



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

October 25, 2009

GLORY BE TO GOD!

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It seems to me the plea of Bartimaeus is one that fills our day. His prayer is answered and he beholds God's presence in the gift of sight. Bartimaeus' plaintive cry to Jesus "Master, I want to see" should become our prayer, as well: Lord, I want to see the good in even the most trying and difficult challenges. I want to see the way to make things right again. I want to see reason for hope. I want to see your hand, O Lord, at work in my everyday life. To see with the eyes of faith gives us that perspective for recognizing the Spirit of God in every human being and for discerning the presence of God in every place and moment. I thought today, I would take you on a little journey to see how this year's CMA keeps the SPIRIT ALIVE in the lives of so many in our faith community

HOW THE CMA TOUCHES PARISH LIFE HERE AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Pastoral Care-

People from our parish have been in Strong Memorial Hospital, Highland Hospital, Rochester General Hospital or Parkridge Unity Hospital. The diocese through the Catholic Ministries Appeal provides and supports priest-chaplains that visit, support families, give the Anointing of the Sick, and bring Holy Communion to our parishioners, who are away from home and often facing difficult circumstances.

Faith Formation-

The diocesan funds from the CMA provide programs and direct service for our young people and adults that work with them (such as the diocesan retreats and diocesan youth conferences). The diocese provides the support staff to enable the young people from our parish to be able to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference. It also supports campus ministry programs for our young adults at college, as well as brings a stronger presence of the church to community colleges in our area (such as M.C.C. Geneseo College, Brockport, the University of Rochester, and R.I.T.). This office also provides educational movies that our Religious Education Coordinator uses in our sacramental and religious education programs. It also provides resources for couples preparing for marriage, such as pre-cana.

Catholic Charities-

has been a resource for social ministry committees through the work of the dedicated staffs in our twelve county area. Catholic Charities also oversees such programs as Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and hurricane relief. Catholic Charities helps raise awareness around such issues as justice in the health care system that affects our parishioners. Funds from the Catholic Ministries Appeal offers support for Project Rachel and the Respect Life programs (such as resources on stem cell research and "end of life" issues).

Information Technology-

The Catholic Ministries Appeal supports Diocesan personnel who have been a valuable assistance when we have had problems in this area of computer technology administration. It also provides classes to improve or enhance the skills of the staff members of our parish.

Legal Assistance-

The Diocesan Marriage Tribunal has provided a process for annulments, which allows couples to find healing as well as a new beginning for their life within the church.

Liturgy Office-

Provides many valuable resources for our choir, for our liturgical ministers, and for our staff.

Bishops Office-

Bishop Clark has assigned priests (or pastoral administrator) to provide pastoral care for the people of our parish for many years. In the recent past, he has been available for Confirmation, the Annual Marriage Anniversary Celebration, Diocesan youth gatherings, and other activities that touch the lives of members of our local church.

General Areas-

The vocation office promotes retreats and other opportunities so that our parishes may have priests to celebrate the Sacraments in the future.

I hope you see this appeal more clearly as a mission of faith and your gift enables others to see their faith in a newer and more appreciative way. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS - Oct 24th to Nov. 1st

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
Monday 9:00 AM For the people of St. Christopher's
Tuesday 9:00AM Guiseppe Napoli by Antonia Napoli and family
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 Roberta Daniels by Ardel Trzepacz
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

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**Sunday, October 25**

9:00 + 11:00 AM (Hall) Liturgy of the Word
 9:00 (All Clsrms) Pre School - Kindergarten
 12:00 PM - (Any open Clsrms) Youth/Young Adult Choir
 1:00 PM - (Hall) Youth Group
 6:00 PM - 09:00 PM Young Adult BonFire at Maranda's
 7:00 PM (Hall) Parent Reconciliation Meeting

Monday, October 26

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

Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

7:00 PM - (Church) Choir

Saturday, October 31

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

Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Day)

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

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.

Annual Masses of Remembrance of The Dead

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.

**Spirit Alive—Get Into the Acts**

Read: Acts 6: 1 – 8: 3

Reflect: In this part of Acts Stephen speaks to the people, describing many times when the people of God did not understand or listen to those sent to them, including Jesus. Stephen was stoned to death for what he proclaimed. How am I like the people of God that Stephen describes: hard of heart, unwilling to listen, or so convinced of my understanding that I cannot imagine something different? How am I like Stephen: willing to risk in order to share what I believe, willing to speak or act even if it means death? How am I like the ones who threw the stones at Stephen: angered by the truth when I hear it?

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 a nursing home and listen to the lives of the people who live there?

...go to a lecture or event led by a person or group I am uncomfortable around? Could I speak with them and learn about their perspectives?

...support community or global organizations that protect the rights of people and groups to speak freely in my community and around the world?

How else could I act it out?

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

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.

Thank you Martha/Mary and Elizabeth Ministry

We wanted to thank you for including us in your prayers when Brian lost his job. With neither of us working, it's been a scary time. The power of prayer worked.....Brian was offered a great job, but it requires us to move to Baton Rouge, LA. We are thankful yet sad to leave. Our kids have been upset, so we took them to Darien Lake one last time. A 12 and 10 year old and a 19 month old makes for a happy but stressful, full day. The ride back home was full of questions about our move and a few tears. You can't imagine how that plate of cookies you dropped off for us lightened the mood and changed the subject. Thank you so much!

While we are sad to leave our home and St. Christopher's, we are putting our faith in God's plans for us. It meant a lot to us to know that members of the parish in these groups included us in your prayers! Thank you again!

Brian, Joanne, Matt, Nikki, & Adam Johnson

St Cecilia's Parish Fall Craft Show

Sunday November 1, 2009

9am-4pm

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

Fall/Winter Clothing Needed—Beacon of Hope Clothing Boutique

This past year Light of Christ parish (St. Andrew and Annunciation) opened a clothing closet for the needy of our city in the former St. Andrew School building, 923 Portland Avenue, Rochester, NY 14621. We are in need of warm, gently used clothing for people of all ages. Children's clothing is especially needed. PLEASE warm gently used fall/winter clothing only! There is also a need for bed sheets and blankets. We also distribute new, unopened socks and underwear in store packages. Donations of these items would be gratefully accepted! You may drop off your items on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Thank you for your support. If you have questions, please

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

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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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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