

All Saints Church



Holy Cross Church



St. Anthony Church



April 23, 2017

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

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Sacramental Life

Baptism

Baptismal preparation is offered and required for parents of children to be baptized in our churches. Please contact the parish office for an initial interview and baptismal preparation.

Marriage

Couples must contact the parish office at least six months prior to the celebration. Marriage preparation prerequisites must be fulfilled before the celebration of marriage.

RCIA/RCIC

Those interested in becoming Catholic or wishing to complete their Christian initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are asked to call the parish office.

Reconciliation (Confession)

1st Saturday at 10:30am at Holy Cross Church; 3rd Saturday at 3:00-3:45pm at St. Anthony Church; or by appointment at All Saints Church, Holy Cross or St. Anthony.

Sacramental Preparation

Please contact the Faith Formation office regarding preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Pastoral Care / Hospital Visitation

Please contact the parish office if you know of a parishioner who is sick, homebound, or hospitalized and who would appreciate Communion or a pastoral visit.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Rel. Ed. for St. Anthony & Holy Cross takes place at Holy Cross Sundays 9:45am; Rel. Ed. at All Saints after Sunday Masses (11:30am). The All Saints Teen Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday at 7:00pm. The Holy Cross High School Youth Group meets at various times at Holy Cross.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday • April 22 *Octave of Easter (Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15)*

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Rev. Bernard Carges (14th Anniv.) by Keith Randolph

Sunday • April 23 *Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy (Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31)*

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for William Fagan by the Fagan Family

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Deceased Members of Zifchock Family by Rich & Elsie Zifchock

Monday • April 24 (Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8)

Tuesday • April 25 *St. Mark, Evangelist (1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20)*

9:00 am NO Mass at **St. Anthony**

Wednesday • April 26 (Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21)

9:00 am NO Mass at **Holy Cross**

Thursday • April 27 (Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36)

9:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Victor Composti by Norma Composti

Friday, April 28 (Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15)

12:00 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Fr. John Fenlon by Cathy & Jim Bishop

Saturday • April 29 *St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21)*

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Gerald Carey by Mary Jo and Gerry Rankin

Sunday • April 30 *Third Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35)*

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for John Riester by the Lisk family

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for the Deceased Members of the Ecker Family by Rich & Elsie Zifchock

A NOTE FROM DCN. GEORGE . . .

In the 1930's, a Polish nun, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, began to have visions of Jesus and the Blessed Mother and other mystical experiences. She began to write down in her diary her experiences over a four-year period, sharing them only with her priest confessor and her Mother Superior. In 1938, she died of tuberculosis, but her writings were spread after her death throughout the world.

In her writings, Jesus spoke to her about God's Divine Mercy. The message of Divine Mercy is simple: God loves us and is always ready to forgive us. In return, God asks us to show mercy to others. Jesus revealed many things to Sr. Faustina. He spoke of a prayer, now known as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which can be prayed on a rosary. He gave her a Novena of Divine Mercy, which is prayed for nine days from Good Friday to the Saturday after Easter. Jesus said that 3:00 is the hour of Divine Mercy, since that was the hour that he died on the cross for our sins. Also, he gave her a vision of Divine Mercy, which was made into a painting that is now seen throughout the world. Finally, Jesus asked that the second Sunday of Easter be recognized as Divine Mercy Sunday.

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II officially made the second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, and canonized Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska. For 18 years, I have been presiding at a Divine Mercy Service on Divine Mercy Sunday. This year our Divine Mercy Service will be at Holy Cross Church at 3PM on April 23, 2017. We will have Eucharistic Adoration, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary and have Benediction. Jesus said: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5:7). Come and see how God's Divine Mercy can be yours to have.

God Bless,

Deacon George



**DIVINE
MERCY**

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GOOD NEWS

Touching Jesus' Mercy

The memory and marks of our sufferings can lead us to lose our peace. For Christ, this is not so. He shows the disciples his wounds and says, "Peace be with you." It may seem contradictory, but it isn't. To touch Christ's wounded side is to touch his mercy, to touch a love that overcomes everything. In spite of my sins wounding him, he comes to me in loving mercy. Jesus' wounds bring peace. When the apostles see his hands and side, they rejoice. His wounds are a sign that it is really him. No one else has those marks. His wounds are his identification! His wounds bring joy. Thomas misses Jesus' first apparition, returning and demanding proof before he will believe. Rather than becoming angry, Jesus shows him his wounds. He invites Thomas to touch the signs of his suffering, and Thomas believes. Jesus' wounds bring faith. We, too, need to insert our hands and hearts into Christ's side, to come into contact with his love and mercy. Only then can we be healed. Only then can we experience real peace, joy, and faith. That's why Jesus breathes on his disciples and says, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:22-23). He wants to heal their wounds and see them produce joy and peace in others. God's grace is to reach all generations through the power of forgiveness he entrusts to his Church. The sacrament of penance is exactly that. We acknowledge our sins and Jesus responds with understanding, forgiveness, and counsel.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

ask Padre

Does the Church allow sick and elderly people to have "do not resuscitate (DNR)" orders?

Yes. The Church understands the human person as a union of body and soul. Made in God's image and likeness, we cannot separate our physical life from our spiritual life. When our bodies die, our spiritual existence continues. Thus, to believe that we are morally bound to exhaust all possible medical treatments incorrectly overemphasizes the good of our physical life here on earth—which our faith teaches comprises, in the end, shadows and dust—and overlooks the good of our spiritual life as well as the eternal destiny to which we are called by God. There comes a time when medical intervention, beyond that required to keep a person comfortable and to relieve pain, is unnecessary and can excessively burden the patient or the family. Elderly and imminently dying patients are not obligated to undertake unreasonable or excessively burdensome medical procedures or to use measures that sustain life beyond basic nursing care such as proper hygiene, food and fluids (when they can be assimilated into the body), comfortable room temperature, turning to avoid bed sores, and other means. Having conversations with loved ones about this matter is an excellent way to find support during times of suffering and loss. "Do not resuscitate (DNR)" orders can be part of the process of letting go of the life we have known while embracing the new life that awaits us in Jesus Christ.

Source: Liguorian, March 2011

CALENDAR

Sun., Apr. 23	Divine Mercy Service 3:00pm @ H.C. A.S. 1 st Communion Class 4:30-6:00 @ A.S.
Mon., Apr. 24	BINGO 7:00pm @ A.S.
Tues., Apr. 25	NO Mass 9:00am @ St.A. (Priests' Convocation) H.C./St.A 1 st Communion Class 6:30pm @ H.C. Adoration 7:00pm @ H.C.
Wed., Apr. 26	NO Mass 9:00am @ H.C. (Priests' Convocation) Bible Study 10:00am @ H.C. Financial Wellness Workshop 7:00pm @ A.S.
Thurs., Apr. 27	Mass 9:30am @ A.S. Rosary 7:00pm @ St.A.
Fri., Apr. 28	Mass 12:00pm @ St.A.
Sun., Apr. 30	Third Sunday of Easter
A LOOK AHEAD:	
May 5 & 6	Days for Girls Sewing Event @ A.S.
May 7	A.S. First Holy Communion 10:30am @ A.S.
May 12	Doug's Fish Fry 11am-6pm @ A.S.
May 13	Knots of Love 10:00am @ A.S. Cluster Anointing of the Sick Mass 11:00am @ H.C. May Crowning 4:30pm @ St.A. (& reception)
May 14	Birthing Mothers' Day Flower Sales May Crowning 8:30am @ H.C.
May 16	Cluster Pastoral Council 7:00pm @ A.S.
May 20	First Holy Communion 4:30pm @ St.A.
May 21	First Holy Communion 8:30am @ H.C.
May 25	The Ascension of the Lord — Holy Day of Obligation

FR. ELOO'S OFFICE HOURS
(it is best to schedule appts. **St.A Office 898-5135**)
Tuesdays at St. Anthony 9:30am—12:00pm
Wednesdays at Holy Cross 9:30am—1:00pm
Thursdays at All Saints 10:00am—1:00pm
E-mail: fnwosu@dor.org

ALL SAINTS PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Sun./Tues./Thurs. 9am-1pm Mon. 1-4pm

HOLY CROSS PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon. & Wed. 8am—12noon; Fri. 1-5pm

ST. ANTHONY PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon.—Thurs. 8:00am—2:00pm

ST.A/H.C. PASTORAL ASSOC./FAITH FORM. HRS.
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PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBER

⇒ **New!** 607-241-2712 (This is Fr. Eloo's direct line)

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**REMEMBER THE CHURCH
IN YOUR WILL**

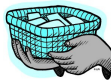
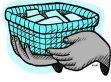
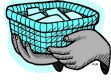
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work will continue even
after you have gone to be with the Lord.**



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR EASTER: April 29 & 30, 2017						
Mass Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Greeters / Ushers	Gift Bearers	Sacristans
4:30 pm Saturday ST. ANTHONY	Logan Roberts Rich Morse	Irene Gutches Rich Morse Nursing Home Karl & Patty Stamm	Maddie Bishop Dylan Sedorus	Julie Martin Mark Robinson	Irene Gutches Mark Robinson	Dcn. George
8:30 am Sunday HOLY CROSS	Mike Iannello Rosemary Collins	(C) Kathy Muller (C) Dick Buechel (H) Mary Marshall	Angel Collins Antonio Gonzalez	Tom Harkenrider Erin Harkenrider		Oak Hill Cavataio Family
10:30 am Sunday ALL SAINTS	Bridgett Randall Matt Montague	(C) Anne Miller (C) Monica Ravas (C) <i>Choir:</i> Dcn. George (C) <i>Choir:</i> Leigh Miller	(Cross) Andra Benson (Altar) Zora Benson	Julie Berens Randy McDonald Trey McDonald Logan McDonald	Nursery Volunteers needed	Andra Benson

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

April 16, 2017 (Week 42)		
All Saints Church Attendance (Adults): 194 (Children): 60	\$ 2,662.00	
Holy Cross Church Attendance (Adults): 142 (Children): 20	\$ not avail.	
St. Anthony Church Attendance: 218	\$ 2,240.00	

Triduum Attendance	@ St.A.
Holy Thursday	110
Stations of the Cross	45
Good Friday	85
Easter Vigil	93
Easter Sunday	125



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS



Angelo Alaimo, Elaine Apgar, Jane Baldwin, Pamela Barnes, Cathy Bishop, Ginny Bradshaw, Ron Bradshaw, Chrissy Bravo-Cullen, Karen Brown, Phyllis Campbell, Ian Charles, Donna Cocca, Richard Compton, Paul Conklin, Robert Deely, Jerica Duso, Lois Fahey, Pat Fairbank, Mary Falise, Gordon Gladden, Amy Grosser, Charlene Haskell, Kirsten Hess, Nimr Ibrahim, Autum Kenyon, T.J. Keegan, Diane Kimmich, Steve Kletjian, Dorothy Kubinski, Tate MacDowell, Marcus Martinez Leah Mayor, Emma Mazingo, Joe McCarey, Betty McCarey, Chris Montreuil, Sara Morse, Barb O'Sullivan, Jim Oswald, Don Palmer, Karen Randolph, Geraldine Rankin, Hank Roberts, Sunhee Schickel, Beth Schwab, Emilie Searle, Diane Senecal-Shields, Eleanor Sorbello, Lucy Steger, Ethel Thomas, Melanie Toolan, Vicky Toro, Maria Unterreiner, Sharon Vincent, Gary Vrabel, Richard Weiss, Jocelyn Woods, & several Special Intentions.

Please keep our area servicemen and women in your prayers.

ALL SAINTS BOOK OF INTENTIONS

Our prayers from our Book of Intentions during the Mass on **April 16** were: For the Rizzo Family / For the safety of travelers / For my daughters / For a special intention for my husband / For my family and friends and all the world / For Debra McKane / For Carl Nedrow / For a special intention / For healing for our families / For a special friend / For family, friends / For Ron Ronsvalle.

COMMUNAL ANOINTING MASS

Are you in need of healing? There will be a Communal Anointing Mass on Saturday, May 13, at 11:00am at Holy Cross Church. A tasty reception will follow.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

In today's first reading, the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship, while the most common expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources – giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that gave evidence of God's active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.

GIVING THANKS

TRIDUUM APPRECIATION

A Big Thank You to all the Cluster Lectors, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Music Ministers and volunteers who made our Triduum at St. Anthony's wonderful! Thank you to those who carried the sacred Oils in procession on Holy Thursday, as well as those who agreed to get their feet washed! Thank you to the fantastic Cluster Choir, led by Julia Phillips, who made these celebrations touching! Thank you to Fr. Eloo and Dcn. George; St. Anthony's acolyte, Keith Randolph; and Deacon-in-training, Jim Hendricks, for leading our special Triduum celebrations!

ST. ANTHONY EASTER BREAKFAST

Thank you to our Parish Life Committee for hosting such a delicious breakfast on Easter morning. And a special thanks to head cook, Randy Austin (Irene Gutches' son) for manning the grill. Great job! We look forward to continuing with this tradition next year!

ST. ANTHONY BAKE SALE

Thank you to all our Heavenly Bakers, who made baked goods for our recent bake sale at the Bank. We made \$229.00! Thank you also to the Parish Life Committee for sponsoring the sale.

CHURCH ENVIRONMENTS

Thank you to the Arts and Environment Committees, who decorated each parish so beautifully for the Easter season!



FUNDRAISERS

BINGO MONDAY NIGHTS AT ALL SAINTS!!!



Every Monday through October (except Monday holidays)
Kitchen opens at 6:00pm; games begin promptly at 7:00pm.
Come Join the Fun!!

YOUTH

ALL SAINTS 1ST COMMUNION CLASS

The 1st Communion Preparation Class for All Saints will be held today, Sunday, April 23, from 4:30-6:00pm.

HOLY CROSS/ST. ANTHONY 1ST COMMUNION CLASSES

The 1st Communion Preparation Classes for Holy Cross/St. Anthony's will begin on Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross.

HOLY CROSS / ST. ANTHONY'S RELIGIOUS ED.

Religious Ed. classes resume today — Sunday, April 23.

ALL SAINTS RELIGIOUS ED.

There will be no Religious Ed. today, due to our Easter break. Religious Ed. classes will resume next Sunday, April 30.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CATHEDRAL HOSTS EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS

On Sunday, April 30, at 2:00pm, the Rochester Chapter, National Association of Pastoral Musicians, will host Easter Lessons & Carols at Sacred Heart Cathedral. This service of scripture and music will include music by guest choirs, as well as congregational song. High School Music Ministry Recognition Awards will be given to twenty-three teens from around the diocese as well as continuing education scholarships to five adults involved in music ministry. Join us as we celebrate as an Easter People with Alleluia as our song! All are welcome. For more information contact Ginny Miller: miller@dor.org.

FUN RUN

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester presents the 21st Annual **5K Run for Adults and Youth . . . And 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk** Saturday, May 6, 2017 at St. Lawrence Church (1000 N. Greece Road, Rochester). 9:30am Start
Proceeds benefit the Bishop Matthew Clark Youth Advocacy Fund
Register on-line at www.active.com. Download a paper registration at Youth.dor.org www.facebook.com/RUN4theYOUNG

NOTICES



DIVINE MERCY SERVICE — TODAY

Today at 3:00pm at Holy Cross Church, Deacon George will be leading a Divine Mercy Service with recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary, and Adoration and Benediction. All are welcome.

FRIDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning in May, there will be no Friday noon Mass (nor service) at St. Anthony's on the **first Friday of the month**. You are invited to attend the Masses, which Fr. Eloo presides at—at the Nursing Homes:

10:30 am Groton Nursing Home
1:45pm at Oak Hill Manor

FREE FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, April 26th 7:00pm at All Saints Church, Stephen Logsdon will present a workshop called "**How Money Works.**"

This workshop looks at some of the following:

- Do you know the rule of 72?
- What are mutual funds?
- Are you paying off your debt in the best possible way?
- Do you know how your life insurance really works?

All are encouraged to attend this complimentary, comprehensive and confidential workshop.

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Holy Cross and St. Anthony's participated in Catholic Relief Service's Operation Rice Bowl. Please return your filled Rice Bowls by next Sunday, April 30, as the preK-3 Holy Cross/St. Anthony's Religious Ed. Classes will be bringing the filled Rice Bowls up during the Preparation of Gifts at the Masses next weekend.

NOTRE DAME RETREATS

There is a group from Holy Cross going to the **Women's Retreat** on the weekend of **May 5**. The weekend fills up quickly, so please book early. You may call the retreat house directly; or Kathy Muller (H.C.) at 607-242-3587 to book your room. You may direct any questions to Kathy at mullerk2000@aol.com

DAYS FOR GIRLS SEWING EVENT

Save the Dates: Friday, May 5 10:00am-8:00pm
Saturday, May 6 10:00am-5:00pm

We will gather again at the All Saints Parish Hall to create more *Days For Girls* kits. Over the winter, almost 200 kits were given as gifts to women and girls in Guatemala, Uganda, India, and even Appalachia, Virginia, USA! Please join us for a few hours or the whole day so we can stock up on more kits for future trips.

REGIONAL NEWS

SOCIAL JUSTICE & MINISTRY

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS is a free six-week educational program designed to provide caregivers the tools needed for taking care of themselves. It will be offered this spring at two locations locally. During six, 90 minute sessions held weekly, caregivers learn to reduce stress, improve self-confidence, better communicate feelings, and access local resources. Attendees also learn how to balance the demands in their lives and to increase their ability to make tough decisions. Choose the class most convenient for you:

- **Thursdays, May 4 - June 8, from 1:00-2:30 PM** at Kendal at Ithaca, 2230 N. Triphammer Rd., Ithaca
- Pre-registration is required** – call David Stoyell at the Office for the Aging, 274-5492, to register or for more information about these classes which are available to family caregivers at no cost.

FREE "PLANNING FOR YOUR LEGACY" SEMINAR April 24 7:00-8:30pm in St. Mary's of the Lake Parish Center in Watkins Glen (905 N. Decatur St.)

A free seminar to help you make informed choices from a Catholic perspective: Pre-planning with your parish; Wills & Estate Planning; Health Care Proxies; The Power of Attorney and other legal documents; Legacy gifts that make an impact. Sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester. Please pre-register by e-mailing stewardship@dor.org or calling (toll-free) 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1298.



THE AUCTION IS COMING!

Immaculate Conception School will be hosting its annual "For the Children" Auction on May 20th. Tickets are available at the school and parish offices. Don't miss the opportunity to have a great night out with friends and family while raising funds for Ithaca's Catholic School.

Our First and Second Graders are putting together an "echo" themed basket.



PRE-K3, PRE-K4 & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

REGISTRATION Immaculate Conception School is now accepting registrations for all of our academic programs: Pre-K through sixth grade, for the 2017-2018 school year.

Our three-year-old and four-year-old Pre-Kindergarten programs are filling up quickly. Tuition assistance and parish subsidy are available. Call the school at 273-2707 or visit icsithaca.org for more information about Ithaca's Catholic School.



And find out the great things that are happening in our classrooms and the community - <https://www.facebook.com/ICSItthaca>

BIRTHRIGHT BLANKETS & BABY ITEMS AT ALL SAINTS

Birthright blankets and baby items will need to be dropped off at All Saints by Sunday, May 7th, so that they can be displayed on the following Sunday (Mother's Day).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Life in a Refugee Camp: Tuesday, April 25, at Cinemapolis

Please join Catholic Charities and the Peace Pins Project on Tuesday, April 25 for a screening of the recent documentary *After Spring*. With the Syrian conflict now in its sixth year, millions of people continue to be displaced. *After Spring* is the story of what happens next. By following two refugee families in transition and aid workers fighting to keep the camp running, viewers will experience what it is like to live in Zaatari, the largest camp for Syrian refugees. With no end in sight for the conflict or this refugee crisis, everyone must decide if they can rebuild their lives in a place that was never meant to be permanent. Tickets are \$10 and must be **pre-ordered** for the screening. Go to www.tugg.com/events/after-spring-qs5v or contact Catholic Charities at 272-5062 ext 12 or LKonwinski@dor.org to order. Screening on Tuesday April 25 at 7:00pm at Cinemapolis movie theater, 120 E Green St, in downtown Ithaca.

Sweets and Second Chances with Amy Dickinson: A Benefit Celebrating Catholic Charities' 20th Anniversary in Tompkins County

Join Catholic Charities on Friday, May 5, at 7:00pm for an evening with locally-grown, nationally-known author Amy Dickinson ("The Mighty Queens of Freeville") speaking on the theme *Second Chances*. Amy will share from her wide-ranging experience as a writer, "Ask Amy" advice columnist, and proud native of Freeville, and take questions from the audience. Dessert reception and book signing following the presentation. Ticket are \$40 and available at Catholic Charities, GreenStar Market, Buffalo Street Books in DeWitt Mall, online at cctt.brownpapertickets.com or by calling 607-272-5062 ext. 15.

Care For Our Common Home

"Every Christian community is called to go out of itself and be engaged with the society of which it is a part. Dear brothers and sisters, how greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes, will become islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference." (Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*). The Easter season renews our hope and invites us to live in a spirit of love, mercy, thanksgiving, ready to respond to the challenges of our time with a deep faith. Global climate change is a challenge that demands our response *now* – for the sake of our children, future generations, and the poor, who will be most harshly impacted. Learn about the global impact of climate change – rent Leonardo DiCaprio's documentary *Before the Flood*, or check out this online video from National Geographic <http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/way-forward-climate>. Plan to attend the Earth Day celebration in Ithaca next Saturday, April 29. There will be a march starting at 11:30am from the Commons to the Space@GreenStar, followed by workshops and tabling all afternoon by local environmental efforts. Think about how your everyday choices are causing earth's climate to change. Are we *indifferent* to global climate change? Decide this weekend to take one small step to care for the earth and each other.