

Bethlehem Catholic Missions

A representative of Bethlehem Catholic Missions will be here this weekend, April 12/13 to raise funds to help Catholic families living in the Holy Land. They will once again be selling their beautiful olive wood crafts before and after all the weekend Masses. Please check out the wonderful craftsmanship of these beautiful, hand made religious items and help support our Catholic brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

A holy hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction will be held on **Thursday, April 17th** at 7:00 PM. Come and adore the Lord Jesus bodily present in the Eucharist.

Parish Pastoral Council Openings

We currently have openings on the Parish Pastoral Council. For an application or for information, contact the rectory office at 732-8521.

HOPE Appeal 2008

The 30th Annual HOPE Appeal will kick off next weekend in our parish. The programs, services and ministries supported by the Annual HOPE Appeal help meet the needs of people in our diocese. This year's theme is "Gifts from the heart give HOPE". The HOPE Appeal serves all of us in different ways. Your financial support is needed to further the good works of the Appeal. We welcome Sr. Joan Corcoran next weekend to hear her firsthand accounts of the good works provided through the HOPE Appeal. Sr. Joan's ministry is based at Historic Old St. John's in Utica.



Fellowship/Hospitality

The Fellowship/Hospitality Group will meet on Wednesday, April 16th in the Hayes Room at 9:30 AM. All parishioners are invited to join in for coffee, cakes and socialization. We come together to meet and visit with fellow parishioners and to learn of some of the events taking place in our parish. There are no membership fees or obligations to participate in activities. Please come and bring a friend. We hope to see new faces, along with our regular attendees. For more information, call Milly at 732-2037.

Prayer Group - Meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Church.

Reminder: Our Saturday Vigil Mass is being held at 5:00 PM, April - October.

Easter Flowers
Miss Monica Grygiel

In Memory of
Loved Ones



Morning Rosary – The rosary is recited every morning immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass.

Defibrillator Trainees

Our thanks to the seven (7) volunteers who have already responded to our plea for emergency medical people who would be willing to act during emergencies requiring the use of an automatic heart defibrillator unit. We still need volunteers for the following Masses: Saturday Vigil, Sunday 7:30 and 9:00 AM. You will be trained in this life-saving procedure. You do not have to be a medical professional or hold a certification to volunteer. Please give this request serious consideration as your decision to participate could save someone's life. We need more volunteers to be trained so all Masses can be protected. Training consists of three (3) classes and includes C.P.R. and use of the defibrillator which is automatic in operation with verbal commands. Yellow sign-up forms can be found at the entrances.

"I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters through me will be saved."



MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 12 - 20

Saturday, April 12 – (Vigil) 4th Sunday of Easter

5:00 Jane Sanderl – Jerry & Carolyn Kupiec
5:00 Carol Sator – Catherine Clark
5:00 James “Jesse” Johnson – St. John’s Staff

Sunday, April 13 – 4th Sunday of Easter

7:30 Calvin Teachout – Jordan Little
9:00 Howard Bohling – St. John’s Parish
9:00 Esther Donovan - Jackie Riley
9:00 John L. Nowicki – Sandi & Andrew Nowicki
10:30 John Papierski - Family
10:30 John C. Waszkiewicz, III – Joe & Kay
Zalewski
10:30 Henry J. Ziemba & Parents Apolonia &
Alexander – Ziemba Estate

Monday, April 14 – Easter Weekday

6:45 John Michael Ziemba - Family
9:00 Joseph Elacqua – St. John’s Parish
9:00 Pat Ficano – St. John’s Parish
9:00 Lucille Teesdale – Don & Wanda Gregory

Tuesday, April 15 – Easter Weekday

6:45 The People of St. John’s
9:00 Mary Gachowski – St. John’s Parish
9:00 James Oberlies – Wife
9:00 Henry J. Ziemba - Family

Wednesday, April 16 – Easter Weekday

6:45 Louise Woods – Esther Manley
6:45 Sheila Vennaro - Husband
9:00 Peter, Rose & Carmelo Nicastro – Raymond
& Tina Beck
9:00 Jean J. Jones – Daughter Nancy
9:00 Deceased Members of the Carney Family –
Family

Thursday, April 17 – Easter Weekday

6:45 Living & Deceased Members of the Spatto
Family - Family
9:00 Nicholas Laino – Mrs. Joseph Iuorno
9:00 Stanley Young – St. John’s Parish
9:00 Julia Marchuck – Margaret Fariello

Friday, April 18 – Easter Weekday

6:45 Jack Eichler – George & Gail Daly
6:45 Sr. Catherine Marie Giglio – Sr. Laurenita
Zogby
9:00 Fred Marafiotti – St. John’s Parish
9:00 Fred Marafiotti – Martin & Mary Hernon
9:00 Jack McCambley & Mary Bancroft – Marion
McCambley

Saturday, April 19 – Easter Weekday

8:00 Helen “Peg” Cunningham - Family

Saturday, April 19 – (Vigil) 5th Sunday of Easter

5:00 Raymond Randall, Sr. – Wife & Family
5:00 Carol Sator – John & Agnes Grygiel
5:00 Living & Deceased Members of the
Humphrey Family – Bob & Jill Humphrey

Sunday, April 20 – 5th Sunday of Easter

7:30 John Desmond – Raymond & Tina Beck
7:30 JoAnn Read – Lewis & Jane Smith
9:00 Patricia Carney – Patti & Jim Mitro
9:00 Palma Pecci – Son Robert
9:00 John R. McGough – Ron & Betty Walters
10:30 Louis J. Bojdak – Granddaughters Christina
& Elizabeth
10:30 Edward Boyer – Ken & Loretta Boyer
10:30 Henry J. Ziemba & Parents Apolonia &
Alexander – Ziemba Estate

NEXT SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 (52A); 1 Peter 2:4-9;
John 14:1-12

Gospel question of the week for April 20th

Adult: In what areas of my life do I need a stronger faith?

Child: Am I worried or afraid about something?
How can Jesus help me?

ADULT DINING CENTER

Monday, April 14 – Watercolor, Spanish, Knitting & Crocheting, Aerobics, Computer by appointment, Meditation

Tuesday, April 15 – Bridge, Entertainment, Computer by appointment

Wednesday, April 16 – Yoga, Chair Yoga, Bingo

Thursday, April 17 – Pinochle, Ballroom Dancing, Student Nurses “High Blood Pressure”

Friday, April 18 – Bridge, Aerobics, Computer by appointment

Meditation

Debbie Evans will present a program on “Meditation” each Monday at 12:30 PM at New Hartford Adult Dining & Activity Center. This program is designed to relieve stress and promote relaxation for seniors.

Happy Birthday to Lillian Garrabrant 100 Years Young on April 19th!

Lillian is a charter member of the New Hartford Senior Center, and her daughter, Diane Muller is the Senior Express Bus Driver. We are very fortunate to have these nice people living in our community. A Birthday Party for Lillian will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, April 22nd. Please remember to send Lillian a birthday card on her special day. Cards may be addressed to: Mrs. Lillian Garrabrant, c/o Sunset Wood Apartments, 118 Genesee St, New Hartford, NY 13413. Happy Birthday, Lillian!

Shingle & Pneumonia Shots

On April 22nd, from 9:30 – 11:00 AM, Shingle and Pneumonia shots will be available at the Center. There are only 15 Shingle shots left so if you are interested, please call the Center to reserve one. Cost is \$155.00 and these are available to seniors over 60. The Pneumonia shot is \$30.00 (free if you have Medicare Part B).

White Elephant Sale

On Saturday, June 7th from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, the Senior Center will host its Annual White Elephant Sale. Please set aside your “castaways” and bring them to the Senior Center on weekdays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Monies raised from the sale will be used to purchase new carpeting for the front entrance and lounge at the Senior Center.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education has ended for the year. Grades 1 – 6 may claim their books at the Religious Education office.

First Communion: Please return Banners to the Religious Education office.

Child Church takes place at the 10:30 AM Mass. All children are invited to attend.

Sr. Lynn Abdelnour Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry will meet this Sunday, April 13th from 4:00 – 5:30 PM in the Youth Ministry Room.

Volunteers Needed for Graduation Breakfast Committee

The Youth Ministry would like to have a breakfast honoring our graduating seniors and needs volunteers for a committee to help put this together. If you are willing to be on this committee or would like more information, please call the rectory office at 732-8521.

Youth Mass – April 27, 2008

There will be a Youth Mass here at St. John’s on Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 5:00 PM with music provided by Sean Clive. Music and reflections will begin at 4:30 PM.



FINANCES

Collection –	Week Ending:	April 06, 2008
Regular Collection		\$ 9,564.50
Loose Collection		\$ 566.00
Total		\$ 10,130.50
Thank You		
Second Collection		
Catholic Home Missions		\$ 1,086.00

Congratulations to Tomasz Lewtak!

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Tomasz Lewtak, who had the honor of being the organist at the Annual Concert in Memory of Pope John Paul II at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on Sunday, April 6, 2008. The Annual Concert in Memory of Pope John Paul II is presented by The Consulate General of Poland in New York.

We are sure you remember the recent work that Tomasz did for us re-voicing and refurbishing our organ last fall. Mr. Lewtak had to remove almost all of the organ's 1,700 pipes to clean them and test each one for sound quality, a very time consuming and labor extensive task.

Tomasz was educated as an organist and organ builder, having two master's degrees in organ performance. He graduated from the Music Academy in Katowice, Poland and from Binghamton University (SUNY Binghamton). He studied North German Organ Literature with Ulrik Spang-Hanssen while on a full scholarship at the Music Conservatory in Odense, Denmark.

The following years took him back to Denmark and Norway, where he apprenticed with Carsten Lund Organ Builders of Copenhagen.

Mr. Lewtak played numerous organ recitals in his native Poland as well as in the United States. His expertise was utilized by the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse in preparing several chorus performances.

Presently, Mr. Lewtak holds the position of Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Camillus, NY. In 2001 he established his own organ building enterprise which is successfully doing business in Central New York. Father Bogdan was assigned to St. Joseph's Church after his assignment here at St. John's and it was through Fr. Bogdan that we became aware of the talents of Tomasz. We are extremely fortunate to have had someone with such an impressive background and knowledge of organs, pipes, voicing and rebuilding to have worked on the improvements to our organ. We are sure that everyone can hear the difference in tone and quality since Tomasz worked his magic here at St. John's.

At the Lewtak Pipe Organ Builders, Tomasz is responsible for tonal design, pipe scaling, voicing and internal mechanics. So he is not only an accomplished organ builder, he is also an accomplished organist.



Congratulations Tomasz!