

WE GATHER

Sunday 10AM Eucharist
 11AM Faith Formation K-6
 Adults—"Coffee And"
 Tuesday 10A Communion Service / Adult Home
 11:30A Gathering Place ..Presbyterian Ch.
 8P AA Jaracz Hall
 Thursday 12N AA Church Hall
 Friday 10AM Morning Prayer and Communion
 11:30A Gathering Place ..Presbyterian Ch.
 Next Sunday 11:00AM K-6 Faith Formation

January 21 Meatloaf Dinner at First United Methodist Church
 January 27 6P Pizza and a Movie
 January 28 1PM "Environment Committee" ... At Church
 February ___ "Brunch at Barb's—Ladies at Eleven"
 February 8 1PM Environment Committee

WE SERVE

SHARING TREASURE.

Thank you to the folks who support Saint Cecilia's financially. This week, the contribution for Church Support was \$1,790 (with \$160 of that being makeup.) In outright donations, \$100 was offered. Christmas donations = \$40, All Saints' Day = \$20. North Country Ministry Emergency Fund = \$20, Fuel and utilities = \$175, and \$215 for the Mission Trip. Thank you, one and all.

SHARING TIME AND TALENT

EEE YI YI! All directions were followed perfectly, but it didn't work! ie ... The tax letters are still in progress. Linda Gaiotti's canonization process is about to begin! Thank you to Dana Winter for putting away the major portion of the Christmas decorations on Tuesday.

Thank you to all who attended last week's Virtus Training, allowing them to work with our children: Susan Shepler, John Cleveland, Maggie Bammert, jo Melia. And thank you to our "SNOWMEN!" (see note below.) Thank you to Cheryl York, Diane Newell, and Mary Anne Doty for planning our Lenten Music Menu.



Post Holiday Blahs?
 Cabin Fever? Bored?
**SPONSOR A
 "FUN—RAISER!"**

In the works so far:

- #1 **Brunch at Barb's..... Ladies at Eleven**
 Sunday, February ____, Barb Orton is opening her home for parish ladies to get together for a bit of "Coffee And". [Should the weather prevent travel up the hill, it will become "Brunch WITH Barb... Ladies at Eleven at Linda's!" The brunch will be at the convent.] No matter the weather, the show will go on! (Thanks, Barb, for starting us off!) The date will be set soon!
- #2 **"Something Italian"** by Ruth Fruda and Andrea Hayes... Some night...date to be set... There will be room for about 15... A small fee will be charged in order to do the grocery shopping!
- #3) Anyone interested in a **"Craft Night"?** Is there something that you have been trying to finish? Let's get together in the Church Hall ... Or just come and chat!! John Cleveland is organizing this event.... Speak to John if you are interested. (222-4870)
- #4) Emily Kladis is planning a **Cabin Fever Dinner** ...watch for further details.
- #5) **"Pizza and a Movie at the White House"** at 57 Library Ave....the York's... Room for 8... (It's like being in the movie theatre!) Friday, **January 27**, pizza at 6P, movie to follow.... "Water for Elephants".... \$5 covers pizza and soda...bring your own beer or wine..... The sign up sheet is in the narthex.

- Do you have an idea for an event to beat the blahs?
- You organize it and slh will advertize it.
- There could be cost attached or not.... Depends on event..
- This is not a fund raiser.... It is a fun raiser.
- It can work any way you want. The Hall is often available.... Offer a dinner...or bingo...or game night... Or find a gang to go Lizzie Keyes....

Thank you to our **SNOWMEN!**

Clark Orton plowed on Thursday and Joe Klewicki shoveled and Tim Toolan used the snow-blower. A mystery person shoveled on Friday. Mark Semon took care of the ice on Saturday.

Thank you, Gentlemen!



WE WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

Sat, 1/15 4:30P Intentions of Parishioners
 Sun, 1/16 10AM Alfred Viger,
 Req. sisters Joan & Jeanne
 Fri. 1/20 10AM Morning Prayer and Communion
 Sat, 1/21 4:30P Special Intentions of Parishioner in Need
 Req. Aurelie Massimine
 Sun. 1/22 10AM Steven MacJarrett
 Req. Rick and Gail DeMarsh

**Morning Prayer with Communion.
 10am Fridays, instead of 9am.**

This is a lovely prayer.... includes faith sharing. The "Friday Morning Community" hoped that more folks would be able to attend at the later time slot. Come! It is peaceful.



**Sundays, 11:15-12noon
 Thursdays, 10:30-11:15AM**

Beginning 1/22 and 1/26
 Bring Bible
 Meet Convent Dining Room
 Initial Agenda:
 Bible Themes and the Big Picture
 (Please "register" in the narthex.)

**She who hesitates
 may have to wait a year!**

Meant to join Women's Spirituality but forgot? This is the last call. The women will be meeting on the SECOND MONDAY of the month. They have chosen the book: Simple Ways Toward the Sacred by Gunilla Norris. You are very welcome to join... But the longer you wait, the behinder you will be! Please contact Mary Anne Doty after the 4:30 Saturday Mass or by phone at 793-3150. or via email at mjd62@roadrunner.com.



Prayer Chain Contact Alice Damp at edaldamp@yahoo.com or 623-3618. Would you like to join the prayer chain? It is important ministry.

Tabernacle Candle January candle will burn in memory of Genevieve Morwood, at the request of Jim.

From St. Benedict Priory, Chestertown
 494-3733 www.prioryretreathouse.org
 Check out the web page for wonderful opportunities of spiritual growth. ... in our own backyard!!

North Country Ministry 623-2829
 3933 Main Street Clothing Center & Baby's Place
 9-12 Monday/ 9-12 Tuesday/ 1-4 Wed, Thursday, Friday
 The Gathering Place is now located at the Presbyterian Church.
 A hot lunch is served each Tuesday and Friday, 11:30A-12:30

NEWS AND NOTES FROM NEIGHBORS

- **Bob Croft** sends his greetings from Neptune, New Jersey... "Dear All... Thank you so much for all your greetings at Christmas time. I'm doing fairly well. Just can't get these legs to work as I would like. Best wishes for the New Year."
- The **Dominican Retreat and Conference Center** in Niskayuna offers many weekend opportunities. See the bulletin board for offerings or go to www.dslcny.org
- Notes of thanks have been received from the **Food Pantry at the Presbyterian Church, the AIDS Council, and North Country Ministry** thanking St. C's for the many contributions and signs of support. (St. C's in turn thanks **Dick and Pam Heyer** for delivering the donations to the AIDS Council in Hudson Falls and to **Alice and Ed Damp** who bring the food to the pantry each Monday after the first Sunday. TY GBY!)

Tax Man Cometh'

And your letter is ready and waiting in the narthex.
 If there is no letter there for you and you want one, just sign your name on the list and it will be there next week. Ty (And one final big thank you to Linda Gaiotti)

**Whenever possible,
 Don't forget to purchase "Fair Trade."**

Speak to Gail DeMarsh about purchasing one of the Decaf-bags of Coffee that are available. There are only 3 left.



WE TEACH

Super Son Day was Fun!

But who found the silver dollar in the cake? You never "fessed up!" 24 "kids" attended and 6 youth assisted. It was fun—and Gail did a great job! Thanks, one and all.



Our Bible Stories begin this week. Ask any of our children about CREATION, THE APPLE, THE MURDER! Next week our kids will be able to tell us all about THE FLOOD, THE DOVE, THE CONFUSION!

Wednesday Faith Formation seems to be out. Only four families responded so far and, actually, it works only for one. As an alternative solution, it was suggested that folks with difficulty meet for 45 minutes following Saturday 4:30 Mass. There is a lukewarm response to this so far. As noted in the letter each parent received, the deadline is today, January 15, Sunday.



Please speak with Gail DeMarsh who is coordinating the responses.

Right now, we have 4 really great 3rd and 4th graders who have no teacher. **WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO TEACH? Just 9 classes are left.. If you enjoy being creative and fun, this is for you!!** And our kids are the BEST!!

Thank you to our Catechists!

Emily Kladis (K-1), Kris Webster (First Communion), ___? ___? (3-4), and Jessica Birkholz (5-6). Willing to be assistants: Brian Angell, Jane Skorko, Maggie Bammert, John Cleveland, Trudy Siletti, Christine Bruno, and Susan Shepler. Offering to be "researchers" are Jane Skorko and Leigh Cain. Willing to be a new presider at Children's Liturgy of the Word: Rita Lang, Christine Bruno, Kim Belanger, and Susan Shepler. (Now to organize the organizers!!)

*****Meeting this Past Week*****

President: Mark Semon
Vice President: Richelene Morey
Recording Secretary: Emily Kladis
Trustees: Harriet Bunker and Ed Gaiotti
Pastoral Associate Administration: Gail DeMarsh
Members: Pat Leonard, Susan Shepler, John Cleveland, Shari Blydenburgh, Dawn Brunner, Linda Gaiotti (Absent because of work, travel, or retreat: Shari, Linda, Ed, Gail.)

UPDATES:

- Snow removal on track thanks to Joe Klewicki, Clark Orton, Dave Alexander, Tim Toolan, Mark Semon, and mystery person.
- Tax letters imminent
- Cabin Fever events taking shape
- Faith Formation Report..."The Plan"
- Adult Scripture Study.... No Consensus on time (Council told slh she gives people too many options. Just Do It!)



PLANNING AHEAD

- Formalize Ministries "again" ... A beginning:
 - Environment Ministry (ie decorating the worship space for different liturgical seasons) will meet at 1PM, Sat., 1/28.. Interested? WELCOME! Planning for Lent and Triduum
 - Music Choosing Committee intact
 - Emily Kladis will be the point person for the Faith Formation teachers and create and insure support for K-6.
- Let the kids be more involved in the liturgy
- Lenten Alms....In the past we have had success with special intentions for our alms... Both international and local.... This year???? (Suggestions needed soon because the envelopes need to be printed.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Display pictures/ contact info Council Members
- Training and Update of Liturgical Ministers and presiders of Children's Liturgy of the Word still to be scheduled

It's Time!

Our "Children's Chapel" needs to be spruced up and stop looking like a store-room. Two types of folks are needed: a) the creative types who can come up with ideas b) knowledgeable and talented people who can carry off the plan. **Please contact slh asap!**

Gale Winds

enter our nave via our windows, plugs, and through the walls! (Stand by the organ bench and pull the newspaper out of the wall. Feel the breeze!) Two weeks ago help was requested to hold the ladder while the window leaks were stopped. No response. No one has two hours to give to St. C's? SLH keeps hearing Bill Hogan in her head saying: "You are heating the outdoors!" Is that ok with everybody?

