



March 28, 2010

**CLUSTER & NEW MASS SCHEDULE REFELCTIONS:**

On 3/14 and 3/18, the Rush-Henrietta Catholic Community of Guardian Angels, Good Shepherd & St. Joseph's held tri-parish meetings re: clustering actions & the new preliminary Mass schedule:

- Saturday: 4:00pm at Guardian Angels  
5:30pm at St. Joseph's
- Sunday: 8:30am at Good Shepherd  
9:30am at Guardian Angels  
10:30am at St. Joseph's  
11:00am at Good Shepherd

This schedule, necessitated by the Diocese's upcoming assignment of 2 priests to celebrate Masses at our 3 parishes, was developed by the Transition Team of the 3 parishes. To do so, they reviewed the input on Mass schedules presented by parishioners during the tri-parish meetings last Fall. The Team also reviewed current Mass patterns, church capacities, parking lot capacities, travel time between parishes & potential impacts on ministries & parishioners of all ages & faith needs.

With fidelity to the 9 design principles, the Transition Team developed a proposed schedule of weekend Masses, independently approved by each Parish Pastoral Council-- in which each parish retains 1 current Mass, has 1 Mass time change & 1 less Mass as RHCC goes from the current 9 Masses celebrated to 6 Masses per weekend.

Answers to the several questions & comments at the meetings will be in this Common Bulletin page today and for the next several weekends.

**Q: Will the finances of each parish remain separate & how will Collections be handled?**

A: During the clustering phase, each parish retains its own identity & management of its financial affairs. However it is important to note that while the budgets of each parish will be separate the three parishes will share the expenses of all shared staff, including salaries, benefits & any approved housing costs. Any envelopes placed in collections at any Mass will go to their respective parishes. Extra envelopes will be available at each worship site so any cash contributions can be designated for any of the 3 parishes. **Any undesignated cash contributions in the collection will remain with the parish where the Mass is celebrated.**

**Q: Why will the new Mass schedule be implemented on May 22/23 instead of after the clustering of the 3 parishes becomes official on June 29?**

A: The new PPC with equal representation of the 3 parishes will form in May with Diocesan training and begin its advisory governance duties in June. By starting the preliminary Mass schedule in May, the new Council with the current 3 parish leaders will assess the implementation phase & deal with any unanticipated difficulties & corrective actions prior to the installation of the new Leader. Also, beginning a new Mass schedule during the beginning of July vacations would not give the best data to assess its effectiveness. We are committed to a continuous review of the Mass schedule & changes if necessary.

**Spring Cleaning? Help Angel Care**

RHCC Angel Care at Guardian Angels gave away 145 layettes last year. With each layette we try to give 3 Onesies, 3 sleepers, 3 pair of socks or booties, 2 receiving blankets, 1 or 2 crib blankets, 2 bibs, wash cloths, and towels, a sweater set, and 2 or 3 outfits and diapers and wipes if available. We rely on donations for these items. We can use any clean gently used items that you find while spring cleaning. They can be dropped off at Guardian Angels Church. Angel Care has a drop box in the front hall near the office at Guardian Angels church. For pick up please call Myra at 359-1672.

**EASTER BASKET BLESSING**

Holy Saturday, Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12noon in Good Shepherd's original Church!

All are welcome to join this Eastern European traditional (Polish -Swieconka) blessing of Easter food. To show gratitude to God, the first meal of Easter is the blessed food. There is the hope that with the awakening of spring, God will bless the Resurrection season with goodness and mercy. Food is prepared, put in a basket, covered with a linen cloth & taken to church for blessing.

The food items in the basket have symbolic meaning: **Eggs** (Jajka) -new life, Christ's resurrection; **Butter Lamb** (Baranek) -Christ's goodness; **Bread** (Chleb) -Jesus, the bread of life; **Horseradish** (Hzran) -Christ's passion or bitter sacrifice; **Sausage** (Kielbasa) - God's favor & generosity; **Ham** (Szynka) - joy & abundance; **Salt** (Sol) -we are "salt of the earth." Some add **Lamb** -lamb of God and a **Candle** - Christ, the Light of the World.

**Pastoral Council Nominations**

Don't forget to nominate a parishioner for membership on the joint Parish Pastoral Council that will begin in May-June to be on board as we Cluster. There are nomination forms and more information in the gathering spaces of all three parishes. Thank you for prayerfully considering yourself or someone else!

*Living Stations of the Cross* led by our Senior High RHYM Youth! Palm Sunday, March 28, 7pm in the Good Shepherd Chapel, lower level School



# 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.

## Holy Week Mass Schedule

for the Rush Henrietta Catholic Community

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Plan on going to Individual Reconciliation (Confession) OR participating in our last Cluster Communal Reconciliation Service at Good Shepherd Church Mon., March 29, 7:15pm

### Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010

7:00pm Sr. RHYM's Living Stations of the Cross at GS

### Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 1, 2010

8:30am Morning Prayer @ GS in room 105

7:00pm Mass @ Good Shepherd

7:00pm Mass @ Guardian Angels

7:15pm Mass @ St. Joseph's

### Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, April 2, 2010

8:30am Morning Prayer @ GS Church

3:00pm Service @ Guardian Angels

### Holy Saturday, April 3, 2010

8:30am Morning Prayer @ GS Church

7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass @ Good Shepherd

(no earlier Saturday Masses at any of the Churches)

### Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

Good Shepherd's Masses: 9:00am & 11:00am

Guardian Angel's Masses: 8:00am & 10:30am

St. Joseph's Masses: 8:00am & 10:30am

## The Journey of Faith to the Cross and Beyond

This past Sunday we celebrated the 3rd Scrutiny with those in the RCIA process. We are all called, during this Lenten season, to "scrutinize", or examine, our hearts. We are looking for ways that we have chosen the light of Christ and followed the good, as well as where we have chosen the darkness and followed evil. This is our call during Lent, which we hear first on Ash Wednesday ("Turn from your sins and believe the Gospel"). Please pray for all of us to take this journey seriously, especially those who will be completing their sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. **Elect:** Matthew Schlicht & Thomas Munson  
**Candidates:** Stephanie Anderson, Felix Damian, Carolyn Fitzgerald, Ariel French, Brittany Nicole Kolich, Anthony Munson, Kevin Pazyck, Andrea Wescott

**Join them in the journey!**

The **Divine Mercy Novena** begins at 7:00pm on Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Guardian Angels Church. The novena ends with a service for the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sun., April 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at St Joseph's Church.

*"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."*

- Lk 19:38

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

## Readings for the Week of March 28, 2010

Sun.: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Mon.: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tues.: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed.: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thurs.: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Fri.: Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Sat.: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 55:1-11; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

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*"Where is God in our times of need"*

Psalm 22: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?



## Passion (Palm) Sunday

This week we walk with Jesus through his passion, death, and resurrection. We begin to experience the sacrifice he made for us and how we are also called to give our life for others. Operation Rice owl and Christian Appalachian Project have helped us walk with our sisters and brothers who daily take up the cross of poverty. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving we unite ourselves in the one human family that is God's creation.

All new and current liturgical ministers (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters, Ushers, Children's Liturgy of the Word/Gather leaders and musicians) are asked to sign up again for your ministry. With the new Mass schedule and clustering, the you will have the opportunity to serve at any of the 3 parishes. If you did not receive a letter already, extras can be found in the gathering space of each parish.