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March 7, 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:

“And Jesus said: ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.’” (John 8:11) Over and over again, as we read the gospel narratives, we hear Jesus offer words of forgiveness: “your sins are forgiven,” “go and sin no more,” “Father, forgive them.” Furthermore, he is often in the company of sinners and those outside the law. The **Sacrament of Penance** (sometimes called “confession” or “the sacrament of reconciliation”) is the great gift through which we enter into the mercy, forgiveness and peace of Christ in a new and deeper way as we repent of our sins. Christ, who offered himself on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, invites us to turn our hearts away from sin and to be faithful to gospel of love he proclaims. He gave the sacrament to the Church that we might receive the generous mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation given to us from the cross.

There is no sin so great that it cannot be forgiven the sinner who turns humbly and hopefully to God. Here’s how you can celebrate this sacrament in a fruitful way.

First, **examine your conscience**: set aside some time to be alone in humble prayer, and review your life since your last confession. Ask yourself: what have I have done wrong, how have I failed to be all that God has hoped I will be, how good is the quality of my relationships with God, with others and with yourself, and how would I like to grow more into Christ in your life?

Second, **celebrate the Sacrament of Penance**. The sacrament is celebrated in a “reconciliation room” located behind the Saint Joseph altar at the northeast side of the church. You may kneel anonymously or sit in the chair facing the priest. You begin with the sign of the cross and trust in God’s mercy. You mention how long it has been since your last confession, and perhaps some brief words about your life situation that will help the priest understand your confession better. Then confess your sins and name the ways you want to improve. Allow the priest to encourage your faith with a word of scripture, and then accept a penance of prayer, fasting, and good works suggested by you or by the priest. Make an act of contrition or a prayer asking for God’s mercy (the priest can help you with this). Listen as the priest proclaims God’s forgiveness over you with the sign of the cross, and go in peace.

Third, **carry out your penance**: do whatever acts of prayer, fasting, or good works you agreed to, so that your reconciliation with God and the Church will be complete. Then celebrate the Eucharist on the next nearest Sunday (and always).

Fourth, **continue to live in God’s love** through daily prayer, Sunday Mass and good choices in all aspects of your life – always trusting in God’s love for you.

Individual celebrations of the Sacrament of Penance can be made every Saturday afternoon between 4:30 and 5:30 PM. If this time is impossible for you, please call Father Kennedy to make an appointment. There is also a communal celebration of Penance for Lent scheduled on Monday, March 29, at 7:30 PM. While we recognize that our participation in the Eucharist is also a reconciling act, how can we pass up this additional sacramental opportunity to deepen the peace of Christ with ourselves, especially in this Lenten season?

Christ’s peace to you,
Father Bob Kennedy



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:**Monday, March 8**

5:30 p.m. — Finance Council Meeting, Parish Office
7:00 MCPG Retreat, Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, March 9

7:00 p.m. — MCPG Retreat, St. Mary's
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. — Middle School Youth Group, School

Wednesday, March 10

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

7:00 p.m. — Baptismal Preparation, Room 11

7:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 11

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

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

Friday, March 12

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

7:00 p.m. — Young Adult Bowling at St. Boniface

Saturday, March 13

9:30 - 11:00 — First Communion Preparation at St. Boniface

4:00 p.m. — RCIA 2nd Scrutiny Dismissal at St. Mary's

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

Sunday, March 14

Coffee Hours after each Mass

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

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

1:30—3:00 p.m. — Adult RCIA Preparation at St. Mary's

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

MASS SCHEDULE:**SUNDAY, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM - For the Parishioners
10:00 AM - Eleanor Gorges — Bequest
12:15 PM - For the intentions of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas
— Anthony Nero

MONDAY, March 8, Lenten Weekday, St. John of God, religious

8:00 AM - Harold Handel, Jr. — Collection Counters

TUESDAY, March 9, Lenten Weekday, St. Frances of Rome, religious

5:30 PM - Deceased Members of the Valenti Family — Family

WEDNESDAY, March 10, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Donald Jones — Ward and Joan Fletcher

THURSDAY, March 11, Lenten Weekday

5:30 PM - Shirley Masseth — Suzanne Tierney

FRIDAY, March 12, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - Lorraine C. Way — Marilyn Schrader and Family

SATURDAY, March 13, Lenten Weekday**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



SHARE YOUR GIFTS FROM GOD

*Stewardship... Live It!***ONE SPIRIT, MANY GIFTS**

Some words on Stewardship from Saint Paul and Saint Peter:

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.” (First Corinthians 12:4-11)

“Let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. Like good stewards of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received.” (First Peter 4:8-10)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH

Sunday collection received: February 28, 2010	\$ 6,808
Sunday Offering through Paypal	\$ 300
Total Sunday Offering	\$ 7,108
Budgeted weekly need	\$ 7,850
Difference - (under) weekly need	\$ (742)
Received year to date	\$ 259,613
Budgeted need - year to date	\$ 274,755
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$ (15,142)

148 envelope users gave \$5,453 and loose plate total \$1,355.

Please note you can go to our web site: www.blessedsacrament-rochester.org and donate through Paypal.

Did you know that we had the following expenses in February: property insurance, \$4,465, heating, \$9,758, diocesan Catholic school assessment, \$10,000, Catholic Courier, \$870, snow plowing \$880, and property taxes \$4,465? Other expenses include staff salaries and benefits, office supplies, liturgical supplies, program supplies, repairs to buildings and equipment, and repairs to the heating and electrical systems.

Unfortunately revenue to cover these expenses is down. Maybe parishioners have been away over school break or others are in warmer climates during the winter months. We look forward to a generous Easter collection in April and a successful Next-to-New Sale in May, but in the meantime things are a little lean. If you are financially able, please consider increasing your Sunday offering or making an additional gift to the Sunday collection at this time. Your support is always deeply appreciated.

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 kawmercyroch@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!

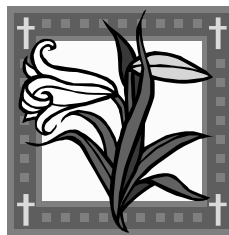
Parents with Young Children (ages infant to 5 years old). Sign up for the **Family Pancake Breakfast**. Sunday, March 21st at 11:00 in the School Gym. Dad's will flip the Flap Jacks while Mom's and Tot's make a craft.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

High School Youth Group!! Sunday, March 7th at St Mary's Commons Room Supper 5:30-6:30 and our meeting is 6:30-8:30 pm Moving ahead in Revelations "The Lamb Ascends the Throne" seven stars, seven angels, wars, famine – what does it all mean? Come join us & find out!

Middle School Youth Group! Tuesday, March 10th – 7-8 pm at Blessed Sacrament School Stars in the Night – who are your significant others? How well do you treat them?

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

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RCIA AND THE LENTEN JOURNEY: THE SCRUTINIES

Each year during the Lenten season the Church enters into a three-week period of scrutiny for those who have been elected for the Easter Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. Beginning today, the third Sunday of Lent, and continuing the next two weeks, we pray for the elect (Jessica Allison and Ernestine McHugh Piskackova), that their hearts may be opened to the mercy and saving power of God through Jesus Christ and that they may grow closer to God as they prepare for the Baptism at the Easter Vigil. If you or someone you know would like more information about becoming Catholic or celebrating the sacraments, contact sister Kathleen Wayne, 271-7240 or kawmercyroch@yahoo.com.

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**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.

DO YOU DESIRE TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH?

Consider borrowing a DVD presentation produced by the Diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. We have several presentations that would be good to view during the Lenten Season: **Conscience Formation** (presented by Sister Patricia Schoelles, SSI); **Examination of Conscience** (presented by Father Bob Kennedy); **Moral Development** (presented by Patrick Fox) and **The Passion Narratives** presented by Father George Heyman. To borrow any of these presentations contact Sister Kathleen at Faith Formation Office 271-7240 or kawmercyroch@yahoo.com. The DVD initiative is funded, in part, by our contributions to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

JustNews

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

Here is an opportunity to learn about what Catholic parishes and organizations are doing to care for God's creation. Come to "Care for God's Creation and the Poor" on Saturday, March 20th, 10 AM to 3 PM, at Church of the Transfiguration, 50 West Bloomfield Road, Pittsford. Please Register by March 15 by contacting Brigit Hurley, Parish Social Ministry Coordinator, Catholic Family Center, bhurley@cfcrochester.org or 585.546-7220 ext. 7099.

Remember the words of Pope Benedict XVI in his 2010 World Peace Day Message:

"Respect for creation is of immense consequence, not least because creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God's works and its preservation has now become essential for the pacific coexistence of mankind. It is imperative that mankind renew and strengthen the covenant between human beings and the environment, which should mirror the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying."

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