

WHEN THERE IS A FUNERAL MASS, THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNION SERVICE OR OTHER MASS.

LITURGY FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 12th:
5:00 PM ~ JEAN DE FRANCO - By Guy & Mary Ann Margiotta
Sunday, December 13th:
9:30 AM ~ PETER E. HALBIN - By Wife
Monday, December 14th:
8:15 AM ~ COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday, December 15th:
8:15 AM ~ KAREN SHEFTIC - By Dan & Jane Welch
Wednesday, December 16th:
8:15 AM ~ COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday, December 17th:
8:15 AM ~ COMMUNION SERVICE
Friday, December 18th:
8:15 AM ~ TOD GILLARD - By Jim & Joan Orman
Saturday, December 19th:
5:00 PM ~ ANGELO LO CURTO - By Margaret Horrocks
Sunday, December 20th:
9:30 AM ~ BRIAN ZAMIARA - By Helen Cole

Readings for the Week of December 13, 2009

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



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POINTS TO PONDER . . .

December 13th – Third Sunday of Advent

- Sit with what troubles you; offer it to God for healing.
- What signs are there in your choices that you trust the Lord’s power to work in you?
- What act of kindness could you do this week?

THIS WEEK . . .

Missal Reading - #485 Cycle C

Sunday, December 13th:

3rd Sunday of Advent

- **9:30 AM** Mass w/CLW
- **11 AM** FF Grades K-5
- **11 AM** Jr. Hi Youth
- **5 PM - 8 PM** Sr. Hi. Youth

Monday, December 14th:

- **7 PM** Confirmation at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Wednesday, December 16th:

Unity Advent Event

- **7 PM** Advent Prayer for Peace - St. Mary’s, Honeoye

Saturday, December 19th:


- **4 PM** Sacrament of Penance
- **5 PM** Mass

Sunday, December 20th:

4th Sunday of Advent

- **9:30 AM** Mass w/CLW
- **11 AM** FF Grades K-5
- **11 AM** Jr. Hi Youth
- **5-8 PM** Sr. Hi Youth
- **6 PM** Blue Christmas Service - Zion Episcopal Church
- **7:15 PM** Concert at Church

Liturgical Ministers – December 19th & 20th

Altar Servers	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Ministers of Hospitality	Cantor
5:00 PM: Becky Drexler Ben Drexler Ben Agnello	#1 Rita Schultz #2 Robert Wright	Cup: Joan Reid Barbara Torregiano Mike Torregiano Michael Torregiano	Amy Peri Robert Feeley Joseph DiTucci	Roxanne Carroll
Mass Coordinator: John & Mary Liccini				
9:30 AM: Nora Hayes John Steele Brenna Donegan	#1 Dr. Robert Hayes #2 Edward Prince	Cup: Jan Irwin Carol Manning Theresa Fantone Mary Beth Brinkerhoff	Ted Coyne James Dolgos John Gibson	
Mass Coordinator: Jan Irwin				

A Note from Sr. Karen . . .

I am trying to write this week’s column with my desk piled high with other work and people to be visited and projects to be started. At home, I have one batch of candy started, but it all needs to be dipped in chocolate. I have managed to get to the post office to buy stamps for my Christmas cards, and I found the cards I purchased last year at 75% off – but haven’t taken pen to paper at all. Does this feel like your day? I suppose you could come up with your own list of started but not finished projects, etc. And yet, this is the Advent season, when we are also trying very hard to stay focused on the real meaning of Christmas.

And so, I have taken a moment to breathe, turned the kettle on for some tea and put in a Christmas CD. All of this to help me to take a few minutes to slow down. I have found, though I am not a very good practitioner, that taking a moment or two to breathe and slow down, actually makes the time I do have a bit more productive. It also helps me to realign my sense of what is most important; perhaps even letting some things go until another moment or another day.

What triggers holiday anxiety in your life? What are those things that are crowding your sense of well being today? What is keeping you from finding the joy of the Advent season? What is it that will bring you to a STOP and encourage you to remember to breathe? Whatever it is – promise yourself that you will take a moment this week and DO IT. If you are like me, this small practice will restore your inner sense of peace and wellness and make you more fun to be with. What a great unexpected benefit!

Wishing you Advent blessings, *Sr. Karen*



Taize Prayer – Unity Advent Event

This Wednesday evening we are taking the Taize prayer experience “on the road.” We will be leading the prayer at St. Mary Church in Honeoye beginning at 7pm. If you are a regular attendee, please plan a car pool and come on over. And if you have never been able to join us on Tuesday evenings, maybe the change in day will make it possible for you. Though this is a very busy season, it is always good to make a little space for some quiet prayer, especially prayer for peace in our world.



Daily Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath



Light two purple/blue candles and one pink/white candle, for this is the midpoint of the Advent season, the “Joyful” Sunday!

Third Week

O Key of David, Jesus Christ, the gates of heaven open at your command, come and show us the way to salvation.

St. Agnes Community Helps with Red Kettle Campaign

If you have been up to Tops in recent weeks, you are most likely aware that there is a Salvation Army Red Kettle and a couple bell ringers there most of the day. We have designated December 15 as the “St. Agnes” day. If you are able and would like to help by taking a shift of 1 to 2 hours as a parish representative, please sign up on the sheet in the back of Church. It is a great service and most of the monies collected stay right here in our community. Thank you.

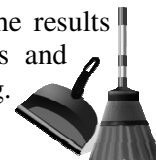


Parish Council Needs Your Help!

We are forming a small group to host several social events during the year. The events could be picnics, dinners, card tournaments, barbecues or whatever will bring our Parish family together for fun, laughing, talking and socializing while celebrating God’s name. These are not fundraising events but envisioned as a way to bring people together for a few hours as a family. We would like to have our first event by mid February and have the group formed by mid January. If interested please contact John Liccini at 226-2415. Thank You!!

Company’s Coming

And so it is time to spruce up our Church, to make us as welcoming a place as possible for the Christmas holidays. We will gather with dust cloths, vacuums and wisk brooms, polishing cloths and cleanser on Saturday, December 19th at about 10 AM and if there are enough of us, we should easily be done by noon. This is a service that is open to parishioners of all ages, and the results will be appreciated by our many friends and guests joining us in the week following. Thanks in advance!



Building Faithful Citizenship

"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...?

Vocation Awareness

Today's readings instruct us to show kindness to all, to be just in our dealings with each other, and to offer our petitions to God with thanksgiving. Then, we are told, "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." This is the simple path to holiness that each of us is called to follow. Another name for that path to holiness is your VOCATION. The path is different for each of us, but the destination is the same... the promise of eternal joy with our Creator. What path are you following?

Office of Vocation Awareness/ 585-461-2890/ vocations@dor.org/ website: www.dor.org/vocations

Christmas Needs

Help* Works Community Resource, a program of Catholic Charities of Livingston County, seeks assistance as we help families in need this Christmas. Donations of holiday food items, such as gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, potatoes, and turkeys would be greatly appreciated. In addition, volunteers are needed to adopt families and sort gifts. For more information on volunteering, please call 658-4466, x/24. Donations can be dropped off at: 20 Chapel Street, Mt. Morris NY 14510. Tuesday 9 AM-Noon; Wednesday 1-3PM; Thursday 9 AM-Noon and 5-7PM.



St. Agnes School - Christmas Pageant

Please join our performance of "Hark, the Herald Angel" on December 16th at either the 10:00 AM performance or the 7:00 PM performance.



"Keeping the Spirit Alive"

The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. Thank you to the 182 households who have responded with a gift or pledge totaling \$23,228. If you have not yet responded, please give consideration to your financial participation. During this week, another letter and pledge form will be mailed to everyone who has not yet responded. The Catholic Ministries Appeal provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. We need your financial support to reach our potential. Thank you and please pray for the success of our efforts.

God's Green Earth

Our God's Green Earth committee has begun a partnership with a company that offers schools cash back for wrappers and other items that would normally be placed in the trash. The items collected will be made into a variety of products such as backpacks, pencil cases, folders, and notebooks. The school is also collecting plastic caps that are non-recyclable and sending them to a cosmetic company that will reuse the plastic by grinding it down to make more caps. We look forward to hearing more about this committee and the work they are doing to benefit God's Green Earth.

Our Gift to You

On Sunday, December 20th, you are invited to join us for A Christmas Holiday Concert. St. Agnes School is pleased to announce that opera singers: Amy Cochrane, Nathan Oakes, Audra Cramer, Douglas Balkin, and Jessica Best will present a very special Christmas concert. This concert is open to the public and will be held at St. Agnes Church at 7:15 PM. Please join us and share the joy of this season.



Save the Date . . .

Tuesday, Dec. 15th ~ 9:00 AM

Advent...Remember, Repent, Rehearse!

Presented by: Fr. Mike Sergi, C.Ss.R.

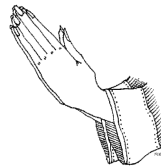
Give yourself a day during Advent to listen, reflect and unwind in the midst of the secular busyness.

At: Notre Dame Retreat House
5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424
Reserve a spot by calling 585-394-5700
There is a \$15.00 fee.



deceased priests, sisters, and laity of our community.

Pray also for Mary Aikens, Debbie Arca, Barry Balonek, Pat Barsz, Anne Biondolillo, Mike Brooks, Robert Brooks, Kathy Cadek, Tim Cochrane, Tom Cochrane, George Collins, Charlie Cook, Garry Crysler, Margaret Eckl, Father Frank Erb, Shirley Federico, Karen Flick, Rose Fusco, Michael Gillen, Gordon C. Gladden, Sharon Driscoll Glose, Rose Gross, Brennan Haglund, Elizabeth Hally, Steve Hanzlik, Brian Harrington, Leslie Heath, Sandy Hope, Bella Horrocks, Nora Hynes, Betty Kelishian, Tom King, Dan Kingston, Kay Lathron, Inez Law, Ruth Ann Lochner, Steve Mack, Ann Mancuso, Ignatius Mattie, Linda McMahon, Elaine Miller, Ruth Miller, Bob Mineo, Kathleen Mueller, Sadie Nau, Carl Olsen, Patricia O'Meara, Ray Patnode, Sam Peri, Sandra Piampiano, Josephine "Pep" Pusateri, Genevieve Reibson, Rose Reis, Steve Restivo, George Suhr, Ethel Thomas, Joe Tuchrello, Evelyn Tybor, Ann Marie Van Gelder, Brian Welch, Jane Welch, Kenneth Wilfeard, Zach Wilson, Betty Witherow, Jim Zito & Bessie Zulia.



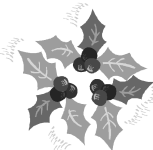
Please continue to pray for all men and women in our armed forces who are serving throughout the world especially Navy Commander Joseph L. Smith and PFC Thomas Kane.

Have we missed you or a loved one? Please call the parish office. Please help keep our list updated - call the office if you or your loved one no longer wish to be included on this list.

Do you find Christmas and the Holidays difficult?



Please join us for a time of prayer and fellowship on Sunday, December 20 at 6 PM at Zion Episcopal Church. This service is a quiet, thoughtful acknowledgement that because of circumstances of grief, job loss, separation/divorce or depression, many find the holidays especially painful – rather than the joy promised by everything from advertising to church music. This service is one of quiet hope and light in even the darkest of times.



Time to Deck the Halls!!
 Help decorate St. Agnes Church for Christmas!
 Thursday, December 24th at 10 AM

OUR FINANCIAL REVIEW

Offertory Receipts –
Weekend of December 5th & 6th, 2009

Envelopes	=	\$ 6,357.00
Loose	=	\$ 560.00
TOTAL	=	\$ 6,917.00
Offertory needed to balance budget	=	\$ 5,958.00
Overage this week	=	\$ 959.00
Tithe 3 percent	=	\$ 207.51
Attendance	=	468
Offertory Year-to-Date	=	\$121,934.00
Budgeted Offertory YTD	=	\$137,034.00
Shortfall Year To Date	=	\$(15,100.00)

*Your generosity to our parish is greatly appreciated!
 Many thanks to those who have made up their envelopes for those times they have been away.*

St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Weekend Masses:
 Saturdays ~ 5 PM
 Sundays ~ 9:30 AM

Advent Prayer for Peace:
 Wednesday, December 16th
 ~ 7 PM at St. Mary's, Honeoye

Christmas Masses:
 Thursday, December 24th
 ~ 5 PM (Pageant Mass)
 ~ 9 PM (Traditional Choir)

Friday, December 25th
 ~ 9:30 AM (Blessing of Toys)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:
 Friday, January 1st ~ 9:30 AM

