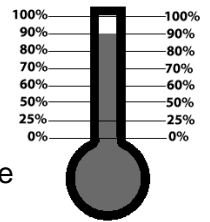


The Messenger

March 2008



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As most of you are probably aware Incarnation is embarking on a Capital Campaign for 2008. Some of you might wonder why the vestry has approved this action and I am here to explain the need.

Along with celebrating the 50th anniversary of our church, we also gain the responsibility of upkeep of the building provided by our founding members. As many of us know, when you get to be 50 years old, things don't always function like they should. The same is true for our building. There have been a number of big items that have come up that have required the building and ground committee to take actions to address. The steeple and roof leaks, the third floor electrical and the parking lot repair just to name a few. In order to perform these repairs the vestry had to approve the borrowing of funds from the Diocese.

This recent loan was only to cover the much needed repairs that couldn't wait. This raised the question of what else the aging building was going to require in the next 3 to 5 years and beyond. The purpose of the Financial Futures Committee [FFC] was to determine the estimated repairs. There is roughly another \$75,000 to \$100,000 in projects that were identified which the building will need in the near future.

By increasing our debt to the Diocese, our operating fund is beginning to be impacted. So we are at a crossroads of what needs to be done to reduce our debt to the Diocese while at the same time bringing our own annual operating fund back in line with our income. The goal of this campaign is:

1. Reduce our debt to the Diocese
2. Make the much need repairs to the building
3. Gain financial stability for future capital repairs

Knowing this, it is clear why the vestry made the decision to proceed with a capital campaign in 2008.

Over the next few weeks, Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) members will be meeting with the chairs of all the committees to get their input on needs, desires and feelings of the building. This will help the CCC clearly define the target of the capital campaign. I will be giving you updates each month on our progress in the Messenger. Next month I will share with you the plan and timeline of the activities needed to make this a successful campaign. If you have any question or comments please feel free to call me or stop me in the hall. I am always willing to listen to your feedback. Thank you.

By Mike Povia, Committee Chair



ROCHESTER'S NEW BISHOP

The Rev. Dr. Prince Singh was elected Rochester's 8th Bishop at a special Convention held on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at Trinity Church, Geneva. He was elected by a majority of vote on only the second ballot which was a little surprising to all there ~ not the outcome, just the fact that it only took two ballots on a day when there was time set aside for ten ballots.

Rev. Dr. Singh will be in Rochester in April. His Consecration will be at the Eastman Theatre on *Saturday May 31, 2008 at 11:00am*. Also in attendance will be the Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori.

I'm very pleased to announce the Rev. Dr. Singh was one of your Delegates' top choices and we are looking forward to working with him.

I would like to personally thank all of Incarnation's Delegates for the time and energy they gave to this election.

Sincerely,
Greg Clevenger

Incarnation's Delegates are:

1. Bray Manchester
2. Brian Mitchell, alternate
3. Greg Clevenger
4. Heather Melnick, alternate
5. Tom Marullo

*ENVELOPES FOR
EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS
ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.*

*PLEASE WRITE ON THE ENVELOPE THE
WORDING YOU WOULD LIKE
INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN.*

*PLACE YOUR ENVELOPE IN THE
OFFERING PLATE BY MARCH 16TH*



FLOWER GUILD NEWS: THE FESTIVAL

For those who might not be aware, the Church of the Incarnation's Flower Guild has been meeting since June 2007 planning for the culmination of the Church's 50th Anniversary celebration that will take place with a ***Flower Festival and Afternoon Tea*** to be presented *Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, 2008.*

First of all I want to thank the Flower Guild members: Rose Marsden, Judy Masten, Joan Ryan, Dorothy Wojnowski, Marlene Williams, Betty Donahue, Janice Hunsinger, Hazel Squier, Millie Bundschuh, Betty Goodwin, Doris Williams, Sue Houppert, Anna Bingham, June Harvey, Pauline Mitchell and Shirley Rosini for all the months of meetings, planning and support.

For the Flower Festival presentation the Church will be divided into seven parts – Welcome, Altar, Baptism, Confirmation, Wedding, Music and Remembrance. Members of the "Guild" have divided into teams and have shared their drawing of how they will be presenting their part. Those attending will be treated to beautiful flower arrangements. The cost to tour the flowers will be \$5.00.

In conjunction with the Patchwork Women's Group an Afternoon Tea will be served on Friday and Saturday. *Tea seating will be at 1:00PM and 3:00PM each day.* The cost of the flower tour and tea will be \$12.00.

In the next edition of the Messenger there will be details announcing an opportunity of how you may support this endeavor. Three of the areas – baptism, wedding and remembrance – will be seeking donations in which the donors will be recognized within the arrangements.

The Flower Guild also wishes to thank those who have already supported the Festival by purchasing a "It's Tea Time" recipe book compiled by our members.

I wish to thank all the members of the Flower Guild for all the work they have put into this endeavor.

Terry Mitchell, Flower Guild Director



*Nicodemus asked Jesus,
"Can anyone be born after having grown old?"*



Dear Friends,

Christopher Seaman, Music Director of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, said recently "I always hope that when people leave a concert they are different and finer people than when they entered. I have a great belief in the transforming power of all art and all beauty and all humanity."

Have you stopped recently to consider how growing old brings its own opportunities for new life and a transformed spirit? Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus assures us that in the eyes of God it is never too late to have our hearts open in new ways. As Christopher Seaman points out, it is within our nature as human beings to experience transformation at every stage of life.

As we move through our middle years and beyond, we become aware that many things that come our way are similar to what we have experienced in the past. We may find ourselves thinking "Been there; done that." Likewise, as we age, we become aware that we no longer have our whole life ahead of us. That reality that the possibilities for our life are not endless has finally registered.

The world of our time may not seem fresh and new, but there is a depth to the human spirit that allows us to encounter newness of life in surprising ways. The season of Lent is a time for looking deep within. Most of us are quite cognizant of the shortcomings of the world around us. Lent invites us to look into our hearts and go in search of the water of life deep within our souls.

Having our lives transformed can come through something as simple as forgiving a person who has wronged us in the past. It may come through discovering that things which have brought regret and remorse have receded as we embrace more fully the small blessings of the present moment. Life itself does not necessarily have to change in order for us to find ourselves transformed by God's loving spirit.

Lent is the journey we walk toward new life in the risen Christ. It is a time to repent of our sins, but also to consider our regrets. Both of these can be barriers to embracing God's love.

May this be a blessed Lent.

Yours in Christ,
Vicki

IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH:

- Mar 09 Winter Fun Day @ Eyer Park in E. Roch.
Mar 16 Palm Sunday services at 8:00 a.m.
and 10:00 a.m. – Children process at 10a
Mar 20 Maundy Thursday service – 7:00 p.m.
Mar 21 Good Friday Solemn Liturgy – 7:00 p.m.
Mar 23 Easter Sunday services – 8am & 10am
Egg Hunt following
the 10am service



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- May 31 Bishop-Elect Prince Singh
June 14 Jennifer Zogg's Ordination at Incarnation
June 6, 7 Flower Festival & Afternoon Tea
June 22 Church School Recognition & Picnic

SO YOU WANT TO BE REIMBURSED?...

...Be sure your receipt has a pink slip attached!!

If you have purchased something for the church and you wish to be reimbursed, please be sure to complete the following steps:

- 1.) Fill out the top four lines of a pink "Disbursement Record" form. These forms are kept in a pink plastic folder in the Assistant Treasurer's mail folder outside the church office.
- 2.) Attach an original receipt, circling the items purchased.
- 3.) Place completed pink form with attached receipt in Assistant Treasurer's mail folder.
- 4.) A check will be written as soon as possible and mailed or delivered to you.

Following this procedure will save us time trying to figure out what was bought, by whom, whether the items were received and what budget line item the expense should fall under. Using pink slips will also help to expedite how quickly you receive your reimbursement. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in following this procedure.

- Julie Marshall, Asst. Treasurer

GAME NIGHT DATES



If you haven't been to Game Night yet, you don't know what you're missing. All adults are welcome! We ask that you bring your own beverages and a snack to share. Game nights start around 7:00 p.m. and usually last until 11 p.m. Upcoming dates & locations are as follows:

- March 15 – Shirley & Phil Rosini's home
April 19 – Scott & Janet Seabridge's home
May 17 – David & Sherry McCarthy's home
June 21 – Peter & Heather Melnick's home
July – No game night
August 16 – Pool Party at Mike & Tracey Povio's

If you are interested in hosting a game night at your home or at the church, please contact Tracy Povio at 872-7431 or tap55@rochester.rr.com.

ANNUAL PUBLIC POLICY LUNCHEON

The Diocese's Public Policy Luncheon will be held this year on *Saturday, April 5* from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael's, Geneseo. The guest speaker is Sister Barbara Moore who will speak on "Faithful Citizenship." Phil Schaefer will lead the bible study. Lunch will be provided.

The Public Policy Committee exists to implement, as people working in community, our baptismal promises: to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves; to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being. *Betty Donahue* is on the committee and invites anyone to come along that is interested in public policy.

PATCHWORK WOMEN

Patchwork Women will meet at church on *Wednesday, March 19, 2008*. Hosted by Sue Houppert (377-5038) and Betty Goodwin (586-5385). We will be ordering Box Lunches by Rene's Cafe. Your choice of Sandwich or Garden Salad / Caesar Salad (with Chicken add \$1.00), Macaroni Salad, Chunky Applesauce and a Home Baked Cookie. Cost: \$6.95 + 8% tax = \$7.51, Salad W/Chicken Cost: \$7.95 + 8% tax = \$8.59.



Please check Bulletin Board for more information and signup sheet. Please sign up and prepay to Sue Houppert by *Sunday, March 16th*.

MITE BOXES FOR HABITAT



Many of us remember in our childhood that we were given small cardboard boxes at the beginning of Lent and asked to sacrifice and save our pennies for the poor. These little cardboard banks were often referred to as a “mite box.” We were often told of Jesus’ Parable about the poor woman who gave a “mite” or very small coin to the Temple and was blessed more than the rich merchant.

The mite box was probably our first introduction of the idea of contributing based on the intent to help others and not on the monetary amount. Later in life some of us would remember our childhood experience. During Lent we would take the change out of our pocket at the end of the day and put, at least some of it, in a jar or bank. At the end of Lent we would donate our “bank” to a charity or to the church.

This year we are asking you to help your children to build on the experience of “joyful giving.” Mite boxes will be available starting this Sunday and through the Lenten season. We ask that adults take a box as an example to your children (who have been given a box at Church school.) Families are encouraged to come up with a meaningful sacrificial plan to help their children experience the joy of helping the poor. Adults without children are also encouraged to take a house bank. You will help to set an example to the children on Sunday April 6 by bringing your House Bank to Church with you for an offering. On Sunday April 6, the children will bring their house banks and present them at the altar. The children will also collect house banks from the congregation for presentation and blessing.

From my perspective this act of charity reinforces several key points:

1. Every dime, nickel or penny donated is an important contribution to our local community.
2. Your contribution will be used toward the building of our next house, probably in 2009.
3. Every penny counts for those that have to so few of pennies.

“We are not the owners but rather the administrators of what we possess.” ... Gospel.

*“Christians are called to share their material riches with the poor since to ‘come to their aid is a duty of justice even prior to becoming an act of charity.’”
...Pope Benedict XVI in his Lenten address to all Christians.*

May God Bless you, and thank you for your charity.

Cork Dinan, Habitat Parish Representative

PARISH & COMMUNITY NOTES



- ✓ Thank you to **Judy Masten** for doing such a wonderful job single-handedly organizing the children's 50th anniversary party held on February 3rd. The kids all had a wonderful time!
- ✓ Congratulations to **Theo Cegelski** on getting his brown belt in tae kwon-do. This is the last belt before the black belt test. Hiy-yah!!!
- ✓ Congratulations also to **Nick Cegelski** on making it all the way to the state qualifier tournament for the Penfield Varsity wrestling team as an 8th grader. Way to go, Nick!
- ✓ Congratulations to four of our Incarnation youth for making it into All County Band & Orchestra. They are:

Kelly Appleton – violin – Jr. High Orchestra
Will Cost – trombone – Elem. Band
Andrew Melnick – cello – Jr. High Orchestra
Leah McCarthy – violin – Elem. Orchestra

In order to be selected for All-County, students have to prepare and play a solo and scales in front of an adjudicator. They are then given a sight-reading piece to play, which must be played on the spot without practice. Students are graded on specifics about how the solo, the scales and the sight reading piece were played. All students are ranked in order by their instrument, level of difficulty and score received. Students are then chosen to fill the seats in a band, an orchestra, and a choir for each of the 3 levels (Elementary, Jr. High, and High School). In March they will attend rehearsals on a Friday afternoon and Saturday morning with all the students selected from around Monroe County. They will give the performance that Saturday afternoon. Good luck, Incarnation musicians!!!



Great Room students presenting “Survival Kits” to the participants of St. Ann’s Home & Heart of Penfield.