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April 4, 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:

A reflection on the Easter *Alleluia* from Saint Augustine (+430 AD):

“Our thoughts in this present life should turn on the praise of God, because it is in praising God that we shall rejoice for ever in the life to come; and no one can be ready for the next life unless he trains himself for it now. So we praise God during our earthly life, and at the same time we make our petitions to him. Our praise is expressed with joy, our petitions with yearning. We have been promised something we do not yet possess, and because the promise was made by one who keeps his word, we trust him and are glad; but insofar as possession is delayed, we can only long and yearn for it. It is good for us to persevere in longing until we receive what was promised, and yearning is over; then praise alone will remain.

“Because there are these two periods of time – that one that now is, best with the trials and troubles of this life, and the other yet to come, a life of everlasting serenity and joy – we are given two liturgical seasons, one before Easter and the other after. The season before Easter signifies the troubles in which we live here and now, while the time after Easter which we are celebrating [for the next seven weeks] signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something we do not yet possess. That is why we keep the first season with fasting and prayer; but now the fast is over and we devote the present season to praise. Such is the meaning of the *Alleluia* we sing.

“Both these periods are represented and demonstrated for us in Christ our head. The Lord’s passion depicts for us our present life of trial – shows how we must suffer and be afflicted and finally die. The Lord’s resurrection and glorification show us the life that will be given to us in the future.

“Now therefore, brothers and sisters, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are all telling each other when we say *Alleluia*. You say to your neighbor, ‘Praise the Lord!’ and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives, and all your actions.

“We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other’s voices, so do God’s ears hear our thoughts.”

Christ’s peace to you,
Father Bob Kennedy



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:**Monday, April 5**

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 6

7:00 p.m. — RCIA, School Library

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

Wednesday, April 78:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. — Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament

7:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

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

7:00 p.m. — Contemplative Prayer Group, Parish Office

Thursday, April 8

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

Saturday, April 10

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. — Knitters Group, Parish Office

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

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. — Family Faith Formation at St. Boniface

Sunday, April 11

Coffee Hours after each Mass

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

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. — Adult Confirmation Preparation, Room 11

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

MASS SCHEDULE:**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

MONDAY, April 5, Monday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM - Kay Cucinelli — Lisa Allen

TUESDAY, April 6, Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

5:30 PM - Connor MacMillan — John and Jeanne Lyle

WEDNESDAY, April 7, Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM - Kay Lechleitner — Ward and Joan Fletcher

THURSDAY, April 8, Thursday in the Octave of Easter

5:30 PM - Kevin Lynd — The Lynd Family

FRIDAY, April 9, Friday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM - George Barry, Jr. — John and Brenda Schoenhardt

SATURDAY, April 10, Saturday in the Octave of Easter**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

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY,
APRIL 11, SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

Acts 5: 12-16

Revelations 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John 20: 19-31



SHARE YOUR GIFTS FROM GOD

*Stewardship... Live It!***FRIENDS OF GOD AND PROPHETS:
Saint Mary Magdalene**

While the details vary from gospel to gospel, all the evangelists agree that Mary Magdalene was the first to discover the empty tomb “early in the morning on that first day of the week” and to meet the risen Lord (see Matthew 28:1-10, Mark, 16:1-8, Luke 23:55-24:11, John 20:1-18). She is then sent by the Christ to announce the good news to the community of his disciples that he is risen. We can rightly call her then the first apostle, since the word *apostle* means “sent.”

We do not know much else about her life than this. Her name indicates she was from the small town of Magdala; Jesus had cast out “seven demons” from her (Luke 8:2); and that she was the leader of a band of women disciples since she is named often and at the head of any list of these followers (Matthew 27:55-56, Mark 15:40-41, Luke 8:2-3). She is not to be confused with the penitent women of Luke 7, or with Mary of Bethany, the Samaritan woman at the well, the woman caught in adultery, and any other woman of the gospel. She is only and always a faithful disciple of Jesus from the beginning of his ministry through his death and beyond.

There Mary Magdalene is the model disciple who becomes an apostle, as we all must become ourselves. Like her we are sent with every celebration of the Eucharist to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” More specifically, like Mary, we are to proclaim with our words and our actions the good news of Easter day: “I have seen the Lord!” (John 20:18).

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH**

Sunday collection received: March 28, 2010	\$ 9,644
Budgeted weekly need	\$ 7,850
Difference - over weekly need	\$ 1,794
Received year to date	\$ 296,002
Budgeted need - year to date	\$ 306,155
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$ (10,153)

240 envelope users gave \$7,262 and loose plate total \$2,382.

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

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

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



Happy Easter!

HAPPY EASTER all our parishioners who can't be with us today!

All those who are home bound, recovering from illness or surgery, those who are being caregivers to the sick and all those in area nursing homes. May Christ's Resurrection bring you new hope and Easter Joy! Our prayers are with you always. From the Parish Visitors and Sue Howard, Pastoral Associate.

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

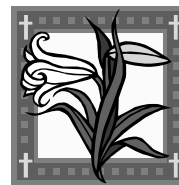
The Sunday Scripture Study will resume on Wednesday, April 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. Please join us for this lively discussion of the Sunday readings.

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.

PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Ages infant to 5 years old. We'll be starting up our Adventure Club soon. We have lots of ideas of things to do with tots. Strolls in the Parks, Scavenger Hunts, Train Rides and more! To get our e-mail updates respond to showard@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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

The Risen Christ gives all people a new hope. It is truly a time for rejoicing. Our efforts with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl have also given hope and new chances to many of our sisters and brothers throughout the world. Even though our Lenten journey is over, our solidarity with the poor needs to continue all year long. Visit crs.org to stay connected with the Church's work on behalf of those in need around the world.

FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATION AWARENESS:

Easter is a new beginning and, through Christ's death and resurrection, we are new creations. In our reading from Acts today, Peter says, "He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God..." Each of us has that mission, but some of us are called to live it in very public ways, through vocations to religious life and ordained priesthood. Our Church needs those visible signs as reminders that we are all called to bear witness to Jesus. The dedicated priests and religious of our own diocese love their vocations and encourage you to be open to the possibility that God may be calling you to that way of life. If you'd like to talk with someone, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness/** 585-461-2890/ vocations@dor.org/ website: www.dor.org/vocations

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

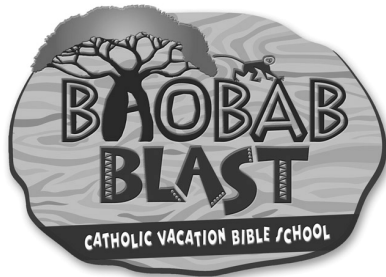
Coffee Hour Next Week April 11th will be hosted by the NCYC Pilgrims! Come and find out what all the buzz is about!

High School Youth Group!! Sunday, April 4- no YG Mtg so you can celebrate Easter with your fam!

Middle School Youth Group! Tuesday, April 7th from 7-8 pm at Blessed Sacrament School. "Not Just Any Body! We are the Body of Christ!"

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



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 kawmercyrch@yahoo.com

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/MonroePledgeForm.pdf>

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

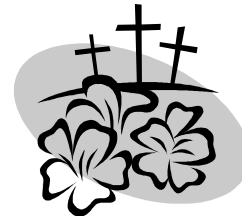
OLVictory/St.Joseph-Sat. 4:30PM, Sun.10AM & 7:30PM

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

With all that we learn about our faith, we take another step in our journey to knowing God. Why not take the next step this summer? St. Bernard's Summer Courses are now posted. Visit us at www.stbernards.edu for information and registration 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.

Christ is risen! The Vatican's *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* reminds us that "God, in Christ, redeems not only the individual person but also the social relations existing between people." In the Risen Lord, Church communities "offer themselves as places of communion, witness and mission, and as catalysts for the redemption and transformation of social relationships." The U.S. Catholic Bishops have called us to this societal transformation through seven basic principles: honoring the life and dignity of the human person; organizing society to support family and community; protecting human rights and meeting collective responsibilities; putting the needs of the poor and vulnerable first; protecting the dignity of work and the rights of workers; fostering solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the globe through work for justice and peace; and caring for God's creation. See more at www.usccb.org/sdwp/projects/socialteaching/excerpt.shtml

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