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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 OF ADVENT – B

Dec. 10/11, 2011

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

Sat., Dec. 10: 4:30 pm Amerigo Catano by
Judy Catano.

Sun., Dec. 11: 8:30 am Agnes Tanneberger by
Mark and Chris Carpenter. 10:30 am Deceased
Family and Friends of the Scato Family by
Anna Scato.

Mon., Dec. 12: 8:15 am. Catherine G.
Sullivan by the Estate.

Tues., Dec. 13: 8:30 am. Cora Strattan by
Bruce and Nona Hoskins.

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

Fri., Dec. 16: 8:15 am. Malvina Russon by
the Estate.

Sat., Dec. 17: 4:30 pm. Kevin Doyle by the
Family.

Sun., Dec. 18: 8:30 am. John Michael Fleury
by Sam and Gay Gutierrez. 10:30 am. Malvina
Russon by the Estate.

STEWARDSHIP

Dec. 3/4, 2011

St. Elizabeth – Envelopes: \$1,622.50

Plate: 125.00

St. Philip Neri – Envelopes: \$672.00

Plate: 125.00

God will not be outdone in generosity!

RETIRED RELIGIOUS NEED SUPPORT

By 2019 it is projected that retired religious
will outnumber wage-earning religious by
nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement
Fund for Religious helps insure that elderly
Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order
priests receive the care they so richly deserve,
now and in the future. Please give generously
to this week's second collection. Thank you.

ADULT EDUCATION GROUP

Our group will next meet on Monday,
December 19, 7 pm at the Rectory. Subjects to
be discussed are: *Becoming Catholic* and *The
Eucharist*. All interested adults are welcome to
attend. Call Dan Alexander at 873-6691.

VOCATION CORNER

“The One who calls you is faithful.” Will
you be faithful to His call? If God may be
inviting you to be a priest, deacon or
consecrated religious, talk to Father Riani
or contact Fr. Bryan Stitt on Facebook, at
www.myvocation.net or at (315) 393-2920
ex 450.

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

College students and young adults are
planning a Pilgrimage to Washington DC for
the 39th 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 or call 563-
0730. Join them for prayer, witness and fun.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

Here are opportunities for you to prepare for
Christmas with the Sacrament of Penance.
Several priests will be available for
confessions at each service.

Sunday, Dec. 11: 2 pm St. Joseph's,
Olmsteadville. 4 pm St. Mary's, Schroom
Lake.

Sunday, Dec. 18: 2 pm St. Mary's,
Ticonderoga. 7 pm St. Patrick's, Port Henry.

Monday, Dec. 19: 7 pm St. Elizabeth's,
Elizabethtown.

THE GIVING TREE IS NOW!

This weekend is the deadline for the 2011
Giving Tree in the foyer at St. Elizabeth's.
**Gifts for the needy must be returned by this
Sunday, Dec. 11** when they will be due for
distribution. If there is difficulty, bring your
gift to the back door of the Rectory by Sunday
afternoon.

CHOIR CONCERTS

The Keeseville-Peru Ecumenical Choir will
be performing two concerts as usual this year.
The first will be Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.
at St. John the Baptist Church in Keeseville. The
second will be Sunday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in
St. Augustine's Church in Peru. Jeanette
Woodruff accompanied by Carol Bechard
directs the choir. On the program is a variety
of sacred and secular music. Admission is
free.

BREAKFAST WITH THE FIRE DEPT!

The Westport Department invites you to
Breakfast With Santa next Saturday, Dec.
17, 7-11 am at Father McCarthy Hall. Adults:
\$7; Kids: \$4. Come and support your local
Fire Department.

From the Pastor's Desk....

Fittingly for *Rejoice* Sunday, here is more
from Fr. Rolheiser's book on the Eucharist:
Our One Great Act of Fidelity.

*The Eucharist is meant to be God's regular
nourishment for us, daily manna to keep us
alive within the desert of our lives.*

*In John's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the
Eucharist is the new manna, the new bread
from heaven, the new way that God gives us
daily sustenance. The Roman Catholic
practice of daily Eucharist takes its root here.
This is why, too, in Roman Catholic
spirituality, unlike much of Protestantism, the
Eucharist has not generally been called “ the
Lord's Supper,” since it was understood not
as an extraordinary ritual to commemorate
the Last Supper, but as an ordinary, ideally
daily, ritual to give us sustenance from God
just as God fed the Chosen People in the
desert so long ago.*

*How does the Eucharist give us daily
sustenance? The Eucharist nurtures us by
giving us God's physical embrace (the real
presence). God feeds us by physically
touching and embracing us. What could be
more nurturing to the soul? In Roman
Catholic theology and spirituality we are
invited to, ideally, receive this touch daily, or
as often as we practically can. God's touch,
the Eucharist, is the new manna, the bread
that comes down from heaven.*

- And nourishes us here unto life eternal!
*Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say
rejoice!*