

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: **GS:** Sat., 3:15-4:15pm; **GA:** 2:30-3:30pm;
SJ: 4:00-4:30pm
Weddings: Arrangements should be made 6 months in advance. Pre-Cana is required.
Anointing of the Sick: by request

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"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." -

Mk 13:26-27

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This Week's Readings

Sun.-Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Mon.-1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
Tues.-2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wed.-2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thurs.-1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Fri.-1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Sat.-1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sun.- Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

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"Come Journey with Us..."

That is the theme our Joint Liturgy Committee has chosen to send us off together in this new Church Year that begins on this First Sunday of Advent.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of signs of the second coming. Sometimes we forget that Advent is about preparing not only for Christmas, but also for when Jesus returns. We have the choice of preparing in fear and anxiety or standing tall in our faith.

- On your faith journey, what are signs of Christ's coming, of His presence in our lives now?
- What/ who helps me see the signs of God and God's redemption?
- What anxieties get in the way of my seeing signs of God?
- How can I help someone who is anxious or stressed?
- Have you seen the new signs in front of our 3 churches, welcoming passersby to "Come Journey with Us...?"

Save the Dates:

- Tuesday, December 15: our next Three Tue-Gether Tuesday. "Music as Prayer" presented by Jean Leicht, Director of Music Ministry at Good Shepherd. 7:00 Opening Prayer, 7:15 Presentation at Good Shepherd.
- Saturday, January 23, 2010: Tri-Parish Party; details to follow.



News and Notes from the Tri-Parish Transition Team

Tri-Parish Meeting Report: Approximately 350 parishioners attended the tri-parish meeting held on October 27 and November 8. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the positive atmosphere of sharing at these sessions.

The Transition Team's purpose in conducting these meetings was to gather parishioner input for the eventual schedule of masses (6 per weekend) for the 3-Parish Rush-Henrietta Catholic Community under the clustering arrangement authorized by Bishop Clark. It is intended that by mid May 2010 our 3 parishes will transition from the current 9 weekend mass schedule to a 6 weekend mass schedule with 2 masses at each worship site. The Tri-Parish Transition Team has received and reviewed the input gathered at these sessions and has developed a potential model mass schedule that is being prayerfully considered and evaluated by the Parish Pastoral Council and staffs of each parish.

In addition to the mass schedule discussion, participants were also asked to identify the "Most Important Qualities of a Pastoral Leader Needed for our RHCC." This input will be provided to the DOR Personnel Committee and Bishop Clark and used to recruit applicants for a final decision by Bishop Clark. The top 10 qualities/attributes/characteristics identified included: Faith Filled/Spiritual Leader, Good Listener, Good Communicator/Well Spoken/Dynamic Speaker, Well Organized, Ability to Motivate/Energize/Involve and Draw in Youth, Ability to Relate to and Understand the Needs of All Age Groups, Flexible, Open Minded/Neutral/Unbiased, Understands/Respects/Is Sensitive to the Traditions/Culture/Character of each Parish.

Census Report Available: As you may know, the three parishes that make up the Rush-Henrietta Catholic Community conducted a census during the second quarter of 2009. There were two parts of the Census/Survey, part one dealt with demographics and part two dealt with five survey questions. The compiled results, although somewhat of an incomplete picture, will still be a useful tool in the future planning of our cluster and in adjusting the various ministries to be even more effective in addressing the needs of our parishioners. Your Parish Pastoral Council members and Pastoral Leaders have the complete data and a summary report is available in the welcoming/gathering area of each church. Thank you to all census takers and to all who participated in the process.

Question Box: A Question Box is now available in the welcoming/gathering area of each church. Please don't hesitate to use it to submit any questions you may have about the upcoming clustering arrangement of the RHCC. Responses will, from time to time appear in each bulletin.

Liturgical Celebrations

Tuesday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception:

6:30 AM ~ Good Shepherd 8:00 AM ~ St. Joseph
12:10 PM ~ Guardian Angels (presentation follows)
7:15 PM ~ Good Shepherd (presentation follows)

Advent Penance Services:

Monday, December 14, 7:15 PM ~ St. Joseph
Saturday, December 19, 11:15 AM ~ Guardian Angels
Monday, December 21, 7:15 PM ~ Guardian Angels

Christmas Eve:

3:30 PM ~ Good Shepherd
4:00 PM ~ St. Joseph
4:30 PM ~ Guardian Angels
5:30 PM ~ Good Shepherd
6:00 PM ~ St. Joseph
6:30 PM ~ Guardian Angels
11:00 PM ~ Good Shepherd
Midnight ~ St. Joseph



Christmas Day:

9:30 AM ~ Guardian Angels
10:00 AM ~ Good Shepherd
10:30 AM ~ St. Joseph

New Year's Eve

4:00 PM ~ St. Joseph

New Year's Day

9:30 AM ~ Guardian Angels
10:00 AM ~ Good Shepherd