



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

November 1, 2009

GLORY BE TO GOD! The Feast of All Saints The legend of Jack the Lost

Once there was a man named Jack. Jack was a mean, cantankerous, lazy man. He offered neither kindness nor blessing to anyone. He spent his time at the local pub, drinking and making an easy shilling from gambling - and Old Jack never lost.

One night as Jack drank his ale at the local pub, the Devil appeared, coming to claim his cold, sinful soul. Thinking quickly, Jack asked if he might first finish his ale. The Devil agreed. Jack then said, "Master Devil, if you're so powerful, you could turn yourself into a shilling and pay for my last pint." The Devil, never one to refuse the opportunity to show off his power, transformed himself into a shilling. Jack then picked up the coin and held it tightly. Jack had a scar on his palm, the result of a fight many years ago. The scar had healed in the form of a small cross - and, as everyone knows, the Devil is powerless when faced with the cross. Jack said, "I will release you, Devil, if you grant me one more year of life to repent." Helpless, the Devil agreed and returned to Hell without Jack.

One year later, Jack was still keeping company at the pub, having not amended his life a whit. Again the Devil came to claim Jack's soul. This time Jack challenged the Devil to a game of dice. The Devil could not resist a game of chance. The Devil rolled first: snake eyes. The Devil laughed his horrifying laugh and was about to take Jack, when Jack rolled two threes, which landed on the table in the form of a "T" - a version of the cross. Again, the Devil was powerless and Jack won another year.

The Devil returned a third year. Seeing him, Jack climbed an apple tree. "If you want me, come up and claim me, Master Devil." The Devil climbed up the tree - and Jack immediately jumped down, took out his knife, and carved a cross in the trunk. Again the Devil was trapped, and Jack made his escape.

Sometime later, Old Jack's body finally gave out and he died without any assistance from the Prince of Hell. Jack appeared before the gates of heaven, but St. Peter refused to admit him. Jack then stumbled to the mouth of Hell, but the Devil, his old nemesis, wanted nothing to do with him. "Be gone!" the Devil shouted.

"But I cannot see in this darkness!" Jack cried.

The Devil tossed an ember at Jack that he caught in one of the potatoes he always had in his old sack. And to this day,

Old Jack wanders through time, restless and alone, carrying his potato lantern to light his way in the darkness of eternity.

That's one version of the old Irish legend of the jack-o-lantern (we Americans replaced Old Jack's potato with a pumpkin to carry his coal from the Devil). Old Jack the Lost is the antithesis of the "blessed" of the Gospel - the saints who seek God's way of compassion, who live lives of humble gratitude for the gift of life, who build peace, who live justly and seek justice for all God's children, who imitate the mercy and consolation of God. God calls us to his company of saints, to live not by Jack's ember of loneliness and self-absorption, but to walk by the light of his grace. This All Hallows Day, may the jack-o-lanterns we lit last night remind us that God invites us to join his company of saints in the daylight of Easter glory.

Annual Masses of Remembrance

Each year close to All Souls Day, we remember the deceased. At the Masses on the weekend of Nov. 7 & 8, all those who have lost a loved one since last Nov. will have the opportunity to light a candle in that person's memory.



St. Christopher's The Giving Tree

St. Christopher's will once again be providing "The Giving Tree" this year. Beginning the weekend of October 31 - November 1st, we will have the Information Sheets available at the front and back of Church. If you are in need or know of a family who could use some help this Christmas Season, please fill out the Information Sheet and put it in the collection basket in a sealed envelope addressed to Chris McCabe. These information sheets will remain confidential.

WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THESE INFORMATION SHEETS BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, November 15th!

If you have any questions, please contact either Chris McCabe (293-9248) or Sheila Wimer (594-1542).

Liturgical Ministers

If you do not have your new phone lists, please pick one up under the accordion file (outside the sacristy door)

MASS INTENTIONS - Oct 31st to Nov. 8th

Saturday	4:30 PM	John and Richard Coleman by Wilma
Sunday	9:00 AM	Lois Lawrence by Avana Proctor
	11:00 AM	John Dubnicki, Jr. by the Philson family
Monday	9:00 AM	For the people of St. Christopher's
Tuesday	9:00AM	Andrew & Brian Horton by family
Wednesday	9:00AM	Herbert Viel by Peg Grattan
Thursday	9:00 AM	Fathers living and deceased
Friday	9:00 AM	Richard Przybyla by family
Saturday	4:30 PM	Patrick O'Connor and Bob Booker by Doll Booher
Sunday	9:00 AM	Fred Stohr by Ken & Dee Milner
	11:00 AM	Sr. Carol Fox by Chris McCabe

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**Sunday, November 1, 2009**

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (Hall) Liturgy of the Word
 9:00 AM—(All Clsrms) Pre School - Kindergarten
 12:00 PM - (Any open Clsrms) Youth/Young Adult Choir

Monday, November 2, 2009

4:15 PM & 6:00 PM (All Clsrms) Classes grades 1-5
 7:00 PM - 5 Saints West Retreat with Dr. Joe Kelly (at St. Columba's)

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

4:15 PM & 6:00 PM (All Clsrms) Classes grades 1-5
 7:15 PM - (Rectory) Liturgy Committee
 7:30 - 09:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study at Jitters

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

6:30 - 08:00 PM (All Clsrms) Junior High Classes
 7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group

Thursday, November 5, 2009

7:00 PM - (Church) Choir
 7:00 PM - (Clstrm 6) Teacher Meeting

Saturday, November 7, 2009

9:30 AM - 02:00 PM (Hall) Reconciliation Retreat
 4:30 PM - (Clstrm 6) Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, November 8, 2009

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (Hall) Liturgy of the Word
 9:00 AM - (All Clsrms) Pre School - K
 12:00 PM - (Any open Clstrm) Youth/Young Adult Choir

Thank You!!

To all the members of the Martha & Mary Ministry:
 Thank you for all the delicious meals you provided for me when I needed you. We certainly have some fantastic cooks at St. Christopher's! Each person made their delivery with a smile and a prayer. I am very thankful to be a part of such a wonderful community. Thank you for taking care of me.

Sincerely,
 Donna Strachan

Mark Your Calendars- Five Saints West Fall Retreat "JOURNEYING WITH LUKE"

Monday, Nov. 2—7pm at St. Columba-St. Patrick
 Monday, Nov 9—7pm at St. Vincent
 Dr. Joseph Kelly, Professor Emeritus of Scripture at Nazareth College, will bring the Gospel of Luke alive to help us journey towards a deeper relationship with God.

Spirit Alive—Get Into the Acts

Read: Acts 8: 4 - 40

Reflect: As we celebrate All Saints Day this week, we are reminded of all of those who have come before us, baptized in the name of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, just as the households were in this section of Acts. Many before us have lived out their discipleship in extraordinary and ordinary ways. Who have been the saints in my life? How have they shown me a particular aspect of following Jesus? What saints from my Catholic tradition most inspire me? How do I live as a saint, teacher or interpreter for others? Do I try and "buy" God's grace, or bargain for it like Simon the Magician, or do I live as one who has said yes to receiving the Holy Spirit and living like a disciple, for all of its challenges and joys?

Did anything else stand out for me in this section of Acts?

Act it Out! *How do my reflections today inform how I will live out my discipleship in the world this week?*

Could I...

...ask my parents to describe the day I was baptized and what it meant to them?

...volunteer to teach something with my local community college or community center?

...offer to translate if I know another language?

How else could I act it out?

PRAY FOR OUR TEENS!!!

As many of you know, 13 of us (7 youth and 6 adults) will be going on a pilgrimage to NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) November 18th to the 22nd. We will be keeping our parishioners, friends, and families in our prayers while we are out of town. We are also requesting that you keep us in YOUR prayers as well!

On the big bulletin board in the back entrance there is a sign-up sheet to take a certain day/time to pray for us! The teens will be so excited to know that they will have a parishioner back home praying just for THEM every few hours! Being away and experiencing such a moving experience is wonderful, and knowing that people home are taking time aside to pray for you makes it even more amazing! Please be encouraged to sign up for a time to set aside for the youth of our parish, and also for the youth who can not take the trip! Thank you for your constant love, support, and encouragement!

Youth Group...

There is youth group this weekend! Anyone in grades 7-12 is welcome...come check it out, we'd love to have you! :)

FACEBOOK...

All teens, families, and parishioners are encouraged to join the facebook group "St Christopher's Youth Group." If you're a parishioner just interested in what's going on, feel free to join! If you're a teen wondering what's out there for YOU, JOIN!!! :)

Building Peace with Justice

The Catechism states that "The Church's love for the poor . . . is part of her constant tradition.' This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor, . . . It extends not only to material poverty but also to the many forms of cultural and religious poverty." [2444]

We will soon enter a season of traditional generosity. Might the Gospel of the Beatitudes inspire you to consider donating a portion of your blessings – time or financial- to people living with a different kind of poverty? When we offer support to the young pregnant single mother, the convicted felon, or the undocumented immigrant, we are imitating Jesus' love for the poor. Human Services Committee

Tuesday Nights @ Jitters Bible Study

For Young adults / College Students & Adults 18-35

A special 7 week Fall Bible Study, entitled "The Bible & Catholicism" Join us each Tuesday night at 7:30pm for a cup o' coffee, brief presentation & lively discussion! Come each week or stop by when you can! All Gatherings take place at Jitters Café in N. Chili. Our Fall series is running now. Please bring a Bible. RSVP appreciated! Please contact Maranda for more info! 719-5851 or marandas-kolen@hotmail.com

Hope & Healing

Thursday, November 19, 2009-- 6:15-8pm Hope & Healing--peer support for the separated, divorced, and widowed at St. Christopher's

Topic: How Can I Be Thankful on Thanksgiving or Any Other Day!!

Presenter--Donna Ecker: Graduate certificate of Theology at St. Bernard's Institute in 1990. Co-Director of 'Bethany House', a member of the Rochester Chapter of the 'Catholic Worker' for 24 years.

When it begins to rain, we reach for an umbrella. But what about the sunshine? It's there throughout the year in our lives. How do we acknowledge and celebrate it? For more info. please call Peggy at 585-293-3337 or email: peggymcunningham@yahoo.com

St Cecilia's Fall Craft Show

9am-4pm Sunday November 1,2009

St Cecilia's is located @ 2732 Culver Rd Near 104

Parking will be limited from 9-12 due to our mass schedule.

Evening Faith Sharing

Thursday, November 5, 19, 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Mercy Prayer Center, 65 Highland Ave., Rochester, NY 14620. Open to women and men of all faiths – a time to pray, reflect and share faith experiences. Facilitator: Sr. Laurie Orman, RSM Fee \$15. Call 585-473-6893 to register.

Widowed, Divorced or Separated?

If you are looking for peer support that can help you on your journey of healing from your loss, Beginning Experience of Rochester is offering a healing weekend, November 6-8, 2009 at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake. Beginning Experience is a Catholic founded organization that has helped thousands of people heal from their hurt. For information or to register call (585)987-1750.

The Joy of Stewardship

Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Last Week	\$ 5,624.18	\$ 108,706.11
Attendance	663	#of Envelopes 227

"Keep Our Campus Cool" Campaign

\$ 53,016.30 received \$ 54,451.30 pledged 325 families

Centering Prayer Group at St. John's

If you're feeling the need for a little silence in your life, or in your prayer life, centering prayer may be just right for you ! Developed out of the Roman Catholic Church's rich spiritual tradition, it's a silent form of prayer whose roots go as far back as the desert fathers and mothers in the 4th century, all the way up to the present day with the spiritual writers such as Thomas Merton, St. Terese of Liseux, John of the Cross and many more.

It's scriptural foundation includes Psalm 46's invitation to "Be still and know I am God" and Matthew's Gospel where Jesus tells his disciples to "...go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret, and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you."

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