

All Saints Church



Holy Cross Church



St. Anthony Church



March 5, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

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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.

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.

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.

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 • Mar. 4 *Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32)*

10:00am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Robert & Amy Shattel

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for LaVonne Joyce by Sallie & Bud Devlen

Sunday • Mar. 5 *First Sunday of Lent (Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11)*

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Jim Dineen by the Finney Family

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for Lou Pizzuti by Michelle Simone

Monday • Mar. 6 (Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46)

Tuesday • Mar. 7 (Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15)

9:00 am Mass at **St. Anthony** for Dave English by Donna English

Wednesday • Mar. 8 (Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32)

9:00 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Bob Malcomson by RoseMarie Bobnick

Thursday • Mar. 9 (Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12)

9:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for the Parishioners of the Cluster by the Parishioners of All Saints

Friday, Mar. 10 (Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26)

12:00 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Mickey Gallagher by John & Barb Walpole

Saturday • Mar. 11 (Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48)

4:30 pm Mass at **St. Anthony** for Patricia Derenberger (B-day Remembrance) by Her Family

Sunday • Mar. 12 *Second Sunday of Lent (Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9)*

8:30 am Mass at **Holy Cross** for Charles Walsh by Joyce Walsh

10:30 am Mass at **All Saints** for the Benson Family by Michelle Simone



A NOTE FROM DCN. GEORGE . . .

On Wednesday, we began our observance of Lent. Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

The practice of penance and sacrifice before Easter goes back many centuries. By the 4th Century, the 40 days of Lent were established to commemorate the 40 days of Jesus' time in the desert before beginning his ministry.

We begin this period of Lent to put aside some of the diversions that life offers us and to get in touch with our true desire: which is to know God better. We begin this period of Lent not to suffer needlessly but to grow spiritually.

We all have a yearning within us. The Saints realized that the yearning is for God, and from Augustine to Mother Teresa, they spoke about how their yearnings could only be satisfied by their union with God.

Too many times we get lost trying to fill that yearning with other things. People turn to food, money, sex or power trying to satisfy a hunger inside, but that hunger can only be satisfied by God and that can only be achieved by letting go of some of the things of this world, even for a brief time. This is a perfect time to read the Bible, to pray more and to learn more about our faith. All three of our Churches have Lenten aids to help you in your prayer and meditation. Our Lenten Brochure has schedules for many of our activities. Diane Schafer at All Saints is offering a Lenten Book Club using the book "Resisting Happiness" on Wednesday evenings starting March 8th at 6:15pm. We also offer Stations of the Cross, Bible Study, Rosary recitations, Adoration and the Sacraments.

So, instead of just giving something up for Lent, do something positive to increase your faith. Check out all that we have to offer for this Lenten Season.

God Bless,
Deacon George



GOOD NEWS

Sin and Redemption

One thing today's readings—and really all of Scripture—make abundantly clear is that the devil exists. He is a liar and a deceiver, just as he was for our first parents and for Jesus as well. This is good to keep in mind at the beginning of Lent. We need a conversion of heart because the devil tempts us. We are sinners. Sin is real. The story of original sin illuminates the failure of Adam and Eve, and the reading from Romans explains that that sin has reached us. In this fresco, Michelangelo paints the devil as a serpent with a human upper body to accent that the devil is a person. All humanity is wounded and weakened by sin. Yet even if sin and the devil are realities, the good news is that they are not the strongest realities. Jesus, as he shows us in the Gospel, is stronger than the enemy, and he shares that strength with us. We can be new creations through the salvation and forgiveness Jesus offers. His obedience can make us righteous. During Lent, we try to purify our heart with God's grace so that we freely choose righteousness. Our actions reveal another reality of the good news: our choices make a difference. God trusts us so much that he gives us free will and allows us to play a part in our own salvation. Accepting his grace is the first step toward victory over sin. That is why your Lenten fasts and promises are such game changers—they strengthen your will, purify your heart, and make you more like Jesus. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

ask Padre

"Why is it OK to eat fish during Lent? What if I'm a vegetarian?"

The other day I was grocery shopping. I bought chicken on sale for \$1 per pound and salmon for \$8.99 per pound. If penance were about being economical, I would be eating chicken. If penance were the same as living simply, I might give up both proteins for an egg or bean alternative. (If you asked my fellow priests, they might say all food is penance when I cook.) The Catechism teaches, "The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (CCC 1434). Notice the last word: others. Fasting and abstaining from meat during Lent are shared sacrifices and part of our Catholic identity and duty (Canons 1249–53). The pope in Rome, your grandmother in Milwaukee, Catholics in India, and our fellow Christians (if and when they participate) are all united by this common penance. You express that unity by eating fish on Fridays. If you are a vegetarian or vegan, I encourage you to do something additional during the Fridays of Lent to reflect the spirit of discipline and self-denial. However you observe Lent, remember: All Catholics are united to each other and to God in our prayer, penance, and worship.

—Patrick Keyes, CSsR sundaybulletin@liguori.org

CALENDAR

Sat., Mar. 4	Rosary 5:30pm @ St.A.
Sun., Mar. 5	First Sunday of Lent Donut Day 9:30am @ H.C. DVD Series on Catholicism Begins 9:30am @ H.C. Rel. Ed. St.A./H.C. 9:45am @ H.C. A.S. 11:30am A.S. First Penance Class 5:00pm @ A.S.
Tues., Mar. 7	Mass 9:00am @ St.A. (followed by Coffee Hour) H.C./St.A. First Penance Class 6:30pm @ H.C. Adoration 7:00pm @ H.C.
Wed., Mar. 8	Mass 9:00am @ H.C. Bible Study 10:00am @ H.C. Stations of the Cross 6:00pm @ A.S. Lenten Book Study "Resisting Happiness" 6:15pm @ A.S.
Thurs., Mar. 9	Mass 9:30am @ A.S. Rosary 7:00pm @ St.A.
Fri., Mar. 10	Mass 12noon @ St.A. Stations of the Cross: 5:30pm @ St.A. and H.C.
Sat., Mar. 11	Knots of Love 10:00am @ A.S. Rosary 10:00am @ H.C. Baptisms during Mass @ St.A.
Sun., Mar. 12	Second Sunday of Lent — Daylight Saving Time Begins DVD Series on Catholicism 9:30am @ H.C. Rel. Ed. St.A./H.C. 9:45am @ H.C. A.S. 11:30am A.S. First Penance Class @ A.S.
A LOOK AHEAD:	
Mar. 16	A.S. Finance Council Mtg. 5:00pm @ A.S.
Mar. 18/19	Cross Catholic Outreach—Fr. Olszewski presides
Mar. 20	Cluster Lenten Evening of Prayer 7:00pm @ A.S.
Mar. 25	Cluster 1 st Penance 1:00pm @ A.S. (12pm luncheon)
Mar. 26	K-4 th Grade Mass 10:30am @ A.S.
Mar. 28	Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy
Mar. 29	Cluster Council 7:00pm @ H.C.
Apr. 8	Cluster Lenten Penance Service 11:00am @ A.S.
Apr. 9	Tenebrae 7:30pm @ H.C.
Apr. 11	Chrism Mass 7:30pm @ Sacred Heart, Rochester

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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IN YOUR WILL**

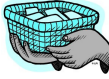

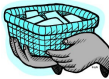
**Use a bequest to assure God's
work will continue even
after you have gone to be with the Lord.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: March 11 & 12, 2017

Mass Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Greeters / Ushers	Gift Bearers	Sacristans
4:30 pm Saturday ST. ANTHONY	Cathy Bishop Drew Jackson	Cathy Bishop Keith Randolph <u>Nursing Home</u> Linda Bonavia	Leanna Jackson Madalyn Perkins	Fran Sovocool Connie Wilcox	Barb Walpole John Walpole	Dcn. George
8:30 am Sunday HOLY CROSS	Lisa Schug Rosemary Collins	(C) Doug Collins (C) Carroll MacDowell (H) Pat Brennan	Felix Abel-Ferretti Adrian Finney	David Minarski George Muller		Oak Hill Muller MacNeil
10:30 am Sunday ALL SAINTS	Anne Mares Tom Watts	(C) Cheryl Casey (C) Julie Berens (C) <i>Choir:</i> Deacon George (C) <i>Choir:</i> Leigh Miller	Cross: Andra Benson Altar: Zora Benson	Matt Montague Charlie Watts Connor Watts Carter Watts	Nursery Dan Brown Lena Gisler	Cara Watts

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

February 26, 2017 (Week 35)		
All Saints Church Attendance (Adults): 105 (Children): 46	\$ 1,848.00	
Holy Cross Church Attendance (Adults): 111 (Children): 12 Jan. Direct Deposit	\$ 2,111.16 \$ 765.00	
St. Anthony Church Attendance (Adults): 70 (Children): 11 Jan. Direct Deposit	\$ 1,964.00 \$ 303.00	

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS



Tom "Duke" Whitmore (St.A.), Angelo Alaimo, Elaine Apgar, Jane Baldwin, Pamela Barnes, Cathy Bishop, Ginny Bradshaw, Ron Bradshaw, Gerald Carey, 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, Tom Schickel, 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, & Special Intentions.

Please keep our area servicemen and women in your prayers.

PRAY FOR REPOSE OF THE SOUL of David Olson (H.C.)

ALL SAINTS BOOK OF INTENTIONS



Our prayers from our Book of Intentions during the Mass on **February 26** were: For my daughters / Healing prayers for Deborah McKane, who is in a Rochester Hospital / For a special intention / For the safety of all travelers / For an increase in priestly vocations / For my friend, Christine / For a special friend / For our college students doing well on their mid-terms / In thanksgiving for a good, safe trip for our son-in-law's new job and new apartment close by / For all involved in the musical to be healthy / For a good relationship for our daughter / For Ron Ronsvalle and family / For my family.

FULFILLING GOD'S WISH — FIRST SATURDAY MAR. 4

The Rosary for **Peace** was one of the requests of Our Lady of Fatima. Please plan to stay and pray the Rosary with us immediately after Mass today at **St. Anthony's** for **peace** in the world.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Wednesdays 6:00pm @ **A.S.**
 Fridays 5:30pm @ **St.A. & H.C.**



A PRAYER FOR LENT

*Lord, Holy Father,
 Show us what kind of man it is who is hanging
 for our sakes on the cross,
 whose suffering causes the rocks themselves
 to crack and crumble with compassion,
 whose death brings the dead back to life.
 Let my heart crack and crumble at the sight of him.
 Let my soul break apart with compassion for his suffering.
 Let it be shattered with grief at my sins for which he dies.
 And finally let it be softened with devoted love for him.*

-St. Bonaventure



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

At the beginning of this Lenten season, we hear proclaimed the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. He responds to the first temptation by saying that one does not live by bread alone but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. The season of Lent invites us to consider how we nourish our hearts, how we act as stewards of the Word of God entrusted to us. A good reflection for the week: What do we live on? What keeps us going? Could it be possessions, prestige, the need to be in control, the need for security, addictions? Or the fervent desire to listen to God's word?

SACRIFICIAL GIVING AT ST. ANTHONY'S



Beginning with the First Sunday of Lent, we are asking parishioners to give up one cup of coffee per week, and instead—increase your weekly offering by the amount you would have spent. If **all** parishioners participate (whether you use envelopes or not), we would come much closer to balancing our budget.

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."
 -Mother Teresa

2016-2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Raised in Christ

St. Anthony Goal: \$ 8,940	Pledged: \$ 9,588	(107.25%) !
Holy Cross Goal: \$ 17,817	Pledged: \$ 17,820	(100.02%) !
All Saints Goal: \$ 17,503	Pledged: \$ 11,663	(66.63%)

SACRAMENTS

DAY OF PENANCE AND MERCY (Mar. 28) "Forgiven"

Do you want to go to Confession on March 28th, but aren't sure exactly how to do it? Visit <http://forgiven.dor.org> to find the form and prayers you need to know to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. See you on Tuesday, March 28, for the **Day of Penance and Mercy**.

LENT

LENTEN REGULATIONS

- **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of fasting and abstinence. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
- **ABSTINENCE** refers to not eating meat. All persons 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat.
- **FASTING** refers to eating only one full meal a day with smaller portions that do not constitute a full meal at the other two meals. Eating solid food between meals is not allowed. All persons 18-59 years of age are obliged to fast.
- These regulations are considered to be a serious obligation for all Catholics. However, those who are ill, pregnant, on medication, on special diets for health concerns, or those who must work at extremely physical jobs may be exempt from these regulations.

CATHOLICISM DVD SERIES

Witness "the most significant story ever told" at Holy Cross! Please join us for an encore presentation of the "Catholicism" DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron after the 8:30am Mass on Sundays during Lent at Holy Cross. Filmed in more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries, discover the full meaning of the Catholic Faith!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Diane Schafer will lead a Lenten Book Study for six consecutive Wednesdays beginning March 8th from 6:15-7:00pm following the 6:00pm Stations of the Cross at All Saints Church. The book is called "Resisting Happiness" by Matthew Kelly. For March 8th please read Chapters 1-6 and reflect on the following passage: Matt 26:40-41. Bring your thoughts with you to discuss. Any questions, please contact Diane Schafer at diane3@twcny.rr.com.

OPERATION RICE BOWL — Holy Cross and St. Anthony religious education students are contributing to Catholic Relief Services by filling up their cardboard Rice Bowls. 75% of Rice Bowl alms fund CRS projects around the world; 25% of the Rice Bowl proceeds goes to our local food pantries. **There are extra Rice Bowls in the back of your church.**

CLUSTER LENTEN EVENING OF PRAYER

Monday, March 20th 7-9pm

All are welcome to **All Saints Church** to set aside an evening for Jesus. The main purpose of this evening is to have extended quiet time in the Lord's house to read scriptures and pray. Various scripture passages and some guided prayers for reflection will be provided. After an hour, we will gather for shared prayer followed by light refreshments in the parish center. Bring a Bible, pen and notebook. Please consider making this evening a part of your Lenten journey. Any questions, please contact Diane Schafer diane3@twcny.rr.com.

 **Catholic Courier** The Catholic Courier's multimedia **Lenten Journal** Lenten journal is designed to support you throughout the Lenten season of penance, reflection and fasting in preparation for Christ's resurrection. Daily visitors to the journal will find Gospel readings, reflections, meatless recipes, children's crafts and more. Visit each day at www.catholiccourier.com/lenenjournal2017.

DIOCESAN NEWS

NOTRE DAME RETREATS

- **Men's** – March 3 to March 5
- **Women's** – March 31 to April 2
- **Teen's** – April 21 to April 23
- **Summer Couples** – June 2 to June 4



Theme: "Prayer: God is Talking . . . Are you Listening?"

Is it difficult to carve out time to pray each day? Is life too busy? You are invited to a weekend retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House where we will give you time to explore the meaning of prayer; different styles of prayer, and ways to overcome obstacles and enrich your prayer time. Our retreat this year will challenge us to move from "saying" prayers to "living" a prayerful life.

PRAY LISTEN COME

Where: Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, NY
(**Contact** for Women's Retreat: Maureen Seeley 607-589-6483; mseeley@htva.net)

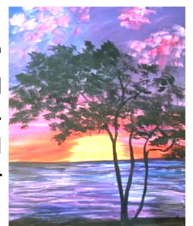
NOTICES

FUNDRAISERS AT ST. ANTHONY'S — RESULTS

- ⇒ **RAFFLE** — Congratulations to the lucky winners of the great raffle items. A complete list is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. A special thank you to all who donated items for this fundraiser . . . we made \$372.00 !!
- ⇒ **BON TON BOOKLETS** — We sold 82 booklets, and we keep the \$410 . . . plus we are eligible for the Bonus Check, which we will receive soon. Thank you to all who supported us by purchasing and selling the booklets.

COMING TO HOLY CROSS — Paint 'n Sip

Come join us for Fun, Fun, Fun.....Friday, March 17th at 6:30pm in Cleary Hall. Some free goodies and coffee — and some goodies and water to purchase...bring your own beverage of any sort!!! All you have to do is go to this website and register (<https://theinstantartist.com/event-registration/?ee=765>)



BINGO resumes Monday, April 3, at All Saints !!

ALL SAINTS ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

All Saints is in desperate need of altar servers. Any boys or girls who have celebrated their 1st Communion are welcome! Training will be provided. Please contact Julie Eisenhut at 533-7344 or jeisenhut@dor.org for more information.

CELEBRATE 90 YEARS !!

Please join us for birthday cake for Pat Fairbank (of St. Anthony's) on Sunday, March 12, from 2:00-4:00pm at 75 Devlen Road, Groton. RSVP susanhaynes1@gmail.com or 423-0776.

No gifts please.



THANK YOU'S

FROM FR. PATRICK MARTIN (AVE MARIA PLACE)

Please express our thanks to all of your parishioners from the parishes of St. Anthony, Holy Cross and All Saints for their generosity and love. We were deeply touched by the generous offerings of your parishes. Because of my parish mission schedule, there isn't time for fund raising and so we depend totally on the generosity of God's beautiful people for our work. Your people's gifts will certainly be a FANTASTIC blessing for our work. Our prayers are truly the best way we know to say thank you adequately. God bless you and all your wonderful parishioners.

Wishing you all God's blessings and peace, Fr. Pat

⇒ **Our parishes contributed \$4,786.04 to Fr. Pat Martin's Ave Marie Place!!**

FROM FR. STEVE BLUM (FOOD FOR THE POOR)

Thank you sincerely for allowing me to visit your three parishes and preach on behalf of Food for the Poor. The people were very receptive, helpful and welcoming. Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Steve Blum

REGIONAL NEWS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH PARISH MISSION

March 13-14, 2017 7:00pm — Immaculate Conception

'STOP! SPEND TIME WITH ME'

Presented by Fr. Francis Pompei, OFM
A Franciscan friar from Buffalo, NY



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GOD'S CREATURES ARE AWESOME

Did you know that a horse shoe crab's blood is green? It has copper in it instead of the iron that makes our blood red. Our students learned this and a number of other facts about tidal creatures when they visited the Sciencenter.



PRE-K3, PRE-K4 & ELEM. 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & MINISTRY

SAMARITAN CENTER COLLECTION — HOLY CROSS



March is Holy Cross' month to collect personal hygiene products for Catholic Charities Samaritan Center. Please help our local community. Donated items can be dropped off in the baskets in the back of church. Present items in need: **baby diapers & wipes, conditioner, lotion, bars of soap, men's deodorant, denture cream, hand sanitizer.**



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join us in prayer beginning Ash Wednesday, March 1, through Palm Sunday, April 9, at the vigil site across from Planned Parenthood, 620 W. Seneca St., Ithaca, along the public right-of-way, 7AM—7PM. Please consider committing to 1hr or 2hr vigil per week with a friend, your prayer group, or your family to **come and pray for the beginning of the end of abortion** here in Ithaca. For more information, contact Mary Anne Tissot, 315-246-7479 or email sweetwind53@yahoo.com. Details/updates about **40 Days for Life--Ithaca** -- www.40daysforlife.com/ithaca. You are invited to attend these inspiring events at the vigil location: ****KickOff Praise Rally---** Mar. 1, 10am; ****Closing/Stations of the Cross Walk ---** April 8, Sat. 10am.

PRESENTATION AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH Catholic Charities Celebrates 20 years in Tompkins County: March 23 Presentation on "Tolerance: A Key to Religious Freedom"

As part of Catholic Charities 20th anniversary commemoration, the agency is proud to welcome Tom Gallagher, a National Catholic Reporter journalist and former administrator of the Mother Teresa of Calcutta Center. Tom spent two years as a full-time volunteer with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity and is now the CEO of the Religion News Foundation. Drawing on experiences including a visit to a displaced persons camp in Iraq with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, he'll be speaking on the timely theme of "Tolerance: A Key to Religious Freedom." The evening will also include an update on Catholic Charities' new refugee resettlement program. Please join us Thursday, March 23, 7:00pm, Immaculate Conception parish hall in downtown Ithaca.

(WEB) Weekend Backpack Program

Holy Cross Church is collecting **Tuna Fish** during the month of March. Look for the collection basket at the back of church.

BIRTHRIGHT BLANKETS & BABY ITEMS AT ALL SAINTS



Calling all crafty people! This is a great time to begin making blankets and collecting infant layettes/children's clothing up to 4T for the Birthright Collection held in May. Keep yourself busy and warm this winter while helping children in need!!!