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July 4, 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:

As a follow-up to my column a couple of weeks ago, the parish and I extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to:

Charlie and Suzanne Adrion who will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary this fall;

Mollie and Luke Parisi who will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary in August; and

Shannon Koch who has been named a teen member of the Diocesan Youth Council, and **Mary Ruberti** who has been named an adult member; they join fellow parishioner **Katrina Hossenlopp** who stays on the Council for another year's term.

It has been my custom during the summer months to use this column as a vehicle for instruction on topics related to our faith or our life together as a Church or parish. So in past summers I have addressed basic Christian practices, the documents of the Second Vatican Council, the parts of the Mass and the Eucharistic Prayers, and the Psalms. One summer I addressed "frequently asked questions" from the parishioners. And did I even discuss the seven deadly sins one year?

This summer what I want to do is reflect on – and encourage you to read – **the letters (or epistles) of the New Testament**. There are twenty-two letters in the New Testament, including the Book of Revelation which is a circular letter to a variety of churches. Obviously I will not be able to cover every letter over the eight weeks of summer, and I will not even do justice to the ones I will consider. However, my hope is that these columns will (1) offer you some comments that help your understanding of each letter and its themes, (2) whet your desire to read each week the letter under consideration, and (3) deepen your faith as you read, reflect and pray these texts.

Here are some things to keep in mind when reading any letter of the New Testament. First, they were written to the early church communities around the Mediterranean Sea to instruct people about their new Christian faith and address various problems that had arisen in those communities in living their faith. Second, the letters very likely would have been read to the communities at their Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist and then discussed afterwards.

Third, while there are exceptions, the letters follow a common pattern. They begin with a greeting from the sender to the receiver, which is then followed by a prayer of thanksgiving. The body of the letters addresses the various issues the writer wants to discuss, and offers general advice about Christian living. The letters close with greetings and/or instructions to specific people, and a final blessing.

Fourth, as you read each letter, keep thinking it is addressed to us today: "a letter of Saint Paul / Peter / James / John to the people of Blessed Sacrament Parish or the Monroe-Clinton Planning Group or the Diocese of Rochester." By God's inspiration of these texts, they really ARE addressed to us and are much more relevant to our times than you might think. So I invite you to join me this summer in (re-)discovering the letters of the New Testament.



Christ's peace to you,
Father Bob Kennedy

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Monday, July 5

Office Closed

Wednesday, July 7

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

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

7:00 p.m. — Contemplative Prayer, Parish Office

Saturday, July 10

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

Sunday, July 11

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

1:15 p.m. — Young Adult Coffee at Starbuck's



MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY, July 4, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Eleanor Gorges — Bequest

10:00 AM - For the Parishioners

12:15 PM - a family friend — Linda Rutan

MONDAY, July 5, Weekday, St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, priest

No Church Service

TUESDAY, July 6, Weekday, St. Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr

5:30 PM - Ann Crandall — Crandall Family

WEDNESDAY, July 7, Weekday

8:00 AM - Richard J. Elliott — Edmund and Gloria Viele

THURSDAY, July 8, Weekday

5:30 PM - Vince "Kippy" Bianchi — Calvin and Elnora Cooper

FRIDAY, July 9, Weekday, St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest and martyr, and his companions, martyrs

8:00 AM - Patricia Schork — John and Judy Lynd

SATURDAY, July 10, Weekday

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 11, FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Col 1: 15-20

Luke 10: 25-37



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 sixth installment:

Stewardship of TIME

One of the most important ways parents can spend their time is by **talking about their Catholic faith with their children**. The Rite of Baptism describes parents as "the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith," and prays that they "will be the best of teachers." This does not mean that parents have to become experts on all the information *about* the Catholic religion or the Church. That can be looked up and found out. The suggestion here is to talk with children (and grandchildren) about *faith*, the relationship you have with God in Christ Jesus: talk about what it means for you to be a Catholic, how your faith helps you and guides your life, who God is for you, and how you see God's presence in your life and our world. Children come to know and love God through their knowledge and love of you. Go for it!

Stewardship of TALENT

One of the talents that quietly but beautifully enhances our parish life is **gardening**. This year again we are enjoying the results of the work of volunteer gardeners **John Lynd** (the gardens around the church), **Bill Barry** (the garden on the Monroe Avenue side of the parish office building), **Kathy Perricelli** (the gardens along the driveway side of the parish office building), **Gerry Muhl** (the marigold garden around the tree near Oxford Street), and **Sister Barbara Staropoli** (the gardens around the convent). **Nick Caines**, who manages our parish maintenance duties, has planted the geranium bed around the sign on Oxford Street and maintains the lawns all the way around. And members of the **Monroe Village Task Force** planted and maintain the big flower pots along the sidewalk on Monroe Avenue.

Beautiful lawns and gardens not only enhance our neighborhood, but make for a welcoming and lively hospitable place to gather. We are grateful to these folks for sharing the talent of their "green thumbs" with us. Their work delights the eye and gladdens the heart and reflects the beauty of our Creator God!

Stewardship of TREASURE

Sunday collection received: June 27, 2010	\$	7,549
Budgeted weekly need	\$	7,850
Difference - (under) weekly need	\$	(301)
Received year to date	\$	386,270
Budgeted need - year to date	\$	400,000
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$	(13,730)

122 envelope users gave \$ 6,122 and loose plate totaled \$1,427. Thank you for your continued and generous support of our ministries.

GARDEN PARTY MATINEE WITH ACTS

Our parish ACTS group cordially invites you to join us on Monday, July 12 for a 1:30pm Matinee and Garden Party especially for seniors at the George Eastman House. The matinee will feature the 1953 hit, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell. After the movie, there will be refreshments in the lovely gardens of the Eastman House. There is no charge for this event, but let Beverly LaBelle know by July 9th if you will be attending and whether you will be going directly to the Eastman House or coming to Blessed Sacrament parking lot by 1pm to go by carpool. You can reach Beverly 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 kawmercyroch@yahoo.com

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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

Please pray for the following couples getting married:

Emily Titus and Phillip Giardino
Melissa Raucci and Ben Youngs
Amy Culver and Matthew Orlando
Danielle Harris and David Carson

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 blabelle@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 rest-rooms. Tickets will soon be available for this event but we need your help to make it a really super day. 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 blabelle@dor.org.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

A Monroe-Clinton Tri-Parish Event

See the Red Wings Game on Friday, July16th against the Indianapolis Indians at 6:05 pm (note early game time!). Enjoy the fireworks and RPO from great seats(on the third base line, in the shade and close to the music and grassy area for kids!). Tickets \$5.50, children under 3 free. Ticket reservations (with cash or check) will take place on the weekends of July3/4 at all the Masses. Pick up tickets on July 11 at all the Masses. Or you can pick them up in the Will Call area outside the gates on the night of the game.

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
Daniel Smith
Mary Bellows
Linda Kellaway
Chris Walsh*

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

FOUNDATIONS - July 11-15, 2010 Sunday pm - Thursday pm For High Schoolers

Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua

Foundations for Catholic Youth Leadership equips young people with skills that last a lifetime. For people in high school. Leaders are made not born. Discover your personal leadership style, see how your personality connects with prayer style, how to talk so people will listen, how to plan Eucharistic liturgies and prayer services. Check out the brochure at:

<http://www.dor.org/Ec/youthministry/programsandevents/YouthLeadership.htm>

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 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. You must sign up by July 9th!!

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

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

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

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.



JustNews

...from Blessed Sacrament's Social Justice Community

Celebrate Independence Day by declaring your independence from tired, waxed vegetables and fruits that have traveled long distances and wasted precious fossil fuel. Celebrate local farmers by doing your grocery shopping at **Monroe Village Farmers' Market** every **Wednesday, 4-7pm**, in our church parking lot. Celebrate the beautiful locally-grown flowers, plants, and herbs that you can buy there. Celebrate buying eggs and poultry raised locally and healthfully instead of in factory-like conditions. Celebrate homemade pasta and baked goods for sale. Celebrate with live music each week. This is truly a community celebration, every week. See you there!

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