

**WELCOME, FR. JOSEPH O'CONNOR!** Fr. O'Connor, the Diocesan Director of Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life, will preside at each Mass this weekend and speak on vocations. He will also speak to our 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students in the Church during their regular religious education class time.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Classes for Grades K-7  
9:45-10:45 AM Today



**Note:** Grades 8, 9 & 10 will meet in the Church today.

#### COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

Every Sunday after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Church Hall – Everyone is invited.



#### FOOD BASKET SUNDAY

next Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.



Everyone is asked, please, if possible, to bring non-perishable food items to Mass next weekend and place them in the shopping cart in the vestibule. At each mass, a child will be invited to carry a small basket of items from the donated food to the altar, along with the procession of the bread and wine and the collection basket. Thank you.

*"I was hungry, and you gave me food."*

**EXPOSITION & ADORATION** of the Blessed Sacrament will be held this Friday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, from immediately following the 12:00 Noon Mass until 3:00 PM. It will close with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament at 2:50 PM. Please sign up in the vestibule to "watch" for a half-hour with the Lord.

**SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING** – 9:45 AM today in the Church Hall!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** – This Wednesday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Payne House.

**THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**, also called Candlemas, is this Monday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.



- 5:00 PM Mass, beginning with the blessing of candles and a candlelight procession.
- People will be given taper candles for this. They should take those taper candles home to remind themselves to be the light of Christ in the world.
- If they prefer, people may bring their own candles from home to be blessed and be carried in the procession.
- After Mass the St. Blaise Blessing of Throats will be offered. The Feast of St. Blaise is Tuesday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.



#### PRAYER PARTNERS FOR LENT

- Sign up on the writing board beginning today. People must sign up by Sunday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Draw the name of your prayer partner after any mass on the weekend of Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Then say a prayer every day of Lent for the person whose name you draw. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Meanwhile, someone else will be praying for you.

**PALMS TO ASHES** – Everyone is invited to bring their palms from last Palm Sunday and place them in the basket, which will be in the vestibule for the next three weeks (until Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>). These will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday, which falls on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> this year.



#### THE DATE OF EASTER 2009

The Easter Triduum is the holiest time of year for Christianity. In order to keep these days holy, we should all avoid scheduling activities which, although good in themselves, would distract our attention from God. These holy days are:

- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday
- April 11<sup>th</sup> – Holy Saturday
- April 12<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday

#### DEFEND HUMAN LIFE

*My Dear Parishioners,*

*The Pro-Life Movement is facing a clear and present danger, both on a national level and in New York State, which is already the most Pro-Choice state in the nation.*

*The danger is The Freedom of Choice Act(FOCA), which is now before Congress, and The Reproductive Health & Privacy Protection Act(RHAPP), which is now before the New York State Legislature. Both President Obama and Governor Patterson are in favor of these potential laws.*

*These laws would make abortion a statutory right, which could not be limited or hindered in any way. They would do away with all parental notification laws, informed consent laws, and laws restricting partial birth abortions.. They would also mandate that the government pay for abortions for women unable to afford them. There is also a good chance that they could force all doctors and other medical professionals to perform abortions or risk losing their licenses*

*We really must act now. Therefore, I urge everyone to write a letter or send a post card or an email to the people whose names and addresses are listed below, asking them not to enact these laws, but rather, to defend human beings in the womb.*

*Please pick up one of the flyers, Abortion Extremism, off the large table in the back of Church. It has a lot more information*

*Here is wording you can use for a post card or letter to Washington(Of course, the wording to Albany would have to be different, because on the state level we are opposing RHAPP, not FOCA):*

*Dear \_\_\_\_\_,*

*Thank you for serving as my representative in Congress(or, as one of my two senators in Congress, or, as my president).*

*I am writing to beg you, please, not to enact(or to sign) The Freedom of Choice Act or any part thereof. This act, which would create a statutory right to abortion which could not be limited in any way and would overturn many existing, widely-supported policies, including laws protecting parental involvement and conscience rights and those preventing partial-birth abortion and taxpayer funding of abortion, would cause great sorrow and spiritual pain to me and to millions of other Americans who believe in the sanctity of human life*

*To me, it is self-evident that human life begins at conception, and that abortion is the unjust taking of a human life. I am relying on you, as my representative(or, one of my two senators, or, as my president) to protect the most vulnerable members of our community, the unborn, and to lead our country onto the path of justice and peace..*

*Sincerely,  
(your name & address)*

*Using your own words would be even better, but you may use these exact words if you like.*

Here are addresses and forms of address you will need. If you live outside of Sherburne, your state senator and state assemblyman may be different. Just call the Parish Office, 674-9625, to find out the names of your senator and assemblyman.

**The President**  
**The White House**  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

*Dear Mr. President*

**The Honorable Charles Schumer**  
United States Senator  
313 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

*Dear Senator Schumer*

**The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand**  
United States Senator  
Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

*Dear Senator Gillibrand*

**The Honorable Michael Arcuri**  
127 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

*Dear Mr. Arcuri*

**The Honorable David A. Patterson**  
Governor of New York  
State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

*Dear Governor Patterson*

**The Honorable James L. Seward**  
New York State Senate  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, NY 12248

*Dear Senator Seward*

**The Honorable Gary Finch**  
New York State Assembly  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, NY 12248

*Dear Mr. Finch*

### MYSTERY DINNER THEATER



- ✘ "Death by Dessert", directed by Deacon Joe Caminiti and performed by St. Stephen's Strolling Players.
- ✘ 3 Course Italian Dinner.
- ✘ Next Saturday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 PM Mass in the Church Hall.
- ✘ \$15.00/person
- ✘ This is the last weekend to get tickets. Tickets may be obtained from Bridget Sulton after the 5:00 PM Sat. Mass or during the Coffee Hour on Sunday.
- ✘ Advance tickets only. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- ✘ Put on by St. Malachy's Social Events Committee. Proceeds will go toward the Parish Picnic.

**THANK YOU** – A great big Thank You to Carolyn Depta for making and sending to us a whole slew of rosaries. Tony & Carolyn Depta recently left St. Malachy's Parish for their new home in Pennsylvania. But they miss us and still think of us. These rosaries will be blessed as they are needed and put out in the vestibule for people to take.

### INCOME TAX PREPARERS NEEDED

Opportunities for Chenango, Inc., is seeking volunteers to help low to moderate income families to prepare their income taxes through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for Chenango County. Volunteers are needed to help at Roots and Wings, Chenango Cortland Rural Services and other outreach sites across the county. The VITA Program provides training and volunteer mentoring to help you feel comfortable. The time and effort you provide is very rewarding! Please call Gary Quarella at Opportunities for Chenango, Inc. at 607-334-2101 ext. 121 to volunteer or to learn more.

### WELCOME TO ST. MALACHY'S PARISH

P.O. Box 722  
Sherburne, NY 13460  
607-674-9625  
Fr. Lester Smith

Please use this form to make your needs known, dropping it into the collection basket or mailing it to the address above.

- I would like to make an appointment to speak with the pastor.
- I would like to report that the following person is ill or has other special needs.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- I am interested in joining this parish.
- I would like to receive offering envelopes.
- Other comments:
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_



those who are ill and in need of our prayers:

Rita Abbott, Genevieve Andrews, Gretchen Boise, Mary Box, Susan Connelly, Ann Cunningham, Louise Diamond, Bill Doyle, Ann Fernandez, Madeline Fetzko, Ann Giaquinto, Frank Giglio, Elwyn Goodier, Deacon Ray Goskowski, Carmel Greenwood, Kathy Noon Hinton, Katie Hoefler, Kathlyn Hurley, Michelle Hutchkins, Jessica Jaquay, Bertha Klockowski, George Lewis, Lawrence Majka, Catherine Mastro, Kacie Matott, John McDaniel, Margaret McNulty, Lucas Mikalunas, Martin Mikalunas, Victor Mikalunas, Phyllis & George Miller, Margaret Minarik, Paul Mulligan, Bette & Tom Natoli, Doris Newman, Ann Marie Plante, Susanna Porter, Mary Postiglione, Maria Romanowski, Theresa Romanowski, Clayton Rutan, Ronald Sabre, Mike Sanner, Betty Seibert, Suzanne Sipala, Gregory Snyder, Rosa Spinelli, Marie Suydan, Ryan Tabolt, Michael Trask, Jerry & Coralie Ulatowski, Cody VanBuren, Michael Wassel, Priscilla Webb, Richard Wood, Jamie Zbydniewski.

#### ...and our priests:

Fr. Lester, Fr. John Madden, Fr. Doug Cunningham, Fr. Tom Ward, Fr. Bob Dwyer, Bishop Moynihan, Bishop Costello, and Pope Benedict XVI

#### ...and our Seminarian:

Jamie Schultz

#### ...and our religious Sister:

Sister Mary Emmanuel Schultz, OP

**THE LIST FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. MALACHY'S** for February will be in next week's bulletin.

**Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center:** Bethany Christian Services 1-800-238-4269; Birthright 1-800-550-4900

**Post-Abortion Reconciliation And Healing:** Project Rachel 1-315-424-3737

**Natural Birth Regulation & Fertility**

**Information:** The Couple To Couple League 1-513-471-2000; Pope Paul VI Institute 1-402-390-6600

**Traveling Mass Times:** 1-410-676-6000

or [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

**Catholic Information:** 1-800-MY FAITH

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

*The Bishop has asked that this prayer be prayed in every parish of the Diocese at every weekend Liturgy. At St. Malachy's, we do it after Holy Communion.*

God our Father, you sent your Spirit on the apostles to continue the mission of your Son, Jesus. We pray that you will now send your Spirit on our bishops, priests, deacons and religious, filling them with zeal to evangelize our people.

We pray for all who are presently discerning your call, those in vocational formation and those preparing them. We pray that you will bless our diocese with more priests and deacons, and religious congregations with new members.

Mary, our Mother and patroness, intercede for us that our pastoral needs may be fulfilled through Him who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

*With Ecclesiastical Permission James M. Moynihan Bishop of Syracuse*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

	TIME	THIS WEEKEND	NEXT WEEKEND
<b>GREETERS</b>	5:00 PM	Meaghan Weinell & Wendy Mikalunas	Valerie & Colleen Bradley
	8:30 AM	Rosemarie & Anastasia Tenney	Ann Giaquinto & Nancy Giglio
	11:00 AM	Chris Sulton & Cathy Martin	Cathy & Annie Albertina
<b>LECTORS</b>	5:00 PM	Lynette McDaniel	Lynette McDaniel
	8:30 AM	Paul Del Fuoco	Gloria Jenny
	11:00 AM	Grace Dunshee	Susan Rogers
<b>HEAD USHERS</b>	5:00 PM	Bodie Mikalunas	Bob Osowski
	8:30 AM	Kevin Jenny	Matthew Weinell
	11:00 AM	Paul Peschel	Linda Staley (Stephanie & Shannon)
<b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	5:00 PM	Joe Sulton & Ellie Ferris	Lawrence Zimmerman & Joe Sulton
	8:30 AM	Jeanette Romanowski & Paul Del Fuoco	Tom Lane & Mike Hurley
	11:00 AM	Deacon Bob & Mary Jo Burlison	Deacon Bob & Sharon Farrow