



**Liturgy Intentions
For The Week**



February 21	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Thomas Christensen John Cremen Santo Mangona	Rose Marie Zacek Lisa Campilango Daughter and granddaughter
February 22	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Bridget Mary Barrington	Family
February 22	Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Edward Kay	Son, Bruce and family
February 22	Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Joseph Janczak Joseph Niederberger Joseph Hovanec	Family Usher Family Family
February 23	Monday 8:00 a.m.	Edward Murphy	Ruth Dougher
February 24	Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	Rose Mary Carr	Marilyn and George Pitts
February 25	Wednesday		
Ash Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Baby Will Hladum	Prayer Line
Ash Wednesday	12:00 noon	Harvey Atherton	Phil and Maria Spaeth
Ash Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Deceased of The Church of St. Peter	
February 26	Thursday 8:00 a.m.	Deceased of The Church of St. Peter	
February 27	Friday 8:00 a.m.	Deceased of The Church of St. Peter	
February 28	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Inez R. Lewis Susan Fricano	Anita Turner Charles Fricano
March 1	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Deceased of The Church of St. Peter	
March 1	Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Richard Hunter Liam Morrissey	Jenn and Phil Hunter
March 1	Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Louis Comenzo John Cremen	Karen Rankins Lee and Judy Walker

Readings for Sunday, March 1, 2009 - First Sunday of Lent: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



Mass

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers
February 28-March 1, 2009**



Eucharistic Ministers

Readers

February 28 5:00 p.m.	Maryann Foley, Jeanmarie Gebhard, Lorraine Hansen, Judy Hefter, Bonnie Mayer Margaret Neville, Candyce Robenstein, Julianne Thomas, Mary Rose Turo	Elaine Webber Jeff Clark
March 1 7:30 a.m.	Alberta Bennett, Linda Benton, Larry Ostwald, Miriam Ostwald Richard Rowland, Sr., Angel Santiago, James Tierney, Andrea Wise	Mary Riegert Larry Ostwald
March 1 9:00 a.m.	Jennifer DeVincenzo, Maria Forbes, Chuck Greiner, Kathleen Greiner, Andrew Kozak, Diane Kozak, Ann Marthy-Noonan, Margaret McNicholas, Vincent O'Neill, Joyce Rice	Kathleen Greiner Ted Shufelt
March 1 11:30 a.m.	Sophie Barber, Charles DiSanto, Kathy DiSanto, Cheryl Dudinetz, Carolyn Hamlin, Gene Landry, Marie Landry, Marilyn Lategano, Gerry Lyons, Judy Walker	JoAnn Clements Carol Gurney

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family who are sick or suffering in any way, all those in hospitals or nursing homes, and all of our shut-ins. We pray for all who have died recently, including Joan Purner, wife of Frank Purner. Let us not forget the victims of violence at home and abroad. We remember the men and women serving in the armed forces as we continually pray for peace.

A contribution as been made to SPNA (St. Peter's Needy Association) in memory of Joan Purner.

Attendance		Collection		Average Collection to date	
February 15, 2009	925	February 15, 2009	\$ 7,230.25	February 8, 2009	\$ 8,585.41
February 17, 2008	959	February 10, 2008	7,782.05	February 10, 2008	8,076.88
		SPNA: (to date) month of February 2009	\$ 1,544.75		

Thank you for your generosity and remembering your weekly contribution when you are away.

**Family Perspective
By Bud Ozar**

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when, at the Transfiguration, he changed in front of them, they were "afraid." In families we cannot freeze relationships. Children grow up, parents' age and spouses change. Healthy relationships grow. Our challenge is to embrace the new.

Marriage Moments

Karen Vogt

Family Life Office Diocese of Kentucky
Mardi Gras allows us a last fling before the Lenten penitential season. Do something frivolous together today. Eat something decadent, give each other a massage, wear wild make-up, enjoy being foolish. If you're the uptight type, let go. You'll have six weeks to exercise your over-responsible side.

Parenting Pointers

Karen Vogt

Family Life Office, Diocese of Kentucky
"My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you." (Luke 2:48) Just as Jesus confounded his parents when he stayed in the temple talking with the teachers, sometimes our children worry us. OK, maybe a lot of the time. Put your child in God's hands. Sometimes that's all there is left to do.

Evangelist: Faith Alive!

STAY INFORMED: To stay informed be sure to read The Evangelist, our diocesan newspaper.

The Evangelist offers extensive, in-depth coverage. The cost is only 30 cents a week, less than a first-class postage stamp.
To subscribe, call 584-2375.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Newly Baptized

With great joy we welcome into our parish community the following children recently baptized here at The Church of St. Peter

Annabelle Madison Heiden

Daughter of Christopher and Megan Pomerleau Heiden

Matthew Alex Costa

Son of Gregory and Rebecca Costa

Ethan Joseph Hinds

Son of Christopher and Laurie Clements Hinds

May their families and this parish community support them as they grow in faith

This Week in Our Parish

02/23	Catholic Homeschoolers	1:00-2:30 pm	Parish Ctr-Cafeteria
	AA Meeting	7:00-9:30 pm	Parish Ctr-Room 204
	Prayer Ritual - Water	7:00 pm	Church
02/24	Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner	5:30-7:00 pm	Parish Ctr-Cafeteria
	Piano Lessons	4:00-4:30 pm	Church
	YAFFA Mtg	7:00 pm	Rectory
02/25	Scripture Group	8:30-10:00 am	Parish Ctr-Resrce Rm
	SCCHS Rehearsal	9:00-3:00 pm	Parish Ctr-Cafeteria
	Piano Lessons	2:45-4:30 pm	Church
	EOC Bike Repair	4:00-7:00 pm	Church-Basement
	Scripture Group	7:15-9:30 pm	Parish Ctr-Resrce Rm
02/26	SCCHS - Rehearsal	9:00-3:00 pm	Parish Ctr-Cafeteria
	Piano Lessons	3:00-5:30 pm	Church
	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm	Church
02/27	SCCHS - Rehearsal	2:30-5:00 pm	Parish Ctr-Cafeteria
02/28	EOC Bike Repair	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Church Basement
	SCCHS - Rehearsal	9:00 am-2:30 pm	Parish Center
	Religious Ed K-6,	10:10-11:20 am	Parish Center
	YM 7-8, YM 10		
	1 st Eucharist Parents mtg	10:15-11:15 am	Parish Center-Rm 206

Groups/Contacts

Adult Scripture Sharing Group/Wednesday 8:30 am	Rita Usher	587-4487
Adult Scripture Sharing Group/Wednesday 7:15 pm	Kathleen Greiner	899-5136
Saratoga Area Homeschoolers/Monday 1:00 pm	Erin Walker	885-8395

Youth Ministry News: NCYC Fundraiser

Think no road salt, think Spring, think clean car!!!

Teens will be taking orders after masses beginning this weekend and continue for the next couple weeks, for a Hoffman Car Wash!

Select and purchase in advance the type of car wash you would like and in a couple weeks, you will receive a Coupon for the car wash(es) you ordered! Look for the teens after Mass.

Please note the coupons do not expire. The coupons may be used on any day, at any Hoffman location! Contact the Youth Ministry office for car wash orders, also.

Volunteers Needed to complete the cafeteria sound proofing project. Please contact Ernie Mumford 669-4530.

THANKS

Valley Acres Garden Center
3249 South Broadway

For advertising in our bulletin

Birthright of Ballston Spa

Birthright of Ballston Spa is in need of the following items for our Layette Program - baby powder, baby shampoo, baby lotion, and baby wash. These items can be left in the birthright bassinets in the Church. Any donation of these items would be greatly appreciated.

February is Catholic Press Month

Every week, The Evangelist reports on Catholic news, issues and opinions from the individuals, parishes and schools of our 14-county Diocese as well as the nation and world. The Evangelist is the primary means of evangelization and communication for the Bishop and the Diocese, and welcomes your ideas and comments. The cost to our parish for each subscription is \$15.00. If you would like to start subscribing, please contact the office at 584-2375.

Marriage Encounter Weekends

How do I love you? Let me share the ways. Spend the weekend with your spouse recounting the many gifts of love you've given each other throughout your married life. Discover new ways to meet each other's needs on a Marriage Encounter Weekend: March 20-22; September 18-20; or November 6-8. Email: MEalbany@juno.com or call Ed and Rhonda Staats at (518) 279-3243 for information.



My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The Diocese of Albany has always reached out with generous hearts and giving hands to the annual Black, Native American and Latin American collection. The common goal of the People of God in each community and local church serves as a reminder that Christ is truly present where we gather.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church beautifully teaches us that the Lord's missionary mandate is grounded in the eternal love of the Most Holy Trinity: "the Church on earth is by her nature missionary since, according to the plan of the Father, she has as her origin the mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit. The ultimate purpose of mission is none other than to make all people share in the communion between the Father and the Son in their Spirit of love."

Many churches and schools in the Black and Native American communities depend on the annual evangelization grants to continue their programs and pastoral activities. This year in response to our contribution last February, the Diocese of Albany received a grant of \$50,000.00 for its evangelization efforts with minority populations.

The 2009 theme of the Collection for the Church in Latin America is: Disciples, Missionaries, Leaders. This theme continues to support the call for the Church as a "state of mission" throughout all of South and Central America. Funds from this collection will assist in the formation of priest, religious and lay missionaries, catechists and youth ministers and their evangelization efforts so they can bring people more fully into the life of the Catholic Church in Latin America.

Next weekend, February 29-March 1, 2009, the combined Black, Native American, and Latin American collections will be taken up in our diocese. I ask you to consider contributing to this Collection, and I am grateful for your generosity. Together let us ask the Lord to continue to bless us in all that we do.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Howard J. Hubbard, Bishop of Albany

Thank you for continued support

of the food collection for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Please leave non-perishable foods (No Glass containers, please) in the blue basket in the vestibule of the Church. Pet food items may also be left.



Food Drive

A Lenten Day of Recollection

On Saturday, March 28, Father Ken Paulli, O.F.M. from Siena College will be at St. Mary's Parish in Ballston Spa for a Lenten Day of Recollection. The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. with sign-in and conclude at approximately 2:30 p.m. Coffee and pastries will be provided after the sign-in and a box lunch will be offered later. The fee will be \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Church and mailed to the parish office at 167 Milton Avenue, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Please write DAY of RECONCILIATION on the envelope. Deadline for registration is Saturday, March 21. Participants will meet in St. Mary's School located at 40 Thompson Street, Ballston Spa. For further information, call Jean Crandell at 885-7028.

Camp Scully, operated by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany is now registering for the summer of 2009.

Over the course of the six weeks, a total of 420 children take part in swimming, hiking, sports, boating, nature activities, canoeing, arts and crafts, high elements rope course, archery, and environmental classes from the Department of environmental Conservation.

Children can choose among several skill clinics including swim lessons, wilderness survival, canoeing, and kayaking and drama productions. One week sessions begin June 28 and end on August 7. An Open House will be held Sunday, June 14 from 12 noon-3 pm., at the camp located in North Greenbush on Snyder's Lake.

Cost is \$275 per child for one week of overnight camping. Full scholarships are available for those in need.

Obtain applications and brochures by calling 453-6613, email campscully@rcda.org or write to Camp Scully Registration Office, 40 N. Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203