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#### Mass Schedule

Sunday

8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:15 pm

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

8:00 am

**Tuesday, Thursday**

5:30 pm

**Confessions**

Saturday 4:30 – 5:30 pm

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#### ALONG THE AVENUES:

One of the hardest things human beings have to do in their lives is to forgive. Feelings of hurt and betrayal, and the physical, psychological, spiritual and emotional harm that are produced when one is wronged are often extraordinarily hard to break through. [Note: these feelings and harm cannot be overcome, only dealt with and integrated into a new life that doesn't deny the wrong.] **How does one find the way to forgiveness?** While there is no magic formula, here are some steps to try and negotiate.

First, one has to recognize and admit some relationship with one's self, others, or God is not right. This step may take a long time because it can be fraught with forms of denial, making excuses, or a pseudo-forgiveness of pretending that the wrong makes no difference. Second, and a close companion of the first step is naming the wrong in the relationship as clearly and accurately as possible. This step may require seeking advice or counseling. It may require conversations with the perpetrator of the wrong. Jesus names this when he says, "If someone sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone." (Matthew 18:15-20) This step can be a stormy process of wrestling with the truth of the situation and its attendant feelings. But weathering that storm is necessary if one has any hope of breaking through to forgiveness.

Third, one has to re-imagine the perpetrator of the wrong. (Did I say this process isn't easy?) By this I mean that the one wronged has to work against identifying the perpetrator of the wrong with the wrong itself. Ultimately, this means that the one wronged sees and understands that the wrong-doer is still a child of God and a brother or sister in Christ, despite the harm and hurt he or she has caused. This is the point where change of heart (conversion) occurs in the process. Forgiveness is an internal process by which one sees "the other" as God sees them. And this is often where the process bogs down.

Here is where two resources – essential to the whole process of forgiveness – kick in especially. These are the wisdom of the community and prayer. The wisdom of the community includes "secular" resources like counseling, support groups, advocacy groups, mentors, and so on. But there are also the resources from our Christian tradition: scriptural and church teachings on forgiveness, spiritual direction, and the sacraments of Eucharist and Penance. Prayer helps us to engage these resources humbly before God, letting God's mercy and healing grace work within us so that we may see our broken relationships as he sees them. Only in and with prayer will we be able to see the wrong-doer as still a child of God and begin to move toward forgiveness.

Fourth, having come this far, the one who is wronged makes a commitment to "live into" forgiveness of the one who has done the wrong. Please note that forgiveness does not happen in one fell swoop. Like any wound or broken bone, wounded and broken relationships take time to heal. But a firm commitment to live into forgiveness, with God's grace, will lead us there. The good news is that forgiveness is always possible, as long as we live and breathe. The bad news is that forgiveness is not yet reconciliation, that external process by which "the two" find a new way of life together. For this week though, let's work on – and pray for – forgiveness!

Christ's peace to you,  
**Father Bob Kennedy**



**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:****Monday, March 15**

6:15 p.m. — Finance Council Meeting, Parish Office  
 6:30 p.m. — Social Justice Community, Parish Office  
 7:00 p.m. — Pastoral Council Meeting, Room 11

**Tuesday, March 16**

6:30—7:30 p.m. —PYC Book Club, Room 11  
 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. — Middle School Youth Group, School

**Wednesday, March 17**

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. — Exposition of the Blessed  
 Sacrament

7:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 18**

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. — Lenten Book Group, Parish Office  
 7:00 p.m. — Contemporary Music Ensemble Rehearsal

**Friday, March 19**

8:30 a.m. — Stations of the Cross, Church

**Saturday, March 20**

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. — First Communion Preparation, St. Boniface  
 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. — Knitters Group, Parish Office  
 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. — Sacrament of Penance, Church

**Sunday, March 21**

Daffodil Sale after each Mass  
 10:00 a.m. — Pre-School Faith Formation and Nursery  
 10:30 a.m. — RCIA Third Scrutiny and Dismissal, St. Boniface  
 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. — K-8 Faith Formation, School  
 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. — Confirmation Preparation at St. Mary's  
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. — High School Youth Group

**MASS SCHEDULE:****SUNDAY, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM - For the Parishioners  
 10:00 AM - Mass of Remembrance: Harriet Hook  
 12:15 PM - Bertha Maksimowicz — Steve and Sophie Pociask

**MONDAY, March 15, Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM - Eileen Miller — Paul Schery

**TUESDAY, March 16, Lenten Weekday**

5:30 PM - Tristan Hanna — John and Jeanne Lyle

**WEDNESDAY, March 17, Lenten Weekday, St. Patrick, bishop**

8:00 AM - for the intentions of Sr. Francis Patrick — Christine Murphy and Dennis Ryan

**THURSDAY, March 18, Lenten Weekday, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church**

5:30 PM - Kevin O'Reilly — Ed and Christine Driscoll

**FRIDAY, March 19, St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 AM - Victor J. Yawman — Gerry Yawman

**SATURDAY, March 20, Lenten Weekday****SUNDAY, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM - For the Parishioners  
 10:00 AM - Eleanor Gorges — Bequest  
 12:15 PM - Bernice Leo — Marge Sharick



SHARE YOUR GIFTS FROM GOD

*Stewardship... Live It!***DISCOVERING YOUR GIFTS**

So about once a month, the Stewardship Committee shares in this column some of description of talent themes, based on the Clifton *StrengthsFinder*. Our hope is that you will recognize the characteristics of some of these themes in yourself, and that you will then find ways to build those themes into talents and strengths that you in turn can share with us and the rest of the community.

Recognizing and nurturing talent in yourself and others is the main characteristic of the theme I'm sharing today: "The Maximizer." A "Maximizer" seeks to transform something good into something superb and sees talents and strengths in others, often before they do. Good is never 'good enough' for the "Maximizer." Transforming something strong into something superb is much more thrilling. Strengths, whether their own or someone else's, fascinate the "Maximizer" as a way to stimulate personal and group excellence. As a scripture example of the "Maximizer," Matthew 25:19-21 offers us the servant who took the five talents his Master entrusted to him, and made five more.

I was initially surprised when "Maximizer" showed up as my top theme. But encourage by a similar assessment I did at work, I started looking at how this gift manifests in my life and how I can 'maximize' this gift to create excellence in my life and the lives of others. I have come to realize that this gift has made me a better parent. I have always tried to recognize my children's talents, and offer them opportunities to develop those talents, rather than focusing on fixing their shortcomings. I've also started to recognize other "Maximizers" I've met throughout my life who have pushed me to make the most of my talents: teachers, mentors and supervisors. They never told me what I couldn't do, but instead helped me realize where my talents lay. Their examples will help me 'pay it forward' by finding ways to help other people recognize their talents and succeed. If you recognize the "Maximizer" in yourself, I encourage you to share it, whether as a coach, a youth counselor, a mentor, a foster parent, a teacher...Combining this gift with the other gifts God has given us, presents us with endless opportunities to help others, and by doing so, help us, become the best self God wants us to be. *(Pam Mellon)*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH**

Sunday collection received: <b>March 7, 2010</b>	\$ 10,149
Sunday Offering through Paypal	\$ 25
Total Sunday Offering	\$ 10,174
Budgeted weekly need	\$ 7,850
Difference - <b>over</b> weekly need	\$ <b>2,324</b>
Received year to date	\$ 269,762
Budgeted need - year to date	\$ 282,605
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$ (12,843)

233 envelope users gave \$8,466 and loose plate total \$1,683.

Please note you can go to our web site: [www.blessedsacrament-rochester.org](http://www.blessedsacrament-rochester.org) and donate through Paypal.

## FAMILIES SAVE THESE DATES FOR SPECIAL LENTEN PROGRAMS:

Saturday March 20, 2010, 6:00-7:30 PM St. Boniface School Hall: *Journey through Holy Week*. A family event that will give you the opportunity to enter into the celebrations of holy

### Also:

Special packets of information are available for families to us at home to enter into the spirit of Holy Week and the Triduum. Look for the Celebrating Holy Week display at the entrances of church. For more information about program for children Pre-School-Eighth Grade contact Sister Kathleen at the Faith Formation Office 271-7240 or [kawmercyrch@yahoo.com](mailto:kawmercyrch@yahoo.com)

## DAFFODIL SUNDAY

Next week our parish will once again participate in the annual Daffodil Sunday fundraiser sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Individual daffodils and daffodil plants will be for sale as you leave church after each Mass. Donate a small amount for one or more of these colorful early spring flowers and aid in the on-going fight against cancer.

## NEXT SUNDAY- CHRIST OVER COFFEE

After the 10:00 Mass. Meet with Bryan and Crissi Harrison to delve into the mysteries of this week's readings. What made the crowd throw down their stones? They will be in the Supper Program Dining Room from 11:00 to 12:00. The readings are: Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

## UNITED WAY- AGENCY#2305

Please consider supporting our Supper Program and designate **Blessed Sacrament Supper Program** when you make your 2009 United Way contribution. You must designate **Blessed Sacrament Supper Program, Agency#2305**, on a donor choice form each year. Ask your United Way solicitor at work for a **United Way Donor Choice Contributor's Brochure**. For the second time, a processing fee will be charged on donor-designated gifts. Agencies will pay a fee of \$20 or 8% on each donor-designated transaction, whichever is less.

## COMING SOON- THE GREAT PANCAKE RACE!

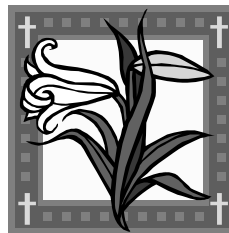
Parents with Young Children (ages infant to 5 years old). Sign up for the **Family Pancake Breakfast**. Sunday, March 21st at 11:00 in the School Gym. Dad's will flip the Flap Jacks while Mom's and Tot's make a craft.

## YOUNG ADULT BOWLING PARTY

March 12 7:00-11:00PM at St. Boniface Men's Club. \$12.00 for unlimited Bowling, Shoes, Pool Table and Pizza. Bring Your Friends!

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 21, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 43: 16-21  
Philippians 3: 8-14  
John 8: 1-11



## EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

As we have done the past few years, parishioners can remember a loved one at Easter time by donating towards the Church Easter flowers. If you would like to do so please complete the information below and return it to the Parish Office with your donation. We will include a list of people remembered and the donors in the Bulletin.

Donation in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
*please print*

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check \_\_\_\_\_

Donation made by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*please print*

## BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT-SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

Monday Nights 7:00-8:00PM

St. Boniface Church

Want to learn what Lent is all about?

Come and study the Scriptures we hear on Sunday.

Leaders: Sr. Luke Hardy and Sr. Phyllis Tierney

Open to All!



## ACTS SPRING DAYTRIP

Our first tri-parish daytrip of 2010 is set for April 20: "Spring in the Southern Tier" featuring a tour of the Corning Museum of Glass, lunch at the Hill Top Inn near Elmira and stops at the Mark Twain Study and at Castel Grisch Estate Winery. Green flyers with all the details are now available in the side entrance of church. Deadline for this outing is March 30, so please pick up a flyer and return it with payment to Pastoral Associate, Beverly LaBelle. Please note that all outings and events are open to one and all- the ACTS group may be geared for the 50+ crowd but we welcome people of all ages to socialize and travel with us. For more information on ACTS and its many activities, please contact Beverly at 271-7240 or [blabelle@dor.org](mailto:blabelle@dor.org).

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Congratulations! The *Hands of Christ* is a recognition program sponsored by the Department of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Diocese of Rochester to assist parishes in affirming their high school seniors who have been the "Hands of Christ" in their church, home, school and community. Recognized seniors are invited to receive a plaque from Bishop Clark at special Recognition Ceremonies held this month. The following seniors from the Monroe-Clinton Planning Group are being recognized for their dedication & service in their community: **Dylan Dennison, Taylor Dennison, Liam Holleran, Sean Hounker, Mari Lucco, Kate McIntosh, Meghan Olson, Martin Paz, Christina Pullano and Kristie Wood.**

**High School Youth Group!! Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Commons Room** Supper 5:30-6:30 (corned beef & cabbage supplied by the Ruberti's YUM!) meeting is 6:30-8:30 pm Moving ahead in Revelations "The Lamb bends evil to his Purposes!" – what does it all mean? Come join us & find out!

**Middle School Youth Group!** Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – 7-8 pm at Blessed Sacrament What? A special night focusing on St Patrick? It's an unplanned Game Night! Yahoo! Still at Blessed Sacrament-still same time!

**Calling all 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Graders!** A new Pilgrim Group is forming for the National Catholic Youth Conference – Nov 17-20, 2011, in Indianapolis, IN. If you will be in high school in the fall of 2011, you're eligible to go! To find more info about this pilgrimage or NCYC, visit this group on Facebook: NCYC 2011 - Monroe Clinton Parishes - McP!

**Save the Date! Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> is the Junior High Youth Rally!**

For information on any of the events above or to register call Barb Legere at 465-2665 or email [blegere@dor.org](mailto:blegere@dor.org)

### Weekend Masses at our Partner Parishes

*St. Mary's - Sat. 4PM, Sun. 9:00 and 11:00 AM*  
*St. Boniface-Sat. 5PM, Sun. 8:30 and 10:30AM*  
*OLVictory/St.Joseph-Sat. 4:30PM, Sun.10AM & 7:30PM*

### JOURNEYS' ( A CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP FOR ALL AGES)

#### March 2010 Events List

**March 13:** Our monthly dinner will be held at the Olive Garden (100Paddy Creek Cir.). We will meet at 5PM. Cost is the price of your dinner. RSVP to Noreen (663-5516).

**March 20:** Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at Holy Name of Jesus (15 St. Martin's Way) from 5:30-9:30PM.

**March 21:** Monthly Meeting at Holy Name of Jesus (15 St. Martin's Way). Meet at 1PM in Parish Center. Questions? Call Noreen (663-5516) or Tom (469-5281).

## JustNews

...from Blessed Sacrament's Social Justice Community.

**"Ecological concern has now heightened our awareness of just how interdependent our world is. Some of the gravest environmental problems are clearly global. In today's world, everyone is affected and everyone is responsible, although those most responsible are often the least affected." USCCB, Renewing the Earth**

Here's a small example of that interdependence. A metal called Coltan is used to make cell phones (and many other electronics). 80% of the world's Coltan comes from mining in the Congo. Recently, the boom in consumer electronics has caused the price of Coltan to skyrocket which has benefited the local economy. A Coltan miner can make anywhere from \$10 to \$50 a week, while the average Congolese worker makes \$10 a month. But the high price of Coltan has attracted rebels from neighboring countries like Rwanda and Uganda. The sale of illegally obtained Coltan is financing war to devastating human impact. Coltan is mined in places like Okapi Wildlife Reserve, and Kahuzi Biega National Park, home of the endangered mountain gorilla. The mining process, along with setting up mining camps and building roads to transport Coltan is causing widespread destruction of forests and threatens the native wildlife. The gorilla population has been cut nearly in half as gorillas are killed and their meat sold to the miners and rebel armies that control the area.

Some of these new phones are pretty tempting. Still, in God's interdependent world, we are called to something more.

For more information go to: [www.panda.org/what\\_we\\_do/where\\_we\\_work/congo\\_basin\\_forests/problems/mining/coltan\\_mining](http://www.panda.org/what_we_do/where_we_work/congo_basin_forests/problems/mining/coltan_mining)

We welcome you to journey with us. Contact Holly Rockwell at [hrock@rochester.rr.com](mailto:hrock@rochester.rr.com) or 473-1990 for more details.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

The story of the Prodigal Son helps us refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we have received. As we begin the second half of our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving.

### WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

Bishop Matthew Clark will preside at a Wedding Jubilee Mass to honor couples who have been married 25 years or more on Sunday May 16th at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. A reception will follow the Mass to honor the attendees. If you would like an invitation to this Mass please send your name and address to Sylvia Mancuso at [smancuso@dor.org](mailto:smancuso@dor.org) or call her at 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1295 or 585-328-3228, ext. 1295.