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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:

I am sorry for last week's interruption in our series on the New Testament letters or epistles; I didn't plan out far enough to cover my vacation. But here we are back again, and I am recommending this week's read to be the **Letter of James**. Some basic problems confront scholars when they read this letter: who is the "James" of this letter since there are several in the New Testament? What was the situation *from* which and *for* which the letter was written? Is it really a Christian letter at all since there is hardly any Christian doctrinal content at all in it? We don't have enough room here to address these complex questions, although they are very important. We'll just highlight the message of the letter.

The Letter of James gives very practical guidance on how to live the Christian life. Its style is similar to both the wisdom literature of the Old Testament, which provides practical advice on how faithful people should live, and Greek moral teaching which presented models for how one ought to live: "*Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves*" (1:22).

Thus it insists that Christian behavior must reflect their beliefs: "*What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or a sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead*" (2:14-17). This seems to take issue with Saint Paul who wrote in his letter to the Romans that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law (see Romans 3:28). But James was insistent that faith without works was just plain hypocritical. [This position led Martin Luther in the sixteenth century to doubt the authenticity of James as Christian scripture.]

The letter cautions against careless speech and a poorly controlled tongue: "... *no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God*" (3:8-9). It warns against judging one another (4:11-12). It warns rich people not to discriminate against the poor (5:1-6). It encourages patience in suffering (5:7-11).

As he nears the end of the letter, we learn from James something of what happened to the healing and reconciling ministry of Jesus as the early Church extended that ministry. "*Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven*" (5:14-15). This text is a source text for the institution of our sacrament of the anointing of the sick, although the sacrament as we now have it would not develop until six or seven centuries later. But clearly in James' community they brought the healing prayer and touch of Jesus to those who were sick.

James is blunt as he dishes out his practical advice, so prepare your self for some plain-speaking. However, his words ring true to us even today.

Christ's peace to you,

*Father Bob Kennedy*



**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:**

**Wednesday, August 18**

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, August 20**

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

**Sunday, August 21**

10:00 a.m.— Nursery, School Playroom

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SUNDAY, August 15, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 AM - For the Parishioners  
 10:00 AM - Deceased Members of the Garner and Eiswerth Families — Jack and Bonnie Garner, on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary  
 12:15 PM - Betty Dorety — Family

**MONDAY, August 16, Weekday, St. Stephen of Hungary**

8:00 AM - Harold Handel, Jr. — John and Judy Lynd

**TUESDAY, August 17, Weekday**

5:30 PM - Joan Gallauresi — Ed and Ellen Haak

**WEDNESDAY, August 18, Weekday**

8:00 AM - Michael Wade, Birthday Anniversary — Kathleen Wade and Family

**THURSDAY, August 19, Weekday, St. John Eudes, priest**

5:30 PM - David Foley — Josephine Carroll

**FRIDAY, August 20, St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM. - Sally Farrar — Joe Farrar

**SATURDAY, August 21, St. Pius X, Pope**

3:00 PM - Wedding: Kerry Conheady and Lanny Hall

**SUNDAY, August 22, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM - Lucile Mercer — Family  
 10:00 AM - Mass of Remembrance: Timothy J. Leach  
 12:15 PM - For the Parishioners



**Stewardship of TREASURE**

Sunday collection received: <b>August 8, 2010</b>	\$ 7,243
Budgeted weekly need	\$ 7,850
Difference - (under) weekly need	\$ ( 607)
Received year to date	\$ 42,162
Budgeted need - year to date	\$ 47,100
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$ (4,938)

159 envelope users gave \$5,795. Loose plate totaled: \$1,448

Thank you for your generous donations.

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

Thursday, August 19 5:00 PM

**Garden Vibes at the  
 George Eastman House**

Bring a picnic dinner and lawn chairs.  
 See fliers for details and watch your e-mail for Updates.



**PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Sunday, September 12th.  
 3:00pm at Shadow Lake  
 Sign up begins August 29th

**SAVE THE DATE-  
 NEWLY WEDS AND  
 ENGAGED COUPLES PICNIC**

From all three of our partner parishes will gather  
 in St. Mary's Church Gardens  
 Friday, August 27 at 6:30 PM  
 Details to follow.....

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

for Catholics and friends in their 20' and 30's  
**August 16 Ask Me Why! Catholics and Evangelization**  
 with Barb Swiecki, Pastoral Administrator, Guardian Angels  
 Jitters Café, Southtown Plaza, Henrietta, NY

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:**

Please pray for the following couple getting married:

Cathleen Compitello and Stephen Messare



**READINGS FOR SUNDAY,  
 AUGUST 22, TWENTY-FIRST  
 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 66: 18-21  
 Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13  
 Luke 13: 22-30



### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Matt Maher in Concert** - Saturday, October 9, 2010 @ 7:00 PM, "The Light Meets The Dark." The show line-up features special guests Addison Road and acclaimed singer/song writer Matt Maher, and will visit more than 35 markets, including a stop at Roberts Wesleyan College's Cultural Life Center. Tix available online!

**Thanks!** What a great weekend at the Diocesan Youth Convention! 300 young people celebrated being the Young Church Today at RIT Inn & Convention Center this past weekend! We really appreciate **Kristie Wood** who served on the Diocesan Youth Committee for the last two years! And we Congratulate **Katrina Hossenlopp, Shannon Koch and Mary Ruberti** who have been selected to lead the Youth Ministry efforts in the Diocese for the 2010-2012 years!!

**Cardboard City- August 13-14** Thanks to all who showed up, helped out, and contributed in any way to the Cardboard City!!

**Tri-Parish Picnic** – August 15 – lots and lots of helpers still needed to run games (3 legged race, potato sack race, water balloon volleyball and much more!) and distribute prizes!

#### Youth Ministry Email Lists

Want to be "in the know" on all the youth ministry events that can't fit into our weekly bulletins? Find out about contests & scholarships, get reminders about deadlines and find out more about events by joining our Youth Ministry Email Lists! Email Barb with your name/grade & parent name & email to sign up!

**Recommended Reading:** *Raising Happy, Healthy, and Holy Teenagers: A Primer for Parents.* A classic book for parents by Bob McCarty covers important topics such as, psychological and developmental tasks of young people, self-esteem, youth culture, dealing with technology, practical suggestions for improving parent-teen relationships, and fostering faith in adolescents. Parents of teenagers and "tweens" will find this short volume full of helpful tips and practical recommendations on how to support and guide their son or daughter through their adolescent years. *Interested in borrowing a copy? Email me asap!*

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

### JUST FAITH, JUST MATTERS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

This coming Fall, we hope to launch another full-scale *Just Faith* program which would meet from late September to next May on a weekly basis [except for holiday weeks, mid-term breaks etc] We need at least 6-10 participants in order for the program to run successfully. Articles in recent bulletins have explained the highlights of the *Just Faith* process and it is hoped that anyone who is at all interested will contact Beverly LaBelle [271-7240 or [lblabelle@dor.org](mailto:lblabelle@dor.org)] as soon as possible.

Another possibility for this Fall is to offer one of the shorter *Just Matters* modules which focus on a particular social justice issue rather than an entire overview as is presented in the classic 25-30 week *Just Faith* program. *Just Matters* offers modules in the following topics:

*"Faith Encounters the Ecological Crisis"* --a timely topic in light of the crisis in the Gulf of Mexico!

*"Crossing Borders: Immigration, Theology and the Human Journey"*--another topical & controversial topic!

*"New Wineskins: Forming Parish Social Justice Communities"*--much needed topic -we need parishioners with a passion for social justice to step forward!

*"Engaging Our Conflicts: An Exploration of Nonviolent Peacemaking"*--cultivating nonviolence in our personal lives as well as in the outer world.

*"Prison Reform: the Church of the Second Chance"*--this module was presented last winter at Blessed Sacrament.

*Just Matters* modules involve 6-8 weekly meetings featuring book discussions, visual presentations and guest speakers. Please let Beverly know within the next month if any of the modules interest you.

## JustNews

**Get in closer touch with God's creation** by eating with the seasons — doing your weekly grocery shopping at **The Monroe Village Farmers' Market, every Wednesday, from 4 to 7 pm** right in our church parking lot. Follow the sequence of local freshly picked fruits: first there were strawberries, then raspberries and blueberries, now peaches and plums, and soon apples. Follow the sequence of local veggies: from June's lettuce and peas through July's zucchini, green beans, broccoli, cauliflower, potatoes, with all these continuing in August along with sweet corn, tomatoes, sweet peppers...

Staying close to the earth's local produce can inspire creativity. Instead of going to market with your meal menus for the week already in mind, start by browsing the vendors at our Market to see what's in season that week. Buy whatever looks yummy, take it home, and invent your menus out of the earth's current bounty. And you have the added satisfaction of knowing that you're supporting local farmers; everything sold at the Market is grown or prepared within 100 miles of Rochester. And we now accept EBT food stamp tokens, too. The Market is entirely organized and operated by volunteers from Blessed Sacrament and the Monroe Village neighborhood. 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.

Please Pray  
for our Parishioners

Mary Bellows  
Linda Kellaway  
Chris Walsh  
Carolyn Griffin  
Eleanor Hope  
Dick Gaenzler