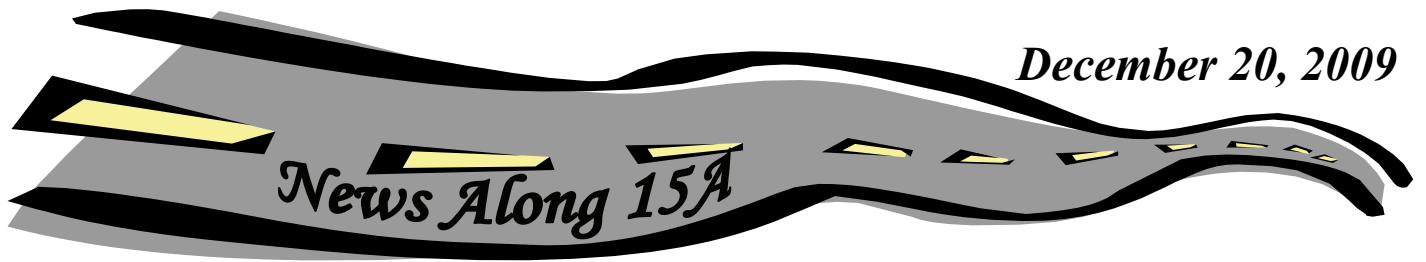


December 20, 2009



Rush Henrietta Catholic Community Census: Part 1

As you may remember, during the months of March, April, May and June, the 3 Parishes of the Rush Henrietta Catholic Community (Guardian Angels, Good Shepherd & St. Joseph's) conducted a census. A volunteer team of parishioners from each parish worked together to compile the information gathered. The census was composed of 2 parts. **Part 1 was the demographics.**

Who are we? Guardian Angels has 681 registered families, which 458 completed their surveys. 895 of Good Shepherd's 1289 registered families and 427 of St. Joseph's 500 registered families, completed their surveys. That brings the total for the RHCC to 1780 families, out of a possible 2479, that completed the census updates. If you did not fill out a NEW FORM since April, please do so as soon as possible.

The average families size, is roughly 2.5 individuals. Breaking the age demographics down even more, just over 25% of the RHCC community is under the age of 20. Almost 47% are between the ages of 20-60, the childbearing years, and 28% are 60 years or older. Of the census surveys filled out, the majority of parishioners in the RHCC are between the age of 41-50 years old (773 individuals)

Where do we come from? Registered members come from all over the Rochester area. The towns parishioners reside in are: Rochester, Henrietta, West Henrietta, Rush, Pittsford, Honeoye Falls, Scottsville, Fairport, Avon, Penfield, Victor, Byron, E. Rochester, Lakeville, Lima, Livonia, North Chili & Webster. The majority of Good Shepherd's parishioners reside in Henrietta (312), Rochester (272), W. Henrietta (183) and Pittsford (85) but some parishioners come from as far away as Victor (2) & Byron (1). Guardian Angels members reside mostly in Rochester (298), Henrietta (56), Pittsford (45) and W. Henrietta (43) with some members from Fairport (2) & Webster (1). St. Joseph's parishioners come mostly from Rush (219), Henrietta (70), West Henrietta (63) and Honeoye Falls (50) with several members from Rochester (11) & Avon (4).

Did You Know? The distance between Guardian Angels Church and St. Joseph's Church is only 6.46 miles. Guardian Angels to Good Shepherd is 1.71 miles, Good Shepherd to St. Joseph's is 4.75 miles.

Pastoral Visits: When you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please call the parish office to request one. When admitted, list yourself as a Catholic and your home parish (Good Shepherd, Guardian Angels or St. Joseph's). HIPPA" Laws

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 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

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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"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb"- Lk 1: 42

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

Readings for the Week of December 20, 2009

Sun.: Mi 5: 1-4a; Heb 10: 5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Mon.: Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a; Lk 1: 39-45

Tues.: 1 Sm 1: 24-28; Lk 1: 46-56

Wed.: Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24; Lk 1: 57-66

Christmas Eve: Is 62: 1-5; Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25; Mt 1: 1-25 or 1: 18-25

Christmas Midnight Mass: Is 62: 11-12; Ti 3: 4-7; Lk 2: 15-20

Christmas Day: Is 52: 7-10; Heb 1: 1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Sat.: Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59; Mt 10: 17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Col

3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

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"Come Journey with Us..."

Our gospel reading has Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth, who exclaims that her child John, still in the womb, leapt for joy in the presence of the Lord in Mary.



This week we hear Elizabeth exclaim to Mary:

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoke to you by the Lord would be fulfilled!" I must ask myself if I also believe in what the Lord has said. Some days it can seem hard to believe that we have been redeemed by our Lord, and that we look to a time with gladness when our Lord will come again in fulfillment of the kingdom. This is especially true as people today try to describe the second coming as a time of fear and dread. I am called to live the truth that our Lord has told me to fear not, for I am so loved by God that he gave his only Son for me. I am called to share that love with those in my life who have not yet experienced the possibility that anyone could love them so much, and to be a witness to the hope made possible through Christ. **Do I believe that what was spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled?**