

# Our Lady of Peace Parish



St. Francis  
deSales  
Church

130 Exchange St.,  
Geneva, New York 14456



St. Stephen  
Church



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Geneva, New York 14456

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February 24, 2008

## From Fr. Roy

Long time friends, Cathy and Frank, invited me to Hawaii in October, 2006 to offer mass in connection with the celebration of their 35th anniversary. In their kindness they arranged for me to visit Kalaupapa, site of a former leper colony on the island of Molokai.

For me there are two honored spots in our 50th state—Pearl Harbor and Kalaupapa. The latter is a low lying, 12 square mile peninsula jutting out midway along the north side of the narrow, 38 mile-long island of Molokai. Steep cliffs averaging 2,500 feet isolate the peninsula from the rest of the island.

Pearl Harbor is easily visited. Not so Kalaupapa. Its overseers, the National Park Service and the State of Hawaii Health Department, limit visitors to 100 a day between Monday and Saturday. Visitors must be older than 15, stay with a guided group, and leave by sunset. The restrictions are in deference to the 33 inhabitants, called patients, who chose to remain after drug advances allowed closure of the colony in 1969. After receipt of a visitors pass, I reached the peninsula via a seven minute flight from the island's main airfield. The more adventuresome take an hour donkey ride or an hour and a half hike down a narrow path cut into the cliffs.

The disease came to the Sandwich Islands, as they were then called, in the early 1800's, reputedly from China, the Hawaiians initially called it Chinese Disease. Its medical name is Hansen's Disease, but it is popularly called leprosy. Since the 1940's drugs have been available to arrest Hansen's Disease and render it non-communicable. The disease is less infectious than once believed. Authorities claim only about 5% of people are unable to ward off the bacterium causing it. Hansen's continues to claim victims in countries with poor medical care. It kills indirectly by weakening the body's defenses to other infections.

Little was known about the true nature of this disfiguring disease in the 1800's so the traditional method, exile, was used. Starting in 1866, lepers were exiled to Kalaupapa where 50 miles of ocean separated them from Honolulu and sheer cliffs from the rest of Molokai.

The peninsula has no real harbor, so the lepers were prodded over the sides of inter-island boats with the clothes on their backs. Many never made it to the shore. Those who did entered a hellish landscape with little vegetation and food, less order and no hope. A stark reminder in the now peaceful and verdant peninsula are its many cemeteries.

The cemeteries were just starting to fill in 1873 when the local bishop asked for three priests willing to serve alternating three month terms among the lepers. A 33 year old Belgian priest, Damien deVeuster, went first. At the end of three months he asked to remain.

Initially Damien exercised caution, but that gave way to cleaning, bandaging and carrying the diseased. His selfless, even reckless ministry gained him credibility making him the spiritual, moral and political leader of the community. He built a church and badgered health officials of the kingdom—the islands were independent until taken over by the U.S. in 1898—for better support. One author notes that besides becoming “a very good carpenter, farmer and improviser” since his arrival in the Islands in 1864, at the colony “he added to his capabilities those of doctor, undertaker, grave digger and at times, constable.”

Above all Damien was a man of God. Six months after arriving in the colony, he wrote his brother in Belgium, “I make myself a leper with the lepers to gain all to Jesus Christ. That is why in preaching, I say ‘we lepers’: not, ‘my brethren.’ ”

It formally became “we lepers” in 1885. On April 15, 1889, the first day of Holy Week, Damien died of complications caused by Hansen's Disease.

## This Week

SS = St. Stephen – SF = St. Francis

### Sunday, February 24—Third Sunday of Lent

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SS): 24/7  
 Second Collection— DeSales High School  
 9:00 A.M. (SF/SS School) Religious Ed Grades K-5  
 9:00 A.M. (SF/SS School) Adult Education  
 3:00 P.M. (SF/SS School) Confirmation Preparation  
 10:30 A.M. (SS) Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
 No Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 P.M. (Sunset Lanes) Youth Group

### Monday, February 25

11:45 A.M.-Noon, Mon-Fri (OLP Chapel) Confessions  
 7:00 P.M. (Parish Offices) Finance Meeting

### Tuesday, February 26

5:15 P.M. (SS) Contemporary Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 P.M. (SF/SS School) Religious Ed Grades 6-8

### Wednesday, February 27

5:30 P.M. (SS) Men’s Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 P.M. (SF) Women’s Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 P.M. (SS Hosp. Ctr.) RCIA

### Thursday, February 28

7:00 P.M. (PC Chapel) Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal & Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

### Friday, February 29

Day of Abstinence (No meat for all 14 and older.)  
 7:00 P.M. (OLP Chapel) Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 1

7:30 A.M. (PC Chapel) Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 3:30-4:15 (SF) Confessions

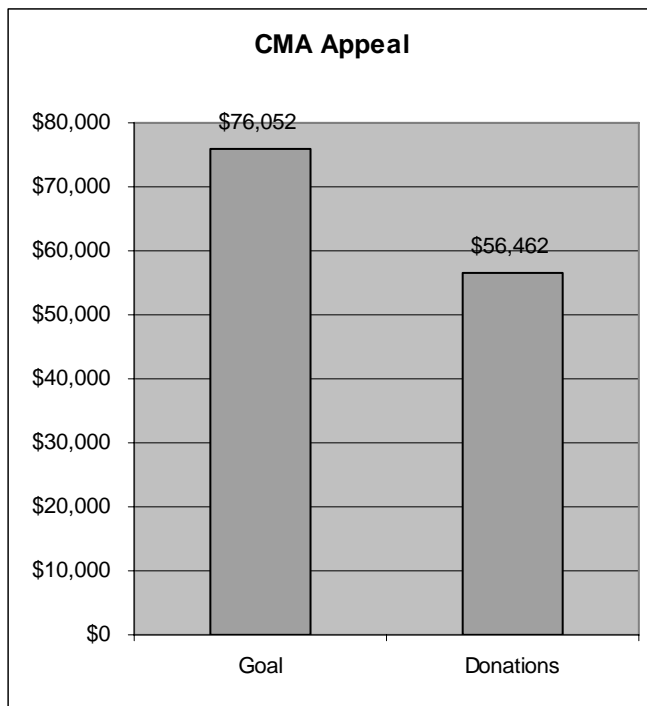
### Sunday, March 2—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SS): 24/7  
 Second Collection— SF/SS School  
 9:00 A.M. (SF/SS School) Religious Ed Grades K-5  
 10:30 A.M. (SS) Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
 11:45 A.M. (SF/SS School) Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 3:00 P.M. (SF/SS School) Confirmation Preparation  
 7:00 P.M. (SS) Youth Group



*Banns of Marriage*

1st Week: **Mariah VanHouten & Keith Benedict.**  
 Please keep them in your prayers.



**74.24% of quota—515 Donors**

## Operation Rice Bowl

### Option for the Poor

Jesus guides the Samaritan woman to a greater appreciation of the Truth—Himself. At Mass today, the homilist gave you greater insight into Scripture’s message. Education is key to our lives, regardless of our age. Pailash, a young Indian boy stricken with polio, didn’t have access to education. He survived by selling newspapers and slept in fear of being robbed. Finally he found safety and opportunity in a Kolkata school for orphans supported by Catholic Relief Services. Today, he eats regular meals, enjoys studying math, and is preparing to learn a useful trade. A fundamental option for the poor is a central tenet of the Church’s teachings and mission. CRS helps to expand educational opportunities worldwide, giving new hope to the poor. Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl will make the dreams of young people like Pailash achievable.

## Meetings & Events

**St. Francis-St. Stephen's School Bingo** - Every Wednesday night 7:15 p.m. at the Sons of Italy, 31 Prospect Avenue. \$1,000.00 guaranteed prize money, \$200.00 jackpot, 75/25 split pot. Non-smoking room available, handicapped accessible.

**SERRV Shop** is open every Saturday from 10:00 to 12:30 or by appointment 789-1343. Gifts from Around the World at the Presbyterian Church, 23 Park Place in Geneva—entrance off Washington Street.

**Parish Family Education Series** at St. John's, Clyde—Sundays from 6:00-7:30 pm. at St. John's School in Clyde—**Sunday, March 9: *Rights of the People of God***—Fr. Kevin McKenna presenter.

**Knights of Columbus, Council 272**—Serving **Fish Fry Dinners** every Friday through March 21st. Eat in or Take Out. Serving from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. Take out orders may be called in at 789-1606. Members and guests welcome.

**SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 26TH - ROCHESTER MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST** Joan Ulicny's career was on the fast track at IBM, when she had a horrific car accident that left her legally blind. She talks of her struggle with faith. Author of the book "*A Greater Vision*" back from abortion Joan will be speaking at the Magnificat Breakfast at RIT Inn & Conference Center at 9:15 a.m. Ticket Reservation \$15.00 Student \$10.00 for more information or to make reservations call Kathy Murty at 436-1284 or e-mail [rochestermagnificat@frontiernet.net](mailto:rochestermagnificat@frontiernet.net)

**Widowed, Divorced or Separated?** - If you are looking for peer support that can help you on your journey of healing from your loss, **Beginning Experience of Rochester** is offering a healing weekend, *April 4 – 6, 2008* at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake. Beginning Experience is a Catholic founded organization that has helped thousands of people heal from their hurt. For information or to register for the weekend call (585) 987-1750.

The William H. Shannon Chair in Catholic Studies at Nazareth College presents: **PURSuing JUSTICE, HEALING HUMANITY, TRANSFORMING THE WORLD**—Mary Jo Leddy. "*Justice Has a Face and a Name*" Thursday, March 6, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Forum, Otto A. Shults Community Center

**Prayer Line - call 789-0930 or 789-1124 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., for evenings and weekends call 781-0064 and many will pray.**

## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Spend some time in the chapel with Jesus and talk to Him. Listen to what He has to say to the spirit within you. Ask Him to touch your Spirit and Pray for change, for strength, for peace.

Try it spend an hour with Jesus. He asked the Apostles to come and pray with Him. Follow in their foot steps just stop in the chapel any time check it out for a quiet moment in prayer.

Stop by any time or call for additional information: Joyce Graham, 789-0696, Marcella Walczak 789-6702, Anna M Giardino 789-1239, Dorothy Kalina 789-8099.

## Vocation Awareness

"The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). How do we then share that love with others? Pray to discover the path chosen for you to be the most effective instrument of God's love. That's where you'll find your vocation! If you'd like to know more, please call the **Office of Vocation Awareness** at 585-461-2890 or visit our website: [www.dor.org/vocations](http://www.dor.org/vocations)

## Spirit Alive!



[www.rochesterspiritalive.org](http://www.rochesterspiritalive.org) is a great way to find out what's happening during our diocesan spiritual renewal initiative. Visit the website today!

## Celebrate Your Catholic Faith as a Family at the First Family Faith Day!

The first session focusing on **Reconciliation** will be held in the St. John Bosco School gym, Seneca Falls Sunday, March 2nd from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Activities for the entire family, as well as a reconciliation service, will focus on the importance of reconciliation and God's unconditional love! Light refreshments will be served.

Mark your calendar now to attend this afternoon of Faith and Family Building! RSVPs requested, but not required. Please contact Kim Burke at 745-9427 or [pburke002@rochester.rr.com](mailto:pburke002@rochester.rr.com) to RSVP or with any questions.

Faith Days are sponsored by Spirit Alive!, a Faith Formation initiative by Our Lady of Peace, St. Mary's, and St. Patrick's parishes.

### Religious Ed and Youth Ministry News

**Religious Education** classes for those in **Grades K-5** continue at 9:00 a.m. today in the Catholic School

**Adult sessions** continue in the Library of the Catholic school at 9:00 a.m.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen's.

**RCIA Scripture Break and the First Scrutiny** are at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen's. We also will meet this Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Hospitality Center.

The first **Confirmation Preparation** session for all candidates is at 3:00 p.m. today upstairs in the Catholic School. Please use the High Street entrance. The 2nd session is next Sunday.

Our **Youth Group** goes bowling tonight at Sunset Lanes at 7:30 p.m.

**Religious Education sessions** for those in Grades 6-8 continue this Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Catholic School.

A "**special thank you**" is extended to children in our K-5 Program taking part in the **Souper Bowl** food drive for the Geneva Food Pantry. Each class participated with several donations totaling 903 items. We are very proud of them. **Grade 1** came in first place with their donations, while **Kindergarten** and **Grade 5** tied for making the most creative donation boxes, congratulations! It was a fun way for them to participate while increasing awareness of community outreach for the needy in our area.

*Blessings to each one of you!*

### Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes

94 Exchange Street, Geneva NY

is seeking dynamic individual to coordinate the Community Lunch Program. The Coordinator is responsible for recruiting volunteers, donations, and other resources necessary to carry out day to day operations of the

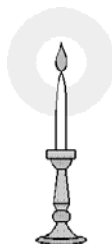
**Community Lunch Program** in Geneva.

This is a part-time 25 hour a week position.

If you are interested please apply to Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes, 94 Exchange Street, Geneva, NY 14456 by February 29, 2008.

### Candle Memorials

#### Sanctuary Candle



At St. Francis is in memory of Salvatore Russo requested by family

At St. Stephen's is in memory of M/M Joseph Petrucci requested by Pete & Tess Petrucci

At the Our Lady of Peace Chapel is in memory of Mary Norelli requested by Family

#### Adoration Chapel

At St. Stephen's one candle will burn in memory of Kipp & Michael Knittle requested by family and one candle will burn in memory of Michael Massa requested by family.

### New Date—Lenten Soup Supper—Monday,

March 10 at the Parish Center with a guest speaker, Sr. Kay Schwenzer, Outreach Worker for the Hispanic Community. Hearty homemade soup, Italian bread and butter, dessert, punch and coffee.

### Lenten Learning

Jann Armatrout, life issues coordinator, for the Diocese of Rochester will speak at St. Mary's Church 25 Center Street, Waterloo, at 7 pm on February 27 to discuss the effects of Gov. Eliot Spitzer's proposed Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act.

The proposed Senate Bill S.5829 would eliminate controls on legal abortion, and could possibly force Catholic hospitals to perform abortions. Employers and health insurance plans could be forced to pay for the abortions, according to the New York State Catholic Conference, which is the public policy arm of the state's bishops

Armatrout will discuss the impact of the proposed bill upon parents, unborn children and Catholic hospitals. She will also give those in attendance ideas and strategies to defeat this bill.

For more information contact the parish at 315 539-2944.

**If you or a loved one is homebound, or in the Geneva or Rochester hospital please call the Parish Offices at 789-0930 or 789-1124 so they may be visited.**

## Special Notice to All

Your Church census records have not received a detailed update in over twenty years. The data base receives some new input as we move throughout the years.

We have over 6300 people to keep track of and if we miss two changes a week over twenty years we will have over two thousand corrections to make.

Some estimates on changes over the last twenty years are: 1,600 deaths, 1,800 births, 600 married, 1,300 baptisms, 1,000 people moved away, 800 people move into the parish. A child on your census record twenty years ago is now the head of the household with several children in need of religious education and sacramental training in the near future.

We need your help and patience to update the census records. We will have the existing census card information for review before and after Mass. Thanks for your help in this very important process.

## DOVE Volunteers

Do you have a few hours a week? If so Jennie Luciano and the DOVE program could use you! You would be helping others to go to medical appointments, church, the lab for tests, to the store for groceries—any number of needs. If you have a car and a generous heart call Jennie today at 789-6838.



## Music Ministry

Saturday, March 1: 4:30 P.M. Women's Choir,  
Sunday, March 2: 10:30 A.M. Men's Choir

### OLP Collections

FY, Wk 34:	Actual	Budgeted	+(-)	Running Avr.
2/17 1st Coll.	\$9,675	\$11,550	(\$1,875)	\$11,268

Thank you for the support of your time, energy and money.

## Liturgies for the Week

SS = St. Stephen – SF = St. Francis—PC = Parish Center

### Sunday, February 24

7:30 A.M. (SS) Joyce Comnesso —Req. by M/M Joseph Cirencione

9:00 A.M. (SF) Mary Giardino & deceased members of the family —Req. by Family

10:30 A.M. (SS) Peter Liberatore—Req. by Family

1:00 P.M. (SF) James Damick—Req. by M/M Louis Ferraro

4:00 P.M. (HWS St. John's Chapel) Ned Bonetti—Req. by Family

### Monday, February 25

7:00 A.M. (OLP Chapel) Communion Service

12:10 P.M. (OLP Chapel) Mark Wilson—Req. by Joanne Robson

### Tuesday, February 26

7:00 A.M. (OLP Chapel) Anthony Russo—Req. by Irene Presutti

12:10 P.M. (OLP Chapel) Catherine Moses—Req. by Jane Peck

### Wednesday, February 27

7:00 A.M. (OLP Chapel) John P. Deane—Req. by Family

12:10 P.M. (OLP Chapel) Bessie Miller—Req. by Rose DeMetro

### Thursday, February 28

7:00 A.M. (OLP Chapel) Salvatore Russo—Req. by Sue Russo & Family

12:10 P.M. (OLP Chapel) John S. Greco—Req. by Grandson, Richard John

### Friday, February 29

7:00 A.M. (OLP Chapel) Marion & Frederick DeYoe & Robert & Josephine Lyon

12:10 P.M. (OLP Chapel) Elana & Louis Rapini—Req. by Family

### Saturday, March 1

4:30 P.M. (SF) Bill Zeoli—Req. by Joe, Jean Zeoli, Joanne & Steve McCheyne

### Sunday, March 2

7:30 A.M. (SS) Charles Wenz—Req. by Anne & Joe Cirencione

9:00 A.M. (SF) Linda Marino—Req. by cousins

10:30 A.M. (SS) Dale Duchesne—Req. by Family

1:00 P.M. (SF) Robert Beach, Sr.—Req. by Robert Sutton

4:00 P.M. (HWS St. John's Chapel) Ann Monaco—Req. by Sharon Kibbe

## Building Peace with Justice

The World Health Organization says that every year more than 3.4 million people die from water related diseases, making it the leading cause of disease and death around the world with most of the victims being young children.

Catholic Social Teaching insists that we “protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions which cannot be ignored”. In addition, “it teaches that human dignity must be protected by allowing every person a fundamental right to life and to those things required for human life”, like clean water.

Today Jesus shares his "living water" with us, which satisfies all our human needs, both physical and spiritual.

**Reflection:** How do we ensure that our world’s children have enough clean water? How do we live in the world as witnesses to Christ’s living water?

## Bulletin Articles

Ministries, groups and outside organizations are invited to submit articles to the bulletin editor for sharing the needs and events of their groups. Articles should be submitted in writing or by e-mail to [church@dor.org](mailto:church@dor.org) no later than Monday before the weekend you want it published. Thank you.

## PRAY FOR PEACE

### PASTORAL STAFF:

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sunday: 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
 . 4:00 p.m. (HWS)  
 (St. John Chapel)

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m.  
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m.  
 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Daily: Monday-Friday  
 12:10 p.m. (June-Aug)

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 Masses are at  
 OL of Peace Chapel  
 7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.  
 First Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

11:45-12:00 NOON (M-F)

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Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call for a pre-baptismal interview with a priest.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact a priest at least nine months in advance of their date. A year or more notice is advisable to secure the church and time desired. If one of the couple is divorced, a church annulment will be required. Circumstances of the prior marriage determine whether or not an annulment might be possible. Consult a priest at least a year in advance.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK:

In an emergency, any time. At other times by appointment.

### SICK AND SHUT-INS:

Please call the rectory immediately so that they may be visited.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS** Please call

Fr. Roy Kiggins