

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Celebrating 75 Years of Faith-Filled Service



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9, 2005

OUT OF THE DARKNESS...

The entire world is still reeling from the effects of the devastating earthquake and resulting tsunami that occurred in the Indian Ocean a couple of weeks ago. As we are bombarded with picture after picture of leveled villages, parents desperately wringing their hands at the loss of their spouse and/or children, children wandering around scrounging in the dirt for something to eat, we wonder how one would go on in the face of such a disaster. And then, something of a miracle occurs. Out of all this darkness, a light begins to glow in the form of people helping people. The outpouring of assistance from all around the world for the people who suffered losses from the tsunami runs the gamut! A child asks his parents to return his Christmas gifts so that he could send the money to the relief effort; scout troops all over are launching fund-raising efforts to raise money to help; schools, both public and parochial, are doing everything they can to assist in the relief; private people are looking for places to donate to; and parishes throughout all the dioceses are holding special collections. Instead of falling into despair, the human spirit with God's grace rises to the challenge of rebuilding villages, seaports, even human lives! We are so blessed! Here at St. Charles, we too are taking up a special collection at each Mass this weekend to do our part in the relief effort. Let us show the strength of our spirit as we extend our love and good wishes to those less fortunate. We can be a part of this miracle. Peace.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. HILARY

St. Hilary was born in France, of one of the most noble families of Gaul. He was brought up as a pagan. His own philosophic inquiries and the reading of the Bible led him to the knowledge of the true Faith and the reception of the Sacrament of Baptism. He then regulated his life according to the rules of the Faith he had embraced, and though a layman, zealously endeavored to confirm others in true Christianity. His wife, to whom he had married before his conversion and by whom he had a daughter, was still living when he was chosen Bishop of Poitiers in France about the 353. According to the practice which then existed, married men were sometimes promoted to the episcopacy. St. Hilary was one of the most strenuous defenders of the Divinity of Christ. He was known to be a mild-mannered and very affable man; however, against Emperor Constantius, who showed himself an enemy of the Church, he used the severest language. St. Hilary died in the year 389; he is invoked against snake bites. St. Hilary's feast day is Thursday, January 13th.

MISSION STATEMENT: We at St. Charles embrace the vision of the church taught by the second Vatican Council, namely, a people of faith led by the Holy Spirit journeying together to our final reunion with the Risen Christ. To that end, we pledge ourselves to a deeper love and appreciation for God's Holy Word found in Sacred Scripture. We pledge ourselves to a greater sensitivity to the plight of the poor and to victimized people in our society and the world at large. We acknowledge a need to work for justice. Finally, we commit ourselves to living, loving, and sharing the peace of Christ with all God's people.

MASS SCHEDULE

Reconciliation on Saturday Evening, 4:00 pm
 Saturday Evening Vigil, 5:00 pm
 Sunday Morning, 8:00 and 10:30 am
 Sunday Evening Youth Mass, 5:00 pm

**Mass Intentions & Readings
 January 10-January 16, 2005**

MONDAY, January 10

Reading: Heb 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20
 9:00am **Suzanne Forth** by Mike & Terry Ganley

TUESDAY, January 11

Reading: Heb 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28
 9:00am **William Pierce** by Pat Kasarda

WEDNESDAY, January 12

Reading: Heb 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39
 9:00am **Dr. Hansen Yuan** by Sr. Jean Burns

THURSDAY, January 13 Feast of St. Hilary

Reading: Heb 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45
 7:00am **Sarah Kerten** by Don & Rosemary Moyer

FRIDAY, January 14

Reading: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12
 7:00am **Bill O'Leary** by Richard & MaryAnn Gosson

SATURDAY, January 15

Reading: Heb 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17
 5:00pm **Rita MacDonald/Anniv** by Family

SUNDAY, January 16 Ecumenical Sunday

Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; John 1:14a, 12a
 8:00am **Donald Ennis** by Ron & Mary Kelly
 10:30am **Sarkis Nigolian** by Judge & Mrs. Leo Hayes
 5:00pm **People of St. Charles**

MEETINGS & NOTICES

OUR GOD REIGNS PRAYER GROUP

meets Tuesdays at 4:00 pm in the Reading Room. Rosary followed by prayer meeting. All are welcome.

SENIOR CHOIR rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Church. New members are most welcome!

LITURGY COMMITTEE meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

TOPS WEIGHT LOSS GROUP meets each Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 pm in Canfield Hall. New members welcome!

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Reading Room

COLLECTIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS

For January 1/2: 8,966.10
EXTRA CHRISTMAS: 580.00
WEEKLY BUDGET: 8,000.00
YEAR TO DATE INCOME: 205,758.61
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET: 214,500.00

Candles have been lit for the first two weeks of January in loving memory of

**Angelo M. Cupelo
 Fiori Monticello**
 by Rosemary Monticello

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Edward Roickle
 by The Roickle Family

MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Preachers	Altar Servers
5:00pm Sat. 1/8	M. Fuller	Bronchetti, Darlington, Davis, Hicks, McDonald, Mushow	Dc. Paratore	Alcaro, Smith, Sierotnik
8:00am Sun. 1/9	M. Kerwin	Gatschet, Skutt, Sofia, Alexander	Dc. Paratore	Biggs, Salanger, Kinsella
10:30am Sun. 1/9	G. Murray	Schwanke, Wallace, Cilani, Ellis, Feyeraband, Harriger	Dc. Paratore	Woods, Murray, Burgess
5:00pm Sun. 1/9	J. Cowlan		Fr. Aiello	
5:00pm Sat. 1/15	D. Schwanke			Dufresne, Bevard, Jerome
8:00am Sun. 1/16	S. Putnam			Ennis, M/M Pierce
10:30am Sun. 1/16	E. Carr			M/L/J Stapleton
5:00pm Sun. 1/16	J. Cowlan			

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

In this era of superstars, humility seems to be a distant and irrelevant virtue. Most superstars are brought into the limelight with so much hype that we tend to "American Idolize" them. They quickly assemble bodyguards, mansions, toys and people to insure that they will be waited on. Today's gospel introduces a different kind of superstar...one that begins His ministry on the earth by humbly being baptized into a mission that will demand from Him His very life. Try to live your lives looking to give rather than to receive, like Christ.

To see the humility of St. John the Baptist allowing himself to be the instrument of God's plan, the humility of Jesus, the Son of God, going down into the waters, the humility it takes for any one of us to truly be His follower. This time of year is when all of the NFL is completing its playoffs and people are allying themselves with one team or another, making bold predictions and weighing the odds. What would the odds have been for a carpenter from a small rural town as He rose up out of the waters of the Jordan River to one day be seen for Who He truly is, the Son of God?

REMINDER: 9th grade confirmation class will be meeting after mass this weekend. **NO CLASS ON MARTIN LUTHER KING WEEKEND.** 10TH Grade will be meeting on Sunday, 1/23 after the Youth Mass.

NOTICE: St. Camillus is looking for teen volunteers to work with its residents afternoons and/or weekends. A wide range of jobs are available. Contact Sheila at the Rectory to find out more about this rewarding way to work with our elderly and earn service hours at the same time!

FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

Please remember that the families we serve through our Food Pantry have needs that exist all year long. Your continued donations brought in to the back of the church will be welcomed with open arms: non-perishable food items, paper products, soap products, and monetary donations. Remember, your donations are tax-deductible!

Monetary donations can be sent directly to Marie Cullen at 404 Parsons Drive, Syracuse, NY 13219, or to the Rectory Offices. Bless you! Make your checks out to the St. Charles Food Pantry.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Welcome back from Christmas vacation! It's hard to believe, but already, about half of the year is gone!

Sunday, January 23rd, the 8th grade will participate in the parts of the mass at 10:30 am.

Our "OPEN GYM" endeavor is in gear! Beginning on JANUARY 15TH, Grades 5-8 are invited to come to St. Charles School Gym from 6:00—8:00 pm for some fun in basketball. Please join us! Any questions, please call Maureen at 468-4122.

CROCHETING OR KNITTING?

Joanne Cowlin is offering her time to teach crocheting or knitting. If interested, please call Helen Goss for a suggested time and date. All supplies will be furnished and we can meet at my home at 108 Ronnell Drive. Please call me at 468-2197. Thanks from the Prayer Shawl Committee and Helen Goss.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS EARLY THIS YEAR!

Our annual Ash Wednesday Soup and Bread Supper will be February 9th following the Ash Wednesday Mass. There are sign up sheets in the back of the church for soup makers and soup eaters. Any questions, please call Flo Jutton 468-1275, Rose Boyle 488-1791, Leah Kent 468-0790 or Helen Goss 468-2197. Please join us!

CBA BASKETBALL CAMP!

The 13th annual CBA mid-winter co-ed basketball camp for ages 8-16 will be held Feb. 21-25. Contact director Gary Barnaba at CBA (446-5960) for a brochure or visit their website at www.cbasyracuse.org.

THANK YOU to the parishioners who purchased flowers in memory/honor of their loved ones and families to help decorate our altar for Christmas. The names are on the bulletin board in the back of the Church. We intend to leave the altar decorated as is throughout January, and then will donate the flowers to area nursing homes for the benefit of their residents. Why not share the joy?

SCHOOL NEWS

After a restful Christmas break, everything is back in full swing at school. The children, teachers, and staff received good news from Nancy Migdal who works with our Pre-K and Day Care. Her son, Robert Migdal, is stationed in Mosul and received the care packages sent by our children. He was surprised and thrilled to know that so many people are thinking of him and praying for him, his family, and all the troops.

The Student Council met this week to discuss another service project. They are deciding how best they can help the victims of the Tsunami. They were all very touched by the devastation caused by this natural disaster.

The winners were chosen for the Lottery Tree raffle that was held before the holidays. The proceeds will benefit the Nursery, Pre-K, and Day Care Programs. Congratulations to Michelle Romeo and Terry Hannon, our winners.

Last, but not least, mark your calendars for February 4, 2005. There are only 27 days left until our annual "Tricky Tray" Fundraiser. Plan ahead to be there to enjoy lots of food, raffles, an auction, and fun. Don't miss out!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
February 11-13, 2005

Marriage Encounter is designed to expand and deepen the love a couple share together, whether married for a short time or for many years. Devote a weekend to each other and to your relationship, in an atmosphere where you can concentrate exclusively on one another. Marriage Encounter can make a difference in your life.

Christ the King Retreat House
500 Brookford Road
Syracuse, NY
For Reservations, call Jeff or Shannon
At (888)801-8463

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: For John the Baptist, it seemed like a reversal of roles that he should baptize Jesus. In families, if we are honest, we recognize that our children teach us as much as we teach them. We learn from one another. (Office of Family Life Education)

FROM THE DESK OF SR. JEAN:

A few years back I offered the opportunity for experiencing a reflection group. At the time, there were four "groups" that started. Two were Lenten experiences, one group lasted a year, and one group is still going strong. Perhaps it's time to make the offer again. How does this work? If you are interested, you find three, four or five other friends who might like to participate and with whom you are comfortable enough to share. We can meet at church or in your home. In the beginning we do some reading to promote discussion and basically we talk about God in our lives. Meetings last one hour. Weekly, bi-weekly or monthly—decision is made by the group. The purpose is to help us become much more aware of God's presence in our lives. Want more info? Call me at the rectory or at home (488-9210).

Life in the Spirit
Is Coming to St. Charles

Fr. Lou is bringing this wonderful faith renewal series to St. Charles this spring, beginning in February. Just like any long term relationship, we change and grow, and so should our relationship with God. The seminar begins the first Tuesday of Lent (2/22/05) from 7:00-8:30 pm and will run for 6 consecutive Tuesdays in Canfield Hall. Call the Rectory for more information.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: Mark your calendars! Next Saturday January 15 is the SYRACUSE MARCH FOR LIFE. This is an excellent opportunity to gather your family and participate in a silent protest of the devaluing of innocent human life. Meet at the MOST at Armory Square at 12:00 noon and silently march to the Chancery Building on Columbus Circle for a brief presentation of prayer and reflection. For further info call Jane Pigott at 446-7230.

On Sunday January 23 at 10:00 pm buses will depart from the John Glenn Wegman's on Route 57 and drive to Washington DC for the NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE. Participants will visit congressional offices prior to the rally at the Ellipse near the White House and then march up Constitution Ave. to the Supreme Court Building. Arrival back in Syracuse is planned for around midnight on January 24. For more details call Mitch Micale at 656-8921.

CLERGY

Rev. Louis F. Aiello, Pastor
Deacon Peter P. Vanelli
Deacon Anthony Paratore
Deacon Robert Connelly
Rev. Angelo Libera, Assisting Priest
Rev. Philip S. Keane, SS, In Residence

STAFF

Sr. Donna Driscoll, School Principal
Sr. Jean Burns, Pastoral Associate
Jeff Bigness, Maintenance
Sheila Bova, Youth Minister/Bulletin Editor
Marie Cullen, Food Pantry—Outreach
Maureen O’Sullivan, Religious Education Coordinator

PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

Greg Cross, President
James Glavin, Vice President
Patricia Teske, Secretary
Peter Cappuccilli, Sr. Trustee
Mary Roickle, Trustee

MUSIC MINISTRY

Bernie Schmidt, Coordinator, 10:30 am Sun. Liturgy
Gail Lyons, Organist, 10:30 am Sun. Liturgy
Christine Camuglia, 8:00 am Sun. Liturgy
Joanne Balduzzi, 5:00 pm Sat. Liturgy

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

Altar Servers—Dc. Tony Paratore
Art & Environment
Baptismal Prep—Dc. Bob Connelly
Bereavement—Dc. Tony Paratore
Bethany Group—Noreen Kelley (468-2617)
Eucharistic Ministers—Caroline Kinney (488-2626)
Friends for Life—Sr. Jean Burn (468-4122)
Funeral Guild—Florence Jutton (468-1275)
Human Development—Marge Kearney
Joseph Corps—Greg Cross (487-2787)
Lectors—Mary Roickle (468-3515)
Liturgy—Dc. Tony Paratore (468-2283)
Our God Reigns Prayer Group—Mike Strojnowski
Oxford Inn—Dc. Peter Vanelli (488-4844)
RCIA—Dc. Bob Connelly (488-3737)
Respect Life—Noreen Kelley (468-2617)
Shawl Ministry—Helen Goss (468-2197)

**PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICES IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE A BAPTISM
OR MARRIAGE, OR WOULD LIKE TO BECOME
A NEW PARISHIONER! MANY THANKS!**

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