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April 25, 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:

This is not likely to be the most inspiring or memorable column I ever wrote, but it is necessary that I inform you on these matters. Most often we think of a parish as a spiritual center of our faith, in and from which the mission of Christ to teach and sanctify is carried out, directing people toward the things of heaven. But “The Church of the Blessed Sacrament” is also a legal entity, a non-profit corporation subject to the laws and procedures of earthly realms. **Bishop Matthew Clark** is the president of our parish corporation (and every parish corporation in the Diocese of Rochester), **Father Joseph Hart**, a vicar general of our Diocese, is the vice-president, and I am the secretary. There are also two lay trustees, appointed annually. This year our trustees are Mark Fien and Karen Gallina, both longstanding members of the parish. These five comprise the Board of Trustees of the parish.

During the first week of March, Bishop Clark called together all parish Boards of Trustees to adopt and implement parish by-laws for our corporation. While every parish has a certificate of incorporation, virtually none of us had ever enacted the requisite by-laws. What we adopted were a standard set of by-laws that provide a roadmap to trustees for governance of the corporation, a description of the rights and powers of the pastor and the trustees, and a definition of the management of the corporation, especially in financial matters. The by-laws were developed in light of canon (church) law and civil law, and spell out how the Board of Trustees are to conduct themselves regarding financial matters, indemnification and insurance, and all matters related to the “temporal goods” or assets of the parish. The Board typically reviews or approves the operating budget, financial reports, investments, material contracts, new or changed programs with material financial impact on the parish, legal actions taken against the parish, and so on.

Adopting and implementing such by-laws are important for preserving benefits like asset protection. It also helps to insure good stewardship of the contributions people make for the support of the parish and its programs, of the properties we own, and therefore of the mission of Christ entrusted to us.

The corporation of the parish is required to have two standing committees to advise the pastor/secretary in the full running of the parish: a Finance Council and a Pastoral Council. The Finance Council advises on all financial matters related to the assets of the parish. Current members are **Damian Weidmann** (chairperson), **Michael Burns**, **Laura Furciniti**, **Christopher Zeltmann**, **Christopher Gamble**, and **Karen Gallina** (trustee). Our business manager **Margy Handel** serves as staff to this Council, which meets monthly September through June. The Pastoral Council advises on all matters related to the ministries and pastoral programs of the parish. Current members include **Nita Brown** (chairperson), **Christine Sibilio**, **Mary Holleran**, **Patrick Flanigan**, **David Richardson**, **Melissa Swald Camman**, **Dick Sadowski**, **Art Davidow**, and **Mark Fien** (trustee). This council also meets monthly. I am grateful for the commitment all these parishioners make to keep our parish strong in every way.

If you ever have any concerns about the parish whatsoever, please feel free to speak with me, our lay trustees, and/or our council members, and we will try to respond as best we can.



Christ's peace to you,  
**Father Bob Kennedy**

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:****Monday, April 26**

7:00 p.m. — Pastoral Council Meeting

**Tuesday, April 27**

7:00 p.m. — FOCCUS Inventory, Room 11

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

**Wednesday, April 28**

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 29**

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

**Saturday, May 1**

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

**Sunday, May 2**

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

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

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

**MASS SCHEDULE:****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

**MONDAY, April 26, Easter Weekday**

8:00 AM - Harold Handel, Jr. — Irene Fornarola

**TUESDAY, April 27, Easter Weekday**

5:30 PM - Beatrice Kingston — Family

**WEDNESDAY, April 28, Easter Weekday, St. Peter Chanel, priest and martyr; St. Louis Mary de Montfort, priest**

8:00 AM - William H. Perham, Birthday Anniversary —

Family

**THURSDAY, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church**

5:30 PM - Sally Palmatier — John and Jeanne Lyle

**FRIDAY, April 30, Easter Weekday, St. Pius V, pope**

8:00 AM - Tim Sullivan — Family

**SATURDAY, May 1, Easter Weekday, St. Joseph the Worker**

3:00 PM - Wedding: Terri Snyder and Jason Barbero

**SUNDAY, May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM - Hinchcliffe/Koonmen Families — Family

10:00 AM - Mass of Remembrance: Joe Kuebel

12:15 PM - For the Parishioners

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 2, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 14: 21-27

Revelations 21: 1-5a

John 13: 31-33a, 34-35



SHARE YOUR GIFTS FROM GOD

*Stewardship... Live It!***CHRISTIAN STEWARDS:****Joe, Arline, and Alyssa Meyer**

"Jumping in whenever needed" is the way Joe Meyer characterizes his family's stewardship activities at Blessed Sacrament Church. Joe is an usher at the 12:15 Sunday Mass and takes pride in being the librarian for the Church's liturgical music. Joe's wife, Arline, is a lector and a lay leader, reading the announcements and prayers for the faithful at Mass. Together the couple also volunteers for the parish Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Team, helping engaged couples prepare for life as a married couple in the Christian faith. Their involvement was sparked by their own experience with Pre-Cana.

"When Arline and I went through it we thought it could have been so much more genuine and honest," says Joe. "We thought we could add a more honest perspective. We are human beings and this is what marriage is like, not the idyllic TV show image that often gets portrayed." Joe says part of what they impart to engaged couples is that going to church on Sunday is good, but you can expand your faith community or live your faith so much more by going beyond the Mass.

They've imparted that same attitude in their daughter Alyssa. A junior at Greece Arcadia High School, Alyssa is a lay leader like her mom and is working on becoming a lector. When asked what inspires her to be active in the church community, Alyssa says, "I just wanted to help out. There's no motivation to do it, but being a good Christian. It's a good accomplishment. It makes you feel proud."

**STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION**

The Next to New Sale gives you the perfect opportunity to contribute to your parish. Volunteer your time to help set up for this vital fundraiser and get to know your fellow parishioners. Make new friends and get a hands-on, first look at all the great merchandise. Just come to the school auditorium now through May 1, weekends: 10 - 4, weekdays: 10 - 7.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH**

Sunday collection received: <b>April 18, 2010</b>	\$ 6,360
Budgeted weekly need	\$ 7,850
Difference - (under) weekly need	\$ (1,490)
Received year to date	\$ 309,662
Budgeted need - year to date	\$ 321,855
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$ (12,193)

186 envelope users gave \$4,793 and loose plate total \$1,567

Thank you for your continued 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.



# 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 rstmaryc@dor.org



## BANNS OF

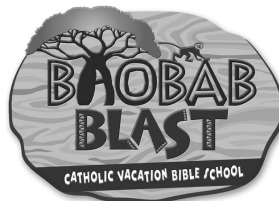
## MARRIAGE:

Please pray for the following couple getting married:

Laura Morelli and Michael Casserino  
Stephanie Oliveri and Adam Cornelius

## 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

Great Get-

together

## 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

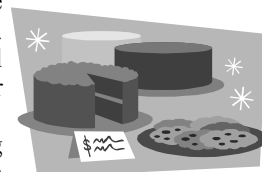
## SPRINGTIME WITH ACTS

All those in the 50+ age group should note two dates on their Springtime calendar: May 11 and June 2. On May 11, the St. Mary's Seniors Group has invited us to attend their multi-media exhibit, *Women Religious in the History of Rochester* and to participate in a group discussion on the topic, "Sisters in Service: Where We've Been, Where We Are and Where We're Going." The event starts at 12:45pm downtown at St. Mary's Church. Carpools from Blessed Sacrament parking lot will leave about 12:15 on that date. On June 2, ACTS will host its Annual Luncheon-on-the Lake. This year we are going to the lovely Shadow Lake Golf Club in Penfield. Blue flyers with all the pertinent details are available in the entrance of the Church. For more information on either event or on any ACTS -related topic, contact Beverly LaBelle at 271-7240 or blabelle@dor.org.

## BAKED GOODS AND KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR NEXT TO NEW SALE

Baked goods are needed for our Next to New Sale. Please bring your favorite goodies to the sale Thursday, May 6 and Friday, May 7. For more information, please call MaryJo Lightholder at 442-5279 or email at mjlightholder@frontiernet.net.

Once again, we will be offering lunch and supper fare at our sale on May 6, 7 and 8. If you are interested in volunteering in the kitchen, please contact MaryJo Lightholder at 442-5279 or email at mjlightholder@frontiernet.net.



**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**High School Youth Group!!** Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Dining Room - Dinner 5:30 pm Meeting 6:30-8:30 pm. **Who You Are is How You Pray** – discover your own personality type and what prayer styles will be the best match for you!

**Middle School Youth Group!** Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> 7-8 pm at Blessed Sacrament School. Now that Spring is on it's way – it's time to look who your **True Friends!** What qualities do your friends have? Which do you wish they had?

**Youth Group Move Up Parties!**

*Food, Fun, Faith and FRIENDS!!!* That's what you'll get at these events! As soon as Faith Formation programs end you are "moved up" a grade so 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend Middle School Youth Group and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend the High School Youth Group!! Both nights are parties designed to welcome new folks (this is a great time to try the group out even if you're not "moving up!"). There will be games and food and prizes galore!

**High School Youth Group is Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at St Mary's Commons Room, Shared Dinner at 5:30 pm and Party 6:30-8:30 pm.

**Middle School Youth Group is Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>** at Blessed Sacrament School, from 7-8:30 pm. No sign ups required! Just come & bring a friend!

**Diocesan Youth Convention – August 7 -8, 2010**

Is a three-day experience of prayer, learning and community for Catholic teenagers and their adult Chaperones and Youth Ministry Leaders. Includes keynote speakers, general sessions, prayer, liturgy with Bishop Clark, Fun For All, smaller breakout sessions and workshops.

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)

**CHRIST OVER COFFEE**

Sunday April 25th

11:00 AM in the Supper Program Dining Room

Meet with Bryan and Crissi Harrison for some stimulating conversation about the Sunday Scriptures.

This is a child friendly event.

**MORE EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

The following additional donations were made towards our Easter flowers:

**Donor:**

Joan Davis

Ernestine Piskackova

Roger and Heather Scalzo

**In Memory Of:**

Helen and Walter Davis

Mirek Piskacek

Riccardo and Lena Scalzo

**Weekend Masses at our Partner Parishes**

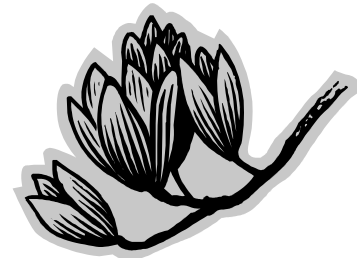
*St. Mary's - Sat. 4PM, Sun. 9:00 and 11:00 AM*

*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 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.

**"Now set your sails for a riveting ride. Who knows to what shore God will take you? If it is not scary and surprising and an adventure all at the same time, it is not the call of the Gospel of Jesus." Sr. Helen Prejean, AMERICA, April 13, 2009**

Sr. Helen Prejean, C.S.J. will share her journey beginning with being called to walk with prisoners on Death Row and moving into ministering to the families who have experienced tragic loss because of the actions of these inmates. She will help us reflect on our call and challenge us to be the face of God for each other.

**Where: Peace of Christ Parish at St. John the Evangelist Church  
553 Humboldt St.**

**When: Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm.**

This event is free, but registration is required. To register contact Donna Heiler at 340-9588 or e-mail [l1events@crlds.edu](mailto:l1events@crlds.edu)

We welcome new members to journey with us. Contact Holly Rockwell at [hrock@rochester.rr.com](mailto:hrock@rochester.rr.com) or 473-1990.