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April 11, 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:

On March 10 and 23 here in Rochester, Bishop Matthew Clark presented the "Hands of Christ Award" to hundreds of high school seniors. Two other ceremonies were held at other locations in the diocese in between. The award is given to those graduating high school seniors who have consistently demonstrated a Christian attitude by word and example, have been actively involved in the parish as well as their school or community, and have been a positive role model for their peers. Four Blessed Sacrament parishioners were honored with this award this year.

Liam Holleran (Penfield High School), in addition to serving as usher here at church, has been active in the support of Monroe County Special Olympics, mentored students on the autism spectrum at Penfield High School and assisted autistic students as they transition from middle school to high school, and completed community service to maintain his standing in the National Honor Society to which he has been inducted, among several other service activities.

Mari Lucco (Our Lady of Mercy High School) has served on the campus ministry board at Mercy and has many involvements in community service. She has volunteered at Sanctuary House for homeless women and children and at Ronald McDonald House, participated with the Rochester Habitat for Humanity, been a founding member of an annual carnival for underprivileged children through the Crestwood Children Center, assisted with Water for Sudan projects, and served on the advisory board of Passport to Understanding, a program of social outreach ministry and service at Mercy High School.

Kate McIntosh (Brighton High School) is a relatively new parishioner, and, truth be told, still splits her time between the youth group at Our Lady of Lourdes/Saint Anne and her involvement at Blessed Sacrament. Kate has faithfully and responsibly overseen our Child Care Room during the 10:00 Mass on Sunday. This service, and Kate's gentle and caring spirit, allows parents with toddlers to attend Mass peaceably and confidently, knowing that their little ones are in Kate's good hands.

Martin Paz (Allendale Columbia School) has volunteered in a variety of ways in the parish and wider church: as a classical guitar soloist at Christmas Eve Mass, at the Next-to-New Sale, Christmas Tree Sale and Supper Program, and as a deliverer of poinsettias to the homebound. A film buff, he was also a contributor to a project at Saint Joseph's Parish in Penfield discussing the depiction of Christ's life on the screen. At school, Martin is an animating presence in many activities, including film clubs (at both Allendale and McQuaid), the swim team, school musicals, talent shows and social events. He was student ambassador to Peru in summer 2008, and was chosen to participate in the Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute that included a weekend in Albany participating as a legislator in a mock Assembly session.

Keep in mind these are just **four** of hundreds of high school seniors who were honored with the "Hands of Christ Award," all of the similarly engaged in the parishes, schools and communities. While still discovering and developing the gifts that God gave them, these four are true models of stewardship of their gifts and the generous sharing them. We give thanks to God for **all** our teens who every day are a blessing to our parish.



Christ's peace to you,
Father Bob Kennedy

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:**Tuesday, April 13**

7:00 p.m. — RCIA, School Library

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. — Middle School Youth Group Game Night at St. Boniface

Wednesday, April 14

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 15

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

Friday April 16

2:00 — 6:00 p.m. — Next to New Sale Table Set-up, Aud.

Saturday, April 17

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

Sunday, April 18

No Nursery, Pre-School or Faith Formation, School

11:00 a.m. — RCIA Inquiry, Parish Office

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. NAMI Workshop — School Room #11

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. — Senior High Youth Group at St. Mary's

MASS SCHEDULE:**SUNDAY, April 11, Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday**

8:00 AM - For the Parishioners

10:00 AM - Mass of Remembrance: Mary Ellen Oremus

12:15 PM - Jeanne Rowley — Mary and Ed Schmitt

MONDAY, April 12, Easter Weekday

8:00 AM - Robert Irving Nelson, Jr. — Ronna Long

TUESDAY, April 13, Easter Weekday, St. Martin I, pope and martyr

No Church Service

WEDNESDAY, April 14, Easter Weekday

No Church Service

THURSDAY, April 15, Easter Weekday

5:30 PM - Don Jones — Kitty Jensen

FRIDAY, April 16, Easter Weekday

8:00 AM - Peter Lynd — The Lynd Family

SATURDAY, April 17, Easter Weekday**SUNDAY, April 18, Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM - For the Parishioners

10:00 AM - Michael Wade — Kathleen Wade

12:15 PM - Walter Davis — Joan Davis

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY,
APRIL 18, THIRD SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41

Revelations 5: 11-14

John 21: 1-19

**DISCOVERING OUR GIFTS**

Stewardship is a way of life that calls on us to share our time and talents with others as cultivators of the gifts God has provided to us. And while some talents are more easily recognized, such as mastering a musical instrument, many of us are blessed with unique talents that we either fail to recognize or simply take for granted. And these talents—the ones that come easily and allow us to perform certain tasks at a high level of skill just because of the way we naturally think, feel, or behave are often our strongest strengths and greatest talents.

As part of our talent reflections, our Stewardship Committee has been using an assessment guide created by the Gallup research organization to help us discover our natural talents and strengths. By answering a series of questions, the guide determines your top five strengths which are the sources of your unique talents and a good starting point when considering questions like, “How can I know what God wants me to do?” or “What talents do I have to share in service to my church, family, and community?”

One strength that several members have is “Positivity.” Sure, some may think positive people are light-hearted or even naive, but more often than not they are looking out for the positive in a situation or finding a way to inject humor in an activity to make things less drab and make work less arduous. Positive people enjoy finding ways to enliven others’ spirits—especially when they may be dealing with difficulties. They enjoy sharing their energy and excitement with others and are often rewarded by uplifting others and becoming the type of person that others enjoying being around.

If this describes you, there are limitless ways that you can contribute at Blessed Sacrament and beyond. Whether you offer your time to visit the sick, join a bible study group, sign up to be a new parishioner greeter, or join one of the Parish Committees’ you will bring enthusiasm and get others excited about what they are doing. And enthusiastic people are more productive, motivated, and more likely to try new things. Optimists help provide the motivation to keep things moving forward. Just as the promise of Jesus’ resurrection that we celebrate this Easter Sunday inspires us with hope and encouragement, positive people uplift and are often able to help others focus on the positive way God is working in the world.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH

Actual received: Easter Sunday \$16,542
 Holy Land Collection: \$1,290
 209 parishioners used their envelopes.
 1,640 people were in attendance.

Thank you for your continued and very generous support of our ministries and programs.

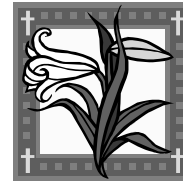
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS

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



BANNS OF MARRIAGE:
Please pray for the following couple getting married:

Terri Snyder and Jason Barbero



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS — Last Chance

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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NEW BIBLE STUDY SESSION

New Bible Study Session starting Monday, April 5th. We return to the Acts of the Apostles and the Spirit Alive Reflections. Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 PM at St. Boniface. This series runs until May 24th. We have ten members but there's always room for more! Join us and discover the disciple in you. Coming soon! 'The Passion and Resurrection Narratives' with the Little Rock Study Books. It will be held on Thursday evenings starting in May. Call Sue Howard for more info. 271-7240

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY RESUMES APR. 14

The Sunday Scripture Study will resume on Wednesday, April 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. Please join us for this lively discussion of the Sunday readings.



Next to New Sale

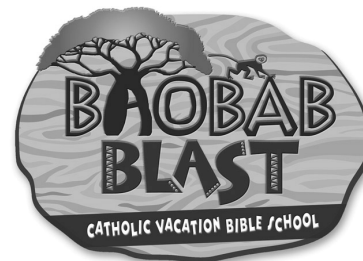
TABLE SET UP: Friday, April 16, 2:00 - 6:00 PM

DATES: Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7
9:00 AM — 8:00 PM
Saturday, May 8
9:00 AM — 12:00 PM

DONATIONS ACCEPTED: April 18 — May 1
Weekends: 10:00 AM — 4:00 PM
Weekdays: 10:00 AM — 7:00 PM

PLEASE, a donation of at least 6 hours to help with the sale will be appreciated! Just come to the Auditorium when you can during the hours above or call John McCrank at 442-2869

**DONATIONS NEEDED
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



God's Great Get-together

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 kawmercyroch@yahoo.com

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Coffee Hour This Week April 11th will be hosted by the NCYC Pilgrims! Come and find out what all the buzz is about!

High School Youth Group!! Sunday, April 11th – a Special Planning Session for Youth Leaders! Gather with other young people to suggest and develop ideas for Spring, Summer and the year to come!

Middle School Youth Group! Tuesday, April 13th from 7-8:30 pm at St Boniface Hall! It's a Spring Time Game Night! Note extended time and changed location!

Junior High Youth Rally! Saturday May 1st 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 23rd. 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

OPERATION RICE BOWL

If you have saved for Operation Rice Bowl, the collection counters would appreciate your counting your coins and submitting the amount you saved either in dollar bills or by making out a check to Blessed Sacrament Church – Operation Rice Bowl. Please make your donations by the end of April.

Thanks for your help.

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 20-40.

Our next Young Adult Brunch is April 25 at 1:30PM in the Blessed Sacrament Dining Room. Join us for some interesting conversation! New to town? Come and meet new people and let us give you the scoop on things to do in Rochester and the surrounding area. This is a drop in event-FREE.



NAMI Presentation

**“Words of Hope and Inspiration
for Mental Wellness”**

**Sunday, April 18th
at 1:30pm in Room #11.**

Representatives from the National Alliance for Mental Illness will offer this FREE workshop for anyone who has a family member with a mental illness or those with a mental illness. In order to prepare enough materials please reserve your seat for this excellent presentation.

For details contact: Sue Howard 271-7240

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

CALLING RUNNERS OF ANY AGE!

Join the Fun and Run for the Young at the 14th 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.

ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

This summer, discover the relationship between faith and understanding. St. Bernard's Summer classes are now posted online. For more information and for registration, visit us at www.stbernards.edu or call (585) 271-3657, ext. 289 to speak with Laura Smith, our Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. Together, we can deepen our faith through knowledge.

JustNews

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

Looking for ways to live in balance with God's good creation? Check out the **Sierra Club's Annual Environmental Forum--Transitioning to Sustainable Communities: What does it mean? How can we do it?**

In keeping with growing concerns about the impact of climate change on Earth, the forum will highlight a vibrant, global grassroots response to meet the challenge. The "Transition Towns Movement" provides a model and techniques to bring people together to build community resilience.

Tina Clarke, certified Transition Towns Trainer will present the latest thinking on the "Triple Challenge" of Peak Oil, Climate Change, and Economic Instability. Her talk will be followed by the chance to participate in facilitated discussion groups, and join forces for positive change!

Earth Day, Thursday April 22
First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South
Doors open 5 pm for networking, and food
Program runs from 6:15 - 8:45 pm
FREE and open to the public.

For more information go to: newyork.sierraclub.org/rochester/2010Forum.html

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