

FROM FATHER BILL: *Today is the Feast of the BAPTISM of the LORD.* It's good for all of us to recall that we were baptized. We still have the same graces within ourselves, no matter what our age, that we had the day we became Roman Catholic Christians. Be happy that the Holy Spirit still sustains you in being great Christians. Let your Baptism swell up in you once again and **"DO NOT BE AFRAID"**.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH THIS WEEK: Spend a few minutes in quiet prayer. Ask God to show you one way that you may be called to respond to the Graces of YOUR BAPTISM: in your relationship with God; with family and friends; at work school or church or in the broader community. **BECOME A SAINT NOW!**

MARRIED COUPLES, renew and revitalize your love affair with your spouse on a MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND, and celebrate Valentine's Day too. For information on the February 6-8 or March 20-22 MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3343 or 1-877-697-9963.

TODAY: PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to take POINSIETTAS home with them following Mass. You may wish to take a plant to someone homebound or ill.

St. Peter's Church, Troy, NY is celebrating its 185th Anniversary as a Parish this year, 2009. Special Events have been planned to celebrate this wonderful ANNIVERSARY of our Church. Jim Canfield chairs the Anniversary Committee.

185th ANNIVERSARY MASS AND BRUNCH KICKOFF CELEBRATION - FROM OUR LATIN PARISHIONERS: ALL ST. PETER'S PARISHIONERS (English and Latin) are invited to attend the 12 Noon Latin Tridentine Mass on Sunday, January 18, 2009. Our English Mass parishioners will have an opportunity to appreciate the beauty of the Latin Tridentine Mass by attending this special Mass. A BRUNCH will follow in the Lyceum. Those who wish to attend the 10:30 am English Mass on Sunday, January 18, are welcome to return for the Brunch in the Lyceum. Please register for the Brunch after Mass today. We need to know how many are coming – there is no Charge.

PRAYER IN TIME OF CHANGE:

Beloved Jesus, anoint us to do your will.
May the joy of your dwelling in us draw us closer to each other,
Expand our vision to recognize your plan;
Warm our hearts by the flame of your love;
Open our lips so that we can embrace each other as your people; speak to us so we can discern the role you have for us,
Your body, your Church.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
Empowering us to become a vital expression of growth
In your changing Church.
Your Kingdom is now!
Help us to discover and live your will. AMEN.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: For anyone experiencing the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at St. Francis de Sales Church on Congress Street. The next meeting will take place this Wednesday, 14 January. No need to register. Just show up! Everyone is invited.

Bishop Hubbard has approved the Frassati Chapter as a young adult group in the diocese. Brian would like to begin promoting the group to attract new members. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Brian – 518-669 – 3172.

THIS WEEK - NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK - January 11 - 17.
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PRIEST or A RELIGIOUS??? Our Diocese of Albany needs single young men and women to consider such a Vocation. CONTACT Father James J. Walsh, Discernment for Diocesan Priesthood, jjwalshie@aol.com or 518-312-9397; or CONTACT Sister Romesary Cuneo, CR, Parish Liason/Discernment for Religious Life, RosemaryCuneo@rcda.org or 518-674-3818. Please contact Father or Sister ASAP. Or, speak with Father Bill!

THIS WEEK - January 11 to January 18 - we celebrate a WEEK of PRAYER for Christian Unity: 1) Let us pray for our local Christian communities, our Churches and ecumenical groups; 2) Let us pray for a deeper appreciation of our common baptism into the one body of Christ; 3) Let us pray for our spiritual leaders and church authorities, that the Spirit may continue to enlighten them and grant them the grace to work in harmony, joy and love; 4) Let us pray for all civil authorities; 5) Let us pray for all the nations and communities who live with deep divisions and internal conflicts; 6) Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who, inspired by you, have held an important place in our lives of faith, and for all who have reflected your forgiveness, compassion and love of neighbor; 7) Let us pray for all those who bring the gospel to bear on the great ethical challenges of our times and 8) Let us pray for all Christian churches and ask for your help, Lord, so that one day they may be able to gather around the table and share the fellowship of holy communion. FATHER, THAT THEY MAY BECOME ONE IN YOUR HAND—Ezekiel 3:7.

THIS WEEK - SISTERS of SAINT JOSEPH PEACE RETREAT: Dates: Friday, January 16, 7pm to Saturday evening, January 17; PLACES: Carondelet Hospitality Center, 385 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, New York: PRESENTER: Sister Miriam Therese Larkin, CSJ, a Sister of St. Joseph; THEME: “Beginning with our own experience of peace, we will focus, on the elements of peace common to our interior peace and to peace in the larger society. We will reflect on ways of advancing peace in ourselves and in our environment. The weekend will include presentations, reflection time, sharing/discussion, and prayer.” COSTS: \$100. for presentation, meals, materials, and a private room with shared bath; \$70. for those who choose to commute. REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN. For further Information or For Registration Forms, Contact Sister Kitty at St. Bernard’s School of Theological and Ministry, 518-453-6760 or kitty.hanley@rcda.org

Parish Mission Statement: St. Paul’s, St. Peter’s, and our Latin Tridentine Community established by Bishop Hubbard are a Roman Catholic Community working together in union with the Vicar of Christ on Earth. As followers of Jesus, we choose to be instruments of peace, healing and a visible sign of hope to one another and to all our neighborhoods. We profess our Faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and therefore strive to have charity toward all and animosity toward none while performing our daily duties according to the will of God.

Pray for the soul of Mary Fox. God grant her Eternal Life.

EVANGELIZATION: Generations of Faith.....Generaciones de fe!

