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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:

Parishioners and many visitors commented most favorably about our liturgies for Holy Week and Easter: the moving ceremonies, the excellent readers, the wonderful, prayerful music, and how great the church looked. The staff and I are delighted to hear such comments because we want these liturgies to enrich the faith and spirituality of all who come together to worship here and because we want people to have a positive and hospitable experience of the parish and the Catholic Church.

Good liturgies don't just happen, however. They are the result of many people working together. So, in the name of all who came to pray, I thank **Beata Golec, the cantors, and choirs** for their hours of practice and their excellent assistance in singing our prayer. Thanks too to our **readers, lay leaders, ministers of holy communion and ushers** who faithfully take essential roles in our liturgical prayer, helping us to enter into God's love in Christ Jesus by their preparation and careful execution of the readings of scripture. Special thanks to our **altar servers** who had some extra duties at each of our celebrations, and handled them confidently. Thanks to **Sister Kathleen and the RCIA Team** for preparing our catechumens and candidates for the celebration of the Easter sacraments, and to **Larry Garney, Patricia Hans, Linda Czajkowski and their crew** for the elegant reception of the newly baptized, confirmed and received and their families. We are especially grateful to **Chris Walsh, Kathleen Nichols, Mayra Morales, Nick Caines and the Wednesday afternoon church cleaning crew** for washing, vacuuming, dusting, polishing, ironing, and otherwise making sure that the church looked her best for everyone who came to the door. Finally, a particular word of gratitude goes to pastoral associate **Beverly LaBelle**. While the whole staff contributes to the success of our liturgies, Beverly is the one preparing all the scripts, briefing all the liturgical ministers, and making sure every detail has been attended to. She is a treasure!

Thank you for **your donations** to our Easter flower fund. Those who contributed are acknowledged by name elsewhere in this bulletin. However, I also want to thank all who have been so generous with us through the Easter collection and the Sundays through the previous "lean weeks." The Easter collection (\$16,550+) may be the highest I've seen in my ten years here, but for several weeks prior to Easter we have exceeded our budgeted goal of \$7800 per week. This has helped us close the gap, especially during the time of year when cash flow is iffy (January-March) and bills just keep on coming. I am not sure what sparked this surge – perhaps my Stewardship letter in January or the note I put in the bulletin in February or just your sense of generosity – but keep it up!

You will notice elsewhere in the bulletin that the **Banns (announcements) of Marriage** have reappeared, inviting you to pray for the named couples who are preparing to celebrate the sacrament of marriage. Names appear for three weeks before each wedding is to occur. Thirty-five couples are scheduled to be married at Blessed Sacrament this year, and others who worship here will be married elsewhere. I ask that you pray for them as they prepare for marriage, but keep praying for them after that too. Building a graced and solid marriage isn't easy, and every couple needs and deserves the prayerful support of the whole community.

Christ's peace to you,
Father Bob Kennedy



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:**Monday, April 19**

5:30 p.m. — Finance Council Meeting, Parish Office

Wednesday, April 21

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

1:00 p.m. — Sunday Scripture Sharing, Parish Office

7:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 22

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

Saturday, April 24

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

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

Sunday, April 25

No Nursery, Pre-School or Faith Formation, School



SHARE YOUR GIFTS FROM GOD

*Stewardship... Live It!***FRIENDS OF GOD AND PROPHETS****Saint Anselm (1033-1109)**

St. Anselm was born at Aosta in Northern Italy in 1033, the son of a Lombard nobleman. From an early age he had a feeling for the life of a monk and, when he was about fifteen years old, he presented himself to a monastery. The abbot questioned him closely and declared that he did not consider Anselm fitted for such a life and refused to accept him. This rebuff upset Anselm and his reaction was to turn right away from a religious life and to live in a completely selfish way. He became high-spirited, made friends with very worldly people and lived in a way that many described as wicked. Then, when he was about twenty-six years old, his mode of life changed again. Anselm was then at the Benedictine monastery at Bec, in northern France, where his former urge to become a monk returned. The prior who interviewed him was Lanfranc, a gifted man who saw beneath the appearance of this frivolous man and accepted him.

When Lanfranc left to become abbot of a larger community, the monks of Bec elected Anselm as their prior, a senior post next to the abbot. Anselm was strict in his control of the younger monks, yet introduced modern methods of education in their training, allowing considerable freedom of thought. During the thirty years or so that he served at the monastery at Bec, Anselm wrote many books on philosophy and theology that were so important that he was called "the Father of Scholasticism." He defined theology as "faith seeking understanding," and so he encouraged argument and questioning rather than blind obedience from his monks. He understood that search for truth to be basic for the spiritual life and for active Christian living.

After a brief stint as Archbishop of Canterbury amidst a great deal of pressure and quarreling with the English throne, Anselm's journeys had an effect on his health and he died in 1109 at Canterbury in the midst of his own friends, the monks. St. Anselm was a fine man, with great sympathy for poor people and those in difficulties. He was one of the first to oppose slavery, although it was to be many centuries before slavery was abolished. Despite his gentleness and his predilection for story-telling, there was a seriousness and austerity beneath the surface that helped to shape his proofs for the existence of God as well as a disciplined, thinking life we can all look to for inspiration.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH

Sunday collection received: April 11, 2010	\$ 7,300
Budgeted weekly need	\$ 7,850
Difference - (under) weekly need	\$ (550)
Received year to date	\$ 303,302
Budgeted need - year to date	\$ 314,005
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$ (10,703)

202 envelope users gave \$6,018 and loose plate total \$1,282.
Supper Program Collection: \$2,508.

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

MASS SCHEDULE:**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

MONDAY, April 19, Easter Weekday

8:00 AM - T. Murray Lynd — The Lynd Family

TUESDAY, April 20, Easter Weekday

5:30 PM - Francis Schork, Anniversary — Mark Schork

WEDNESDAY, April 21, Easter Weekday, St. Anselm, bishop and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM - Howard Mercer — Family

THURSDAY, April 22, Easter Weekday

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

FRIDAY, April 23, Easter Weekday, St. George, martyr, St. Adalbert, bishop and martyr

8:00 AM - Frank Breslin — Micki Walsh

SATURDAY, April 24, Easter Weekday, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest and martyr**SUNDAY, April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM - Bernice Leo — Marge Sharick

10:00 AM - Mass of Remembrance: Sheila Jefferson

12:15 PM - For the Parishioners

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 25, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Revelations 7: 9, 14b-17

John 10, 27-30





Next to New Sale

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: Today — 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**

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 rstmmaryc@dor.org



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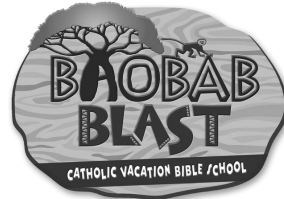
Please pray for the following couple getting married:

Terri Snyder and Jason Barbero

MARRIAGE:

WORLD YOUTH DAY MADRID 2011

There will be a meeting for interested college age students, their parents/possible chaperons and young adults up to age 30 regarding World Youth Day. We will meet on Sunday May 2nd at 11:00am in the Supper Program Dining Room at Blessed Sacrament. The WYD takes place on August 14-August 23 unless we plan to take part in optional pre/ post pilgrimage packages. We have not chosen our travel company yet but prices may range from \$3,000 to \$4,000each. If we have enough interest fund raising plans will be part of the first meeting. Contact Sue Howard for more details-271-7240.



God's

together

Great Get-

VACATION BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Vacation Bible Camp is coming! Baobab Blast: God's Great Get-Together. Would you like to help us out July 26-30 from 9:00-Noon at Blessed Sacrament? Teens welcome. If you are interested, please contact Sister Kathleen Wayne at 271-7240 or kawmercyrch@yahoo.com

FUNDRAISER FOR THE MERCY PRAYER CENTER

Tickets now available for "SONGS OF THE CENTER", Saturday, May 1st at the U of R Chapel at 1:00 in the afternoon. Marc Webster, will perform Jazz, Musical Theater, and American Song. Marc is on the Voice Faculty of Ithaca College and currently pursuing a Doctoral Degree from Eastman School of Music having earned an Artist Diploma and Master of Music Degree from the Juilliard School and Eastman School of Music. This performance will be exciting, brilliant and so entertaining. Come and join us for a leisure afternoon on the river and let your senses run away.

Suggested Donation \$20. Contact Mary Jo Bender 787-9216 All offerings go completely to the Mercy Prayer Center. There is a reception immediately following



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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

High School & Middle School Youth Groups – no meetings this week because of Spring Break.

Celebrate Earth Day! April 22nd 11-3 pm. We will be working with the confirmation candidates at *Our Lady of the Americas*, 80 Prince St, clean up their grounds and get ready for Spring! Come dressed in gubbies, bring gloves & rakes if possible. Sign up by Monday, April 19th. Bring a bag lunch, drinks & snacks will be provided.

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

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

THEOLOGY ON TAP

"Stem Cells and the Catholic Church" Presented by Dr. Patricia Schoelles, SSJ President, St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry Tuesday, April 20th at TC Riley's 200 Park Point Dr, Rochester, NY 14623. Beginning at 7:00! For more information call 328-3228x1218

Theology on Tap is an opportunity for young adults to gather to discuss and reflect on issues of faith.

FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATION AWARENESS

"Follow me." That was Jesus' invitation to the ordinary people he met along his way. Many accepted his invitation and became his disciples and friends. Even though we don't see Jesus in the same way that Peter and John and Mary and the others of his time did, we are no less invited to follow him today. Jesus says to look for him in the faces around us. When we accept Christ's invitation to "follow me," we follow the path to holiness meant for each of us – our VOCATION.

Office of Vocation Awareness/ 585-461-2890/
[vocations@dor.org/](mailto:vocations@dor.org) website: www.dor.org/vocations

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.

NAMI Presentation

**"Words of Hope and Inspiration
for Mental Wellness"**

**TODAY, 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. Meet with parents, sibling or spouses of people with mental illness and/or some people who live with mental illness to discuss supports in the area and to talk about what mental illness is like and how to live with it.

For details contact: Sue Howard 271-7240

JustNews

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

Report from parishioner Peggy Rosenthal: On our drive home from wintering in Arizona, husband George and I stopped over in New Orleans to see how Katrina recovery was going. We toured the hardest-hit areas, and were astounded by how much damage remains even 4 ½ years later. The poverty-stricken neighborhoods of the Ninth Ward have received creative and generous help from individuals and organizations all over the country, yet we learned that Habitat for Humanity volunteers are still needed to reconstruct countless homes. Also helpful (and hopeful) was a visit to the Marianite Sisters of Holy Cross, whose Congregational Center has been in the Ninth Ward since 1849. Though their buildings and everything inside were flooded out by Katrina, as soon as the Sisters were permitted by the government to return, they opened their rooms to any community group that needed a space to organize a recovery project or just to share the overwhelming feelings of loss. Though these community gatherings continue, the Sisters have initiated as well a ministry to meet the financial needs of their neighbors for rent, utilities, and other basics. Both the Sisters (www.marianites.org/) and Habitat for Humanity New Orleans (www.habitat-nola.org/) welcome donations or volunteers.

We welcome new members to journey with us. Contact Holly Rockwell at hrock@rochester.rr.com or 473-1990.