

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners, Something Old—Something New

We recently installed three stained glass windows in the Reconciliation Room. These windows were originally located over the front door of the church but in the renovation of the building they no longer fit the entryway. Once again they have a place of honor in the building and can be seen both in the Gathering Space as well as the Reconciliation Room. The project was a gift given in memory of Mary Patricia Murphy and Family. We are very grateful for this beautiful memorial. Please take a moment to see this new addition to our church.

Lenten Retreat—Mon - Wed/March 22 -24 at 7:00 PM

Archbishop Harry Flynn will lead us in a parish retreat for three evenings using the theme: "Remain In My Love". Each evening Archbishop Flynn will preside at the Eucharist and preach the homily. Please join us for this spiritual opportunity during this Lenten Season.

OLA WEBSITE: We are looking for those creative minds who enjoy technology and would be willing to work with us on the development of a new WEBSITE for the parish. If you are interested, have ideas, suggestions, please call the parish office and leave you name and we will plan a meeting after Easter to brainstorm and get started. Thanks, Fr. Burke



Lenten Schedule

Daily Mass M-W-F 9:00 a.m.
T—Th. 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Reconciliation Service Tues. March 16, 7:00 p.m.

Confessions Saturdays 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent at 12:00 Noon -
followed by Soup luncheon

Stations of the Cross Fridays at St. Ambrose & St. Pius X
at 7:00pm

Lenten Retreat "Remain in My Love" Archbishop Harry J. Flynn will be the celebrant and homilist for 3 evening masses on Mon. Mar.22, Tues. Mar. 23, Wed. Mar. 24 at 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

LOOKING FOR SIMPLE LENTEN PRACTICE? TAKE A NAME!

The ministry of prayer is essential for Christian Initiation and a tremendous gift that the entire community of OLA can give these special people who will soon be one with us in the Catholic faith. **Adelaide LaSalle, our elect, and Tom Hoffman and Mark LaSalle our candidates.** Take one name from the baskets in the Gathering Space and pray for one who will be celebrating the Easter Sacraments. Write that person a note of welcome and encouragement. You may leave your notes in the basket near the parish office. Please return all notes by Palm Sunday.

PASTORAL CARE

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING will be held Tuesdays between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, by appointment, in the Varden Room.

PASTORAL CARE

The next **OLA Playgroup** will be **March 17th., 2010** from 10:00-11:30 a.m. (St. Patrick's Day Party). Children ages newborn to 5 years old are welcome. Any questions please call Peg Griffin at 233-8398.

SAVE THE DATE! A Bread & Soup Luncheon for Colonie Area Pastoral Care Ministers", will be held **Thursday, April 8, 2010** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall at St. Pius X Parish, Loudonville. The gathering will also include time for prayer and reflection. It is for those involved in Pastoral Care Ministry, those wishing to volunteer in this ministry and those seeking to know more. All are welcome! There is no cost, however, reservations are necessary: call by Wednesday, April 1. The luncheon is being sponsored by the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese Colonie Pastoral Care Planning Committee. For more information and reservations call Jeanne Pitkin at St. Pius X at 462-1336

MARCH IS NATIONAL MEALS ON WHEELS MONTH: Senior Services of Albany has partnered with several local restaurants to help raise awareness and fundraise. IHOP, Boston market and Hidden Café will be donating a portion of their sales on March 24th to Meals on Wheels. For more details and flyer go to <http://seniorservicesofAlbany.com/marchformeals.htm>

Please remember in prayer parishioners who have died:

James Roti Roti
Peter J. Watrobski
Mary Gettings Roehr



We pray for OLA families who have recently lost a family member:

Ethel Janitto, mother of Kristin (Richard) Woodward
George "Sammy" Ferris, father of Daniel Ferris
Stewart Eaton, brother of Martha Bain

Please call the parish office if you wish to have a family member remembered in prayer

PROGRAMS & ORGANIZATIONS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VBS has been a highlight of our summer programs for the past 10 years. We are in search of a new **LEADER/COORDINATOR** for this year's program. Actually two people can share the responsibilities, but we need leadership before we can begin planning for the program. If you are interested and can share your gifts and talents with our children, we promise you lots of support, energy and dedication from parents, children and youth but we need a coordinator to get things going. Please call Sharon Paluch if you are interested at 273-5737. Thank You!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



We've had many requests for a bus trip to the Culinary Institute at Hyde Park. After checking the only date available is Tuesday, June 1st.

Even though it seems like a long way off, please note that many are still inquiring and if interested, we advise you to make a reservation as soon as possible. We anticipate that the bus will fill up very fast as this is a popular trip. Late calls will be put on a waiting list. We are going to Caterine DeMedeci (Italian) Restaurant. Price is \$60.00 per person. Call Jane at 783-0659

OLA ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY—All Rosarians are invited to attend three evening masses starting on Monday, March 22, Tuesday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 24 at 7 PM

Archbishop Harry Flynn will be the celebrant and homilist. The theme will be "REMAIN IN LOVE". Lent is the perfect time to come together to reflect on the life and death of Jesus and also on our own lives. Please join us for a very inspirational time. We are looking forward to joining with our fellow parishioners to pray together during this holy season of Lent. We will host a reception after the Masses on Wednesday, March 24.

BEYOND THE PARISH

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor cordially invite you to join them on Sunday, March 20, 2010, for the First Annual "Hello to Spring" Craft Fair for the benefit of Our Lady of Hope Residence, 1 Jeanne Jugan Lane (located off Old Loudon Rd) in Latham. The Craft Fair hours are from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be many vendors, a bake sale and a lunch will be available for purchase. This event is open to the public and everyone is welcome. Admission is free and free parking is available.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL will be hosting a spring open house on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 from 4 - 7pm for students and parents interested in grades 7 - 11. For additional information, please call 235-7100 ext. 224

LaSALLE INSTITUTE - Open House, Thursday, March 18th from 6 - 8 pm. Cadet Blue. Is it in you? Please join us and see what LaSalle is all about. For additional information phone 283-2500 or www.lasalleinstitute.org

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Our words and actions can crush or enhance children. The father in today's Gospel did not allow a bruised ego, or "I told you so" come between him and his son but teaches important parenting lessons: 1. never give up on your child, 2. be forgiving, 3. be accepting and 4. show affection.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

RENOVATION PROJECT PART 2—LASALLE HALL
Goal: \$400,000
Total Capital Campaign Funds Received: \$219,681
Funds Needed: \$180,319

Thank you! Father Burke

OLA RENOVATION PROJECT— MEMORIAL GIFTS

"Let us build the House of the Lord"

A gift, given in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving is a timeless remembrance for generations to come.

Memorial gifts can be made individually or by members of a family or friends.

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,200		
Offertory Collection 03/07/2010	\$ 9,375		
4:30 PM	\$3,004.00	7:30 AM	\$1,877.00
9:00 AM	\$2,515.00	11:00 AM	\$1,979.00

Thank you.

Can you help with the collection with a "Plus \$5"?

CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS

PERU-LATHAM MISSION PROJECT

The Parish Council adopted a mission in Peru for two years back in November. Recently we received the following note from Father John O'Leary, a priest at the mission:

Dear Father Burke and Friends at OLA,

I write to thank you for your generous donation which reached me through the St. James Society. It will be a wonderful help to us. We are a large parish with 50,000 people, three churches, schools, health clinic and comedores (food centers). All are in constant need as the area is so desperate. You can only imagine the demands and requests that come to us. Thank you for your willingness to assist us.

Sincerely,

Fr. John O'Leary

PS. Here is a little Lenten Message to share with you.

Take Time

Take time off each day to think and pray.

To care how your life is going.

Give your roots rain.

Take time with a friend to do nothing too important, but just be together, to enjoy another person.

Give your roots rain.

Take time to write a poem or grow a flower, to create something that is something of you.

Give your roots rain.

For in your roots you find who you are, and there too find who God is,

for he has not forced you into his home, rather he has made his home in you.

THANKS

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Masses for the Week

Week of March 15 - 21, 2010



6:30 Communion Service at St. Ambrose
9:00 Mary Ridley & Vincent Donato by the family
Dolores Taylor Lansing (10th Anniv.) by
Donna, Ron, Christine and Frank
Gerald McAllister by Helen Casey

TUESDAY

6:30 Father Joseph Varden by Beverly-Jean Silvernail
For The Souls in Purgatory by Nella
9:00 Liturgy at St. Ambrose

WEDNESDAY

6:30 Liturgy at St. Ambrose
9:00 Dorothy Kamm by Charlyn & Mel Pettit
Margaret Dunleavy by Sean Kerins
Barbara Albert DeMarco by the family

THURSDAY

6:30 Alice & Marcel Gamache by the Lundy Family
9:00 Communion Service at St. Ambrose

FRIDAY

6:30 Liturgy at St. Ambrose
9:00 Living & Deceased Members of the James M. & Anne
Cox Donovan Family
Zora Emerick by Joan Hoblock Ashton
David Nealon by Michael McDonald

SATURDAY

8:00 (St. Joseph's Provincial House)
9:00 Liturgy at St. Ambrose
4:30 Dorothy Buff by Mary & Paul Mantica
Genevieve Lundy by Josie & Dick Larkin
Thomas Macken by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph S. Macken, Jr.

SUNDAY

7:30 Margaret Verdengaal by Bob & Jean Fanniff

9:00 Intentions of Bishop Howard J. Hubbard by a parishioner
Viktors Keiriss by his wife
Constance Marsh by OLA Youth Ministry

11:00 For the People of the Parish
Margaret Mailloux by Ruth Goca
Martin & Elizabeth Kenny by Martin & Mary Teresa
Kenny
For the Souls in Purgatory by Yvette & Fred Wunning



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is held for children in grades 1 and up during the 9:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday.

RAINBOW PROGRAM for children in grades K-1 takes place during the 9:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday.

THE CHURCH MICE PROGRAM aimed at children 4 years and under takes place during the

9:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Please note: All children and visitors are always welcome.

MINISTERS SCHEDULES

March 20 -21, 2010



4:30 PM

Lector 1
Lector 2
Host 1
Host 2/T
Host 3
Cup 1
Cup 2
Cup 3
Cup 4
Altar Server 1
Altar Server 2
Altar Server 3

Derrick Sponable
James O'Donnell
Bernice Dupuis
Anne Rowley
Anthony Paino
Nancy Paino
Mary Tuchowski
Water Tuchowski
Trudy Traenkle
Sean Egan
April Pierson
Alyssa Carl

7:30 AM

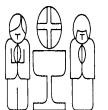
Lector 1
Lector 2
Host 1
Host 2/T
Host 3
Cup 1
Cup 2
Cup 3
Cup 4
Altar Server 1
Altar Server 2
Altar Server 3

David Marthy
Marylyn deGonzague
Jack Reilly
Marilyn Praga
Thomas Kelly
Edna Mae Reilly
Joseph Clemens
Joan Clemens
Annette Mielewski
Francis Cardulo
Daniel Bushey

9:00 AM

Lector 1
Lector 2
Host 1
Host 2/T
Host 3
Cup 1
Cup 2
Cup 3
Cup 4
Altar Server 1
Altar Server 2
Altar Server 3

Katie Nejman
Mark Nejman
Janet Archambault
Fiona Recchia
Rosalie Recchia
Beverly-Jean Silvernail
Christine Kelly
Londa Knapp
Peter Knapp
Hannah Malicki
Rebecca Farrell
Caitlin Wood



11:00 AM

Lector 1
Lector 2
Host 1
Host 2/T
Host 3
Cup 1
Cup 2
Cup 3
Cup 4
Altar Server 1
Altar Server 2
Altar Server 3

Holly Gilbert
Tom Washock
Peggy Turnbull
Marie Gilbert
Patricia O'Malley
Conor O'Malley
Victor Gilbert
Helen Aguilar
James Gallagher
Frankie Lazorischak
Aidan O'Malley
Lauren Cook



**Time
Change!!!**

**Sunday, March 14, 2010
Daylight Saving Time
Begins**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SCRIPTURE

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

- Joshua 5:9a, 10-12* *The people celebrate the first
Passover in the promised land.*
- Psalms 34* *"Taste and see the goodness of the
Lord."*
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21* *Jesus reconciles us to his Father.*
- Luke 15:1-13, 11-32* *Forgiveness and reconciliation are
reasons for celebration.*

As we listen to the word of God today, let us be open to the power of the Holy Spirit. We often become lost in sin, hoping for a way out. Today's Gospel serves as an everlasting reminder that God is always there when we admit our sinfulness and come home to God's loving embrace. Let us truly taste and see the goodness of the Lord as that goodness is made present in the proclamation of the word.

Music for Weekend March 13-14, 2010 4:30/11:00

<i>Entrance</i>	<i>This Day God Gives Me</i>	<i>643</i>	
<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Taste and See</i>		<i>330</i>
<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Open My Eyes</i>	<i>403</i>	
<i>Communion</i>	<i>Christ Be Our Light</i>		<i>546</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>		<i>423</i>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



The traditional name for the Fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday. The title comes from *Laetare Jerusalem*, "Rejoice, Jerusalem," the first words of today's entrance antiphon (brief scriptural text that is usually replaced with a gathering song).

As we have reached the mid-point of Lent, we anticipate the joy of Easter with several options for softening our worship environment: rose-colored vestments, extra music, some floral enhancement.

These are not requirements, however, and many parishes choose to stick with purple vesture and spare atmosphere.

By Marion Eagen