

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In his Lenten message this year, Pope Benedict XVI asks us to reflect on a verse from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works." (10:24) As I was reflecting on the Holy Father's words, I was reminded of the many prayer requests that I receive from our sisters and brothers throughout the North Country. Some of the concerns expressed include:

- The forgotten elderly
- The poor and homeless
- The troubled teen
- The cancer patient
- The worried parent and anxious grandparent
- The emotionally, sexually and physically abused
- The fractured family
- Loved ones in the military
- The "un-Churched"

The spiritual pillars of our Lenten practices are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Humble prayer and purposeful fasting lead us to charitable works and concern for the well-being of another. Each of us is called to walk in solidarity with Christ to the Cross. I do not follow Christ as a "lone ranger," but as a fellow pilgrim. Christ Himself teaches us that no one is strong enough to travel the entire path of salvation unaided.

I invite you to make the forty days of Lent 2012 a focused journey of faith generously lived. Join me in prayer, fasting, and acts of charity for those hurting in our family, parish and community. Lent is a season when Jesus graces us to a new resolve and new determination to become the kind of persons our Father in heaven created us to be: brothers and sisters all.

We recommit ourselves this Lent to seek holiness and grow in our love of Jesus expressed in our respect and concern for our neighbor. A faith that is lived only internally, with no signs of it by the witness of our lives, is a hollow, shallow faith. Our children suffer from such spiritual neglect and future generations are deprived of the fullness of faith. I pray that the flame of faith be stirred and made alive in each of us these next forty days so that we are not afraid to witness our faith, walking together in holiness.

Through the graces and spiritual strength we receive from our participation at Eucharist and other Lenten devotional practices, God clears our vision and opens our hearts to see and respond to the needs of those around us. As a pilgrim people, seeking to follow Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One, we embrace this Lenten summons to strengthen our bond of love and concern for our sisters and brothers. Let us pray for each other this Lent and always!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley

Holy Rosary of the Air

The Notre Dame Rosary Society and the Catholic Community of Malone and surrounding towns will sponsor the Holy Rosary on Time Warner Cable Public Access Channel 30 each evening, Monday through Friday at 5:30 PM during the Lenten Season.

No contributions are needed this year.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2012

ABSTINENCE

All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday.**

FASTING

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 bound also to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: **Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) and Good Friday (April 6).** Fasting, that is, eating less, involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Lighter nourishment may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

PRAYER & PENANCE

The entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance. Spending extra time in prayer or Bible study, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifice and self-denial, combined with works of charity and service to others, are all excellent ways to obey the Lord's command to reform our lives and to prepare for the joyful celebration of Easter.

Parishes are highly encouraged to offer periods of Eucharistic Adoration during the Lenten Season, as well as, the traditional devotions of the Stations of the Cross and the recitation of the Rosary.

EASTER DUTY

All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their serious sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year. They must also receive Holy Communion at least once each year during the Easter season, which this year extends from February 26th, the First Sunday of Lent, until Trinity Sunday, June 3rd.

OBLIGATION

All Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law to do penance. The days set aside for fast and abstinence in Lent are special ways of doing penance and are an expression of unity for all the Church.

Week of Collection

"Christ is the Light which illumines the way" (Blessed John Paul II). The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide food, shelter, medical care and compassion for the depressed and lonely, in addition to pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation today helps to reinforce the Christian ideals of charity, family values and kindness in a place struggling in the aftermath of 70 years of atheistic Soviet rule. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more about the important projects funded by the collection.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
February 12, 2012**

Adult	\$2,203.00
Child	6.00
Fuel	60.00
Plate	150.60
Total	\$2,419.60



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483-1787

Lectors & Ministers Schedule for Liturgy

Saturday, February 25 4:30 PM Westville
Lector: Pam LaPage Host: Evelyn Lamica
Ministers of the Chalice: Cindy Ashlaw & Marianne Andreini

Sunday, February 26 9:00 PM Westville
Lector: Brenda Chatland Host: Doug Barney
Ministers of the Chalice: Donna & Harold Jock

Sunday, February 26 11:00 AM Constable
Lector: Joyce Dumas Host: John Gokey
Ministers of the Chalice: Char Gokey & Phyllis Santamore

FAITH FORMATION—HEADS UP

Classes: March 4 & 18; April 1 & 22; May 6 & 13
(9 classes second semester)
May 13—Last Class - May 20—First Communion

Ash Wednesday & Daily Masses During Lent

There will be one mass on Ash Wednesday at 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Fatima in Westville. During Lent, there will be a liturgy every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Nothing on Wednesdays. There will either be a mass Monday and Thursday in Constable at 5:30 PM or a communion service. There will either be a mass Tuesday and Friday at Our Lady of Fatima at 5:30 P.M. or a communion service. Check the bulletin each week to see if there is a mass or a communion service.

Ash Wednesday Services in the Area

- 6:45 AM St. Joseph's, Malone
- 8:00 AM St. Mary's, Fort Covington
- 12:05 PM Notre Dame, Malone
- 5:15 PM St. John Bosco, Malone
- 5:30 PM Our Lady of Fatima, Westville

Saints and Sinners

Each Wednesday of Lent starting Feb. 29th, at 7 PM, the Malone Catholic Parishes will be hosting an evening focused on a saint with strong ties to our local area. The Holy Family, St. Helen, Soon-to-be St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. John Bosco and St. Andre will be featured. The locations and speakers will vary, so watch for more information or call the Malone Catholic Parishes at 483-1300. Don't forget: Every saint has a past; every sinner has a future!



GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes the Girl Scout Birthday, March 12. **Girl Scout Birthday, March 12**, commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia. **Girl Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sabbath** give girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship and be recognized as a Girl Scout. If a place of worship is the group sponsor, girls may perform a service, such as greeting, ushering, or doing a flag ceremony. These days can also be a time when girls explore other faiths.

Note there is a patch available for this event, I will order the patch for all girls who attend.

Where: St. Francis, Constable, NY
When: 11:00 AM Mass, Sunday, March 11th, 2012
Please dress your daughter in her uniform, the girls will help during the service, and will sing a song at the beginning of the service.

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2012



Saturday, Feb. 18—Blessed Virgin Mary
4:30 PM – Westville Timothy Fleury
by Warren, Shirley & Chris Gorrow

Sunday, Feb. 19 — Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM – Westville Watson & Marion Fleury
by Ed & Madlyn Fleury

11:00 AM – Constable People of the Parish

Monday, Feb. 20—President's Day
8:30 AM— Constable Caroline Price
by Her Estate

Tuesday, Feb. 21—St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:30 PM— Westville Members of the James Price Family
by The Estate

Wednesday, Feb. 22— Ash Wednesday
5:30 PM— Westville Norman Gervais
by Ladies Auxiliary Westville Fire Dept.

Thursday, Feb. 23—St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
5:30 PM— Constable Francis & Marie Flynn
by Betty & Jerry LaHart

Friday, Feb. 24
8:30 AM— Westville Members of the James Price Family
by The Estate

Saturday, Feb. 25
4:30 PM – Westville Linda Brady—4th Anniversary
by Myron Brady

Sunday, Feb. 26 — First Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM – Westville Norman Gervais
by Lorraine Boyea

11:00 AM – Constable Brooke Lyon
by Abbey LaPage & Alyssa Tatro

IN SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK

Monday, Feb. 20	Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday, Feb. 21	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday, Feb. 22	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday, Feb. 23	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday, Feb. 24	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Fact:

We have very few daily mass intentions from parishioners. Most week day mass intentions have been from the Propagation of the Faith Office. We do have some mass intentions for weekend masses from Parishioners.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Constable Adult Center will serve Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Bread, Dessert and Beverage, Saturday, February 25th from 4 PM—7 PM. Adults—\$6.00, 6-12 \$4.00, Under 5 and over 90 FREE.

All Parishioners!

As it is the beginning of a new year, please put your name on your contribution envelope for a few weeks. We have two envelope numbers that are not assigned in our computer system and we want to make sure everyone is listed.