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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:

Our New Testament letter or epistle of the week is Saint Paul's **Letter to the Philippians**. Philippi was a Roman colony the religious life of which included cults of various Greek and Roman gods. Only a small Jewish presence was to be found there (see Acts 16:11-15, Lydia and her hospitality to Paul).

The letter that we now have, written in the year 54 or 55, shows rapid shifts in tone and subject matter. Scholars pretty much agree that the text is actually composed of parts of three letters that were stitched together at some early point. The first two parts seemed to be written while Paul was in prison, the third definitely at another time. However this text came to be, Paul writes to the Philippians "to reassure them about his situation in prison, to urge them to greater mutual respect and unity in the light of tensions within the community, to warn them against the claims of rival Jewish Christian missionaries, and to thank them for their generous gift" (Daniel Harrington). It is a letter of pastoral concern and instruction, as are so many of this letters.

The community's internal problems (see 1:27-2:18) are unclear, but Paul counsels greater humility, mutual respect, and union of hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Such advice remains sound in today's problems in families, communities – and indeed the Church. The external problems (see 3:1-4:1) were the result of the tensions between the Jewish Christians and the Gentile Christians and how each group was living the Christian life. These tensions were not confined to the Philippian church.

The theological centerpiece of the letter is the "Christ-Hymn" that is found in second chapter of the letter (verses 6-11). Whether Paul composed this text himself or is quoting an early Christian hymn, it is a magnificent celebration of the central mystery of Christian faith. With an economy of words, it sings of Christ who is equal with God, but who empties himself and embraces human nature. He humbles himself and becomes obedient to the point of death, "even death on the cross." God raises his suffering servant from the dead and enthrones him in glory, "so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." Not only does the hymn give us an important window into what the early Church believed about Christ, but it also sets forth a model of how individual believers and the Church are to relate to one another. Here's how the hymn is introduced:

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to his own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...." (The hymn follows.)

It is a moving and challenging exhortation from Paul to empty ourselves for the sake of others as Jesus has emptied himself for our sake. But of course, what else would Jesus' own words mean, "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34)?



Christ's peace to you,
Father Bob Kennedy

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Monday, July 26 - Friday, July 30

9:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m. — Vacation Bible Camp, School

Wednesday, July 28

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 31

NO Sacrament of Penance, Church

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. — Nocturnal Adoration, Church

Sunday, August 1

10:00 a.m.— Nursery, School Playroom

MASS SCHEDULE:

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

MONDAY, July 26, St. Joacim and St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Church Service

TUESDAY, July 27, Weekday

No Church Service

WEDNESDAY, July 28 Weekday

8:00 AM - Eleanor Gorges — Bequest

THURSDAY, July 29, St. Martha

No Church Service

FRIDAY, July 30, Weekday, St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the Church

No Church Service

SATURDAY, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest

3:00 PM - Wedding: Danielle Harris and David Carson

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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 ninth installment:

Stewardship of TIME

Have you ever considered making a personal retreat? "A retreat?" you ask. "What's a retreat?" A spiritual retreat is a set time away (a day, a weekend, a week) from the normal routine and responsibilities of one's life to spend time with God in prayer and reflection. One might take the time to (re-)focus one's life and priorities or simply to bask with thanksgiving in God's grace. Although retreats are available in many forms and timeframes, they are all about deepening our relationship with God.

As a steward of your time consider making a retreat sometime this year. The Rochester area is blessed with several find retreat locations: Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, Mercy Prayer Center in Rochester, and the Abbey of the Genesee in Piffard near Geneseo. And a little farther away but easily accessible are Stella Maris Retreat House in Skaneateles, Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse, and Mount Savior Monastery in Pine City near Elmira. There will be a women's and a men's retreat that includes Blessed Sacrament parishioners at Notre Dame Retreat House early this Fall. There will be a day of reflection at Stella Maris on October 26. Watch for details in the bulletin.

Stewardship of TALENT

The Tri-Parish Picnic Committee is still looking for cooks, food assistants and clean-up people for Sunday August 15 at Ellison Park, noon until 4 PM. Who knew that grilling hot dogs or bagging garbage would be such important talents for parish life?! If you are able to assist this really good time these or any other ways, please call Beverly LaBelle at 271-7240 or send her an email at blabelle@dor.org.

Stewardship of TREASURE

Sunday collection received: July 18, 2010	\$	6,858
Budgeted weekly need	\$	7,850
Difference - (under) weekly need	\$	(992)
Received year to date	\$	20,604
Budgeted need - year to date	\$	23,550
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$	(2,946)

175 envelope users gave \$5,795. Loose plate totaled: \$1,063.

If you are away during the summer please consider making up your weekly offering.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23

Col 3: 1-5, 9-11

Luke 12: 13-21



ANNUAL MISSIONARY VISIT NEXT SUNDAY

As part of the Diocese of Rochester's missionary cooperative plan, we will welcome Abbot Joel Macul of Saint Pauls' Abbey in Newton NJ and Sisters Servatrix and Sebastiana of the Congregation of Our Lady of the Usambaras in Tanzania. They will speak about the Tanzanian Sisters Education Program, and we will take up a second collection for this program.

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.

YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

Sunday, August 8th 1:30 PM
 A send off for College Bound Students
 Guest Speaker Bevin Watters sharing a story about her mission trip to Nicaragua.
 Meet in the Parish Kitchen/Dining Room

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!

TODAY- JULY 25

Young Adult Nature Hike from Turning Point Park to Pelicans Nest.

Meet at Turning Point Park off Lake Ave.in Charlotte at 1:45 PM. Dress for the weather-Rain or Shine- but not thunder and lightning! Check with Sue Howard for details.

BANNERS OF MARRIAGE:

Please pray for the following couples getting married:

- Kaitlyn Rossi and Corey Monks
- Staci Bianchi and Bryan Brooks
- Ashlee Christopher and Brian Cecere
- Kerry Conheady and Lanny Hall



OF MARRIAGE:

pray for the

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: AUGUST 15

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 blabelle@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

Youth Ministry Events in August

Cardboard City- August 13-14 Join us for the 2nd Annual Cardboard City Lock-out! Youth and adults from across Monroe County will be sleeping outside in cardboard boxes in order to raise awareness and collect donations for several Rochester homeless shelters. We will also be conducting awareness games and activities, watching movies, and building the "cardboard city" that we will sleep in. Cardboard City is sponsored by the City of Rochester Bureau of Recreation's Youth Voice One Vision (YVOV) youth council, the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau Youth As Resources program, and Nazareth College Center for Service Learning.

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



PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES INFANT TO 5 YEARS OLD)

Thursday, August 19 5:00 PM

Garden Vibes at the George Eastman House

See fliers for details and watch your e-mail Updates

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

This is an Open Invitation to stop by the **Adult Bible Camp**. See what we're all about 9:45-11:00 AM every day this week. We'll meet in the air conditioned office building. Guest speakers each day. Infants and tots welcomed! See details in the green fliers located in the lobby info racks.

SAVE THE DATE- NEWLY WEDS AND ENGAGED COUPLES PICNIC

in St. Mary's Church Gardens
Friday, August 27 at 6:30 PM
Details to follow.....

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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

7:00 PM - For Young Adults ages 20-40
Monday, July 26 Hope for Haiti with Deacon Kevin Carges Don's Original in Penfield

Wednesday, August 4 Women and Witness with Christina Schmidt, Pastoral Associate and Youth Minister-St. Joseph's Church
Johnny's Irish Pub Culver Rd.

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

JustNews

...from Blessed Sacrament's Social Justice Community

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops urges us to use 10 principles as an ethical framework for reflection and inspiration for action on economic justice. The following are principles 6-10:

6. All people, to the extent they are able, have a duty to work, a responsibility to provide for the needs of their families, and an obligation to contribute to the broader society.

How can we contribute to the broader society during this economic crisis?

7. In economic life, free markets have both clear advantages and limits; government has essential responsibilities and limitations; voluntary groups have irreplaceable roles, but cannot substitute for the proper working of the market and the just policies of the state.

If the common good is the goal, what should we ask of faith-based organizations, the marketplace, and the government?

8. Society has a moral obligation, including governmental action where necessary, to assure opportunity, meet basic human needs, and pursue justice in economic life.

How can we make sure that our leaders' responses benefit everyone, including families, workers, and the most vulnerable among us?

9. Workers, owners, managers, stockholders, and consumers are moral agents in economic life. By our choices, initiative, creativity, and investment, we enhance or diminish economic opportunity, community life, and social justice.

What are our individual moral responsibilities in ensuring the health and well-being of our economy?

10. The global economy has moral dimensions and human consequences. Decisions on investment, trade, aid, and development should protect human life and promote human rights, especially for those most in need, wherever they might live on this globe.

How can we make sure that our country's response to the economic crisis benefits those most in need, both in the United States and abroad?

As the US Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us, "All of economic life should recognize the fact that we all are God's children and members of one human family, called to exercise a clear priority for "the least among us."