9:30 am to 3 pm. A day for men and women of presentation, discussion, prayer and reflection, including the opportunity for Reconciliation and Eucharist. 845/384-8000.

Catholics Returning Home

St. Denis Church, Beekman Rd., Hopewell Junction will offer a six-week series entitles "Catholics Returning Home" beginning April 10, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the St. Denis Rectory Meeting Room. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about the Church. If you know of someone who has left the Church, please invite them to attend. For more information, call Deacon Enrico at 227-8382.

Basketball and Volleyball Camps

Our Lady of Lourdes Basketball Camp will be held for two, one-week length sessions. The first week is June 25-29; and the second week will be July 9-13. Camp ages are 6-13 for both boys and girls. Hours are from 9-3 and will be held in the OLL gym. The fee is \$125. For further information and registration forms, please call 463-0400 ext. 1200.

Volleyball Camp at Our Lady of Lourdes High School is scheduled for the week of August 6. Girls in grades 6-8 are invited for a week of instructional volleyball at OLL. The camp emphasis will be fundamental skill development in areas of passing, serving, hitting and defense. The camp will be held Mon.-Fri. from 9-3 and will be limited to 40 participants. The fee is \$125. For

further information or registration forms please call 463-044 ext 1005.

HeartSpa

Take time to relax make new friends, worship God, and dig deeper into your relationship with Jesus. Together we'll experience meaningful devotions, spa treatments, and lots of rejuvenating fun! Our retreat takes place at St. Denis Parish Hall. Check-in begins at 8:00 am on April 21. Program begins promptly at 9:00 and will end by 4:15. Call Carol at 635-1785 for more information. Fee is \$35 and includes supplies and lunch. Space is limited.

Pirates of Penzance

Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement

The Sisters at Graymoor invite all to the fourth annual benefit of the Sisters at Graymoor. The whole family will enjoy the "Pirates of Penzance." The performance will be at the Paramount Center for the Arts in Peekskill on Sunday, April 29. All proceeds benefit the ministry and elder care needs of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement at Graymoor. Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the Sister's Gift Shop at Graymoor or by calling 230-8228.

Parents of Children with Special Needs

Parents of children with a learning disability, chronic illness, handicap, or any condition requiring special attention are invited to a supportive parenting group to address your own and your children's concerns. The meeting will be on the second Thursday, April 12, at St. Denis Parish in Hopewell Junction at 7:30 pm. Call Karen at 226-6618 for more information. Babysitting will be provided with advance notice. Come, join us as we minister to each other with loving encouragement and understanding.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 8, 2007

"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him ... He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins through His name ... For they did not understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead."

"Lord, where are you leading me" is now answered clearly. We are called to the joy of Easter and the glory which it entails.

Television spots, radio interruptions ask us to watch or listen to an important item: "We interrupt our normal broadcast to bring you..." The Easter sermons, the proclamations by Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles are just that, announcements that Jesus has overcome sin and death and won for us the gift of new life. If we truly believe what we have just read, then we must act.

Each of us has been commissioned to preach and witness by our lives that Christ lives and that He lives in us. We take the gift of grace, the life He offers us, to experience and live as a redeemed, a forgiven people. We try to penetrate the meaning of this day, to understand the scriptures. Not looking at an empty tomb, but discovering the many ways the presence of the Risen Lord affects our lives. Are you doubtful of your ability to do this?

Reread the first line: "He went about doing good" and I can too. "God was with Him" and He is with me too.

Easter is the day of great joy and gives meaning to our lives as disciples. May we live the joy of Easter each and every day.

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