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June 13, 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:

I want to quote a section of a 2000 document of United States Catholic Conference, "Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture and Worship" (paragraphs 66-69), and then ask a question.

"The rites of baptism, the first of the sacraments of initiation, require a prominent place for celebration. Initiation into the Church is entrance into a Eucharistic community united in Jesus Christ. Because the rites of initiation of the Church begin with baptism and are completed by the reception of the Eucharist, the baptismal font and its location reflect the Christian's journey through the waters of baptism to the altar. The integral relationship between the baptismal font and the altar can be demonstrated in a variety of ways, such as placing the font on the same architectural axis, using natural or artificial lighting, using the same floor patterns, and using common or similar materials and elements of design.

"The location of the baptismal font, its design, and the materials used for its construction are important considerations in the planning and design of the building. It is customary to locate the baptismal font either in a special area within the main body of the church or in a separate baptistery. Through the waters of baptism the faithful enter the life of Christ. For this reason the font should be visible and accessible to all who enter the church building. While the baptistery is proportioned to the building itself and should be able to hold a good number of people, its actual size will be determined by the needs of the local community.

"Water is the key symbol of baptism and the focal point of the font. In this water believers die to sin and are reborn to new life in Christ. In designing the font and the iconography in the baptismal area, the parish will want to consider the traditional symbolism that has been the inspiration for the font's design throughout history. The font is the symbol of both tomb and womb; its power is the power of the triumphant cross; and baptism sets the Christian on the path to the life that will never end, the "eighth day" of eternity where Christ's reign of peace and justice is celebrated.

"The following criteria can be useful when choosing the design for the font: 1) One font that will accommodate the baptism of both infants and adults symbolizes the one font and one baptism that Christians share...; 2) The font should be large enough to supply ample water for the baptism of both adults and infants...; 3) Baptism is the sacrament of the whole Church and, in particular of the local parish community...; 4) The location of the baptistery will determine how, and how actively, the entire liturgical assembly can participate in the rite of baptism...; 5) Because the essential relationship of baptism to the celebration of the other sacraments and rituals, the parish will want to choose an area for the baptistery or the font that visually symbolizes that relationship...; 6) With the restoration of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* that culminates in baptism at the Easter Vigil, churches need private spaces where the newly baptized can go immediately after their baptism after their white garments and to prepare themselves for the completion of initiation in the Eucharist."

Question: how adequate is our punch-bowl font in light of this description of baptism, the baptistery, and the font? Let me know.



Christ's peace to you,
Father Bob Kennedy

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Monday, June 14

6:15 p.m. — Finance Council Meeting, Parish Office

Tuesday, June 15

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

Wednesday, June 16

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, June 17

7:00 p.m. — Vacation Bible Camp Volunteer Meeting, Rm. 11

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. — Bible Study at St. Mary's

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

Saturday, June 19

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY, June 13, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Raymond and Florence Post and Neal and Kathleen Elli — Family

10:00 AM - For the Parishioners

12:15 PM - Deceased Members of The Shafer Family — Family

MONDAY, June 14, Weekday

8:00 AM - Harold Handel, Jr. — Tom and Sandy Witmer

TUESDAY, June 15, Weekday

5:30 PM - Sr. Rosemary Burgio, SSJ — The Lynd Family

WEDNESDAY, June 16, Weekday

8:00 AM - Hon. John J. Connell — Jack Keenan

THURSDAY, June 17, Weekday

5:30 PM - Michelle Anton — Ken Bliss and Philip Bartell

FRIDAY, June 18, Weekday

8:00 AM - Sam and Kay Cucinelli — Lisa Allen

SATURDAY, June 19, Weekday, St. Ronuald, abbot

12:00 PM - Wedding: Jessica Payne and Ralph Cropo

3:00 PM - Wedding: Elizabeth Jackson and Brian Bacon

SUNDAY, June 20, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - For the Parishioners

10:00 AM - Norm Bellows — Family

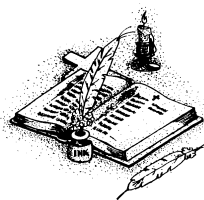
12:15 PM - Suzanne Withington — Lisa Sieg, sister

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 20, TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zec. 12: 10-11; 13:1

Gal 3: 26-29

Luke 9: 18-24



During the summer, the Stewardship Committee of the parish wants to make some suggestions for our consideration as we try to make Stewardship our way of life. Here's the third installment:

Stewardship of TIME

Make a commitment to **pray together** each day this week, Monday through Friday, with your family, spouse, partner, roommate, or a good friend. This could include grace before meals, prayers of thanksgiving after supper, prayers before bedtime, or a blessing of one another as you are leaving the house to go your separate ways for the day. If there is no one in your household to pray with, join our little group of daily Mass goers. The schedule is on the front of the bulletin. Your home is an "ecclesiola," a little church or community of faith, so it's a good place to pray.

Stewardship of TALENT

Catholic social teachings call all the baptized to participate fully in the political processes of our society. **Social justice advocacy** done by people of faith seeks to transform the social structures that contribute to suffering and injustice by grappling with public policy issues, lobbying government officials for change, changing shopping habits based on social values, and empowering the poor and voiceless.

The parish **Social Justice Team** seeks to raise awareness of social justice issues in our community and to help parishioners to make a response to them. **The Team is currently reorganizing and is looking for interested people to help set the next direction for the group.** Currently, the Team sponsors "Next Step" support for our Supper Program guests, writes the weekly "JustNews" column in the bulletin, assists with public policy issues, and many other things.

An excellent way to test whether social justice ministry matches your gifts and talents to participate in the 30-week program called **JustFaith**. This program of study, prayer and field work emphasizes the teachings of the gospel, Catholic social teaching and the intersection between spirituality and action.

For more information on JustFaith, please contact Beverly LaBelle at 271-7240 or blabelle@dor.org. For more information on the Social Justice Team and social justice advocacy, please contact Holly Rockwell at 473-1990 or hrock@rochester.rr.com, or Father Bob at 271-7240 or fkennedy@dor.org.

Stewardship of TREASURE

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| Sunday collection received: June 6, 2010 | \$ 9,207 |
| Budgeted weekly need | \$ 7,850 |
| Difference - over weekly need | \$ 1,357 |
| Received year to date | \$ 365,201 |
| Budgeted need - year to date | \$ 376,805 |
| Difference (under) budgeted year to date need | \$ (11,604) |

190 envelope users gave \$7,854 and loose plate totaled \$1,353. Thank you for your continued and generous support of our ministries.

ACTS SUMMERTIME ACTIVITIES

During the warm months ahead, several enjoyable activities for the 50+ crowd are on the agenda. Among them are the following: a seniors picnic sponsored by St. Boniface Twilights on June 21 at the Brighton Park Lodge, Matinee and Garden Party on July 12 at the Eastman House, a theater daytrip to Auburn to see "Meet Me in St. Louis" which includes lunch at the lovely Aurora Inn and a 4 day trip to Lancaster PA which includes two theatrical presentations, sightseeing, shopping and wonderful food. For further details on all of the above events, please see the individual flyers that are available in the side entrance of the Church or contact Beverly LaBelle at 271-7240 or blabelle@dor.org.

FROM THE MONROE CLINTON FAITH FORMATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Monroe Clinton Faith Formation Advisory Committee has developed a survey to help us determine your needs and desires as we plan for calendars and schedules for Religion Classes, Sacramental preparation and activities for families. The surveys will be in the pews at our churches. Please take a minute to help us in our planning for future programs. Registration packets and information about Sacramental Preparation will be mailed to all families with school aged children the week of June 20th. If you do not receive the mailing, please contact Sister Kathleen at the Faith Formation Office 271-7240 or kaw-mercyroch@yahoo.com

CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Creating a Safe Environment workshop will be held on Monday evening June 14 at Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7:00 PM. This workshop is required for all who volunteer with children or vulnerable adults. The session will be held in the school. Child care is available. To register contact Diane at the Blessed Sacrament parish office--271-7240.

THANK YOU

We want to thank Blessed Sacrament Church for your continuing support of The Bright Red Bookshelf Program. We recently set up our sixth Bright Red Bookshelf at Rochester City School #14 which is on Congress Avenue. Our other five locations include: Westside Health Center, Strong Memorial Pediatric Psychiatric Department, Mercy Outreach Center, St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center and Bethany House. The new shelf at School #14 is on wheels and so can be moved from classroom to classroom. There are 195 students at School #14 so we are able to provide each child with two books a month for their home libraries. Since our program began in June of 2007, we have given away over 12,000 books.

Again, thank you so much for your donations, our program would not be possible without your help. Diane Dailey parishioner St. Mary's Downtown

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

Please pray for the following couple getting married:

Teresa Kinsky and Brian O'Dell
Sarah Carman and Brian McLean

BERRY PICKING WITH THE ADVENTURE CLUB

Families with children ages infant to 5 years old. Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles invited as well!
Saturday, June 19th, 11:30 AM
We're hoping the strawberries will be ready!
Details-contact Sue Howard 271-7240



JUST FAITH: FALL 2010 GROUP FORMING

If you are interested in learning more about the social justice teachings of the Church and would enjoy being part of a vibrant small Christian community, please note that we plan to launch another Just Faith Study Group this coming Fall. Just Faith provides book discussions, visual presentations, guest speakers and several "border-crossing" experiences. It is a 25 week process that offers the opportunity to develop greater insight into the pressing social concerns of our times and to develop friendships with other like-minded individuals in our Monroe/Clinton partner parishes. Individuals who are not members of our tri-parish group are also welcomed to participate, so spread the word. Just Faith fosters a firm resolution to living the teachings of the Gospel in our daily lives. If you want to learn more about this exciting program and see if it might be the right next step for you, please contact Pastoral Associate, Beverly LaBelle at 271-7240 or blabelle@dor.org. She will be delighted to meet with you and explain the Just Faith process in detail.

YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH- FREE!

Sunday June 13 at 1:30 PM
Blessed Sacrament Dining Room
Come and meet new people to the area.
YA's from all three parishes are invited, or bring a friend.
We'll have a guest speaker and lots of good food!
Reservations encouraged but drop -ins welcome.
Sue Howard, Pastoral Associate 271-7240
susanblyhow@yahoo.com

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.

*Please Pray
for our Parishioners*

*Ruth Zukoski
Daniel Smith
Mary Bellows*

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Group Ministry Events

Training for Teens working with Peers or Children

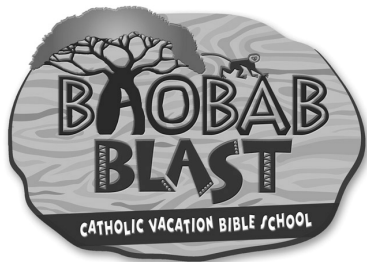
(required one time for those volunteering at Vacation Bible Camp) Monday, June 14th 7-8:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Office. Pre-registration is necessary. Register by calling or emailing Barb.

Afternoons of Service Week – All high schoolers and middle schoolers are invited to help out with Vacation Bible Camp (July 26-30) - and *then stay for afternoons of service* in our parishes! On Monday we'll be at St Mary's, Tuesday: St Boniface, Wednesday: Blessed Sacrament, Thursday: the Supper Program at Blessed Sacrament and then we'll stay overnight! On Friday anyone who has participated more than 2 days is invited to join us at *Seabreeze!* Cost \$25 per person. Sign up soon!

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



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 kawmercyroch@yahoo.com

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

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

ARCHBISHOP DOLAN AT THE CATHEDRAL JUNE 22

His Excellency Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will be the homilist at a 10:30 a.m. Mass June 22, 2010, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester. The Archbishop is visiting at the invitation of Bishop Matthew Clark. The Mass honors our patron St. John Fisher on his feast day, the service of our 25- and 50-year priest jubilarians and the culmination of the Year for Priests. All are welcome to attend.

JOURNEYS' JUNE 2010 EVENTS

For Catholic Singles

June 18: Redwings vs. Charlotte ball game at Frontier Field.

Meet at Gate 6:30. cost is price of ticket. Contact Noreen (663-5516).

ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Challenge your mind and explore the heart of your faith. This fall, join St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry and explore your faith through knowledge. Flexible class schedules, competitive financial aid packages, and Spirit-filled classrooms help you explore your faith through the pursuit of knowledge. Call Laura Smith, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid for more information at 585-271-3657 x289 or email

Admissions@stbernards.edu.

JustNews

Did you know that the average grocery store's produce travels nearly 1,500 miles between the farm where it was grown and your refrigerator? But you have an alternative. **The Monroe Village Farmers' Market re-opens in the church parking lot on Wednesday, June 16, from 4 to 7 pm. offering fresh affordable fruits, vegetables, baked goods, meat, eggs and more.** Everything sold at the market is grown or prepared within 100 miles of Rochester. Eating locally produced foods is better for you, better for farmers, and better for the planet! And we now accept EBT food stamp tokens, too.

Each week the market also features live music, a local artist or two, and the chance to find out about the work of an area community group. Come meet the farmers who grow your food, say hello to your favorite vendors, buy something delicious, meet our neighbors, and visit with friends.

The Market is entirely organized and operated by volunteers from Blessed Sacrament and the Monroe Village neighborhood. If you'd like to find out more, or if you'd like to join us, go to MonroeVillageFarmersMarket.org or contact Holly Rockwell at hrock@rochester.rr.com or 473-1990. We'd love to have you.