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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.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –  
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**Jan. 21/22, 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. 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.

**Mon., Jan. 23:** 8:15 am, Malvina Russom by the Estate.

**Tues., Jan. 24:** 8:30 am, Bruce Tracey by Louise Cawley.

**Thurs., Jan. 26:** 10:15 am, Horace Nye Home. Catherine G. Sullivan by the Estate.

**Fri., Jan. 27:** 8:15 am, Catherine G. Sullivan by the Estate.

**Sat., Jan. 27:** 4:30 pm, Malvina Russom by the Estate.

**Sun., Jan. 30:** 8:30 am, Sawyer Wynn Hudgens by James and Alana Forcier. 10:30 am, Catherine G. Sullivan by the Estate.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Jan. 14/15, 2012**

**St. Elizabeth – Envelopes: \$805.50**

**Plate: 83.00**

**St. Philip Neri – Envelopes: \$1,007.00**

**Plate: 25.00**

*God will not be outdone in generosity!*

**ADULT EDUCATION GROUP**

There is a meeting of this group this Monday evening, Jan. 23, 7 pm at the Rectory. Subjects to be discussed are: *The Mass* and *The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation*. All interested adults are welcome to attend. Call Dan Alexander at 873-6691.

**RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION**

The annual diocesan collection to support pro-life initiatives will be taken up in our parish THIS weekend. Funds are distributed within the diocese to support local activities in various communities that support the value of human life. Bishop LaValley has established support for human life as an ongoing priority of the Church here. Please be generous in your donation this coming weekend. Thank you!

**VOCATION CORNER**

“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” Are you considering a vocation as to the priesthood or 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.

**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.

**A REMINDER**

The Bishop's Office has sent us a reminder that if you feel ill during this flu season you should refrain from exchanging the sign of peace and/or receiving from the cup at Communion.

Eucharistic Ministers who are dealing with or recovering from a cold are asked to find substitutes for their ministry.

Parishioners are urged to utilize the hand sanitizers at the church entrances and to receive Communion in hand since “receiving on the tongue presents hygienic problems during the flu season.” Thank you.

**LEAVING YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER**

Our Diocesan Office suggests the following steps to help make sure your affairs are in order before moving on to Eternal Life. 1. Draft a Will. 2. Leave enough cash in an obvious location to help your survivors pay the expenses of your estate. 3. Plan your own funeral. 4. Leave no financial debt. 5. Write your own obituary. 6. Organize your records. 7. Choose a time to discuss these plans with your loved ones. 8. Of course, make your peace with God and, if needed, with any person or persons who could benefit from it.

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

I will be using this space from time to time to share with you thoughts and teachings about celebrating the Lord's Day as Catholic Christians. I hope that these columns will help us renew our dedication to “keep holy the Sabbath Day.” (The Third Commandment).

On Sunday (Anticipated Saturday Mass included), we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Lord's Day, the day of Christ's Resurrection. Each Sunday is a “little Easter.”

The primary way we do this is with our participation in the Sunday Eucharist. There is no better way to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord than by celebration of the memorial of his Passion, death and Resurrection. It is not a private event. Rather, we come together as the People of God, the Church, to worship with one heart and one voice. Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and to being faithful to Christ and to his Church.

When members of our Church Community and absent from this gathering, they are missed. No member should be absent without serious reason. The Liturgy should be the first thing on the weekend agenda, not the last. Arriving on time, prepared in mind and heart to join in the worship, is important to all of us. Those who cannot attend because illness or the need to care for infants or the sick deserve our prayers and special attention.

Although our private prayer at home or watching the Mass on TV have their own value, they are no substitute for our “real presence,” at the Eucharistic Liturgy and the reception of Holy Communion unless we are ill, snowbound or some other serious reason.

(More about this later).