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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:

To kick-off our summer series on the letters or epistles of the New Testament, I am choosing Saint Paul's **First Letter to the Thessalonians**. Paul, Silas and Timothy had visited this area in northern Greece at least twice when they write this first (of two letters) about the year 50. It is the earliest complete document of the New Testament.

Although the greeting indicates joint authorship, Paul quickly emerges as the primary speaker. He is concerned to affirm and encourage this new Christian community in their faith, to offer them advice in living that faith, and to address some confusion in the Thessalonian community regarding the second coming of Christ and the fate of those Christians who might die before it happened. One commentator on the letter suggests that the thanksgiving at the beginning sets the structure of the letter: *"We always give thanks to God ... remembering ... your work of faith [see 1:2-2:12] and labor of love [see 2:13-4:12] and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ [see 4:13-5:22]."*

Through Paul's ministry among them, the Thessalonians have made a common commitment to the gospel of Christ by allowing God's word to take root in them (*"We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word...."* 1 Thess 2:13). That faith and commitment is exhibited in their love for one another which Paul encourages them to deepen that mutual love (*"... You yourselves have been taught by God to love one another and indeed you do love the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more...."* 1 Thess 4:9-10).

A major question for this new community of Christians was what will happen to those who have died before Christ's second coming. At this early stage of the Church, it was common belief that Christ would return very quickly to bring all to fulfillment. So there was worry that salvation would be lost to those who had already died. In his reply (1 Thess 4:13-18) Paul not only answers their concerns, but also gives a magnificent picture of the second coming of Christ: *"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words."*

Paul goes on to say that, by the grace of our baptism, we are children of the day and so have put on "the breastplate of faith and love and the helmet of the hope of salvation," and are destined for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thess 5:8-11).

The First Letter to the Thessalonians is a short five chapters, and so I encourage you to read the whole letter this week. Read it for the hope in the future it can give you.



Christ's peace to you,
Father Bob Kennedy

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Monday, July 12

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

Tuesday, July 13

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

Wednesday, July 14

8:30 a.m - 12:00 p.m. — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. — Farmer's Market, Parking Lot

Saturday, July 17

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY, July 11, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - For the Parishioners

10:00 AM - Mass of Remembrance: Evelyn Canarvis

12:15 PM - Michael Carroll — Mary Carroll

MONDAY, July 12, Weekday

8:00 AM - Meghan Colleen Carroll — grandmother

TUESDAY, July 13, Weekday, St. Henry

5:30 PM - Deceased Members of the Valenti Family — Family

WEDNESDAY, July 14, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

8:00 AM - Ann Crandall — Crandall Family

THURSDAY, July 15, St. Bonaventur, bishop and doctor of the Church

5:30 PM - Mary Castranova — Anthony Nero

FRIDAY, July 16, Weekday, Our Lady of Moutn Carmel

8:00 AM - Matthew Hobika and Mary Leto — Dave O'Brien

SATURDAY, July 17, Weekday

3:00 PM - Wedding: Emily Titus and Phillip Giardino

SUNDAY, July 18, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Gerge Barry, Jr. — Marge Sharick

10:00 AM - Joseph Carbone — Sarah Carbone

12:15 PM - For the Parishioners



**READINGS FOR SUNDAY,
JULY 18, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Genesis 18: 1-10a

Col 1: 24-28

Luke 10: 38-42



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 seventh installment:

Stewardship of TIME

During the summer months, when our schedules seem to be more relaxed and people are often on vacation, it is tempting to take a vacation from Sunday Mass either occasionally or for the whole summer. Our need to thank and praise God, of course, takes no such time off. God continues to provide us with sunshine and rain, the abundance of gardens and fields, work for our hands and rest from our labors, health for our bodies and grace for our souls. Our Sunday Eucharist is the great act of thanksgiving to Our God who has given us all good things in Christ.

In addition to making room in our schedules for Mass on the Lord's Day, let us make a conscious decision to invite – at least once this summer – a relative or friend who hasn't been attending church much recently or one who has been curious about the Catholic Church but hasn't got there yet. We often can do things better when we do them with someone else. Walking into church with a trusted friend can make the experience a positive one. Be that trusted friend this summer!

Stewardship of TALENT

One writer has described "ministry" as the intersection between a person's gifts and the need of the world. Although a word like "ministry" often connotes church-related activities, the term can fairly be applied to any service we do to benefit others. Summer can be a good time to reflect on one's gifts, strengths or talents, and to find a place to use them for the benefit of others. This may, of course, be through the agency of the parish or Church; but it can also be volunteering through the various agencies and neighborhoods of the community. People have many needs that ask for some response from those with the talent to assist effectively. Perhaps your gifts are exactly what are called for. Where is God calling you to use your gifts to alleviate the need of the world?

Stewardship of TREASURE

Sunday collection received: July 4, 2010	\$	7,600
Budgeted weekly need	\$	7,850
Difference - (under) weekly need	\$	(242)

170 envelope users gave \$6,598. Loose plate totaled: \$1,010.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

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

DRIVERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE 10:00 AND 12:15 MASSES

10:00 extra minutes of your Sunday will mean a lot to those who can't worship with our community.
Call Sue Howard for details.
See Frank Grayson or Sue Howard to express your interest.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY GATHERING AT STARBUCKS

Sunday, July 11 at 1:15pm
Let's firm up our summer plans!
And talk about a wine tour.....
Don't forget the YA Picnic on Saturday, July 17th in Chili 3:00pm Bring a Friend!

ADULT BIBLE CAMP FOR ALL AGES

Parents - Middle Aged Persons and Retirees! Why should the kids have all the fun! Join us for a short week of scripture study and activities in a relaxed summer session. Monday- Friday, July 26-30, 9:00-12:00 in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office. Contact Sue Howard to sign up-271-7240.

OTTO A. SHULTS LECTURE

at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry
Wednesday, July 21 7:30 pm, *A Community of Disciples: Luke's Vision of the Church*
Guest Speaker: Dr. Elaine Classen Park, Professor of Sacred Scripture, Mount Angel Seminary, Portland Oregon. Free and Open to the Public

CORRECTION: BLOOD DRIVE

Please note that we are not hosting a Blood Drive this summer. The Red Cross mistakenly sent out reminder cards to donors stating that a Blood Drive was scheduled at Blessed Sacrament on July 22. This is incorrect information and the Red Cross has been duly notified. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this error and urge you to donate blood at one of the many air-conditioned alternative sites available in the Rochester area.

CHILDCARE ON SUMMER SUNDAYS!

Childcare will be offered this summer on Sunday mornings through September 12 during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The School will open at 9:45 a.m. and the children will be in the playroom of the school. Thank you to all who have volunteered to provide this service for our families.



BANNS OF MAR-

Please pray for the married:

Kaitlyn Rossi and Corey Monks
Melissa Raucci and Ben Youngs
Amy Culver and Matthew Orlando
Danielle Harris and David Carson

RIAGE:

following couples getting

JUST FAITH: JUMP ON BOARD FOR FALL 2010.

Once again we are hoping to launch another full-scale *Just Faith* process starting in late September. The focus is always on the social justice teachings of the Church via group discussions, books, visual presentations, guest speakers and "border-crossing" experiences. Our model is the Small Christian Community in which sharing with others, exploration of ideas and spiritual growth is emphasized. The group will meet from late September to mid-May --generally on a weekly basis except for holidays. Most meetings will be at Blessed Sacrament but the group is open to all in the Monroe/Clinton partner parishes and beyond. All that is required is an open mind, a willingness to share ideas and an interest in social justice. Please contact Beverly LaBelle during the Summer at 271-7240 or babelle@dor.org to learn more about *Just Faith*.

TRI-PARISH PICNIC: HELP WANTED

Join us for some "Fun in the Sun" on Sunday, August 15 as we celebrate our 3rd Annual Tri-Parish Picnic from 12noon -4pm in the Orchard Grove Shelter in Ellison Park. This year's improved location features a much larger, *outdoor* shelter with lots of flat open space for games as well as proximity to a playground and restrooms. Tickets for the picnic will be available after each Mass on the first two Sundays of August. The cost is \$3 per person or \$7 for the entire family.



If you can volunteer to help in any way, either on the day of the picnic or by serving on the Tri-Parish Picnic Planning Committee, please contact Beverly LaBelle at 271-7240 or babelle@dor.org.

YOUNG ADULT PICNIC

All young adults in the diocese are invited to a picnic at St. Christopher's in Chili next Saturday, July 17 at 2:00pm. This has been a great time to meet new people in a relaxed atmosphere, play some games and eat good food!! We would welcome some of your favorite picnic salads or deserts. Call Sue Howard for more details and to RSVP 271-7240.

HELP US PLAN the 2010 Blessed Sacrament Golf Tournament

Join us for coffee in the Parish Office Conference Room on Sunday, July 11 at 11:00am.

*Please Pray
for our Parishioners*

*Ruth Zukoski
Mary Bellows
Linda Kellaway
Chris Walsh
Carolyn Griffin*

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Calling all Middle & High Schoolers! Would you like to work with children from age 4 up to Grade 5? **Don't miss the fun!** As we show the children real service, real teamwork & real fun at **Baobab Blast Vacation Bible Camp!** July 26-30, 2009 8:30 am to 12:30 pm each day come for one or all! All helpers will be required to attend Diocesan Training classes.

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

Why attend Convention? Participants – youth & adults share these reasons:

1. They can gather with the young people of our Diocese and meet hundreds of Catholic youth who share their values.
2. Learn more about themselves and their place in the Catholic Church
3. Celebrate and deepen their Catholic faith as they share beliefs and experiences.
4. Remember (or realize for the first time) the importance of God and the Church in their lives.
5. Recognize their role as part of a bigger Catholic Church
6. Share their renewed energy and enthusiasm for youth ministry with their entire parish.
7. Apply new ideas and insights to many ministries at their parishes and in their schools.
8. See and understand the power of God's love, the strength of the Catholic community and the gifts that young people bring to the world.

Convention is a two-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.

<http://www.dor.org/Ec/documents/Convention2010ParishRegistrationForm.pdf>

Save the Date! Cardboard Campout- August 13-14 at Washington Square Park with the City of Rochester – raise awareness of the issues of homelessness in Rochester! More info to come!

Tri-Parish Picnic – August 15 – helpers needed to run games and distribute prizes! Call Barb to sign up.

For information on any of the events above or to register call Barb Legere at 465-2665 or email blegere@dor.org

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

THEOLOGY ON TAP

A lecture program on contemporary concerns for Catholics and their friends ages 20-40. Monday, July 12 7:00pm Johnny's Irish Pub This week's talk is sponsored by Blessed Sacrament Church. Marv Mich (www.povertyusa.org) our local representative to the National program to fight domestic poverty in America through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will speak about why is the church involved with Social Justice Issues and what are the hot button issues we are focused

JustNews

...from Blessed Sacrament's Social Justice Community

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops urges us to use the following 10 principles as an ethical framework for reflection, and inspiration for action.

1. The economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy.

Is this principle reflected in our economic system?

2. All economic life should be shaped by moral principles, and must be judged by how it protects or undermines the life and dignity of the human person, supports the family and serves the common good.

In these difficult economic times, what can we do to promote the common good?

3. A fundamental moral measure of any economy is how the poor and vulnerable are faring.

How are the poor and vulnerable weathering this economic storm?

4. All people have a right to life and to secure the basic necessities of life; food, clothing, shelter, education, health care, safe environment, economic security.

How can we, individually and as a society, help provide for those whose ability to obtain these basic necessities has been compromised?

5. All people have the right to economic initiative, productive work, just wages and benefits, decent working conditions and the right to organize and join unions.

Do you know someone who has lost a job recently? What can be done to help?

Principles 6 through 10 to come.

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