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May 2, 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:

The Easter Season, which we are currently celebrating with glad Alleluias, is the time we customarily celebrate with special joy **the sacraments of initiation** – Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. Beginning with the Easter Vigil, when we fully initiated one adult, received three others into the full communion of the Catholic Church, and confirmed two baptized Catholics, the entire season sees the increased number of baptisms of infants, the celebration of First Communion, and the celebration of Confirmation. These sacraments can be celebrated at any time, of course. Easter is especially appropriate, however, because the season celebrates the new life we share through Christ's death and resurrection and the gift of his Holy Spirit.

You no doubt have noticed we are baptizing infants with some regularity again since Easter. Each and every one is a delight to me as I see new families begin, often with couples that have been married here at Blessed Sacrament, and as I look into the wonderful little faces of God's latest creations. [The Creator certainly hasn't lost his/her touch!]

On Sunday May 16 at the 10:00 Mass, we will celebrate First Holy Communion with **Meadow Billone, Thomas Crowley, Isabella Harris, Nicholas Mau, Abby Riggs, John Riggs, Timothy Ruberti, and Nicholas Swanger**, and their families. These children identify with Blessed Sacrament, but have been part of a larger preparation group from the Monroe Clinton partner parishes. All of them will be sharing Holy Communion for the first time this month.

The next day, Monday May 17, thirty-nine candidates from our partner parishes will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Clark at Sacred Heart Cathedral. These include nine youth and four adults who identify with Blessed Sacrament: **Michael Baranowski, Andrew Hossenlopp, Patrick Marr, Christine McGee-Watters, Maeve Nelson, Liam Oberst, Katie Ruberti, Claire Siegrist, Nicole Vigliotti, and Rita DeMarco, Abbey Purcell, Betsy Purcell, and Alexandra Jordan. Holli Blankenship** prepared for the sacrament with the group, but will celebrate the sacrament back home in Minnesota.

I ask you to pray for these candidates for the sacraments, certainly as a group, but I also invite you to take a bulletin home and pray for them each by name (the way God knows them, and all of us!). Pray that they will grow into the knowledge and love of Christ Jesus who gives them himself and his Holy Spirit. Pray that they and their families will remain faithful to what Christ calls them to in the Christian life.

I ask you to pray regularly for our newly baptized infants and small children, and the young families of which they have become a part. Those who know tell me – and I observe for myself – that marriage, parenting, and family life are not easy undertakings. So pray that young and growing families may recognize and take to themselves the wisdom and strength God and the community offer them, that they will always know God's love is with them, and that they will be a sign of encouragement to others.

May all who celebrate the mystery of Easter know the springtime of risen life at work within us and among us!

Christ's peace to you,
Father Bob Kennedy



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:**Tuesday, May 4**

7:00 p.m. — RCIA, School Library

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

Wednesday, May 5

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. — Contemplative Prayer, Parish Office

7:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 6

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

Thursday May 6 and Friday, May 7

9:00 a.m.— 8:00 p.m. — Next to New Sale, School

Saturday, May 8

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. — Next to New Sale

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

2:00 p.m. — Next to New Sale Clean-up

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

MASS SCHEDULE:**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

MONDAY, May 3, St. Philip and St. James, apostles

8:00 AM - Helen and Arthur Flindell — Frances Carney

TUESDAY, May 4, Easter Weekday

5:30 PM - Christine Beauchamp — Marge Sharick

WEDNESDAY, May 5, Easter Weekday

8:00 AM - Eileen Miller — Paul Schery

THURSDAY, May 6, Easter Weekday

No Church Service

FRIDAY, May 7, Easter Weekday

No Church Service

SATURDAY, May 8, Easter Weekday**SUNDAY, May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM - Virginia Schepis — The Children

10:00 AM - Harold Handel, Jr. — Bill Barry

12:15 PM - For the Parishioners

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY,
MAY 9, SIXTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Revelations 21: 10-14, 22-23

John 14: 23-29

**GROWING IN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF
STEWARDSHIP**

It is very important to teach our children about stewardship of time, talent and treasure, and the earlier we can begin teaching them, the better. We teach children at a young age about Jesus, prayer and love. We take them to church every week. We help them understand the difference between their “needs” and “wants.” These are all important parts of the Christian life.

Giving of ourselves is also an important part of our Christian life, so it only makes sense that we start teaching children the meaning of giving while they are young. As parents, teachers and caregivers, we can take a child along to visit shut-ins or people in nursing homes; educate about sharing what we have and encourage children to place a portion of their allowance in the collection basket; and teach compassion by providing opportunities to mail cards to the sick or help make food baskets for the poor.

As we help our children grow in their knowledge of stewardship, we might consider how we can become better stewards? Be proud of the time and talent you’ve already contributed to our parish community: the time and help you give to family and friends, visiting neighbors in the hospital, participating in parish activities. But also consider where your stewardship can be improved. Take your “discipleship temperature” by asking, “of all the things I do, where does being a disciple rank in importance?”

If being a disciple of our Lord is near the top of your list, then stewardship should be too. We seek no rewards for our stewardship; we do it with the joy of serving God. Yet, we know that God does reward stewards, by filling their needs in life; by giving new opportunities to care, to share, and to participate in the wholeness of life.

2009-2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

This year's annual diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal concludes at the end of this month. To date we have paid \$53,246.50 toward our pledged amount of \$54,884.00, so we are pretty close to honoring our commitment to support diocesan ministries. There is still time to make a gift to this year's Appeal. You may do so online at www.dor.org, or by sending a check or money order to CMA, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester NY 14624. I am grateful for your faithfulness to your pledges in this annual effort, and for your generosity. (*Father Bob*)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH

Sunday collection received: April 25, 2010	\$ 7,553
Budgeted weekly need	\$ 7,850
Difference - (under) weekly need	\$ (297)
Received year to date	\$ 317,215
Budgeted need - year to date	\$ 329,705
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$ (12,490)

189 envelope users gave \$6,187 and loose plate total \$1,366.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

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.

BUSY PERSONS RETREAT

June 6 through 11th

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 6th 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 11th after the 5:30 PM Mass. Please express your interest to Sue Howard, Pastoral Associate 271-7240.

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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

Please pray for the following couple getting married:

Stephanie Oliveri and Adam Cornelius
Shannon Slavin and Kieran Chaudhry
Kateri Schmitt and Jason Ziegler
Lindsey Barg and Luis Marquez
Anne Crane and Eric Wolfson



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.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE LEAGUE

For Young Adult Singles or Couples. (Child Friendly Event)

An invitation from Maranda Skolen Young Adult Minister at St. Christopher's in Chili.

Where-When- How

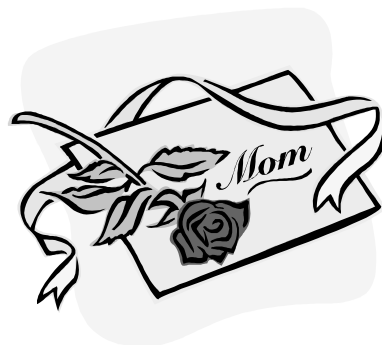
Tuesday Evenings @ St. Christopher's in Chili - we have 2 great fields for use

6 weeks of games w/ a 7th week for playoffs/championship game

We start **JUNE 1st** and continue through **JULY 13** (playoffs) with a championship game on Sunday, July 18th!

Each game will be approx. 1 hour - 2 games will be played at the same time each week if we can get 4 teams! Start at 5:30pm (please let me know if this is too early for those of you coming from work)! *Simple BBQ dinner following.* We need four teams of ten players each to make it work. **For more details ask Sue Howard or check out Maranda's Web site or Face Book marandaskolen@hotmail.com, stchristophersnchili.org, <http://facebook.com/maranda.skolen>**

Happy Mother's Day!



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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 5th graders are invited to attend Middle School Youth Group and 8th 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 2nd 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 4th at Blessed Sacrament School, from 7-8:30 pm. No sign ups required! Just come & bring a friend!

Are you a Dancer? We're looking for a few good dancers to represent us at the Diocesan Pentecost Celebration at the Cathedral on Sunday, May 23rd. Contact Barb if interested.

Guys Night Out/Girls Night Inn! Friday June 4th, 7:30 pm till Saturday, June 5th at 8:30 AM. 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 are moving forward with plans to create 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

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

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.

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.



JustNews

Mary's Place, a support ministry for refugees at the former Holy Rosary Rectory, is seeking volunteers during summer school vacation time.

On Tuesday evening May 18 from 7 to 8pm, at Mary's Place, we will have a meeting of all interested in volunteering with us for the summer months. We are looking primarily for tutors. If you feel called to work with pre-schoolers (art, reading, etc), grade-schoolers, teens or adults we encourage you to volunteer. We do have Rosetta Stone, an excellent English language program on our computers but do need tutors to assist with this program. Are you artistic? Do you knit? Would you help prepare for Driver's Permit exams? Do you play guitar? Do you have other fields of expertise. Or, like me, do you just love people and want to encourage them. Do you know how to fold clothes? How to clean up? How to help serve snacks? How to read a map? Can you pass on your love of History? Do you like to work with wood? Is Math your primary interest? Science? Food safety? Meal preparation? Playing 'Hop-Scotch' or Soccer? In any way you can help, we would like your help. We will be open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-5 pm (maybe Wednesdays or Fridays).

Contact us at marysplace@frontier.com or 585-278-0835 with any questions. Please join us May 18 from 7-8pm at Mary's