

PARISH UPDATE

A Monthly Newsletter for Friends and Members of Church of Our Saviour Parish
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NEWS & NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS:

To **Shawn Michael Fay** on graduating from the University of Vermont with a B.Sc. from the School of Natural Resources.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

To **L. C. Kilbert**, and her family on the recent death of her husband **Clarence**.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

To **Lee Gilch**, and family on the recent death of his father **Charles**. **Lee and Cindy Gilch**, wish to thank every one for their cards and prayers at this very sad time.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

To **Julie Ayres** granddaughter **Jessica Baillie**, on the recent death of her fiancé **Nicholas Tomko**, who was killed in Iraq.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To **Virginia Hetzel's** son **Ken** and his wife **Beth**, who have adopted their second child from Russia. She is 18 months old and her name is **Amanda**. They previously adopted **Alexander**.

SPECIAL THANKS:

To everyone who helped with their many talents to decorate the church so beautifully for Christmas. Thanks also to those who helped with the Greens Brunch, the food was delicious. Special thanks to Santa, who made the event a jolly one for children and adults!

DOUBLE THANKS:

From **Shepherd's Heart**: Thank you all *so much* for the delicious meal you provided for all of us at Shepherd's Heart.....Best of all we enjoyed having all of you with us. Thank you for the hats and scarves. The people need them badly and all were taken.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

For the **Annual Meeting** on January 25th at 12 noon.

The Rector's Message



Short and Sweet

Dear Church Family,

Since the more comprehensive letter for the annual meeting is right around the corner, let me share just one closing thought for 2003. The thought is simply this: This Christmas was one of the most meaningful ones our family has spent in many years. The reason has to do with the many meaningful relationships we have with so many of you. From

the Christmas open house, to the Christmas Eve dinner, the many cards and gifts, and the wonderful service we shared together, the whole experience was warm and uplifting.

Even though as a church we have had to struggle through some challenging times this past year, what has emerged is a fellowship committed to Jesus Christ and the fulfillment of his great commandments; to love God and to love one another. May we continue in that love as we move forward in our mission in 2004.

In Christ,

Start the New Year with a New You!

Freedom In Christ Weekend

February 27 - 29

Would you like to be free from those old patterns, attitudes, or behaviors that have held you back for so long? Please pick up one of those little purple brochures on the table in the narthex and consider the Freedom In Christ Retreat. The teaching, worship, and ministry is exceptional. Fr. Joseph will be one of the spiritual directors and recommends the weekend highly. Scholarships are available for anyone who wants to go. See Fr. Joseph for details.



- Jan. 11 Adult Ed. Begins at 9:15.
- Jan. 11 Youth ministry lunch at Monte Cello's restaurant
- Jan. 13 Women's Bible Study Begins at 7 PM every Tuesday thru March.
- Jan. 13 Intersessory Prayer Group Begins at 6:30 PM every Tuesday until Jesus comes back.
- Jan. 19 Vestry Meeting at 7 PM
- Jan. 25 Annual meeting at 12 noon.
- Feb. 8 Shepherd's Heart. Leave from our parking lot at 4 PM
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Dinner Party. 6:30 at church
- Feb. 19-22 Men's Cursillo
- Feb. 25 Ash Wednesday. Service at 7 PM
- Feb. 27-29 Freedom in Christ Retreat

Why Epiphany?

With the wrapping paper gone and the Christmas decorations long gone from the department stores, why does the Church hang on until January 6, the Epiphany? The word Epiphany means "unveiling" or "disclosure" and refers to times like his baptism and the wedding at Cana when Jesus was revealed to people for who he was, the incarnate Lord. We celebrate the Epiphany as the time when the Lord Jesus was revealed to the gentiles as represented by the visit of the magi to the Christ Child.



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The Angel Tree was a Very Fruitful Event

What a ministry for us to participate in! Serving men, women and children through Prison Fellowship was truly a gift for us all. Eight families were served and fifteen children received an average of three gifts each. Only three families were able to attend our party but they were treated to a very special day and so were all of the volunteers. Prison Fellowship gave us a wonderful opportunity for Christian Fellowship.

Thanks to all of you who donated gifts, money, your time and prayers, so generously. Doing God's will, along with you, the Church of Our Saviour was a growing experience for me, one I will always cherish. I pray we have planted seeds of joy, kindness and faith in Jesus Christ, to the families we served. God bless you, my Brothers and Sisters in Christ.



Reported by Barb Grundler

Christmas Baskets Bring Comfort And Joy

Special thanks to Heidi Fay and all those who contributed to the Christmas Baskets for many of our valued parishioners. The following are just some of the expressions of overwhelming gratitude: "Thank you very much for the making of those wonderful baskets. God bless you for your thoughtfulness." - Gladys Edge. "The basket was beautiful and well appreciated. There were many things in there that we would not have gotten for ourselves and we really liked knowing we were being remembered. Love and best wishes to all of you." - Bernice & Joe Goncar. Everyone who received the baskets expressed their deep thanks to the church.

Collard Greens Soup (Joseph's recipe, by special request)

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| ½ cup Northern Beans (can) | 1 bunch collard greens (can) |
| 2 quarts water | ½ onion & ½ green pepper, chopped |
| 1 small ham bone | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 small ham hock | 1 Morzilla sausage (optional) |
| 1 bay leaf | 5 tablespoons olive oil |

Put water, ham bone, hock, bay leaf, and salt in large pot and bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Add potatoes and collard greens. Saute' onion, green peppers, (sausage) in olive oil. When onions are soft, add to collard greens. Add canned beans. Bring to boil uncovered for 10 minutes. Cover pot and simmer until potatoes are done.

Women's Bible Study

The women's bible study will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 13 at 7 PM in the undercroft. We will be using a wonderful 12 week study guide called Falling in love with Jesus. All women are invited to come fall in love with Jesus. Newcomers are welcome.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Connie Lawther
- 3 Ginny Russell
- 6 Savannah Runco
- 9 Kitty Fullerton
- 9 Melissa Ernst
- 10 Leo Gilch
- 11 Bernice Goncar
- 19 John Purdy
- 20 Helene Maglott
- 21 Pat Purdy
- 29 Henry Meyer
- 30 Shelby Perry

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

You may have noticed a new format for the newsletter. The church is extremely grateful for the good work Joanne has done on the newsletter for the past few years and is now in the process of turning over that ministry to Dave Young. Ideas and contributions (stories, news, etc.) are welcome. Please submit by the 20th of each month.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Please review the Nomination letter and submit your nominations for vestry to the nominating committee. We will be replacing three vestry members this year.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT NOW DUE

Just a reminder that all ministry heads need to submit a 2003 summary report of their ministry for the annual report. Submissions need to be a typed hard copy or an electronic file on disk or email to coosglenshaw@juno.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

The youth ministry is happy to announce that Brenda Grundler is now our new youth leader. Please welcome Brenda into her new role and hold her and the program up in your prayers. Fr. Joseph has invited all Jr. & Sr. High Students to a youth ministry lunch at Monte Cello's after church on January 11. Let's continue to support the great students among us!

WE WELCOME & CELEBRATE:

The birth of Hannah Rose Acquafondata (6.5 lbs.) on December 31! Congratulations to Jeff and Robin from all of us.