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St. Columba ~ St. Patrick Parish

198 North Street

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A Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

Rev. Wm. F. McGrath Jr., Pastor

Putting Out into the Deep

Last week at the end of Mass I apologized for the convergence of two events in which we'd be selling tickets for both at the same time. But I followed up by saying that such a thing is a good sign. It's a sign that there is activity and life and vibrancy in the parish. There are events and gatherings; there is fellowshiping and services rendered. So although it is unfortunate to have some things like this converge, it is nevertheless a positive sign that we have people who are offering themselves and their services for the betterment of our wider community.

This week we hear Jesus challenge his followers to continue to fish even though they have been unsuccessful the whole night before. Nature would tell them to quit and perhaps they were even tempted in their hearts to ignore him or even confront him, but the scriptures showed that they obeyed him and to their amazement they caught a great catch of fish. The moral is that if we live merely by the natural and neglect the supernatural movements of God in our lives we will miss out on the wondrous and miraculous things that God can show us.

I have spoken of how our church (both the wider Catholic Church in America, and our local diocesan church) is going through some challenging times. We have less priests ordained, but we also have less people to tend to in general. We have seen church attendance diminish regularly since the 1980's, and with that, funding has declined, and because of that we have seen the closing of churches such as those in Irondequoit mentioned in the news this past week. If we look at this situation only through our natural eyes we might miss what God can show us through supernatural graces.

If we know our scriptures and we are strong in faith we might see ourselves like the Israelites of old. In the book of Judges, we hear of Gideon who is called into battle with "too many soldiers" to go against Midian, so he reduces Gideon's army from 22,000 to a mere 300. "You have too many soldiers with you for me to deliver Midian into their power, lest Israel vaunt itself against me and say, 'My own power brought me the victory'" (Judges 7:2). Like Jesus showing the disciples who's boss, God wanted Israel to know who is truly in charge.

Although we are smaller in number than we once were, we may in fact, give greater glory to God because we know that what we do is not by our own power but by His grace. Though lower in numbers we continue to maintain our parish as people have increased their stewardship of time, talent and treasure. Though our goal for the Catholic Ministries Appeal has continued to rise, we continue to increase in our giving to it. Though we are smaller in number than before, we continue to reach out and form new ministries such as Patrick Place Comfort Care Home. Though we see lesser men than ever, we have a thriving Knights of Columbus that gives itself to services such as Furniture Link. Last week they delivered a number of pieces of furniture to the needy throughout the whole of Livingston County.

As for Patrick Place, things are well underway with this first gala fundraiser *An Evening for Patrick Place*. Also underway is the formation of the Board of Directors. There is a page on the Patrick Place website specifically for those interested. You will find descriptions of the responsibilities as well as nomination forms and applications. See, <http://www.patrickplace.org> for more information and click on the Board of Directors button.

In all of these ways we are putting out into the deep. We are casting our nets in faith. Of course it is true that we would like more people. Of course it is true that we want double the money in our collection or twice as many people serving in our ministries. But when we live by faith, we are not dependent upon numbers, but upon the Holy Spirit. We are not deterred by nature, but spurred on by grace. May we live that faith each and every day and may God bless you all for your faith and generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Mickey



**The Sanctuary Candle
at St. Columba
will burn this week
In Memory of
Jim Baker**
requested by his wife, Ann

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, February 6

5:00 p.m. - Betty Aquino (Terry Brew)

Sunday, February 7 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. - Jim Murphy (Tony & Ann DeMarco)

10:00 a.m. - Bill Skivington (Lauren & Ken Smith)

Monday, February 8

8:00 a.m. - Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Tuesday, February 9

8:00 a.m. - People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 10

8:00 a.m. - People of Haiti

Thursday, February 11

8:00 a.m. - Holy Souls in Purgatory (Mrs. Robert Reeves)

Friday, February 12

No Mass Today

Saturday, February 13

5:00 p.m. - Bill Skivington (Mae Gullo)

Lector: Suzanne Hendrickson

Communion Ministers: Gary Bubel & Tim Anderson

Server: Hannah Anderson

Greeters: NEEDED

Sunday, February 14 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. - Doug Wielinski (The Tiede & McCombs Family)

Lector: John Ball

Communion Ministers: Barbara Kelly & Teresa Lang

Altar Server: Jacob Oltmann

Greeters: Helen Anderson & Mary Schirmer

10:00 a.m. - John Ferazoli (M/M Donald Pullyblank)

Lector: Charles Martell

Communion Ministers: Bob & Louise Carson

Altar Servers: Matthew Condame

Greeters: Tom & Loretta Dintruff

Catholic Ministries Appeal

As of this date, 128 of our parish families have contributed \$17,543.00 (75.41%) toward this year's parish goal of \$23,265.00. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given, to prayerfully consider doing so.

This week in the Parish

Sunday, February 7

10:00 a.m. - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, February 8

7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee meets

Tuesday, February 9

7:00 p.m. - Building & Grounds meet

Wednesday, February 10

6:30 p.m. - Faith Formation & Middle School Youth Group

7:30 p.m. - Choir practice

Sunday, February 14

10:00 a.m. - Children's Liturgy of the Word

6 - 8 p.m. - High School Youth Group

Stewardship at Sts. C / P

For January 31

Attendance.....	319
Sunday offering.....	\$3,038.00
Loose bills, change & checks... ..	369/00
Total.....	\$3,195.00
Amount needed weekly to reach our budget.....	3,816.00
Under budget.....	(\$ 409.00)
Used Book Sale.....	\$ 311.75
"Soup"er Sunday luncheon.....	\$ 541.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING COUNTERS for February 8

Team #2 - Bill Goodburlet, Jim Heffer, Ernie Cripps

SACRISTAN for February - Julie Molisani

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD for

February 14 - Kathy Callanan

10 A.M. ROSARY LEADER for February - Lori Bickford

Baptism announcement

Next Sunday during the 10 a.m. Mass, we will welcome into the Family of God and our parish family of faith, **Adelai James Herberger.**

Patrick Place

Tickets for An Evening for Patrick Place are now available at the parish office. This event will take place on March 13 from 6:30 to 11:00 pm. Tickets are \$60.00 each. There will be food stations (catered by D&R Depot), music and a silent auction. All proceeds will go to Patrick Place Comfort Care Home. If you have any questions about the event or tickets please call Kate Wicks at 293-3673.

Youth Mentoring

There are 42 boys & girls in Livingston County waiting for a mentor. One girl is in Caledonia. Isn't it time for you to "Expand your Universe?" Call Susan or Staci at the "Hope Youth Mentoring Program" 658-4466.

Donations for Haiti

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, is responding to victims of the massive earthquake in Haiti. To donate, please call 1-877-HELP-CRS, donate online at www.crs.org or send a check to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. In the memo portion of your check, please write: Haiti Earthquake.

We received an e-mail from Doug Mandelaro of the Diocese saying that the total donations already raised in the 12 counties of our diocese in the recent collection for Haiti is already at nearly \$386,000.

Magnificat

Magnificat is not an organization to join, but an opportunity to come together to share a meal, hear another woman's witness, and grow in holiness. All women are welcome.

Please come and join us on Saturday morning, **March 6th** at 9:15am, at the **Diplomat** on 1956 Lyell Ave in Gates. Amy Dorscheid, Pastoral Associate of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation, at Light of Christ Church in Rochester is the guest speaker.

Tickets \$15.00; Post marked after 2/27 \$20.00; Student \$10.00; Clergy and Religious free. For more information, or to make reservations, call Kathy Murty at 436-1284.

From Social Ministry

Diocesan Public Policy Weekend is February 13 & 14. The advocacy issue this year is **Comprehensive Immigration Reform**. Our mission as members of the Body of Christ is to reach out in service to our neighbor and to help shape more just policies in our land. Next weekend we will have the opportunity to be part of an advocacy effort in our diocese to urge our federal legislators to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

The existing immigration system has resulted in a growing number of persons in this country in an unauthorized capacity, living in the shadows as they toil in jobs that would otherwise go unfilled. The Church believes that current immigration laws and policies have often led to the undermining of immigrants' human dignity and have kept families apart.

The Catholic bishops of the U.S. have been strong supporters of comprehensive immigration reform. You are encouraged to join them with postcard signings. Postcards (actually 3 - one for a Congressional representative & one each for our Senators) have been provided to our Diocese by the U.S. Bishops' Justice for Immigrants campaign. Postcards will be available for you to sign next weekend.

Confirmation Update

Thank You for registering your teens promptly and after 5 months of registration time, I now have to give a final date for registration and that is February 3rd. Thank You again and I look forward to meeting candidates and their sponsors on March 6.

We're having a chicken bbq

Tickets go on sale today for the Chicken BBQ to be held here at St. Columba's on Sunday, February 21 from 11AM to 2:00 PM. Advance Sale tickets only. \$8.00 per person, \$15.00 for two. Tickets may be purchased after Mass in the Church vestibule. Questions? Contact Nora Brunette or Judy Ball.

From Catholic Charities Livingston Co.

Typewriter needed: Wheels for Work and our Disability Case Manager need a typewriter to be used in the preparation of IRS tax-related forms required for donated vehicles, and other government or grant reporting forms. They are looking for a typewriter in good, working order with easily replaceable parts. If you would like to donate one, please contact Stephanie Swann, 658-4466 ext. 15, or Carolyn Tinney, 658-4466 ext. 20. Thank you for your help.

Ads & Donations for Patrick Place

On Saturday, March 13th an event will be held at the Genesee Country Museum to raise money for renovations and operating expenses for Patrick Place. We are looking for individuals, businesses and organizations to make a tax-deductible donation in the form of an advertisement in the evening's program and to donate items to our silent auction.

<u>Size of Advertisement</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Business Card	\$50
1/2 page	\$75
Full page	\$100
2 page spread	\$150

If you are interested in placing an advertisement or donating to the auction, please send an email to event@patrickplace.org or call 889-3100 and leave a message stating you are calling regarding the Event at Patrick Place. You will be contacted with instructions regarding your advertisement or donated item. Any size donation will be graciously accepted and can be made out to Patrick Place at St. Mary's and mailed to Patrick Place, c/o St. Mary of the Assumption, P. O. Box 73, 99 Main Street, Scottsville, NY 14546. The deadline for advertisements and auction items is February 26, 2010. If you have any questions regarding the event, please feel free to contact Charlene Sayers at 538-4627.

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