

SACRED HEART BEAT NEWSLETTER

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Easter Vigil Services Bring Newcomers to the Parish



Jessica Donnelly, English teacher at Massena H. S., husband James (Jay), head of Ogdensburg Free Academy Jr. High English Dept. James and Carlie Ann. Jay says faith is important in dealing with day-to-day life situations.



The whole Runkles family participated in the RCIA/RCIC program. Andrew II, and sisters Morgan and 1 year old Chloe received the initial Sacraments with their parents, Tina and Andrew.



Jordan Hatch here with his Mom, Julie. His dad, Floyd, escaped getting photographed.



Tia Akey received the white stole commemorating her reception of the sacraments. Here she is with her dad Scott.



Makayla Brill Akey was also a faithful learner on the RCIC program. Her mother Liza accompanied her through the program.



Branden Fennell with catechist Catherine Leggue. Grandad John Daley was a proud sponsor for his grandson.

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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Holy Family Alumni Fund Raiser to Benefit Trinity

Let's face it folks...Trinity Catholic School is unlikely to ever be housed in a modern, state-of-the-art building. It may never have all of the equipment, amenities and other niceties of the local public school. We know, however, that what Trinity lacks in facilities and equipment it more than makes up in "people power"...a caring, nurturing, professional and well-trained staff that brings God's love to every student in every classroom every day.

Nevertheless, there are facility needs at Trinity; equipment needs; supplies needs and, unfortunately, limited resources to acquire them. That's where a new effort spearheaded by alumni of Holy Family High School hopes to fill the gap.

Trinity Principal and Crusader alumna Joan Rufa is reaching out to the graduates of Holy Family (1965-1976) in hopes of undertaking a major capital funding campaign for facility improvements at Trinity Catholic.

“It is very challenging running a school with serious facility needs with the resources we have,” said Mrs. Rufa. “We have a wonderful contractor, who wishes to remain anonymous, who donates many man-hours of labor whenever the need arises, but even with that kind of support, it’s hard.”

Joan noted that Trinity’s roof, wiring and heating system, among other things, will need to be addressed sooner than later. There are also critical space needs in the Kindergarten wing to address the instructional needs of the young students. The Educational Council realized a new revenue stream had to be created.

Mrs. Rufa said an initial mailing targeted to Holy Family graduates was sent out in February. The next step is to hold a phone-a-thon at the end of May to take pledges of support from the school’s alumni . The theme of the capital fund raising campaign is “Trinity Catholic School...Building Futures On the Foundation of the Past.”

Joan says she’s very confident her fellow alumni will respond to the call to build Trinity’s future. “Trinity Catholic School is a family and Holy Family Alumni are our extended family.”

For more information on the “Building Futures” capital campaign, contact Joan Rufa at Trinity Catholic School, 769-5911.

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ON THE BEAT

Pam Ouimet Brings New Life to Sacred Heart Web

“I want Sacred Heart’s Web site updated,” said Fr. Don to Sr. Juliana in 2004. Its origins were somewhere in the dim past and no one connected with its birth was around.



A new face at 4:30 PM Saturday’s anticipated Mass, Pam looked for more “play-time” at the computer so Sacred Heart Parish helped her find it.

Who is hosting the site? Who worked on it to begin with? How does one access the site? What do you mean “page

format” or frame format”? Thanks to the technical know-how plus enthusiasm of parishioner Pamela Ouimet all questions have been solved.

In response to last year’s Ministry Survey, Pam indicated she would like to help with the newsletter and Web. Tagged for both, she became the Web editor and designer. Pam is Communications Coordinator for Northern New York Library Network.

Ecclesia, a host for church related Web sites offers us free hosting. Pam has managed to work around various networkings, computer languages, formats and more to bring us an active site. We owe her much gratitude.

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Free Clinic Continues To Increase Clients Numbers

It’s hard to realize that the Massena Free Clinic for Uninsured Adults is in its 7th year of operation. From a dream in the heart of Dr. Sateesh Goswami to the support of the GMMA (Greater Massena Ministerial Association) and the executive expertise of Grace Bourdeau to the generosity of St. John’s Church freeing up a room—the dream became a reality.



New waiting room at the Massena Free Clinic adds comfort and a pleasant place to wait for appointments. St. John’s Vestry when doing alterations to their buildings offered the Clinic space to ease crowded conditions in its single room.

Today 2,600 plus patient records are on file with the Clinic. Administrator Andy Spanburgh notes that they add some 5 new patients a week. The office is open only on Thursdays from 2 to 5 PM. “In those spare hours,” he says, “we have anywhere from 40 to 55 visits.

They have expanded their space to form a proper waiting room and clerical area separate from the patient exam area. The expansion was made possible by grants from the Episcopal Charities of Albany and the Alcoa Foundation.

Sacred Heart has made an annual \$500 contribution to the Clinic from interest drawn from the Mitch Rubin Es-

tate given to Sacred Heart Parish. Present Board members are: Bernie Witek, president; Rev. Joel Grigg, St. John's; Sr. Maureen Sweeney, SSJ, GMMA representative; Tina Corcoran; Jerry Manor;

them. "In the end," said Sister, "they came to Sacred Heart." The girls were well accepted.



Here is a view into the smaller of two examining rooms; however, each is equipped with sink, storage cupboards, exam table and monitoring equipment, medical waste disposal boxes, etc.

Gene Nicandri; Martha Slack; Sandy Smith.

The Clinic is still maintained by an ALL-VOLUNTEER STAFF. Another doctor or nurse practitioner would be a much needed addition. Nurses, still having certification, also are a critical need at this time. Clerical and cleaning volunteers could relieve current 7 year veteran helpers. Would you consider helping?



The Kim daughters (l to r) Cindy, Sherry and Barbie

Over the summer of 1980 the Massena community really came together to help the family. Money was raised to assist the Kim's with such things as rent and food until they got themselves established. Luong was able to get a job at the slipper factory in Bombay. Chuong babysat for local families. Sr. Louise explained that the Kim's had to pay back the cost of the transportation to the sponsoring group.

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Cambodian Refugees Adapt & 2nd Generation Benefits - Part 2

Upon arriving at the Sacred Heart Convent from Cambodia, Chuong Kim and her sister Luong Kim, and Chuong's three daughters, Sherry, 6; Barbie, 10; and Cindy, 14, quickly got involved with the community.



The Kim sisters, Chuong and Luong

They arrived on August 9, 1979. They were housed at the Sacred Heart Convent for several weeks since several of the sisters were away for the summer. But the Kim's had to find alternate housing upon the return of the sisters in September.

Sr. M. Louise Genest, OSM, was of great assistance in getting the Kim family settled. She recently recalled that the Congregational Church had sponsored the family to come to the U.S. and searched for a place for them to live. The Community Committee, composed of members of a number of Church groups in Massena, rented an upstairs apartment on East Orvis and Walnut.

"They were so grateful and appreciative," Sr. Louise recalled from the early days of the Kim's arrival. "They were able to pull themselves up. There was such a kindness from the Massena community in helping them."

Chuong and Luong still reside in Massena. They were able to purchase the house on E. Orvis and Walnut and they live there today. All three daughters were able to go to college and are now married. Sherry lives in White Plains, NY; Cindy lives in New York City and has a daughter; and Barbie was recently transferred to Chicago, IL. She has a son and twin son and daughter. All of the women became U.S. citizens.



S. H. parishioner Ada Antwine has been the wheels and guide for the Kim family. A broken leg last year gave her an unwanted "vacation" from the job. Sisters Louise Genest and M. Stephen Durant, Servants of Mary, have been Ada's substitutes.

"The girls needed to go to school," Sr. Louise said. The public school would have had to hire a translator for

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REFLECTION

Recognizing Resurrection Moments

"...She turned around and Jesus was there but she did not know it was Jesus." (John 20:11-14)

Here was Mary Magdala, one of Jesus' closest companions and confidants. Someone who traveled with Jesus, heard first-hand His teachings, witnessed His miracles and yet...

Was it the trauma of the past forty-eight hours? Or her fear and despair? Or was it that the risen Christ was not what she expected Him to be?

I have made some false assumptions thinking that a Resurrection moment had to be a spectacular and triumphant event. But they mostly occur during the mundane and ordinary instances of life. Someone giving us the right-of-way at a busy traffic intersection, someone holding the door for us at the bank, our child's hug when we arrive home from work, our husband's comment on a great dinner we prepared—all are Resurrection moments. All are chances for us to give Christ to others or receive Christ from others. Being too busy for my own good, constantly rushing and refusing to slow down, also blocks my vision of the risen Lord. When I am caught up in my own personal chaos and preoccupied with work, I fail to recognize Jesus standing in the checkout line at the grocery store as an arthritic, elderly woman taking an eternity getting her groceries on the conveyor belt.

Sometimes, my critical and intolerant attitude stands in my way of recognizing Jesus. I allow appearances to cloud my judgment. It was probably the tattoos and torn blue jeans that prevented me from recognizing Christ at McDonald's the other day. He was a dollar short from paying His bill for the burger and fries He had ordered. Instead of offering Him the dollar, I shook my head and disgustedly asked myself, "What is with these kids today?" I missed another Resurrection moment to offer Christ some empathy and save Him some embarrassment.

The greatest challenge of the Resurrection?

- recognizing His resurrection in others &
- providing it to others.

The greatest joy of the Resurrection?

- being empowered by Christ to overcome death each time we choose to recognize and respond to Him in our life.

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Faith ISSUES

A Sacrament in Search of a Home



"At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. As soon as he was baptized, Jesus came up from the water and he saw the Spirit of God come down like a dove

and rest upon him. At the same time a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son the beloved; he is my elected one.'" (Matthew 3:13, 16-17)

Our parish's recently celebrated Sacrament of Confirmation needs a special note these days. No other sacrament has changed so frequently in its ritual and meaning. In the New Testament there is no separate rite of Confirmation. Where the Spirit is given, it is given in connection with Baptism. The question of when to confirm has been an on-going debate. The Holy Spirit seems to keep us ever searching.

The Eastern Catholic Church has always maintained the unity of Baptism and Confirmation (chrismation). And it has always been the priest who has ministered Baptism and post-baptismal rites even the anointing. These churches as well as many Latin American churches continue to administer Baptism, Confirmation and even Eucharist to infants.

In our Western Rites, however, two factors led to a split in the rites. Bishops were the celebrants for baptism and chrismation at first. But circumstances changed. Christian communities became larger. Greater emphasis on original sin began to be a concern. So infant baptism with a presbyter (priest) took precedence. And anointing with the Spirit by the bishop followed whenever he was available to the local Christian community.

In essence, Baptism and Confirmation are one sacrament. Dying to our sinful tendencies in baptismal waters is followed by taking on Jesus' work as *priest, prophet and king*. "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit," is a ratification of our baptismal calling as followers of Jesus Christ.

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