

# Our Lady of Peace Parish



St. Francis  
deSales  
Church

130 Exchange St.,  
Geneva, New York 14456



St. Stephen  
Church



48 Pulteney St.,  
Geneva, New York 14456

<http://www.genevarc.org>

March 2, 2008

## From Fr. Roy

Please note on page 4 of this bulletin the first of several informational pieces about RHAPP (The Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act). Governor Eliot Spitzer has put this bill on the agenda of the NYS legislature. Over the next few weeks the details of the bill will be presented in the bulletin.

I oppose this bill because basically it makes our state government an advocate for abortion. Some governmental leaders defend their espousal of the legality of abortion, by saying that the procedure should be rare. The proponents of RHAPP (pronounced "rap") want it be encouraged and propose harsh treatment for those who disagree.

Polls I have seen indicate that even among those who want abortion to remain legal, there is an uneasiness that leads them to want the procedure kept on a short leash. They should find RHAPP offensive. I find it that and more. It would move New York State from permitting to promoting abortion.

Join me in objecting to our legislators Senator Michael Nozzolio and Assembly Member Brian Kolb. Senator Nozzolio can be reached at: 111 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148. Assembly Member Kolb at: 607 W. Washington St., Geneva, NY 14456.

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Jesus always tried to remove walls separating people despite the risks of harm or ridicule. He rebuked James and John's suggestion that they "call down fire from heaven to consume" a Samaritan village that "would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem." (Lk. 9:53-55). Shortly after this rejection Jesus made a Samaritan the hero who on the road from Jericho to Jerusalem aided the victim of robbers that two of Jesus' countrymen had passed by.

St. Paul carried Jesus' values forward as he tried to unite Jew and Gentiles. He reminded the Colossians, "Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all." (Col. 3:11).

Ignorance often leads to harsh appraisals of others. Consider scene from the movie, *Black Robe*. A black robed Jesuit missionary and his lay associate are being taken by Algonquin friends to their mission. One evening the small flotilla of canoes puts into shore as a band of Algonquins emerges from the forest. Their chief asks his counterpart in the lead canoe about the differently dressed and complicated passengers. A brief explanation in their language leads to a second question: "Are they human?" Who are the "savages" here?

We are all human. Reducing that truth to practice requires effort. We need to get out and meet each other, but it is difficult to get across the divides of language, race, religion and culture.

Geneva has a larger mosaic of cultures and languages than many small cities. Our size makes it likely that we will cross each others paths. Community events like concerts, movies, athletics, parades, festivals, block parties bring us together. So do service groups: Community Lunch Program, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club and Blood Banks.

Two ugly, tragic incidents last summer warned of festering divisions in Geneva. It was good to see a cross section of community members respond in constructive ways.

As we move toward the milder weather that offers more opportunity to interact with each other be aware of an effort to start that interaction on a positive basis.

On Friday, March 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Geneva Middle/High School on Carter Road participate in the Festival of Nations. It will be a celebration of the diverse people of Geneva through art, food, performances, music, cultural presentations and a resource fair.

## This Week

SS = St. Stephen – SF = St. Francis

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SS): 24/7  
 Second Collection — SFSS 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. (SFSS School) Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 3:00 P.M. (SFSS School) Confirmation Preparation Meeting  
 7:00 P.M. (GGH Nursing Home) Youth Group

### Tuesday, March 4

5:15 P.M. (SS) Contemporary Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 P.M. (Parish Ctr) Rosary Society  
 6:30 P.M. (SF/SS School) Religious Ed Grades 6-8  
 7:00 P.M. (SF) Joint Choir

### Wednesday, March 5

7:00 P.M. (SS Hosp. Ctr.) RCIA  
 7:00 P.M. (SF) Joint Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 P.M. (SS) Pastoral Council

### Thursday, March 6

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

### Friday, March 7

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

### Saturday, March 8

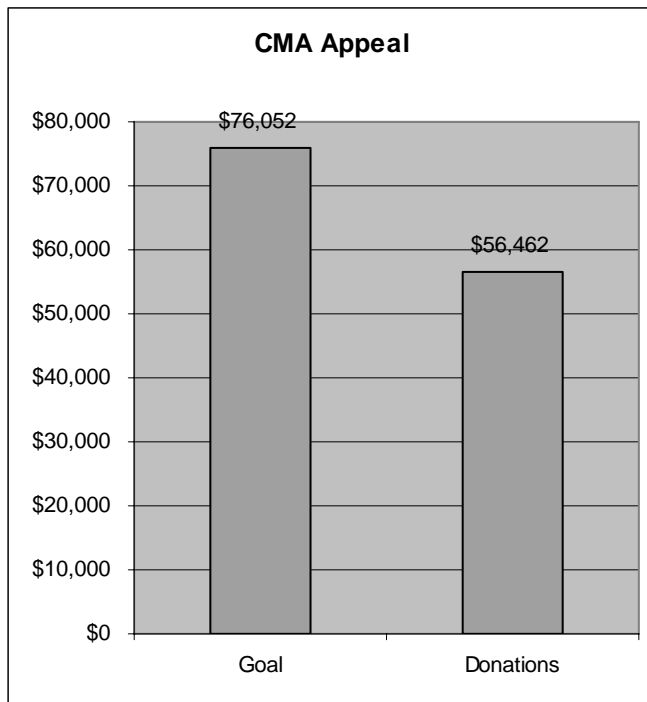
7:30 A.M. (PC Chapel) Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 1:00 P.M. (Parish Ctr) Tarde de ración  
 3:30-4:15 (SF) Confessions

### Sunday, March 9—Fifth Sunday of Lent

2:00 A.M. *Spring Ahead One Hour* to Daylight Saving Time  
 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  
 10:30 A.M. (SS) Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 11:45 A.M. (SFSS School) Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 3:00 P.M. (SFSS School) Confirmation Preparation Meeting  
 7:00 P.M. (SS) Youth Group

## Banns of Marriage

2nd Week: **Mariah VanHouten & Keith Benedict.**  
 Please keep them in your prayers.



**74.24% of quota—515 Donors**

## Operation Rice Bowl

### Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers

Jean Denis and François are neighbors in Coteaux, Haiti. For years they barely supported their families through subsistence farming. In 2002, they joined an agricultural cooperative organized by Catholic Relief Services and began to see change. They received and planted better seed, diversified their crops, found better techniques for raising livestock, learned to combat erosion, and generated surplus crops to take to market. Now their families no longer face hunger or malnutrition. As Jesus transformed the life of the blind man, so CRS transforms the lives of rural farmers. By giving through Operation Rice Bowl and purchasing Fair Trade products, you support the dignity of workers by ensuring just wages and economic self-sufficiency.

## Spirit Alive!



No time to pray? Don't know how to make the God connection? Visit [www.rochesterspiritallive.org](http://www.rochesterspiritallive.org) for some good ways to make time for God.

## 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.

**March Day of Prayer—Passion of Christ, at Notre Dame Retreat House**, 5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua, Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 9:15am - concluding with Mass at 1:30 p.m. Register by calling: 585-394-5700 or email: [lynch@onecommail.com](mailto:lynch@onecommail.com).

**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

## Sábado—Un Tiempo Especial con Jesucristo

¡Esta semana tienes una oportunidad tremenda para tu vida espiritual—para poder encontrar a Jesucristo un poco más cerca de ti! Para la comunidad hispana vamos a tener una tarde de reflexión, oración y plática.

**Hermano Juan Lozada** estará con nosotros animándonos en nuestra relación con Jesucristo. ¿Cómo puedes rechazar la invitación de Jesús a conocerte un poco más?

**Tema: "Jesucristo: Nuestra Luz y la Luz del Mundo"**

¿Cuándo? Este sábado, 8 de marzo, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. ¿Dónde? Centro Parroquial de San Francisco

## Celebración Comunitaria del Sacramento de Reconciliación

Los sacramentos son celebraciones comunitarias del amor y la misericordia de Dios. Como individuos y comunidad pecamos y es importante que en comunidad pidamos el perdón de Dios. **Padre Jesús Flores va a celebrar con nosotros el sacramento de**

**Reconciliación en la capilla de San Miguel, Newark el martes, 11 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m.** Habrá tiempo para confesiones individuales también.

## ¿Tienes Interés en Aprender el Inglés?

**Voluntarios van a estar presentes después de la Misa de la 1 p.m., 9 de marzo en el Centro Parroquial** para inscribir a los que desean aprender el inglés, y para decidir el nivel de entendimiento de inglés de cada persona que se inscribió la semana pasada y de los nuevos que desean inscribirse el próximo domingo.

## Vía Crucis Cada Viernes durante Cuaresma

**En la casa de oficinas nos reunimos cada viernes a las 7 p.m. para rezar las estaciones de la cruz** y su significado para nosotros hoy. Después de las estaciones tenemos una reflexión y compartir sobre un texto de la Biblia. ¡Aprovechate de esta oportunidad!

**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.**

## Religious Ed and Youth Ministry News

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

**Adult sessions** continue at 9:00 a.m. today in the Library of the Catholic school. We always have a great time! Join us!

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** continues today and next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen's.

**The Second Scrutiny** for our RCIA catechumens is at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen's today. Dismissal for the group follows immediately. Our next RCIA meeting is this Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Stephen's Hospitality Center.

The special **Faith Days** program sponsored by our Spirit Alive! Committee is today at St. Patrick's gym in Seneca Falls at 2:00 p.m. This is for the whole family and the theme is Reconciliation. We hope you can join this joint initiative by all three parishes in our cluster.

The second **Confirmation preparation** session is at 3:00 p.m. today upstairs in the Catholic School. Please use the High Street entrance. The third session is next Sunday.

Our **Youth Group** meets at 7:00 p.m. tonight at Geneva General Nursing Home to play Bingo with the residents. Parents! We need rides back to the Catholic School at 8:00 p.m. Next Sunday is Meditation Night!

**Religious Education** sessions continue this Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Catholic School for those in **Grades 6-8**. Sessions continue next week also.

## Special thanks...

Bev Guerrie/K-5 Religious Education

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all the food that was delivered to our pantry this week.

Our shelves were very full once it had all been stocked! We have many new people using our pantry this year, and it's good to know we have lots of food to get us through the winter months!

We greatly appreciate all your hard work-thank you for thinking of us.

Sincerely,

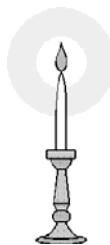
Cheryl Toor, Director

Geneva Center of Concern

Geneva Food Pantry

## Candle Memorials

### Sanctuary Candle



At St. Francis is in memory of Ralph & Edvige Natelli requested by Carol, Mike & Julia

At St. Stephen's is in memory of M/M Joseph Rollo & deceased family members requested by Rose Rollo

At the Our Lady of Peace Chapel is in memory of Carol Campbell requested by Bob & Cyndi Depew

### Adoration Chapel

At St. Stephen's one candle will burn in memory of Catherine & Howard Reeder requested by Mary Ann Reeder McCann and one candle will burn in memory of Anna & Floyd Fuss requested by Don & Carolyn Heinzman

**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.

## RHAPP

### (The Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act)

#### *Our Lady of Peace*

Governor Eliot Spitzer introduced the **RHAPP** bill to the NYS legislature following the 2007 U.S. Supreme Court ruling against partial-birth abortions. The bill contains extraordinarily radical proposals that potentially **increase abortions** in New York State.

Bishop Matthew Clark, through the Diocesan Public Policy Committee, designated education about this bill a public policy priority.

The New York State Legislature needs to hear that you oppose this extreme bill. It does not respect the rights of parents; it removes health care providers' conscience protection; it jeopardizes the health of women; and disregards the lives of the soon to be born.

For further information, please go to

[www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org)

or

contact jann [armantrout@dor.org](mailto:armantrout@dor.org)

(585) 328 3228 ext 1304

**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.**

## A REMINDER TO ROSARIANS

The Rosary Society's regular Monday night meeting on March 3rd has been changed to Tuesday night, March 4th. Father Bill Coffas will give a special Lenten inspirational offering. The evening will begin with a soup and salad supper at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Center followed by Fr. Bill's spiritual presentation in the Chapel. To members of the Rosary Society who do not ordinarily attend our meetings, please know that your presence at this special gathering will be warmly welcomed. Guests are also welcome. If you are planning to join us for the evening please call Marie Laquitara (789-2545) or Rita Antinelli (789-8346) by Sunday night March 1st.

## Parking Concerns

Please note that there is no parking on the south side of State Street on Sundays between 6:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. There are signs there that indicate this. Please respect the rights of homeowners who find it difficult to drive out of their own driveways when cars are illegally parked. Please help us to be good neighbors. Thank you



## Music Ministry

Saturday, March 8: 4:30 P.M. Joint Choir, Sunday, March 9: 10:30 A.M. Contemporary Choir

### OLP Collections

FY, Wk 35:	Actual	Budgeted	+(-)	Running Avr.
2/24 1st Coll.	\$10,787	\$11,550	(\$763)	\$11,254

Depending on how one looks at them numbers can be comfortable or unsettling. The running collection average eight months or 35 collections into the 2007-08 fiscal year is \$11,254. That's just \$296 below the budgeted average of \$11,550. "Just \$296" over 35 collections is  $296 \times 35 = \$10,360$ —\$6,900 of which has come from the 8 collections of January and February. To put a brighter light on things the cup is 97.4% full and only 2.6% empty. Can we make it even brighter?

## Liturgies for the Week

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

### Monday, March 3

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

12:10 P.M. (OLP Chapel) Joseph Rapini—Req. by Family

### Tuesday, March 4

7:00 A.M. (OLP Chapel) Gertrude & John F. O'Malley—Req. by Family

12:10 P.M. (OLP Chapel) M/M Jack Cancilo, M/M Anthony Chilbert—Req. by Jay Cancilo

2:30 P.M. (Living Ctr. North) Josephine Trunzo—Req. by Francis & Addie Moracco

### Wednesday, March 5

7:00 A.M. (OLP Chapel) Anne Marie Smith—Req. by Alice Keyser & son, Jim

12:10 P.M. (OLP Chapel) Martin McNulty—Req. by Family

### Thursday, March 6

7:00 A.M. (OLP Chapel) Etta Tracey—Req. by Carol Devaney

12:10 P.M. (OLP Chapel) Georgeanna Long & M/M Paul D. Long—Req. by Family

### Friday, March 7

7:00 A.M. (OLP Chapel) Carol Campbell—Req. Barbara, Bob & Emily

12:10 P.M. (OLP Chapel) Anna De John & sons, Albert & Richard DeJohn—Req. by Joseph & Mary Giorgianni

12:45 P.M. (SS) DeSales 1st Friday Liturgy—All welcome.

### Saturday, March 8

4:30 P.M. (SF) Linda Cole—Req. by Family

### Sunday, March 9

7:30 A.M. (SS) Carol Campbell – Req. by Family

9:00 A.M. (SF) Rose Smith—Req. by Family

10:30 A.M. (SS) Frank Caravita & son, Frank

1:00 P.M. (SF) Lorraine Sabatini Janke—Req. by Leo Balistreri

4:00 P.M. (HWS St. John's Chapel) Alice Heinz—Req. by Kathy Flick

### Building Faithful Citizenship

Jesus cured the man born blind but he was unable to help the religious leaders accept their own blindness.

The Spirit of Jesus is present in the church to help us “see” clearly our responsibility as “faithful citizens.” The bishops ask us and the candidates how we can “keep our nation from turning to violence to address fundamental problems” including: abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, and “imprudent resort to war” (*Faithful Citizenship* #90).

As “faithful citizens” are we working to reduce violence in its many forms in our communities and in our attitudes?

### PRAY FOR PEACE

### Vocation Awareness

“Not as man sees does God see...the Lord looks into the heart” (1 Samuel 16:6-13)

What’s in your heart? Have you ever felt God may be touching your heart with a vocation to priesthood or religious life? If so, please call the **Office of Vocation Awareness** at 585-461-2890 or visit our website: [www.dor.org/vocations](http://www.dor.org/vocations)

### 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.

#### PASTORAL STAFF:

- Rev. Roy Kiggins, Pastor - 789-1124/789-0930
- Rev. William Coffas, Parochial Vicar - 789-1124/789-0930
- Deacon Murray Henry—789-1124/789-0930
- Elaine Morrow, Principal - 789-1828
- Beverly Guerrie, Faith Formation Coordinator - 781-2624
- Walter Savaria, Director of Religious Ed. & Youth Minister - 781-2624
- Michael Osowski, Pastoral Musician - 789-0930
- Christine Sauter, Director of Music Ministries - 789-1124
- Kristen Mastellar, Business Manager - 789-0930/789-1124
- Marie Milligan, Social Ministry Coordinator - 789-7811
- Betty Ann DiFederico - 789-7180, Cemetery Administrator
- Tom FitzGerald, Chairperson, Our Lady of Peace Pastoral Council
- Beryl Quade, Martha Ministry Coordinator, 789-1124/789-0930.

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<b>SCHEDULE OF MASSES</b> Sunday: 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. (HWS) (St. John Chapel)	<b>SCHEDULE OF MASSES</b> Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
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Daily: Monday-Friday 12:10 p.m. (June-Aug)	Daily: Monday-Friday: Masses are at OL of Peace Chapel 7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. First Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
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<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b> 11:45-12:00 NOON (M-F)	<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b> Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.
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**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