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May 16, 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:

As eight of our young parishioners make their first Holy Communion at the 10:00 AM Mass today, we are reminded that the Eucharist is Christ's great gift to us, left to us in his memory to nourish and strengthen us for what is really important in life. So here are **the top ten reasons to participate in Mass every Sunday** (revised from 2006):

10. Sunday belongs to the Lord. For six days we pretend the time is ours, although all time belongs to God and he is present with us every day. But this day is his, because this is the day he rose from the dead and gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit. We can give him at least one of his days back.
9. We will be sure to hear some good news every week. (The meaning of the word "gospel" is good news.) It's OK if you don't like the homily, but pay attention to the readings! God is speaking with you, and he's got good news.
8. Going to Sunday Mass is the BEST way to get rid of all those envelopes they keep sending us.
7. We will have more focus in our lives because our minds and hearts will be centered on Jesus' teachings and love as we begin the week.
6. I will recognize you when your sister asks you to be a godparent and you ask me for a certificate saying you are a practicing Catholic.
5. We keep up our membership in the Church – and stay on the good side of God.
4. You can give back to God in song the voice God gave to you.
3. We are offered – for FREE! – all the love and grace of God that we need to live our lives successfully and happily.
2. We remember that we are not alone, but have splendid companions to walk with us in this world and a great company of saints praying for us in the next.
1. We simply give thanks and praise for all God has done for us in Christ, for all the gifts we have from God, and for all God does for us each and every day.

Clearly, there are a lot of benefits to participating in Mass on Sunday, since these are only the top ten. Someone was asked why he went to church every Sunday. He replied, "I'm a practicing Catholic – I'm practicing it until I get it perfect!"

I'll see you in church!

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



**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:****Tuesday, May 18**

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

**Wednesday, May 19**

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, May 20**

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

**Saturday, May 22**

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

**Sunday, May 23**

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

**MASS SCHEDULE:****SUNDAY, May 16, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM - Mass of Remembrance: Ernest Schewe

10:00 AM - For the Parishioners

12:15 PM - Deceased Members of the Connors Family - Family

**MONDAY, May 17, Easter Weekday**

8:00 AM - George Barry — Margy Handel

**TUESDAY, May 18, Easter Weekday, St. John I, pope and martyr**

5:30 PM - Judith Kosciwicz — Mayre Magin

**WEDNESDAY, May 19, Easter Weekday**

8:00 AM - Elizabeth Haak — Ed and Ellen Haak

**THURSDAY, May 20, Easter Weekday, St. Bernardine of Siena, priest**

5:30 PM - Brendan McCarthy — Rob and Coleen Goodwin

**FRIDAY, May 21, Easter Weekday, St. Christopher Magalanes, priest and martyr and his companions, martyrs**

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

**SATURDAY, May 22, Easter Weekday, St. Rita of Cascia, religious**

3:00 PM - Wedding: Stephanie Oliveri and Adam Cornelius

**SUNDAY, May 23, Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 AM - For the Parishioners

10:00 AM - Ann Byrne, Anniversary — Family

12:15 PM - Jim and Betty Dorety — Family

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY,  
MAY 23, PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Acts 2: 1-11

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7

John 20:19-23

**FRIENDS OF GOD AND PROPHETS: Saint Barnabas (first century)**

One of the most endearing and unsung figures of the New Testament is Saint Barnabas. He first appears in the Acts of the Apostles 4:36. He sells a field he owned and donated the money to benefit the mission of the apostles. His name was really Joseph, but he was given the nickname Barnabas, which means "son of encouragement."

And it suited him. Barnabas befriended Paul shortly after the latter's conversion. He brought Paul to the apostles and described Paul's conversion and how he had spoken boldly in the name of the Lord, and so calmed the fears about Paul's faith and sincerity in the church at Jerusalem (see Acts 9:26-27). He was a companion of Paul's on many journeys throughout Asia Minor and the Mediterranean world to preach the gospel. In Antioch he strengthened the spirits of the disciples and encouraged them to persevere in the faith (see Acts 14:22). Even when there was a disagreement between himself and Paul, and they finally parted company, Barnabas found a way to resolve the situation in the most amicable way (see Acts 16:36-39). His positive, outgoing, encouraging personality made Barnabas an effective preacher of the gospel and peacemaker.

*God our Father, you filled Saint Barnabas with faith and the Holy Spirit and sent him to preach the gospel to the nations. Help us to proclaim the gospel by word and deed. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION**

**One hundred sixty-five** volunteers helped to make our Next-to-New Sale an amazing success! That's a lot of time and talent! And each and every one of you is a treasure! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH**

Sunday collection received: <b>May 9, 2010</b>	\$ 8,041
Budgeted weekly need	\$ 7,850
Difference - <b>over</b> weekly need	\$ <b>191</b>
Received year to date	\$ 334,111
Budgeted need - year to date	\$ 345,405
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$ (11,294)

197 envelope users gave \$6,387 and loose plate total \$1,654

We went over goal second week in a row! Thank you for your continued and generous 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.

**BUSY PERSONS RETREAT****June 6 through 11<sup>th</sup>**

This is an opportunity for busy working people to experience a personal guided retreat at a time and place that is convenient for you. You will learn simple techniques for fruitful prayer using scripture, a prayer guide, and silence. Meet with the prayer guides on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> after the 12:15 Mass (We can make other arrangements if necessary). You will be given a handout with the prayers and decide on a time and place to meet with your guide about 3 or 4 days during the week (days and evenings). We will conclude with a Picnic Supper on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Please express your interest to Sue Howard, Pastoral Associate 271-7240.

**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](mailto:kawmercyrch@yahoo.com)

**COOP SUMMER NURSERY**

Attention all families with young children: we would like to offer childcare during the 10:00 mass in the school on Sunday morning in the summer months. We would like to continue to offer this on the Sundays beginning today. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sr. Kathleen Wayne at 271-7240 or [kawmercyrch@yahoo.com](mailto:kawmercyrch@yahoo.com).

**WELCOME HOME COLLEGE STUDENTS!****Congratulations College Graduates!**

Blessed Sacrament is place of Worship for many Young Adults, offering social, spiritual and service opportunities all year long. To learn more pick up a newsletter on your way out today and see if there is anything that interests you. You can find more information on our web site at: [www.blessedsacramentrochester.org](http://www.blessedsacramentrochester.org).

After you get yourself settled in, whether back at home or a place of your own, please consider yourself specially invited to a Young Adult Brunch on June 13 after the 12:15 Mass. We meet in the Business Office dining Room. RSVP's encouraged but not mandatory to Sue 271-7240 [susanblyhow@yahoo.com](mailto:susanblyhow@yahoo.com). Look forward to seeing you this summer!

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

Shannon Slavin and Kieran Chaudhry  
Kateri Schmitt and Jason Ziegler  
Lindsey Barg and Luis Marquez  
Anne Crane and Eric Wolfson  
Jennifer Grassel and David Houle

**UPCOMING ACTS EVENTS**

On June 2, ACTS will host a luncheon for parishioners in the 50+ age group at Shadow Lake Golf Club. Blue flyers with more information and choice of menu are available at the side entrance of the Church. Deadline for registration is May 25, so sign up now for this Springtime event. A Tri-Parish day trip to the Seneca Niagara Casino in Niagara Falls, N.Y. is planned for June 9. White flyers for this outing are located in the side Church entrance. Please note that this trip is quickly filling up, so register as soon as possible by sending your registration forms to Kevin Mannara at St. Mary's Church. This particular trip will depart from St. Boniface parking lot rather than from our parish lot. For more information on any aspect of our ACTS group, please contact Beverly LaBelle at 271-7240 or [blabelle@dor.org](mailto:blabelle@dor.org).

**HELP FOR OUR SENIOR FRIENDS**

Our Senior Friends at 1600 East Ave. are having their shuttle service come to an end. These folks have been coming here for years and now face the problem of getting a ride. We need three or four drivers to make a pick up at their building for the 10:00 Mass. There are also a few people who need a ride to the 12:15 Mass. (This does not have to be a weekly commitment.) Can you help? Please consider this a mission of our Church and a way to reach out to our community. Call Sue Howard to sign up.

**MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH.**

**Did you know.....** About 6 percent of the population or 1 in 17 Americans suffer from a serious mental illness. It is estimated that mental illness affects 1 in 5 families. The World Health Organization has reported that four of the 10 leading causes of disability in the US and other developed countries are mental disorders. By 2020, Major Depressive illness will be the leading cause of disability in the world for women and children. Without treatment the consequences of mental illness for the individual and society are staggering: unnecessary disability, unemployment, substance abuse, homelessness, inappropriate incarceration, suicide and wasted lives. The best treatments for serious mental illnesses today are highly effective; between 70 and 90 percent of individuals have significant reduction of symptoms and improved quality of life with a combination of pharmacological and psychosocial treatments and supports. Early identification and treatment is of vital importance. Mental disorders are real, treatable health conditions!

Our diocese is a member of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, which has resources we can access on issues of Aging, Mental Illness, Down's Syndrome and Disabled Youth. To learn more call 202-529-2933 or contact them at [ncpd@ncpd.org](mailto:ncpd@ncpd.org). Locally you can learn more from NAMI the National Alliance for Mental Illness at 423-1593. They are located at 320 Goodman St. 14607 and have many brochures on the different forms of Mental Illness and can answer many of your questions about services and treatments.

**TODAY! CHICKEN BBQ AT ST. BONIFACE**

St. Boniface Church, 330 Gregory St., is having a Chicken Barbecue and Bake Sale today, Sunday, May 16, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.25. Eat in or take out.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### Youth Group Meetings

**High School Youth Group!!** High School Youth Group is helping out with the St Boniface Chicken BBQ 11:30 am to 3:30 pm, instead of their evening meeting. Please email Barb the times you will be able to work!

**Middle School Youth Group!** Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 pm at Blessed Sacrament School. "Making New Friends" (current 5<sup>th</sup> graders welcome to attend).

### Guys Night Out/Girls Night Inn!

**Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm till Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THIS GREAT EVENT!!** What a great night of fun with your friends!! Girls will be staying IN at St Mary's Commons Room – hanging with friends, watching chick flicks, games & being together! Guys will go to Rock Ventures for 2 hours of climbing & pizza then back to St Mary's for a movie & bed! Grades 6-12 welcome!! Cost \$20 Guys; \$10 Girls. *Sign up by May 24th!*

**Service Week Team Forming** – we creating a week of service opportunities for middle & high schoolers tied in with Vacation Bible Camp this summer (July 26-30). If you would be interested in being a member of the planning team, contact Barb asap!

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

Over 500 Catholic youth will gather together at the 15th Diocesan Youth Convention August 7th and 8th at the Rochester Inn and Convention Center in Henrietta NY. Get inspired by our keynote, Jesse Manibussen and spend time with Bishop Clark as we explore our Catholic Faith. There will be plenty of music, dance, prayer, workshops, keynotes, and fun awaiting you. Cost is \$100 plus lodging. Sign up with a friend today to reserve your space! For more info, contact Barb.

## SUMMER EVENT DATES TO SAVE:

Little Rock Bible Study begins - May 20  
 Busy Persons Retreat Begins- June 6th  
 Red Wings Game - July 16th with RPO and Fireworks  
 Tri-Parish Picnic at Ellison Park- August 15th  
 Nine Hole Golf Tournament - TBA

## NEW BIBLE STUDY-THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION NARRATIVES OF JESUS



This study compares the particular insights found in the passion and resurrection accounts of the four Gospels. Examining these events, the core of our faith, will challenge you to incorporate both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection into daily living. The Little Rock Series will be held for 7 weeks starting May 20th ending July 1st. It will be held from 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Mary's in the Commons Room. I will be ordering the books (\$11.95) at the end of this week so please respond soon if you are interested. Sue Howard 271-2740.

## 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*

## TRI-PARISH PICNIC

Save the date of August 15th for the Annual Tri-Parish Picnic at Ellison Park. This year we will have a new and improved location within the park--stay tuned for directions. The Picnic Planning Committee is requesting help from as many people as possible to make this a successful and enjoyable event. There is a sign-up sheet in the side entrance of the church or contact Beverly LaBelle at 271-7240 or blabelle@dor.org to volunteer your services for this fun day in the sun.

## HEAR YE, HEAR YE: MORE PICNIC NEWS

A picnic is lots of fun  
 With time spent in the sun  
 and games planned for one & all.  
 And part of that fun, you see  
 Is a prize for you or me.  
 So, if you have a gift or two  
 to contribute, please, please do.  
 Put them in the box marked  
 "Picnic Prizes" under the entrance table  
 and that will enable  
 us to provide awards to all those  
 whom luck does favor.



## JustNews

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

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality is creating a small-scale, community-supported bakery. It works like this: good, fresh bread is hand-made at St. Joe's by those in need of employment. Friends of St. Joe's agree to purchase a loaf a week for a fixed period--say ten weeks. With enough bread buying commitments in place, the bakers at St. Joe's are able to bake extra loaves for those who can not afford fresh bread--for example, the residents of the House of Mercy. With this approach, everyone wins: Those who can afford to pay receive fresh, organic loaves of bread every week. (Speaking from experience, I can tell you it's delicious.) Those in need of work learn useful skills and are paid for baking the bread. Those in need of fresh food receive wholesome, fresh organic bread.

The one-and-a-half pound loaves sell for \$ 4 each and, at the time of this writing, can be picked up from St. Joe's on Monday afternoons. For more information, or to sign up to participate, call St. Joe's at 232-3262 and ask for Mirabai.

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