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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 conclude our summer series on the epistles of the New Testament, I suggest reading the three, brief **Letters of John**. Actually, only Second and Third John are letters; First John is a homily and has no letter format. However, all three are encouraging the faith of their communities and exhorting them to live that faith authentically. Most scholars agree that they were written by the same person at the end of the first century or the beginning of the second, but also agree that this John very likely is not John the Evangelist. Still, the letters are related to the evangelist and the themes of his gospel.

Like the Church of the twenty-first century, the earliest church communities had problems, disagreements, and divisions. In that case of the Johannine communities these controversies and divisions very likely resulted from exaggerations of themes and aspects of the Gospel of John. One concerned how to interpret Jesus as Savior: did the Son of God come directly into the world to save it and the life of Jesus of Nazareth had little or no relevance? Some took the particular highly-developed sense of Christ found in the Gospel of John and basically insisted that the Incarnation was essential to Christian faith. While that “high Christology” is there, the gospel is also clear that the “Word was made flesh and dwelt among us” for our salvation.

There was also a misinterpretation of what living in communion with God meant. The First Letter of John states it concisely and beautifully: *God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them* (4:16). This does not mean that salvation is only for a perfect or near-perfect elite, but it is available for all. And it is intimately tied to the practical love of neighbor. *“All who hate a brother or a sister are murderers....”* (3:15); or more gently, *“Little children, let us love, not in word and speech, but in truth and action”* (3:18).

The ongoing role of the Holy Spirit in the Church was also a matter of misinterpretation. One cannot lay claim to the Holy Spirit and then go off in whatever direction one thinks best. The Spirit dwells faithfully in the community as a whole, and so guides it to all truth and light and love. The Spirit keeps the church and its individual members faithful to what is revealed by God: the incarnation of Christ, the love of one another, the nature of sin, our reasons to hope in the future. The Spirit is the source of unity in the Church.

The Letters of John remind us that the community of Christian believers can have differing understandings about the truths of our faith, but warn that we can go too far at either end of the spectrum. They call us to test all spirits in order to find the truth of the Holy Spirit at work in our world. Thus we will be faithful to the core teachings of our faith and united in truth and action.

Our summer series has not been able to consider all the letters or epistles of the New Testament, but I hope this sampling has whet your appetite for reading these others and deepening your understanding of them all. Writing them has certainly helped me!

Christ’s peace to you,  
*Father Bob Kennedy*



**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:**

**Wednesday, September 1**  
 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

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

**Sunday, September 5**  
 No Nursery



**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SUNDAY, August 29, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM - For the Parishioners  
 10:00 AM - Mass of Remembrance: Patrick J. Murphy  
 12:15 PM - Estelle and Marion Sokolski — Lisa Allen

**MONDAY, August 30, Weekday**  
 8:00 AM - James Finucane — John Byrne

**TUESDAY, August 31, Weekday**  
 5:30 PM - Richard Elliott — Ron and Rochelle Starkey

**WEDNESDAY, September 1, Weekday**  
 8:00 AM - Lillian Streppa — John and Judy Lynd

**THURSDAY, September 2, Weekday**  
 5:30 PM - Frank Fortuno — Calvin and Elnora Cooper

**FRIDAY, September 3, St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church**  
 8:00 AM - Betsy Brady Hurley — Kathy and Ed Lynd


**SATURDAY, September 4, Weekday**

**SUNDAY, September 5 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM - For the Parishioners  
 10:00 AM - Mass of Remembrance: Lillian Streppa  
 12:15 PM - Deceased Members of the Adrion and Skalski Families — Charlie and Suzanne Adrion



**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Wisdom 9: 13-18b  
 Phlm 9-10, 12-17  
 Luke 14: 25-33




Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The generations of Blessed Sacrament parishioners who prayed and worked before us have given over into our care prime property and beautiful buildings from which to carry out the mission of Christ. Therefore part of our Stewardship commitment is the attentive care of these buildings and properties. From the lawns and gardens to the top of the church towers, we are committed to the maintenance and good use of what we have been given.

Over the last year I have asked for and received two important studies of the condition of our buildings. In the first, Bero Architects provided us with a detailed description of the condition of the “shells” of all our buildings: church, school, convent, parish office/rectory and garage. The overall report gives us a basis for progressively mapping repairs and preventative maintenance. Last fall we attended to some “essential” masonry repairs on the school building, and we are about to begin similar “essential” repairs on the church towers. These repairs will resolve potential safety hazards and prevent further water damage to masonry and interiors. So, when you see scaffolding in a couple of weeks on parts of the church, you’ll know why.

The second report is from Pike Stained Glass and gives us a detailed account of the condition of all our stained glass windows in the church. The report maps a twenty-five year plan for repair and preservation.

The parish councils and committees have been discussing these reports in recent months, along with three other issues: the use of our school building (which is still unresolved), the refreshment of the church interior (flooring, painting and possibly lighting) and the installation of a permanent baptismal font, and the ongoing question of making our church (including the sanctuary and the lower level) and the school building barrier-free.

While we have stewardship responsibilities for our properties, we are not maintaining museums but living buildings with practical uses for advancing the mission of Christ. Conversations about these uses need to continue. For more information about these reports and discussions, I invite you to our annual parish meeting on Sunday, September 19, at 2 PM in the Supper Program dining room.

*Father Bob Kennedy*

**Stewardship of TREASURE**

Sunday collection received: <b>August 22, 2010</b>	\$	5,364
Budgeted weekly need	\$	7,850
Difference - (under) weekly need	\$	(2,486)
Received year to date	\$	54,374
Budgeted need - year to date	\$	62,800
Difference (under) budgeted year to date need	\$	(8,426)

147 envelope users gave \$4,290. Loose plate totaled: \$1,074.  
 Thank you for your continued support of your parish.

**FALL BIBLE STUDY**

Surveys will be available next weekend to determine topics, length of sessions and best days and times. We plan to address a special needs such as transportation, child care or handicapped accessibility. Use this survey to make your needs known. Look for the results on September 19th. Reflection on the Sunday Scriptures at 7:00pm on Monday nights begins at St. Boniface on September 20th.

**FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN PRE SCHOOL-HIGH SCHOOL**

Reminder that our Monroe Clinton Parishes offer Religion Classes for children who attend Public Schools, Private Schools or are Home Schooled. And all students Grades 6-12 are invited to take part in our Youth Ministry opportunities. Information about programs and registration can be found on the parish website. Our contact Barb Legere 465-2665 about Youth Ministry or Sister Kathleen Wayne 271-7240 about Religion Classes.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Meeting for all parents interested in preparing children for the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Communion and/or Penance during the 2010-2011 school year Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 PM at St. Mary's Dugan Center.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

Our first Contemplative Prayer gathering of the [almost] Fall season will take place this coming Wednesday, September 1 at 7pm in the Parish Office Building. More information on this group can be found in today's Monroe/Clinton insert. New people are always welcome! Please contact Beverly LaBelle at 271-7240 or blabelle@dor.org in advance if you are not familiar with the method of silent, contemplative style prayer and she will be happy to provide you with the information you will need for your first foray into this ancient and powerful form of prayer.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT GOLF OUTING**

Blessed Sacrament Golf Tournament  
Sunday, September 12th, 3:00PM  
Shadow Lake 1850 Five Mile Line Rd.  
Dinner and Door Prizes  
Fun for all levels of play!  
\$40 for all, \$30 Golf Only, Twosomes \$70.00  
Sign up as singles, twosomes and foursomes.  
Pick up your registration form in the Church lobbies.  
Deadline - Tuesday, September 7



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**  
Please pray for the following couples getting married:

Claire Labrosa and Michael Witmer  
Roseann Cangiano and Adam Radens  
Sarah Peers and Louis Comenale  
Kassidy Cook and David Ryan

**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 blabelle@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.

**THANKS TO ONE AND ALL**

The August 15 Tri-Parish Picnic was a great success. Despite some morning showers, almost 300 people showed up throughout the day to enjoy games, delicious food and good conversations with old friends and new. Many hands were needed to organize and actualize an event of this size and so Beverly LaBelle who represented Blessed Sacrament on the Picnic Planning Committee wants to extend gratitude to the parishioners who helped in so many ways--from grilling to ticket sales- to make this a memorable day. Sincere thanks to Jeanne Tyler, Marge Sharick, Ed and Kathy Lynd, Pat and Jackie Fox, Mark Mahateke, Henry and Laura Viau, Margaret Stone, Joy Klein, Greg Wright, James Conlin, Mark Garlock, Roger Scalzo, Diane Salamone, Chris Sibilio, Mary Ruberti, Marilyn Schrader, Rosemary Kerr, Rosemary Blanda, Bonnie Warner and Ann Marie Williams for their hard work and good spirits as we strove to put some sunshine into an overcast day!

Please Pray  
for our Parishioners

Mary Bellows  
Linda Kellaway  
Carolyn Griffin  
Eleanor Hope  
Dick Gaenzler

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Many & One T-shirts** - Did you see those great "Many and One" T-shirts that the NCYC group had at the Tri-Parish Picnic last Sunday? They were so popular that we will be putting another order in for shirts in the near future. Watch for more info soon!

### Looking ahead - put these dates on your calendar!

NCYC Meeting - Sept 12 6-8 pm at St Mary's Dugan Center  
YM/FF Opening - Sept 18

High School Youth Group - Sept 19 - 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at St Mary's Commons Room

Middle School Youth Group - Sept 21 7-8 pm - Blessed Sacrament School

### 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

## WOMEN OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH:

### Save the date for a Retreat

Spirituality: Talkin the Talk and Walkin the Walk

Where: Notre Dame Retreat House

When: October 1 - 3, 2010

## ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

It's not too late to join us on for most exciting semester to date. St. Bernard's offers graduate and continuing education classes designed to deepen your faith through knowledge. Whether you want to know more about the Psalms or Spiritual Direction, this is the time to engage in your faith journey. Scholarships are available. Please call Laura Smith, Director of Admissions, at 585-271-3657 x289 or email [Admissions@stbernards.edu](mailto:Admissions@stbernards.edu) for more information.

## JustNews

...from Blessed Sacrament's Social Justice Community

Watching the locally grown fruits and veggies change with the seasons is a prime treat at our weekly **Monroe Village Farmers' Market, every Wednesday, 4-7pm**, right here in our parish parking lot. But there are constants at the Market, too. One is Fair Trade coffee from **Joe Bean Coffee Roasters** of Webster, NY. Fair Trade grants a living wage to the coffee growers in Africa and Central & South America, while local roasting means that your coffee tastes unbelievably fresh. Joe Bean is also sponsoring the Market's fundraiser for our Guatemalan Water Project; you can buy their Guatemalan coffee at the Market Manager's table.

Another constant at the weekly Market is **Keeley's Cheese** from McGarr Farms on Cayuga Lake. The farm's grazing herd of Registered Holstein and Jersey cows produces the high quality milk that Keeley turns into her signature cheeses. Based on washed-rind recipes developed with Irish Farmstead cheesemakers and aged in an underground cellar, these cheeses are a unique addition to the artisan food movement of the Finger Lakes.

Coffee, cheese, sweet corn and new apples, homemade pasta meals and hots grilled on the spot: add these to local musicians and craftspeople and you can sense why the Farmers' Market is the place to be each Wednesday afternoon.

We welcome new members to journey with us. Contact Holly Rockwell at [hrock@rochester.rr.com](mailto:hrock@rochester.rr.com) or 473-1990.

## MARRIED COUPLES!

Do you want to give the best gift ever to each other and to your children, which is your awesome marriage? Here is a great opportunity to gain this gift during the coming Fall, right after the start of the new school year. Come to the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend held in Batavia NY on the October 1-3, 2010 weekend or to the Weekend held at the Notre Dame Retreat House on the November 19-21, 2010 Weekend to rekindle the fun and passion in your marriage and to dream about the future. To sign up to the weekend or for more information call Rob and Beth Knopf at (877) NYS-WWME or visit [www.wwme-wny.org](http://www.wwme-wny.org).