



## St. Columba- St. Patrick

- Caledonia, NY -

## St. Mary of the Assumption

- Scottsville, NY -

## St. Vincent de Paul

- Churchville, NY -

Palm Sunday 2015

### Save the Date!

- Ecumenical VBS-  
July 20-24
- VBS—July 27-31
- Summer Pro-  
gram—August 2-6

## NCYC Fundraisers

Stock Sale	through 4/4
Story and Song Con- cert—purchase tickets	4/12 4/19
Coffee Hour— St Columba	4/12
Coffee Hour-St Mary	4/19
Coffee Hour-St Vincent	4/26
Run for the Young	5/2
Cans and Bottles Drive— St Mary	5/30
Trivia Night (with Babysitting)	6/13
Flamingos	June- August
Cans and Bottles- St Vincent Electronics—St Mary	on- going

## Pardon our Dust

I walked in to the doctor's office the other day and saw the plastic sheeting, the dust and the standard "pardon our dust" sign indicating a renovation project.

I ask your pardon since we, too, are in the midst of a renovation— of our Faith Formation Offerings.

Two committees—the Faith Formation Advisory Team and the Youth Ministry Long Range Planning Team have been working with staff to examine our current programs and make plans for the upcoming year.

We are evaluating our program offerings especially for children, teens and families and identifying areas of strength and needs.

The Committees have also done some brainstorming of

visions and dreams for the future.

I am grateful for the dedication and creativity coming forth from these committees. For more information see the Faith Formation tab on the website.

In the coming weeks you will have the opportunity to complete a survey about our programs and your needs.

Please give your prayerful consideration to the questions. Your feedback will help us plan for the future.

This cluster wide soul searching is timely and appropriate in Lent and as we enter into Holy Week and Easter.

In this season we personally and communally reflect on our nature of dust and ashes, our imperfections and

failings. We trust in God to bring new life to our broken dreams. Just as Jesus was raised to new life in the Resurrection and the hope of the disciples was rekindled with Pentecost, our dreams and hopes and plans for our lives can find new life.

*May God who has begun the good work in us, follow it through to completion.*  
-Traditional prayer.



**Please be patient! God's not finished yet.**

## Youth Ministry Update

**Confirmation**—We have youth preparing for confirmation with our new program. Teens may join at any time if they are in grade 8 and up.

**Teen Time**—Already confirmed teens are invited to any of the teen time sessions.

**Service**—Youth assisted with service over Christmas break, delivering items collected in our Baby Shower for Jesus to local agencies, helping to put out toys donations at Mary's Place for refugees.

**Story and Song**— Come for a great Catholic Contemporary Music Concert 5/1 St Lawrence Church. Tickets are available online at Eventbrite.com or through Colleen Trevisani or Kim Dudrak. Teens will also be selling tickets 4/12 and 4/19. All proceed from the concert will go to fund the youth programs.

**Run for the Young**—Help us defend our two shoe title. Sponsor a youth or come out yourself. 5/2 at St Lawrence.



#BothShoes

**NCYC**—We have a group of 10 teens, 5 adults, and 1 young assistant. We have an ambitious goal to raise all the funds beyond the \$150 downpayment. This means \$575 for each person.

## Lifelong Faith Formation

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**Christ Made Visible in Town and Village**



# Awakening

Our Faith Formation TEAM has selected awakening as a theme for our lifelong faith formation opportunities.

We will awaken to our call to know, love, and serve God.

Please join us on this spiritual journey.

## Love is Our Mission—World Meeting of Families 2015

Our cluster is planning a pilgrimage to attend the World Meeting of Families on September 22-27, 2015 in Philadelphia.

Join us as we prepare for this once in a lifetime event by reading the catechism *Love is Our Mission* found on the official website at: [WorldMeeting2015.org](http://WorldMeeting2015.org).

On the site, sign up to receive regular email updates on how you can participate in this international event for families. The following is taken from the preparation documents.

### Creating the Future

Marriage is meant to be fertile and welcome new life. Children shape the future, just as they themselves are shaped in their families. Without children,

there can be no future.

Children reared with love and guidance are the foundation for a loving future. Wounded children portend a wounded future. Families are the bedrock for all larger communities.

Families are domestic churches, places where parents help children discover that God loves them and has a plan for each child's life.

### All Love Bears Fruit

Not everyone is called to marriage. But every life is meant to be fertile. Every life has the power and the need to nurture new life — if not through

bearing and raising children, then through other vital forms of self-giving, building and service.

The Church is an extended family of different vocations, each distinct but each needing and supporting the others.

Priesthood, religious life and the celibate lay vocation to enrich, and are enriched by, the witness of the married state. The different ways of being chaste and celibate outside of marriage are ways of donating one's life to God's service and the human community.



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