



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

October 18, 2009

GLORY BE TO GOD!

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time CMA helps support myriad ministries

As we continue to plan for this year CMA which is an outreach of the Church of Rochester to support its many ministries, I was struck by this article Bishop Clark wrote for this week's Catholic Courier as a part of Respect Life Month. Since there are many in our parish community who do not receive the Catholic Courier, I thought this reflection by our Bishop helps us understand the far reaching effects this campaign has on so many ministries that affect our lives in our Catholic faith tradition.

"I think you'd agree that it's crucially important for the church to educate not only Catholics but also our government leaders and the larger society about our beliefs about the sanctity of life from conception to death. As Catholics, we must oppose abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, the use of embryos in stem-cell research and unjust war. We must support economic justice, dignity and peace for all.

Indeed, these beliefs, which form what we term the "consistent life ethic," stir us to build a culture that affirms and defends life through education, personal service and public advocacy. As Catholics, we are called by Christ to treat all people with dignity and respect because, as a gift from God, all life is sacred. We cannot remain silent. While we do this every day of the year and maintain an active diocesan life-issues office to coordinate our activities, we turn up the volume further during Respect Life Month in October. Jann Armantrout, our diocesan life-issues coordinator, works fervently to ensure that programs and events are in place to re-affirm our life teachings and make sure the unborn, marginalized and vulnerable have a strong voice through our words and actions. Important work? I daresay you would agree. Worthy of your financial support?

I think you would say yes.

This ongoing work to herald the sacredness of God-given life is one very good example of the ministries and programs supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). Indeed, Jann's work is fully supported by the CMA. There are other good examples.

For instance, would you support passing on the faith to young people through religious-education programs and curricula? Or gathering teenagers together to experience their faith in a guided, inspirational way? Both of these ministries are a fruit of your gift to the CMA!

How about encouraging young men to think about the

priesthood? Or helping young adults on our college campuses anchor themselves in that challenging environment through Catholic campus ministry? Would you offer whatever comfort you could to a child of a hard-working migrant family? Would you, within your means, give some assistance to making sure those new to our faith are properly prepared and initiated in a welcoming, spirit-filled way?

What about offering help to couples who are about to receive the sacrament of marriage? Many long-wed couples have told me that the marriage preparation they received was the foundation for the rich life they built together. What a wonderful program we have!

These ministries are all a result of your gift to the CMA every year, along with life-giving and nurturing services provided to the hungry, homeless, the sick and the aged through our Catholic Charities and other programs.

Finally, I would venture to say most people would make an offering to help their parish receive the kinds of help it needs to do its work in an organized, professional way. Such assistance might come in the areas of materials support, human services, technology, accounting, communications — crucial services any parish would be hard-pressed to provide on its own.

I am mindful that these past few months have been particularly challenging economically for many families in our diocese, and I do pray things will and are beginning to turn around. I only ask you to support the CMA if you are able. If you simply are in no position to offer a financial gift, I would thankfully welcome your prayers for a successful campaign.

At a news conference recently announcing the 2009-10 CMA, I was asked if I were worried the economy would affect the overall \$5.49 million goal. In my response, I reminded the gathered journalists that having 30 years experience as bishop gives one perspective. What I have found over the years in other tough economic times is that Catholics just seem to understand that the ministries and services of the church are needed all the more to offer hope and help to people of every walk of life. I ask you to pray about your gift to the CMA and, if you are able, to make a gift that truly will help your parish, your diocese and those whose lives and well-being would be reduced without our ministries. Peace to all."

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MASS INTENTIONS - Oct 17th to Oct 25th**Saturday**

4:30 PM Larry Dachille by the Mackey family

Sunday

9:00 AM Paul Zukaitis by Ron & Barb McKenna

11:00 AM John Beeke by Bill & Sharon Beeke

Monday

9:00 AM For the people of St. Christopher

Tuesday

9:00AM Donald Lagroix by wife

Wednesday

9:00AM Fred Stohr by Mary Ewing & Dept of Ed., Univ of Va

Thursday

9:00 AM Communion and Prayer Service

Friday

9:00 AM Mothers living and deceased

Saturday

4:30 PM Kenneth McCorry by wife and family

Sunday

9:00 AM Bernadine Smith by the Pontarelli family

11:00 AM Christine Fudge by Dave & Judy Hasman

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**Sunday, October 18, 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

12:30 PM - (Church) Pageant Choir rehearsal

1:00 PM - (Hall) Youth Group

7:00 PM - (Hall) Parent Reconciliation Meeting

Monday, October 19, 2009

4:15 PM - (All Clsrms) Classes grades 1-5

7:00 PM - (Church) 5 Saints West Retreat with Dr. Joe Kelly

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

4:15 PM - (All Clsrms) Classes grades 1-5

7:15 PM - (Hall) Council

7:30 PM - (FYI) Young Adult Bible Study at Jitters

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

6:30 PM - (All Clsrms) Junior High Classes

7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group

Thursday, October 22, 2009

7:00 PM - (Church) Choir

Saturday, October 24, 2009

8:00 AM - (Entire Bldg) Ministry Formation and Renewal

4:30 PM - (Clstrm 6) Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, October 25, 2009

9:00 AM + 11:00 AM (Hall) Liturgy of the Word

9:00 AM - (All Clsrms) Pre School - Kindergarten

11:00 AM - (Clstrm 6) Liturgy of the Word

12:00 PM - (Any open Clstrm) Youth/Young Adult Choir

1:00 PM - (Hall) Youth Group

6:00 PM - (FYI) Young Adult BonFire at Maranda's

7:00 PM - (Hall) Parent Reconciliation Meeting

**Golden Agers Baked Food Sale**

The Baked Food Sale will be on October 24th & 25th after each Mass.

If you would like to donate items to be sold it would be greatly appreciated

Spirit Alive—Get Into the Acts

Read: Acts 5: 16 - 42

Reflect: In this section of Acts the Sanhedrin are so jealous of the apostles and threatened by their message that they imprison them, and try to have them put to death. Gamaliel speaks against this, saying that if the message is of God then no matter what the Sanhedrin do, it cannot stop them. However, if the activity is not of God it will destroy itself. Am I jealous of another person or group's faith? How do I express that jealousy? How can I change my jealousy into appreciation? Do I find that I rush to judge others? Are there times when I should wait and see if God is working through others even if I disagree with them?

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...

...go to another faith experience with a friend and invite them to an event with my faith community?

...offer to be a part of any judicial processes open to me in my town, school or workplace so I can be a voice of compassion?

...examine how I live as a disciple in my marriage. Do I rush to judgment? Could I learn something important from my spouse? Do I make room for God?

How else could I act it out?

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

Monday, Oct. 19—7pm at St. Christopher's

Monday, Oct 28—7pm at St. Mary's

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.

R & R for Liturgical Ministers, Oct. 24

This R&R gives us a time to gather together to pray and reflect on our ministries at St. Christopher's as well as be commissioned in those ministries. Your prompt reply to this invitation helps us in planning and organizing. Deacon Larry Feasel, our keynote speaker, currently serves at St. Salome's Church in Irondequoit and as duty chaplain at Rochester General Hospital. He is a native of Rochester, attended McQuaid Jesuit High School and John Carrol University in Ohio. He holds two Masters Degrees, one in history from the University of Rochester, and the other in Theology from St. Bernard's Institute. We hope all those involved our Liturgies plan to attend this event.

Golden Agers

The Golden Agers meeting for October will be Tuesday, October 27th following the 9:00 AM Mass. After the meeting there will be a mini-retreat as planned by Judy Leone. After the Retreat we will go to the Town and Country restaurant for lunch and order off the menu. Please sign up by October 25th by calling Chris McCabe at 293-9248.

HOPE & HEALING

—a peer-support group for the Separated, Divorced, and Widowed will meet on Thursday, October 15th from 6:15-8pm

Topic: FINANCES - LIVING TODAY & PLANNING FOR TOMORROW

Deacon Dennis E. Lohouse, CFA-Principal, holds an MBA in Finance and Accounting from the William E. Simon School at the U of R. Topics could include: income planning, retirement spending, the economy, the health care reform issues, long term care, or any other finance or investment issue you care to raise. This presentation is for the everyday layperson. Please call Deacon John or Peggy at 585-293-3337 or e-mail peggymcunningham@yahoo.com

Building Peace with Justice

Jesus reminds us through Mark's Gospel that "whoever wants to be great will be the servant of all." In today's world we are reminded often of the wide disparity between the rich and the poor. In his New Years 2009 Address, Fighting Poverty to Build Peace, Pope Benedict XVI states that "every form of externally imposed poverty has at its root a lack of respect for the transcendent dignity of the human person."

Action: Get to know the poor in your midst. What are their needs? What are their names? Pray for them. Look for ways to serve those in need around you.

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" will be starting up SOON! 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 on Buffalo Road in N. Chili. Our Fall series runs from

Oct. 6 - Nov. 17. Please bring a Bible. RSVP appreciated! Please contact Maranda for more info! 719-5851 or marandaskolen@hotmail.com

The Joy of Stewardship

Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Last Week	\$ 6,111.55	\$ 94,690.08
Attendance	642	#of Envelopes 210

"Keep Our Campus Cool" Campaign

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

FLU GUIDELINES: As you know, there's been a lot in the news media of late about the flu. As has always been the case if you or members of your family are coughing, sneezing or otherwise ill, it is a good idea to stay home from Mass to recuperate and so as not to infect others. Likewise, you should not drink from the cup during Holy Communion if you are sick; remember that we receive the whole Christ, "body, blood, soul and divinity" when we receive of the Eucharist in either form. During the Sign of Peace, you can offer a smile and little bow rather than a handshake if you feel under the weather or feel especially vulnerable, just as you can choose to refrain from holding hands during the Our Father from similar concerns. For our part, we'll be monitoring the situation in our area carefully through health advisories, and we'll adjust our practices as a faith community when and if necessary.

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Young Adult
College Students & Adults 18-35ish

Fall Bonfire

S' mores, Fellowship,
Music & More!

Sunday, October 25th 6-9pm

@ Maranda's House

21 Beaman Road, Rochester, NY 14624

- off of Westside Dr in N. Chili



Bring lawn chair &
your guitar if you have one!

RSVP to Maranda appreciated!
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