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March 28, 2010

#### 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 front of an inner-city clinic for the homeless, Christ House in Washington DC, there is a sculpture. It is a life-size figure of a man wearing jeans and a work shirt with the sleeves rolled up. He kneels on his left knee with his hands poised over a shallow basin. The space between his hands is inviting, waiting. His face is turned upwards, looking into the eyes of anyone who stops long enough to contemplate this figure. The sculpture is inspired by the story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper (see John 13:1-17). And I propose it is the perfect image for all that we celebrate in this Holy Week, beginning today, since it is an image of Jesus Christ who came among us “not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as ransom for the many.” (Matthew 20:28)

As we celebrate the holy days of this week, we remember, above all, Jesus Christ, the Suffering Servant of God (see Isaiah 52:13-53:12), who takes upon himself the sufferings of us all, a kind of scapegoat, so that we might be set free from all sin and suffering and the power of death. He willingly dies so that humankind may live. Jesus’ suffering and death are prefigured not only in the prophecy of the suffering servant, but also in his washing of the feet of his disciples. Jesus strips off his outer garments, kneels at the feet of his disciples (something a master teacher would never think of doing!), and takes the role of a slave. The gesture offers them the most obvious sign of hospitality in the culture of their day, purifies and refreshes them, and readies them for the meal they are about to share. This ritual articulates perfectly the saving act of Christ who laid aside his divinity and embraced our humanity, “taking the form of a slave” and becoming “obedient unto death,” so that we might be lifted up to the glory of God (see Philippians 2:6-11). This is the suffering servant who dies so that we might live.

It is surprising that there is no ritual with bread and wine in the Last Supper, no institution of the Eucharist, in John’s gospel. There is only the scene of Jesus’ washing of the disciples’ feet. John seems to say that there is an intimate connection between Eucharist and service of others. “You are to do what you have seen me do” (John 13:15) is suspiciously close to “do this in memory of me.” Those who share in the Eucharist are to imitate the pattern of Jesus’ death and resurrection by humbly placing our lives at the service of others, especially the neediest and most vulnerable. Hence, the sculpture in front of an inner-city clinic for the homeless.

The ritual of the washing of the feet is a part of our celebration of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. As I invite you to that liturgy this Thursday at 7:00 PM, I invite you to participate in that ritual as part of your prayer. It is one thing to observe this rite, but it is entirely another to actually participate in it. For it reminds us of both Jesus the servant who died for our sake and of our vocation to serve the needs of one another with the same love Jesus showed us.

I also invite you to participate in the veneration of the cross at the Good Friday service at 3:00 PM, either by a kiss or a touch or a bow. And I invite you to renew the vows of your baptism at the Easter Vigil or at one of the Masses of Easter morning, full-throated and heartily, so that we may enter together into the power of the resurrection that Jesus our Servant opens to us by this suffering and death.

Christ’s peace to you,

*Father Bob Kennedy*



**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:****Monday, March 29**

7:00 p.m. — Lenten Penance Service

**Tuesday, March 30**

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. — PYC Book Club, Room 11

**Wednesday, March 31**

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

7:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 1**

6:00 p.m. — Contemporary Music Ensemble Warm-up

7:00 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, April 2**

2:00 p.m. — Choir Warm-up

3:00 p.m. — Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

**Saturday, April 3**

10:00 a.m. — Easter Egg Hunt

8:30 p.m. — Easter Vigil

**MASS SCHEDULE:****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

**MONDAY, March 29, Monday of Holy Week**

8:00 AM - Harold Handel, Jr. — Shirley Lynch

**TUESDAY, March 30, Tuesday of Holy Week**

5:30 PM - Josephine Zolezzi — Calvin and Elnora Cooper

**WEDNESDAY, March 31, Wednesday of Holy Week**

8:00 AM - Grace Murray — The Lynd Family

**THURSDAY, April 1, Holy Thursday**

7:00 PM - William H. Perham, Sr., Anniversary — Perham Family

**FRIDAY, April 2, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

3:00 PM - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

**SATURDAY, April 3, Holy Saturday**

8:30 PM - Easter Vigil — For the Parishioners

**SUNDAY, April 4, Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00 AM - Mary and Jack Kosmicki — Family

10:00 AM - For the Parishioners

12:15 PM - Viola Merner — Scott and Elisa Jacobs

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY,  
APRIL 4, EASTER SUNDAY:  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-9



SHARE YOUR GIFTS FROM GOD

*Stewardship... Live It!***STEWARDSHIP: RAISING AWARENESS**

In your family, consider your life style, your accumulation of “things”, and the time you spend with your family and for other people. This could mean taking an inventory of all of the “stuff” each member of your family possesses. It could mean taking your personal calendars and looking at where your time is being spent. Or, it could be as simple as going through your checkbook and seeing where your money goes. Someone once asked the question: “If someone found your lost checkbook, could they tell whether or not you were a Christian?”

Doing one or all of these things could lead to some hard questions. The answers to which could lend us to truly become better stewards of the gifts we have been given.

One family of seven, in an effort to start tithing, decided to “give up” their usual Friday night pizza dinner (to the surprise of the parents, it was the teenage son’s suggestion). This freed up almost \$25 each week to be given to the church. They missed their pizza and began making their own. An event, according to the mom, that has become real family time, with members trying to outdo each other with their “originality” in the field of pizza making.

We must constantly, whether on the parish or family level, be aware that all we have are the gifts of a generous and loving God. He asks that we use His gifts wisely and return them generously for the benefit of one another. This awareness takes effort on our part. We belong to a very materialistic and consumer oriented society, a society that tells us that we should put ourselves first; that we’ve worked hard for what we have and it is ours to use for our own pleasure. The message of stewardship, however, is very different.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH**

Sunday collection received: <b>March 21, 2010</b>	\$ 7,964
Budgeted weekly need	\$ 7,850
Difference - <b>over</b> weekly need	\$ <b>114</b>
Received year to date	\$ 286,358
Budgeted need - year to date	\$ 298,305
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$ (11,947)

222 envelope users gave \$6,391 and loose plate total \$1,573.

Please note we went over our weekly need for the **third** week in a row! Thank you for your generous support of our ministries.

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

**HOLY THURSDAY CUSTOM**

As part of our Holy Week celebrations, there is a custom or devotional practice of visiting churches on Holy Thursday night after the Mass of the Lord's Supper -- scheduled for this Thursday evening at 7:00 PM. The practice is to make a brief visit for prayer at three churches, or some say at seven churches. The number doesn't matter. It's just a good and prayerful thing to keep prayerful vigil as we reflect on Christ's Last Supper, his agony in the garden, and his arrest, trial and torture -- and to do it all in presence of the blessed sacrament. I encourage you to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper here at Blessed Sacrament, and then to take up this practice of visiting the partner parishes of the Monroe Clinton Planning Group: Saint Boniface on Gregory Street, Our Lady of Victory on Pleasant Street, and Saint Mary's on Saint Mary's Place near GeVa Theatre. A blessed Holy Week to you! *Father Bob*

**2010 ECUMENICAL WALK OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Greater Rochester Community of Churches in collaboration with the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester and churches and residents of the Beechwood neighborhood will present *In Solidarity Against Violence and Social Injustice—An Ecumenical Walk of the Stations of the Cross* on Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gather at 9:00 am at Covenant United Methodist Church, 1124 Culver Road. 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. As there are 14 “stations of the cross” there will be 14 stops along the route that will wind its way from the corner of Culver and Parsells to Garson, Webster Avenue, and back to Culver Road, ending the nearly 2 mile walk at Covenant United Methodist Church.

**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

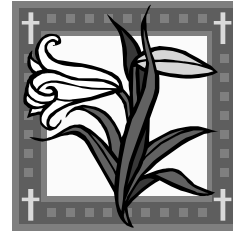
**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS**

During the Easter Season you are invited to join with others in reflecting on the blessing on Mary in our lives. The focus for our conversation will be Elizabeth Johnson's book *Truly Our Sister A Theology of Mary in the Communion of Saints*

**Evening sessions are scheduled from 7:00-8:30** at St. Mary's (Commons Room) Tuesday, **April 20**, Wednesday **May 5**, Tuesday **May 11** and Wednesday **May 19**.

**Afternoon sessions are scheduled from 12:45-2:15** at St. Mary's (Dugan Center) on Wednesday **April 21**, **28**, **May 5** and **19**

*To register to attend the discussion or to purchase a copy of the book (limited quantities available for \$18.00) contact the Office at St. Mary's 232-7140 or rstmaryc@dor.org*



**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*

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK**

Several weeks ago Father Bob wrote a bulletin column inviting parishioners to let him or another staff person know if someone is ill or in the hospital. He also offered to ask the parish, through a listing in the bulletin, to pray for the sick by name if the person or an immediate family member gives permission to have that name publicized. This little notice is just a reminder of those invitations, but it is also a reminder for us all to pray for the sick of the parish daily, whether we know their names or not. Thanks.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Commons Room** Supper 5:30-6:30, meeting is 6:30-8:30 pm Our last meeting focusing on Revelations ending with The Apocalypse!!

**Middle School Youth Group!** Meeting cancelled March 30<sup>th</sup>, so that you can attend Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter liturgies with your family.

**Junior High Youth Rally! Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> at Camp Stella Maris!** Young people in Grades 6-8 will enjoy a day packed full of a variety of activities and celebrations intended to be fun and filled with faith experiences, get to know people from neighboring parishes and clusters, navigate a Saint Scavenger Hunt and learn about various young, learn about young saints who made a difference, celebrate Liturgy with our own Bishop Matthew Clark, and they will be challenged to listen to God's voice and to see God in all things! Cost is \$30 per person, please register by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Barb for permission slip.

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)

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### 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](mailto:fkennedy@dor.org) or 271-7240.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

This week we walk with Jesus through his passion, death, and resurrection. We begin to experience the sacrifice he made for us and how we are also called to give our life for others. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl has helped us walk with our sisters and brothers who daily take up the cross of poverty. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we unite ourselves in the one human family that is God's creation.

### CALLING ALL KIDS

(Age 4 to entering Grade 5 (Fall 2010) Vacation Bible Camp is coming! Baobab Blast: God's Great Get-Together July 26-30 from 9:00-Noon at Blessed Sacrament. To register download the form from the parish website or contact Sister Kathleen at 271-7240 or [kawmercyrch@yahoo.com](mailto:kawmercyrch@yahoo.com)

### 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](http://www.uwrochester.org/pdf/Monroe_PledgeForm.pdf)

### CALLING RUNNERS OF ANY AGE!

Join the Fun and Run for the Young at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual **Run for the Young** 5K road race and 1-mile fun run sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester. This road race is open to all ages and will be held Saturday, May 8 at 9:30 AM at St. Lawrence Church in Rochester. All participants in the 5k or 1 mile are automatically entered to win thousands in door prizes. All proceeds will help our young people attend diocesan retreats, conferences, rallies and more. Registration forms available from your parish or by calling the Diocese at 585-328-3210 x1279 or register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

## JustNews

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

Americans spend more than \$20 billion a year on coffee, yet few of us know anything about where our coffee comes from or the people who grow it. According to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), more than 100 million people depend on coffee farming for their livelihoods. Since the best coffee is grown at high altitudes in isolated mountainous regions, coffee farmers face formidable challenges. Their isolation means that they often lack schools, health centers, water and sanitation systems, and the infrastructure necessary to participate in the global coffee market. CRS Fair Trade provides support for small-scale coffee farmers who have been trapped in poverty. It guarantees prices that enable growers to cover their costs of production and provide a decent standard of living for their families.

Fair Trade Coffee costs a little more, and in these economic times, it can be tempting to choose a bargain. But people grow the coffee we consume. When we buy Fair Trade coffee, we make a choice that is consistent with the values of our faith—that respects human dignity, promotes economic justice and builds a true sense of global solidarity.

Fair Trade coffee is readily available locally, for instance at The Coffee Connection on South Avenue, which also gives job-training to women transitioning out of abusive situations. Or order on-line at [www.crsfairtrade.org](http://www.crsfairtrade.org).

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.