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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:

Registered parishioners, including myself, receive every six weeks or so a packet of envelopes in which to make contributions both to support the parish and its various ministries, as well as various national and international causes (Campaign for Human Development, Preservation of the Holy Land Shrines, The Catholic University of America and about a dozen others). I have not made much of a deal about any of them, and except for the Supper Program and when a missionary is present with us once a year to preach about their work, we don't take up a second collection for these worthy causes.

I want to make an exception to that next week. Around our Diocese we are scheduled to take up the annual **Diocesan Mission Collection**. This collection supports the ministries of the Sisters of Mercy in Chile and the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Brazil. In the mid-1960s, both Rochester-based orders of women religious responded to the call of the Second Vatican Council's "Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity," and sent willing volunteers to "mission territories" where the laborers were few. In 1964 five Sisters of Saint Joseph were off to Brazil and in 1965 four Sisters of Mercy were off to Chile. Others from Rochester soon followed. The missions have expanded their involvements and ministry sites. The Sisters have attracted additional vocations from the people there. And forty-five years later they continue to serve – two of the original Sisters of Saint Joseph are still ministering in the Brazilian missions!

And the People of the Diocese of Rochester continue to support them with this annual collection. The Sisters work among the poorest of the folks in these countries, teaching children how to read and helping women to develop their skills. They minister to the sick and dying, and provide relief for the needy. Resources are always at a minimum. Our prayers and financial support are therefore always timely. But especially this year in Chile, after the devastating earthquake a couple of months ago, the needs are all the greater.

As we have been reading from the Acts of the Apostles in this Easter season, the early communities were of one mind and heart and sharing all things in common, so that no one among them had any need (see Acts 4:32-37). We have also been hearing how the early missionaries took the gospel message to the ends of the earth. Our Easter faith connects us as one with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. The Diocesan Missions Collection is one way to recognize and renew that connection. So I ask for your generous response next Sunday to help the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile to bring the concrete love of the gospel to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

On a related note, I encourage you to take in the current exhibit "Sisters Share the Journey: Women Religious in the History of Rochester," celebrating the work and ministry of religious sisters and their contribution to our city over 175 years. The exhibit is on display at Saint Mary's Church downtown, the site of several ministries the Sisters inaugurated. Visits can be made this Sunday and next 9 AM to 1 PM and each day this week noon to 1:30 PM or by appointment (call 232-7140).

Christ's peace to you,
Father Bob Kennedy



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:**Monday, May 10**

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

Tuesday, May 11

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

Wednesday, May 12

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. — Baptismal Preparation, Room 11

7:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 13, Ascension Thursday

8:00 a.m and 5:30 p.m. — Holy Day Mass

Saturday, May 15

No Sacrament of Penance, Church

Sunday, May 16

10:00 a.m. Mass — First Communion Celebration

11:00 a.m. — RCIA Inquiry Session, Parish Office

4:00 p.m. — Confirmation Session

MASS SCHEDULE:**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

MONDAY, May 10, Easter Weekday, Blessed Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i

8:00 AM - Mario R. Silva — Gregoria Silva

TUESDAY, May 11, Easter Weekday

5:30 PM - Wilfred and Peggy Knapp — Tom Carroll

WEDNESDAY, May 12, Easter Weekday, St. Nereus and St. Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr

8:00 AM - Eleanor Gorges — Bequest

THURSDAY, May 13, The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM - George Barry — Ward and Joan Fletcher

5:30 PM - Deceased Members of the Valenti

FRIDAY, May 14, St. Matthias, apostle

8:00 AM - Kay Lechleitner — John and Judy Lynd

SATURDAY, May 15, Easter Weekday, St. Isidore

1:00 PM - Wedding: Laura Morelli and Michael Casserino

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

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY,
MAY 16, SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

Acts 7:55-60

Revelations 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20

John 17: 20-26



SHARE YOUR GIFTS FROM GOD

*Stewardship... Live It!***DISCOVERING YOUR GIFTS**

Over the past few months this column has highlighted a different strength or talent identified in the Clifton Strengths Finder. The idea being that once someone identifies their strengths, they become more effective at what they do. Once a particular talent is recognized, it can be harnessed and applied for the benefit of yourself, your family, the Church and the community.

One of the signature themes identified in the book is Intellection. An individual with intellection as a talent enjoys exercising the “muscles” of their brain. The theme of Intellection does not dictate what you may think about and the focus your mental activity often depends on the other strengths. People may find you to be introspective and you may find yourself to be one who enjoys their time alone to muse and reflect. As stated in the book *Living Your Strengths*, “this mental hum is one of the constants of your life”. And so too for Jesus, “After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.” (Luke 2:46-47)

As one who is talented in Intellection, regular time for reflection and meditation may prove to be fruitful and foster your intellectual activity. This talent may raise deep and philosophical questions that may be overlooked by others and may be useful in strategic planning for the parish. Recording your thoughts by either sharing them with others or committing them to paper may be necessary to organize your ideas and allow for their further development. You may also find that partnering with others whose talent themes are Activator and Achiever, can transform your thoughts and ideas into practical and concrete action plans. This talent may raise deep and philosophical questions that may be overlooked by others and may be useful in strategic planning for the parish or devising innovative solutions to problems. (*Chris Krutell*)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH

Sunday collection received: May 2, 2010	\$ 8,855
Budgeted weekly need	\$ 7,850
Difference - over weekly need	\$ 1,005
Received year to date	\$ 326,070
Budgeted need - year to date	\$ 337,555
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$ (11,482)

139 envelope users gave \$7,541 and loose plate total \$1,314.

We went over goal this week. One parishioner made a donation of \$750 to the Sunday collection. Only 139 parishioners used envelopes this week.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

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

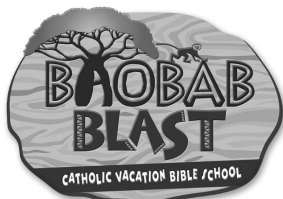
THURSDAY IS A HOLY DAY

This coming Thursday, May 13, is the Feast of Ascension of the Lord, and a holy day of obligation. Our Masses for this day are at 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM. Please join us as we continue to celebrate the Easter season!

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.



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 kawmercyroch@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. There is no Nursery this Sunday because it is Mothers Day, but we would like to continue to offer this on the Sundays beginning May 16. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sr. Kathleen Wayne at 271-7240 or kawmercyroch@yahoo.com.



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.

INTERESTED IN RENEWING YOUR ROMANCE IN YOU MARRIAGE?

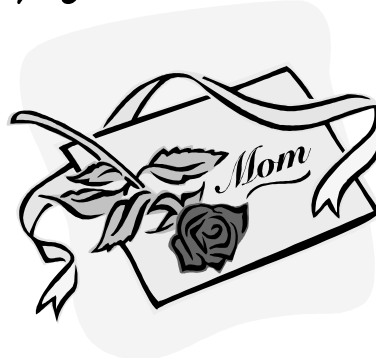
There is a great opportunity for married couples. Come to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You can reclaim your closeness, the excitement for each other, the intimate communication you once had and every marriage deserves. A great marriage is not only yours, but God's desire too for you. If you would like to make your marriage even more special than it already is, call Rob and Beth Knopf at (877) NYS-WWME or go on www.wwme-wny.org. The next weekend is on June 11-13 at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY.

TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH-

NAMI Presentation May 13 at 6:30PM.

The National Alliance for Mental Health will hold a presentation titled "Words of Hope and Inspiration for Mental Wellness" in Room 11 this Thursday, May 13th. It will be lead by two women who have adult children with mental illness and also someone who is living with a mental illness. This presentation is for anyone who has someone in their family that suffers from one of the many mental illnesses. It is very informational, it's FREE, informal and confidential. Come and join us. Refreshments served. For more information call 271-2740 and ask for Sue.

Happy Mother's Day!



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Group Meetings

High School Youth Group!! No Meeting so you can make dinner for your Mama!

Middle School Youth Group! Tuesday, May 11th from 7-8 pm at Blessed Sacrament School. "Where does Faith Fit in Your Life?" (current 5th graders welcome to attend).

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

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

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.

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>**

JustNews

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

As national immigration legislation moves into the news, here's a chance to learn about the human impact of current U.S. immigration and border policy. Come to the reading, discussion, and book signing by Margaret Regan, author of the major new book *The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona-Mexico Borderlands* on Thursday May 13th at 7pm, at First Unitarian Church (220 Winton Rd South). Regan, a Tucson reporter on border issues for a decade, is coming here all the way from Arizona for this special event. Co-sponsors include Catholic Charities, Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Saint Joseph, and The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester. For more information, contact Deacon George Dardess at gdardess@yahoo.com or 244-4685.