

December 13, 2009

News Along 15A

Not Sure What to Get The Women on Your Gift List?

How About the Gift of Going On A Retreat!

Women's GRACE Ministry of Good Shepherd is putting together a special retreat experience for the Women of Good Shepherd, Guardian Angels and St. Joseph's Churches of the Rush-Henrietta Catholic Community! What a wonderful way to embrace God and renew as we begin a brand new year! It is happening on Saturday, January 9, 12:30-8:30 p.m. She will get to enjoy the beautiful surroundings at the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester Mother House, at 150 French Road, Rochester NY 14618 for an experience of prayer, quiet-time, community, sharing, dinner and Mass! The best part is she does not have to cook! The cost is just \$20.00 per person including dinner and refreshments! To reserve a spot for yourself or someone you care about please call Lori Trovato at 509-8888 or send email to gracewowgem@yahoo.com. Give the woman in your life the opportunity to "get away" to refresh her heart, mind and soul!

RCIA will be gather at St. Joseph's Church at 12:15pm this Sunday. Topic: "**Confirmation**" All are welcome to attend each session. Please continue to pray for our candidates on their faith journey!

Myth buster of the week

The 1st in a series. Put any questions you want answered in the question boxes found in each parish gathering space.

Myth: Parishes will lose their unique identities.

Truth: Pastoral planning terminology, as reported in the Oct. 2009 issue of the Catholic Courier, states that "*a cluster is a parish structure which 2 or more parishes are served by a single pastor, pastoral administrator or pastoral team, BUT, each parish retains its own identity according to both church and civil law. Ministry programs and staffing can be autonomous within each parish or may involve partnerships with other members of the cluster.*"

RHCC Three Tue-Gether presents:

MUSIC AS PRAYER

December 15, 2009 7:00 pm

Church of the Good Shepherd Chapel

For an oasis of quiet during this bustling and stress filled time of year, Jean Leicht offers an opportunity to experience musical prayer; it's power to heal, comfort, transform, bring God's word to life in our lives, celebrate our relationships, and remind us of God's faithful and unconditional love.



Rush Henrietta Catholic Community

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Knit With Us!

Tues, Dec 15th 6:00pm at Panera Bread

Join us with projects in progress with an eye toward sharing new skills with each other. Call Barb Dera (359-0795) for more information.

Another group meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 1:30pm at different homes. Call Carolyn Gaffney (359-3989) for more information.

The Rush Henrietta Catholic Community

Invites you to set sail on the GUARDIAN OF THE SEAS

Sat., Jan. 23, 2010

Guardian Angels' Parish Hall

6:15p.m. hors d'oeuvres

7:00p.m. buffet dinner

8:15p.m. "Meet the Captain"

8:45p.m. D.J./Dancing

\$15.00 per person (on sale Jan. 2nd/3rd, 2010)

Liturgical Celebrations

Advent Penance Services:

Monday, December 14, 7:15 PM ~ St. Joseph

Saturday, December 19, 11:00 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

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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; or call for an appointment.
Weddings: Arrangements should be made 6 months in advance. Pre-Cana is required.
Anointing of the Sick: by request

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John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

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

Readings for the Week of December 13, 2009

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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"Come Journey with Us..."

In this Sunday's gospel John the Baptist describes how people should behave while on the Journey, preparing for Jesus: tax collectors should not collect more than required; soldiers should not cheat (common occurrence) to make up for little wages. How are you & I to act on our Journey? Not only in extraordinary acts of charity or justice, but also being honest and fair in our day to day life at work, school or home. This is also the Traditional "Gaudete Sunday": finding JOY on the Journey.

- If you asked John the Baptist, "What should I do?", what would he tell you?
- If I truly want to follow the way of God and Jesus, I should...
- Are there people in my life I should treat better as I prepare for Christ's coming?
- Where do I find, create and share joy on the Journey?
- Who/what gives me joy? Do I thank God for that?
- Can I go to this Tuesday's "Music as Prayer" Adult Ed offering to find joy?

*Prepare Ye
the Way of
the Lord*

