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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 4:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth's; Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Philip Neri; 10:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth's.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sat. 3:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth's. Also by request or appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** By appointment.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance of proposed date.

**Sick Calls:** Anytime, day or night. 873-6760.

**Holy Communion** will be brought to your home on request.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**Jan. 14/15, 2012**

Note: unless otherwise noted, all weekday Masses at 8:15 am are at St. Elizabeth's; those at 8:30 am are at St. Philip Neri.

**Sat., Jan. 14:** 4:30 pm, Dorothy Smith by Terry and Linda Guilbo.

**Sun., Jan. 15:** 8:30 am, Martin Huchro by Madeline and Wally Huchro. 10:30 am. Augustine Scato 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by the Family.

**Mon., Jan. 16:** 8:15 am, Catherine G. Sullivan by the Estate.

**TUES., Jan. 17: NO MASS at St. Philip Neri, Westport.**

**Thurs., Jan. 19:** 10:15 am, Horace Nye Home. Catherine G. Sullivan by the Estate.

**Fri., Jan. 20:** 8:15 am, Malvina Russon by the Estate.

**Sat., Jan., 21:** 4:30 pm, Ellen Keenan by the Estate.

**Sun., Jan. 22:** 8:30 am, Agnes Tanneberger by Jerry and Jean Forcier. 10:30 am, Catherine G. Sullivan by the Estate.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Jan. 7/8, 2012**

**St. Elizabeth – Envelopes: \$1042.50**

**Plate: \$333.00**

**St. Philip Neri – Envelopes: \$1316.00**

**Plate: \$21.00**

*God will not be outdone in generosity!*

**ADULT EDUCATION GROUP**

A conflict with our Penance Service on Dec. 19 prompted us to move the meeting of the Adult Group to this Mon., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Subjects to be discussed are: *Becoming Catholic* and *The Eucharist*. All interested adults are welcome to attend. Call Dan Alexander at 873-6691.

**PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE**

College students and young adults are planning a Pilgrimage to Washington DC for the 39<sup>th</sup> March For Life from Friday pm, Jan. 20 to Tues., Jan. 24. All-inclusive cost is only \$150 per person. For more info, email Fr. Timothy Canaan, Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry, at

[frtim@broadstreetcatholics.org](mailto:frtim@broadstreetcatholics.org) or call 563-0730. Join them for prayer, witness and fun.

**LAKE CHAMPLAIN BUS FOR LIFE**

Here is a chance for any concerned person to attend the 2012 March for Life in Washington, DC. A chartered bus will leave the parking lot of St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh on Sun. evening Jan. 22 at 7:30 pm for the March the next day. The bus will return in the early morning of Tues., Jan. 24. Cost is \$25 per

seat. Contact Betty Buffett 536-6640 or Karen Smith 534-2028. If you cannot attend but wish to make a donation for someone who can, send your check to St. Peter's, 114 Cornelia St., Plattsburgh 12091. Notation: "Bus for Life Donation." Thank you.

**VOCATION CORNER**

"Behold the Lamb of God." Could it be that you are being called to point out the Lord to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to Fr. Riani or contact Fr. Bryan Stitt on Facebook, at [www.myvocation.net](http://www.myvocation.net) or at (315) 393-2920 ex 450.

**BISHOP'S ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

The 2012 Diocesan Ecumenical Service will be celebrated this Sunday, Jan. 15, at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Massena. Bishop LaValley will celebrate Mass. Rev. James Kane, Director of the Office of Ecumenical Affairs of the Diocese of Albany will preach on the theme: "We Will All Be Changed By the Victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ." Following the service, a reception will be held at Trinity School. All people of good will are welcome to participate.

**PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND**

A pilgrimage trip to Ireland is being organized in our Diocese to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress with Pope Benedict in Dublin followed by a tour of the sacred sites of Ireland. These include Knock, Galway, Limerick City, Ring of Kerry, Cork and more. Date: June 11-21, 2012. Cost: \$2995 (twin occupancy), including round trip flight from Albany. Contact Ursula Akey (Ausable Forks) 647-8415.

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

The March starts this Sunday, Jan. 15 at 1:30 at the Newman Center and continues to St. John's Church. James Sedlak, Vice President

of the American Life League, will speak. Take a stand for life!

**From the Pastor's Desk....**

With all of its beauty and wonder, Christmastime is an especially difficult time for many people. Memories, sometimes idealized but very real, go back to happier times when the people we loved and who loved us were alive and part of our lives. The world seemed a safer and better place to live, indeed "God was in His heaven and all was right with the world."

A poet, Madeleine L'Engle wrote the following which helps set some perspective for those of us in post-Christmas funk.

*A Litany of Affirmation*

*God did not wait till the world was ready, till nations were at Peace*

*God came when the heavens were unsteady and prisoners cried out for release.*

*God did not wait for the perfect time. God came when the need was deep and great.*

*God dined with sinners in all their grime, Turned water into wine.*

*God did not wait till hearts were pure. In joy God came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt, to a world like ours of anguish, God came and God's light would not go out.*

*God came to a world which did not mesh; To heal its tangles, shield its scorn. In the mystery of the Word made Flesh, the maker of the stars was born.*

*We cannot wait till the world is sane to raise out songs with joyful voice, or to share our grief, to touch our pain.*

*God came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!*