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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:

In this little Lenten mini-series of bulletin columns, I have been writing about finding our way into God's merciful grace. Two weeks ago I wrote about examining one's conscience, and last week described the difficult process of finding forgiveness. Today I want to say a few words about **reconciliation**.

Just because the one who is wronged in some way forgives the perpetrator of the wrong, or just because the wrong-doer asks for forgiveness from the one wronged, it doesn't mean that reconciliation has been achieved. Forgiveness is an internal process – a change of heart – through which the wrong-doer is seen as God sees them, in all truth and mercy. Reconciliation is the external process by which “the two” break through to a new life of peace with each other.

“The two” here is a general way of describing any persons or groups who have been estranged or alienated from each other. It could be two spouses whose relationship has weakened or ruptured; or family members divided over an inheritance; or factions in civil society or in a parish; or two nations at war, and so on. An individual may even seek reconciliation with one's self over an illness or addiction, over guilt, over family or economic experiences, and so on. Reconciliation obviously covers a wide range of human experiences of brokenness.

How is reconciliation achieved? The first answer is “not easily.” “The two” both have to undergo their own processes of conversion of heart, the process of forgiveness, so that they can see themselves and each other as God sees them. This changes their fundamental stance toward each other: colloquially, they move from turning their backs on each other to facing each other. This in itself may take a very long time. Second, once they have turned toward each other, the process of bridging the gap to each other begins. Honest, loving communication and patient, respectful dialogue are essential. Helpers may be needed for this – counselors, mediators, spiritual directors, family members and friends. Some community of wisdom is necessary to inform and support the process. Throughout this phase “the two” will need to remember that they cannot go back to where they were, but are in a process of breaking through to a new life together, creating a new relationship that does not ignore the scars of the rupture, but finds new growth, healing and wholeness, a new future together – whatever form that may take.

The process of reconciliation is not successful without the grace of God. God motivates the desire for forgiveness and reconciliation in the first place, and that spark is fanned into flame by constant prayer for wisdom, strength, patience, respect, honesty and love throughout the process. Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II puts it directly: *“In the midst of conflict and division, we know it is you [God of mercy] who turns our minds to thoughts of peace. Your Spirit changes our hearts: enemies begin to speak to one another, those who were estranged join hands in friendship, and nations seek the way of peace together. Your Spirit is at work when understanding puts an end to strife, when hatred is quenched by mercy, and vengeance gives way to forgiveness.”* Reconciliation may never be achieved in the lifetimes of “the two,” but the reconciling death and resurrection of Christ calls us to keep ourselves always on its path in all our relationships. May God's Holy Spirit empower us to do so!

Christ's peace to you,

Father Bob Kennedy



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:**Tuesday, March 23**

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. — Middle School Youth Group, School

Wednesday, March 24

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

7:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. — Contemplative Prayer, Parish Office

Thursday, March 25

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. — Lenten Book Group, Parish Office

7:00 p.m. — Contemporary Music Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday, March 26

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

6:30 p.m. — Young Adult Stations of the Cross and Fish Dinner

Saturday, March 27

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. — MCPG Lenten Family Event at St. Mary's

1:00 p.m. — FOCCUS Inventory, Room 11

2:00 p.m. — Wedding Ceremony Workshop, Room 11

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. — Sacrament of Penance, Church

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. — Nocturnal Adoration, Church

Sunday, March 28

10:00 a.m. — Pre-School Faith Formation and Nursery

10:00 a.m. — RCIA Dismissal

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. — RCIA, Parish Office

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. — K-8 Faith Formation, School

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. — High School Youth Group

MASS SCHEDULE:**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

MONDAY, March 22, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - For the intentions of Jason and Kellie McCaffrey — Christine Delaplace

TUESDAY, March 23, Lenten Weekday, St. Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop

5:30 PM - For the intentions of Betty Rook on the occasion of her 92nd birthday — Jeanne Tyler and Suzi Rook

WEDNESDAY, March 24, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Harold Handel, Jr. — Ward and Joan Fletcher

THURSDAY, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord

5:30 PM - Mrs. Mary Alice Roberson — Tom and Sharon Dietz

FRIDAY, March 26, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Doris Karalfa — John and Brenda Schoenhardt

SATURDAY, March 27, Lenten Weekday**SUNDAY, March 28, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

8:00 AM - For the Parishioners

10:00 AM - John May — Linda Rutan

12:15 PM - Howard Hagelin — Mary Gail Mercurio



SHARE YOUR GIFTS FROM GOD

Stewardship... Live It!

A CHRISTIAN STEWARD: Kay Ambrose

Everyone has a calling, which is another way of saying that your walk with God is personal. When one hears the call to gratitude and responsibility – in one's friendships and family, in one's work, wherever one goes in life – then taking the next step to answer that call is where Catholic stewardship may be clearly seen.

Fellow parishioner, Kay Ambrose, answered this call of stewardship, re-evaluated her life and set her course years ago for meaningful, purposeful work. Kay may inspire hope in each of us when she suggests that we "look at what you can do, re-evaluate your life. It is up to you to determine how you will live out this stewardship way of life. You will not be alone, however. Millions of fellow Catholics are traveling together with you witnessing the beauty of God's creation every day."

When Kay is not working as a registered cardiac nurse, she serves our parish as a lector and a communion minister at Highland Hospital. In addition, Kay is involved with the Next-to-New Sale, the Supper Program and the annual One World Goods sale. Kay spends an extraordinary amount of her time working to benefit the wider church community through serving as a member of the "Just Faith" committee, focusing on the spiritual growth of our community and nurturing faith in people searching for a deeper God dimension in their lives. Her tireless work and visible love of doing God's work is inspiring and admirable.

Now it is your turn. Think hard about your calling, your own walk with God and what brings you to church every week. When are you at your best, and can you bring that best out to help others in the church and wider community? It all begins with remembering our Baptism, when we became followers of Jesus Christ. From this call flows the commitment to Christ that makes stewardship possible—and deeply rewarding. However, this is a commitment to a lifetime of action, and it requires sacrifice. Through following Christ, like Kay, we have the benefit of the role model of sacrifice for the greater good, a model of self-giving and loving service. At all times in our lives, we have an opportunity—and a responsibility—to share what we have been given. Kay's generous example encourages us to do so! *(written by Skye Bird)*

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH

Sunday collection received: March 14, 2010	\$ 8,632
Budgeted weekly need	\$ 7,850
Difference - over weekly need	\$ 782
Received year to date	\$ 278,394
Budgeted need - year to date	\$ 290,455
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$ (12,061)

193 envelope users gave \$7,311 and loose plate total \$1,321.
Supper Program: \$2,206.

Please note you can go to our web site: 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

2010 ECUMENICAL WALK OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In Solidarity Against Violence and Social Injustice—An Ecumenical Walk of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 2nd. Please to gather at 9:00 a.m. at Covenant United Methodist Church, 1124 Culver Rd. Bishop Matthew Clark, Episcopal Bishop Prince Singh, and Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Marie Jerge are just a few of those who will participate. The purpose of the walk is to “**make holy**” through prayer and recognition, the places where there has been violence, and to lift up in thankfulness those community groups bringing hope and healing through their work. Young & older people of all faith or no faith are welcome. For more information on this event email Barb Legere blegere@dor.org

DAFFODIL SUNDAY

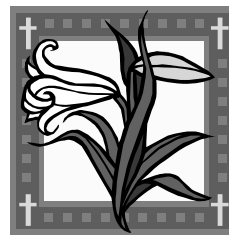
Today our parish will once again participate in the annual Daffodil Sunday fundraiser sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Individual daffodils and daffodil plants will be for sale as you leave church after each Mass. Donate a small amount for one or more of these colorful early spring flowers and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

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Our parish Contemplative Prayer Group which usually meets only on the first Wednesday evening of the month is having an additional Lenten session this coming Wednesday, March 24 at 7pm in the living room of the parish office building. Please join us for silent, meditative prayer and low-key discussion on our spiritual journeys through the season of Lent. For more information, contact Beverly LaBelle at 271-7240 or blabelle@dor.org.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 28, PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION

Luke 19: 28-40
Isaiah 50: 4-7
Philippians 2: 6-11
Luke 22: 14 — 23: 56



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: _____
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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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

High School Youth Group!! Sunday, March 21st at St Mary's Commons Room Supper 5:30-6:30 (with Confirmands in Dugan Center) meeting is 6:30-8:30 pm Moving ahead in Revelations "Who's that Lady? And what's up with the Dragon?" Discover the answers for yourself at Youth Group!

Middle School Youth Group! Tuesday, March 23rd – 7-8 pm at Blessed Sacrament Face-to-Face – images of Jesus – "who do you say that I am?"

Calling all 7th-10th 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 1st 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

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

UNITED WAY- AGENCY#2305

Please consider supporting our Supper Program and designate **Blessed Sacrament Supper Program** when you make your **2010 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**. You can download a Donor Designation Form on your computer at http://www.uwrochester.org/pdf/Monroe_PledgeForm.pdf

EASTER EGG HUNT

Parents with Young Children are sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2-5. Saturday, April 3 at 10:00AM. It will be held outside in the school yard or if the weather is bad it will be in the gym. There will be a special prize of an Easter Cake for one lucky family. For details or to help stuff eggs call Skye Bird at 385-2944 or Annette Weidmann at 473-8173

ROCHESTER CATHOLIC SINGLES 40+

Check out this new web site for social and spiritual opportunities: www.possibilitiesrochester.weebly.com
 Dances, Dinners, Movies, Breakfast, Day Trips, Lenten Retreats. Contact Robin Levy at Our Lady Queen of Peace 244-3010

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 or call her at 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1295 or 585-328-3228, ext. 1295.

WEDDING COORDINATORS WANTED

Father Bob is looking for wedding coordinators who will conduct wedding rehearsals and assist with the wedding party for the wedding ceremony. Must have friendly but firm people skills. A stipend is offered for each wedding. For more information, please contact Father Bob at fkennedy@dor.org or 271-7240.

TODAY- 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



OPERATION RICE BOWL

The Lenten call to repentance is matched by the overwhelming compassion and forgiveness of God. The story of the woman caught in adultery shows us that Jesus does not want to condemn us, but rather to place us on the path to new life. Our prayer, fasting, learning, and giving with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl opens paths to new life for our brothers and sisters in need.

JustNews

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

Don't miss the groundbreaking Interfaith Understanding Conference being held at Nazareth College, April 11-13. Nationally acclaimed speakers representing five major religious traditions will give talks. There will also be interactive workshops as well as music, dance, art, and meditation. See all the details at <https://interfaith2010.naz.edu/> — where you can also register online. Or phone 389-2955.

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