

March 7, 2010

News Along 15A

What about Parish Pastoral Councils in the Clustering Process?

The 3 parishes' individual PPC's will transition into one Rush Henrietta Pastoral Council. This Cluster Pastoral Council will consist of 4 representatives from each parish: 2 current PPC parishioners who are on the Transition Team will remain, 1 trustee from each parish will be appointed, and 1 new member will be selected for a three year term (and 1 alternate) from each parish. Also, there will be 2 Youth representatives selected from the RHYM leadership council appointed to the council. See the nominations forms available in each parish church entrance for more details on nominating members.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Stations of the Cross will be prayed most Fridays at noon at St. Joseph's, and 6:30pm at Guardian Angels except for Friday, March 12th when Jr. RHYM will lead the Living Stations of the Cross and Friday, April 2nd, Good Friday.

- Thursday, March 11th: 7pm Reflection for Women (with Sr. Jody Kearney) at SJ
March 12th: 5:30pm Lenten soup supper at SJ followed by Jr. RHYM's Living Stations of the Cross (at 7:00pm)
Saturday, March 13th: 5pm Seder Supper at GA
Sunday, March 14th: 4:00pm Tri-Parish Open Meeting (important news about Clustering; Mass times) at GA
Tuesday, March 16th: 7pm Three "Tue"-Gether: Living into Death, Dying Into Life (with Fr. Bob McCann) at GA
Thursday, March 18th: 7pm Reflection on Changes (important news about Clustering; Mass times) at GS
Monday, March 22nd: 7:15pm Communal Penance Service at SJ

The Catholic Relief Services Collection, which helps fund 6 Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity will be taken next weekend. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

RCIA will gather at St. Joseph's for the 1st Scrutiny at the 10:30am Mass. The 2nd Scrutiny will be during the 10:30am Mass at Guardian Angels on March 14th, and the 3rd Scrutiny will be during the 11:00am Mass at Good Shepherd on March 21st.

First Penance Celebration-Sat., March 13, 1pm at GA

In recent weeks, 48 families from the RHCC have had the wonderful opportunity to renew their appreciation of God's forgiving love and prepare their children for the wonderful gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

SEDER SUPPER: Saturday, March 13th, 5 pm at GA

Come experience Passover as it's been celebrated for thousands of years. Seder food and wine (grape juice for the kids) will be provided, followed by a potluck dinner. Sign-up sheets are at each parish. For more info., contact Margaret Churnetski (334-3023) or Suzanne Stack (334-6412).

NEW SCHEDULE OF MASSES

for Good Shepherd-Guardian Angels-St. Joseph's

As we approach the change in the schedule of Masses for the cluster (to take effect May 22/23), each parish in RHCC will still have 2 weekend Masses and probably 2-3 weekday Masses (not counting wedding, funeral, or other special Masses). Even with the new Mass schedule, there will be over 60 Masses a month in the RHCC (that's 16-20 Masses at each parish). To give perspective, many parishes in South America have over 50,000 Catholics able to attend only one Sunday Mass a month; other places have to travel many miles to Mass. Catholics in some areas of the USA have not had easy access to Mass for years. If we are honest, we Americans are generally used to convenience (e.g., money at ATMs or food at stores 24 hours a day). This cultural attitude is bound to affect our religious attitude & practices, including the convenience of Masses.

The Code of Canon Law (905) of the Catholic Church states that a priest ordinarily is not to celebrate the Eucharist more than once a day unless there is pastoral necessity. Bishop Clark asks priests to celebrate 3 Masses per weekend, understanding the occasional addition of weddings or funerals.

Thank you for your interest. Please stay tuned for more information in Bulletins and plan on coming to one of the 2 Tri-Parish Open Meetings on Sunday, March 14th, 4pm at Guardian Angels Church or Thursday, March 18th, 7pm at Good Shepherd lower level of the school to discuss the new Mass schedule and other Clustering items.



Rush-Henrietta Catholic Community of Good Shepherd, Guardian Angels & St. Joseph's

Mission Statement: We are a Christ-centered community of Catholic Churches working towards the spiritual renewal of all. As we pursue that hope and dream together, our common Mission Statement calls us: to carry on the work and teaching of Jesus through Imitation, Proclamation, Celebration and Social Transformation.

Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Good Shepherd: 4:30pm, 9:00am & 11:00am

Guardian Angels: 4:00pm, 8:00am & 10:30am

St. Joseph's: 5:00pm, 8:00am & 10:30am

Weekday Liturgy Schedule

Good Shepherd: Mon., Wed., Thurs.-6:30am; Tues.-9:00am

Guardian Angels: Mon., Tues., Wed.-8:15am

St. Joseph's: Mon., Tues., Fri.-8:00am; Thurs.-12:00pm

Sacraments

Baptisms: Arrangements should be made in advance.

Reconciliation: by appointment or Saturdays 3:15-4:15pm at **GS**; 2:30-3:30pm at **GA**; 4:00-4:30pm at **SJ**

Weddings: Arrangements should be made 6 months in advance. Pre-Cana is required.

Anointing of the Sick: by request

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Jesus answered and said to her,
"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

- Jn 4:13-14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sun.: **Year A:** Ex 17: 3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Year C: Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9

Mon.: 2 Kgs. 5: 1-15ab; Lk. 4: 24-30

Tues.: Dn. 3: 24, 34-43; Mt. 18: 21-35

Wed.: Dt. 4: 1, 5-9; Mt. 5: 17-19

Thurs.: Jer 7: 23-28; Lk 11: 14-23

Fri.: Hos. 14: 2-10; Mk. 12: 28-34

Sat.: Hos. 6: 1-6; Lk. 18: 9-14

Next Sunday: **Year A:** 1Sm. 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph. 5: 8-14; Jn 9: 1-41 or Jn. 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Year C: Jos. 5: 9a, 10-12; 2 Cor. 5: 17-21; Lk. 15: 1-3, 11-32

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"God doesn't give up on us"

Psalms 95:

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts

Members of the Visitation Ministry: We have recently completed updating our visitor lists as well as homebound/nursing home parishioner lists. To keep our records as current as possible, please let us know of any changes in your assignments. Many thanks, Maureen Foos (334-1836 or E-Mail: mfoos@aol.com)

Third Sunday of Lent

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in **Operation Rice Bowl** and **Christian Appalachian Project** unites us in prayer, fasting and almsgiving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war and lack of opportunities.