**FESTIVAL**

**PARISH STAFF**
Reverend Brian Kelly, Pastor x301
Deacon Helmut Neurohr, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Frank Garceau, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Gerard Matthews, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Andrew Grebe, P.A. for Business & Admin. x304
Tom Acemoglu, P.A. for Evangelization & Catechesis x307
Tracey Penk-Masucci, Parish Admin. Asst. x302
Robyn Spateholts, Faith Formation Admin. Asst. x303
Clare Daly, Youth Minister x319
Adam Krywinski, Youth Minister x319
Joan Welch, Parish Secretary x321
Thomas Green, Parish Music Director

**PARISH TRUSTEES**
Mary Stewart / Stephen Green

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “Ephphatha!” — that is, “Be opened!” - Mk 7:33b-34

**MASS SCHEDULE**
Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:30am & 5:30pm-Life Teen
Daily: Monday & Wednesday 6:30am
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am
Communion Service: Friday 6:30am
Holy Days and Holidays subject to change (see bulletin)

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Religious Articles Collection

We are once again collecting Religious Articles for a table at the Parish Fest. If you have any religious statues, rosaries, or pictures that you no longer need, please pass on to those that will give them new life. These articles can be given to Tracey before or after masses in the Sunday office or can be dropped off to the Parish Office. PLEASE NO BOOKS!

We’ll be collecting items until Friday, September 14th.

Any questions please contact Nancy Hooley.

The National Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Fonda, NY is very excited to be celebrating its 80th Anniversary. To mark the special occasion, this historical landmark will be hosting a Gala Celebration honoring The Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger, Bishop of Albany on October 17th, at the River Stone Manor in Glenville from 6-9 pm. Please consider joining us or even becoming an event sponsor! Details are available at www.katerishrine.com, tickets can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.com or by calling the Shrine office at (518) 853-3646 or email: nationalkaterishrine@gmail.com.

The Road to Hearts Aflame

Deepening our Understanding of the Eucharist @ St. Ambrose

Thursdays
7pm in the Parish Center

9/13 — Night of Praise
Colonie Center
School Bucks Program

HOW IT WORKS:
SHOP. SHOW. WIN!

Shop. Show. Win! After shopping and dining at Colonie Center, your school’s family and friends can fill out the form and either place it in the drop box at the Security Desk (located near the Regal entrance) along with your original receipts, or show your original receipts at the Management Office (located past the bathrooms near Sephora) to accumulate points. You can also drop off receipts to the School or Parish Office and we’ll get them processed. Shoppers must specify which participating school (St. Ambrose) to allocate the points to. For every dollar spent at Colonie Center, your school will receive one point! This fundraiser runs the ENTIRE school year! The school with the most amount of points at the end of the year wins $8,000!!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Begins: Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm
St. Mary’s Parish Hall, Crescent
86 Church Hill Road * Waterford, NY

We all want Financial Peace in our lives, here is one way to begin to make it happen.

St. Mary’s Crescent is offering Financial Peace University (FPU) on Thursday evenings this fall, beginning September 20, 2018. FPU offers practical solutions - in seven baby steps - to manage your finances, eliminate debt, and save for your future. Imagine, if you will, paying for expenses (think Christmas here!) without incurring any debt; having no more credit card bills; or paying off your mortgage early. Imagine living completely debt free. If you find any of this hard to imagine, then please join us at FPU!

For more information, contact the Parish Office at (518)371-9632 and speak with Stephanie or email her at smcesc@nycap.rr.com. (The $100 fee for materials for this Dave Ramsey course has been the best money ever spent by many who have participated the Financial Peace University process - partial, need-based scholarships are available).
Register for Hearts Aflame September 22! Hearts Aflame is only one month away! It is important to register in advance at rcda.org/hearts aflame, or by using one of the printed registration forms. This historic gathering is for everyone in our diocese. Led by Bishop Ed, the event’s primary focus is on our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a time of joy, fellowship, prayer, and unity. This will be a time of spiritual renewal for our whole diocese. The day will include:

- Mass with the bishop
- Inspirational speakers
- Activities for Children and Youth
- Eucharistic Adoration & Procession
- Tours of the Shrine
- Fellowship & unity with other Catholics

Hearts Aflame will be held on September 22, from 9am to 3pm, at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. All in the Diocese of Albany are invited to attend. Register at rcda.org/hearts aflame.

If you’d like to be a part of a parish wide carpool to Hearts Aflame in Auriesville, please call the office or contact Tom at Thomas.Acemoglu@rcda.org.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING
Beginning Friday, 9/21, an 18-hour training @Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Latham
9 am—3 pm
Friday, September 21 & 28 & Saturday, September 29

Training sessions include information on discernment and boundaries, presentations, interactive exercises, readings, prayer and reflection. There is a $100 fee which includes lunch, a book, manual and all handout materials. Registration is necessary and limited to 20 attendees. Registration deadline is Friday, September 14. All faith traditions welcome! For a registration form or additional information, please go to: https://www.rcda.org/2018bsgft or email Maria.Schollenberger@rcda.org or call Maria 518-641.6818.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2019**

**September 9 Parent Kick-Off**
We’re hosting a mandatory parent/teen night with hors d’oeuvres and an informational program. Our evening will begin with the 5:30 pm Mass.

For more info contact Adam or Clare at x319 or email: adam.krywinski@rcda.org or clare.daly@rcda.org

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**LIFE IS A GIFT**

September 11, 2001

That God has given us. That life is present even in the unborn.”
—Mother Teresa