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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:

If you are trying to read the “epistle of the week,” this will be your longest “assignment” in the summer series: Saint Paul’s **First Letter to the Corinthians**. It was written in the year 54 or 55, and it reveals Paul at his best as “pastor” of the Corinthian church. Corinth was a diverse, thriving and cosmopolitan city largely because of its geographical location as a crossroads for trade. It attracted people of various religious, cultural and political persuasions. As a result, diversity could quickly become factions, even in the newly-founded Christian community.

It is the factions within the Corinthian church that “Pastor” Paul is trying to reconcile. Controversies and divisions had arisen over questions of marriage and divorce, sexual morality, meat sacrificed to idols, good order and proper behavior in the Christian assembly and at the Lord’s Supper, the right attitude and use of spiritual gifts, and the meaning of resurrection from the dead. The list looks like the list of problems that confront the Church in our own day. (Don’t be fooled by the “meat sacrificed to idols;” we benefit today in many ways from “unholy” social, political and personal practices.)

In his theological and pastoral reflections on these questions, Paul proposes seven strategies or images to help the (Corinthian) Church come to reconciliation. First, he stresses the things believers hold in common: one calling, one God, one Lord Jesus Christ, one Spirit, one confession of faith, one baptism, one Eucharistic celebration of one body of Christ, one set of common traditions. Thus, secondly, he proposes the famous analogy of the one body with many members to draw their attention to the unity in their diversity (12:12-31). Third, the image of a building is used throughout the letter (1:6-8, 3:9-17 et al.), which is especially striking when we remember that there as yet no church buildings! The architectural metaphor implies that all the individual gifts and different lives of believers constitute a living temple where God’s dwells.

Fourth, the root of the factionalism is that each individual or subgroup seeks its own advantage or interest. Paul urges instead seeking the common good of all (for example, 10:23-11:1), which implies that unity can only be achieved by being sensitive to the situation of others and compromising. Fifth, a minority community needs to strengthen group loyalty because it lives in a hostile world (5:12-6:6). This may be more sectarian than we are comfortable with today, but it was necessary in the widely diverse situation of the Church in Paul’s time. Sixth, Paul constantly appeals to love as the underlying principle of social cohesion. We all know Paul’s famous passage on love (12:31-14:1), but he uses the theme throughout the letter as a motive for unity. Lastly, most arguments for unity and stability are inherently conservative in their mindset, and so they appeal to the status quo. And so, contrary to our sensitivities today, Paul encourages that status quo with regard to slaves and to the roles and place of women. Most of these themes, images and strategies are not found in one place in the letter, but are woven together throughout. As you read it, see if you can pick them out along the way. See too if the reconciling cross of Christ is not at the spiritual and theological center of them all.

Was Paul successful in reconciling the Corinthian church? Well, you be the judge. There was a Second Letter to the Corinthians!

Christ’s peace to you,
Father Bob Kennedy



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, July 21

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 24

NO Sacrament of Penance, Church

Sunday, July 25

10:00 AM — Nursery, School Playroom

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY, July 18, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - George Barry, Jr. — Marge Sharick
 10:00 AM - Joseph Carbone — Sarah Carbone
 12:15 PM - For the Parishioners

MONDAY, July 19, Weekday

8:00 AM - Harold Handel, Jr. — Jennie Fornarola

TUESDAY, July 20, St. Apollinaris, bishop and martyr

5:30 PM - Theresa Marie Feller — The Supper Program Guests

WEDNESDAY, July 21, Weekday, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM - For the intentions of Elizabeth Meyers — Ellen Dugan

THURSDAY, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene

5:30 PM - Kevin Byrne — Josephine Carroll

FRIDAY, July 23, Weekday, St. Bridget of Sweden, religious

8:00 AM - Laura L. Perham, Anniversary — The Perham Family

SATURDAY, July 24, Weekday, St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest

12:00 PM - Wedding: Melissa Raucci and Ben Youngs
 3:00 PM - Wedding: Amy Culver and Matthew Orlando

SUNDAY, July 25, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - June Bauer — The Lynd Family
 10:00 AM - Mass of Remembrance: Richard J. Elliott
 12:15 PM - For the Parishioners



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 eighth installment:

Stewardship of TIME

In everyone's imagination, summer is the time we all kick back and relax. In reality, it may be another story. In any event summer is a good time to reflect on how one's life might be going: not necessarily in the big scheme of things, but in the every-day. Am I following the path I want to go down in my relationships with those around me, with God, with the world in which we live, with myself? Am I the person I want to be, choosing the right and good thing? Am I the person *God* wants me to be and hopes that I am?

If you spend some time with those questions, you have essentially examined your conscience, taken stock of where your life is day-to-day according to the best values and the gospel of Christ. Once you have done that, then decide to complete the process and **celebrate the sacrament of Penance**, the sacrament of God's mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation. Opportunity for the individual celebration of this sacrament is available every Saturday afternoon, 4:30-5:30 PM in the church (although not on July 23 or 31 or August 7 when Father Kennedy is away on vacation). Or you can call and make an appointment with Father Kennedy. Forgiveness of yourself and others is good for your health!

Stewardship of TALENT

Do you ever stop and marvel at the simple skills we have acquired in our lives? Take counting, for example. Most of us have learned to count early on in our lives, but when and how and the wonder of doing it so easily and automatically is marvelous!

So here is a tip-of-the-hat to **the collection counters** for our parish. Each Monday morning they exercise this basic skill to count, record and prepare the bank deposit of our Sunday and Holy Day collections. (Some weeks, of course, they count higher than others!) They are good, reliable and faithful servants, who may not be visible in the work they do, but are one of the essential "gears" in the "machine" of our parish that keep it well-running. If you are interested in joining a collection counting team, please contact our business manager, Margy Handel, at 271-7240 or mhandel@dor.org.

Stewardship of TREASURE

Sunday collection received: July 11, 2010	\$	(6,138)
Budgeted weekly need	\$	7,850
Difference - (under) weekly need	\$	(1,712)
Received year to date	\$	13,746
Budgeted need - year to date	\$	15,700
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$	(1,954)

184 envelope users gave \$5,289. Loose plate totaled: \$849. Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 25, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Genesis 18: 20-32
 Col 2: 12-14
 Luke 11: 1-13



PARK AVE FESTIVAL – PARKING LOT

We are looking for volunteers to serve as parking lot monitors Saturday and Sunday of the Park Avenue Festival. On Saturday, August 7th we need volunteers between the hours of 9:30 AM-4:00 PM and on Sunday August 8th from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. We do have a wedding on August 7th and on Sunday we want to make sure our parishioners are able to park and attend Mass. We need 8 volunteers on Saturday (two shifts) and four volunteers on Sunday. It is a fun activity and it is a limited volunteer assignment! Coffee and donuts provided! If you can help out, please call Nick Caines our maintenance person at 271-7240.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP NEWS AND A REQUEST

Next week we welcome 50 campers to God's Great Get-Together—Baobab Blast! We need your help in collecting personal hygiene items—(soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush etc) small travel size would be great. The children are making sharing/caring boxes that will be given to people who need a little extra "TLC". This activity will be in response to the story of the Good Samaritan. Donations can be dropped off at church on or before July 28th. Thanks for your help and remember to pray for all involved in the camp!

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.

BIBLE CAMP FOR ADULTS

Retirees, Parents, Anyone who's free!
(infants and toddlers welcome)
July 26-30th 9:00 AM -12:00 Noon
Come to one or all!

9:00 Daily Opening Ceremony in the school gym. (Optional)
9:45 to 11:00 Biblical Study and Faith Sharing, Guest Speakers
11:00-11:45 Bringing Faith to Life Creative Activity.
11:45 Closing prayer in school gym.(Optional)

Meet in the air-conditioned comfort of the
Blessed Sacrament Parish Conference Room

Please sign up by Monday, July 19 call Sue Howard
271-7240 or susanblyhow@yahoo.com

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

Please pray for the following couples getting married:

Danielle Harris and David Carson
Kaitlyn Rossi and Corey Monks
Staci Bianchi and Bryan Brooks
Ashlee Christopher and Brian Cecere

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: ONLY A MONTH AWAY

Remember to save the date of August 15 for the Tri-Parish picnic at Orchard Grove Shelter in Ellison Park. Tickets for the event [\$3 per person or \$7 per family] will be on sale after each Mass on two Sundays: August 1 and August 8. When you purchase your tickets you will be given a map to the site and information about what to bring such as blankets, folding chairs, snacks and a dish to pass [a dessert if your last name begins with A-H and a salad if are in the I-Z range of last names.] Donations for door prizes are being accepted for the next few weeks. There is a box at the side entrance of the church for unwrapped donations or you may drop them off at the Parish Office during regular office hours [Monday-Friday [9AM -4:30PM]. We are also still *very* much in need of additional volunteers for the day of the picnic. If you plan to attend and can help in *any* possible way-from grilling to clean-up- please contact Beverly LaBelle at 271-7240 or babelle@dor.org.

**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.

*Please Pray
for our Parishioners*

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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Afternoons of Service - For High School and Middle School Students - Our Tri-Parish Vacation Bible Camp will be July 26-30 High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers are invited to help with VBC and *then stay for afternoons of service* in our parishes! OR leave your mornings free and just come for our Parish-based Service projects!

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 by July 19th**

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

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.

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

THEOLOGY ON TAP

July 20: Forgive it Forward

with Mike Sauter, Director of Campus Ministry,

SUNY Geneseo and Pastoral Administrator,

St. Luke the Evangelist

Johnny's Irish Pub, 1382 Culver Rd, Rochester



JustNews

...from Blessed Sacrament's Social Justice Community

Come meet our vendors at **Monroe Village Farmers' Market, every Wednesday, 4-7pm**, right here in our parish parking lot. Get to know, for instance, the folks from Burl Creek Farm. Each Wednesday they have for sale freshly picked veggies, poultry, eggs from their own chickens, maple syrup from their own trees, yarn from their own sheep, and precious tiny toy animals that they make themselves from the yarn. Like all our other local veggie and fruit vendors, the Burl Creek folks are delighted to chat with you about their healthful farming practices. Remember that besides fresh fruits and vegetables and herbs, our range of vendors offers beautiful cut flowers, baked goods, homemade pasta and ready-to-eat pasta dinners, hot dogs and their famous vegetarian cousin the "carrot dog," and more. Plus enjoy live music and chatting with neighbors and fellow parishioners. Where else would you want to be on Wednesday afternoon?

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