



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

April 11, 2010

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

GLORY BE TO GOD

Belief is a gift from God. We do not earn it, but we must choose to receive it. We must be open to faith to discern God's action within us. The Gospel begins with the account of the locked doors. Yet, despite locked doors, God is present.

How often do we place ourselves behind locked doors? We act out of fear and in the search for security. Locked doors are our defenses, barriers between nations and individuals.

The Gospel is about freedom, salvation, and healing. One sign of the attitude of open-ness to these is the hands that are open and touching. We are called to be open to the peace of God, the gift of God's presence, in an attitude and posture without fear, an attitude that is forgiving.

Reflect for a moment on this situation. A relative or friend of yours is going through a difficult time: an illness, the loss of a job, a breakup. You want to pick up the phone and call, you begin to write a card, you think about making something to bring over. But you hesitate. What do I say? What can I do? How can I possibly make this situation better?

So you back off. You don't want to say the wrong thing.

You don't want to appear to pry. You don't want to make things worse. But somehow compassion trumps your doubts about your ability to help; your love and concern are stronger than your fear of doing or saying the wrong thing. So you make the call, write the note, bake the casserole. And you somehow find the right thing to say - or you realize, wisely, that nothing needs to be said. Your listening ear, your compassionate shoulder, your concerned presence are more than enough.

In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to his disciples and shows them his hands and his side; later he invites the doubting Thomas to touch the marks made by the nails and the gash from the soldier's lance. Easter does not deny the effects of Good Friday nor erases the wounds of crucifixion - but Easter is God's compassion moving us beyond crucifixion to healing and wholeness. We all have scars from our own Good Fridays that remain long after our own ex-

periences of resurrection. We learn from our scars. Our "nail marks" remind us that all pain and grief, all ridicule and suffering are transformed into healing and peace in the love of God. The love of God that we experience from others and that we extend to them. Jesus tells Thomas and his brothers not to be afraid of nail marks and scars and fractured bones and the crushed spirit and the broken heart. Compassion, forgiveness, justice - no matter how clumsily offered - can heal and mend. In the light of unwavering hope, with the assurance of God's unlimited grace, even the simplest act of kindness and understanding is the realization of Easter in our midst.

Golden Agers

The Golden Agers Meeting for April will be Tuesday, April 27th following the 9:00 AM Mass. After the meeting we will be going to the Munn School in Spencerport where we will listen to the First Grade Reading Class. Then, to Papa Joe's for lunch. Only 25 people can go to Papa Joe's so get your mean slip in today. If you do not have one, please pick up a menu choice slip from the Golden Agers Mail Box. Check your preference for lunch and leave it with your check in the Mail Box. Please call Chris McCabe at 293-9248 and let her know if you will be joining us and if you can drive. Chris would also like you to call and let her know if you cannot join us.

Very Special Announcement:

Sometime next month St. Christopher's is going to give YOU a chance to be a part of a big event. The first its kind. It will be a summer of fun and gifts. It's gunna to be HEW-GA! Here's a clue: it's not a food but you can put it on your table.

This is an opportunity for each of us to play a small part in something bigger than our church. Don't let this go by without offering your time to be a volunteer. See sign-up sheets posted at the church entrances.

Stay tuned for more information in next week's bulletin.....

<u>Mas</u>	<u>I n t e n -</u>	<u>April 10</u>	<u>to April 18</u>
<u>s</u>	<u>tions</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>By:</u>
Sat	4:30 PM	Fred Stohr	Mary Ewing & Dept of Ed., Univ of VA.
Sun.	9:00 AM	Michael Caruso	Robert & Mary Jane Lighthouse
	11:00 AM	For the people of	St. Christophers family
Mon.	9:00 AM	Sr. Carol Fox	Communion And Prayer Service
Tues.	9:00 AM		Communion And Prayer Service
Wed.	9:00 AM		Communion And Prayer Service
Thur	9:00 AM		Communion And Prayer Service
Fri.	9:00 AM	Don Paine	The Weinert family
Sat.	4:30 PM	Betty Marsico	Mr. & Mrs. Dave Turner
Sun.	9:00 AM	Stephanie Schweigert	Jim & Carolyn Emerson
	11:00 AM	Lucille Pagano	family

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 11

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (All Clsrms) Pre- School FF Classes
 12:00 AM - 03:00 PM (Hall) Face the Famine over night
 12:00 PM - (Any open Clsrms) Youth/Young Adult Choir

Monday, April 12

4:15 PM & 6:00 PM (All Clsrms) Faith Formation Classes

Tuesday, April 13

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Wednesday, April 14

6:30 PM - 08:00 PM (All Clsrms) Jr. High Classes
 7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group
 7:00 PM - (Rectory) Finance Committee

Thursday, April 15

6:45 PM - 08:00 PM (Clsrms 6) Teacher training

Saturday, April 17

10:00 AM - (Hall) Eucharistia Ministry

Sunday, April 18

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

CONFIRMATION – For Older Adults

Again this year I would like to extend an invitation for those older members in our community who have for whatever reason have not completed the sacraments of Membership in the Catholic Church. Often, during marriage preparation, I'm struck by how many people have never been confirmed. PENTECOST seemed like a wonderful time to offer the sacrament for those who would like to have a deeper understanding of the life and the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Classes will take place after Easter with Confirmation on May 17th at the Cathedral.

If you are interested, please contact me, or call the rectory and leave your name, we will get back to you with information.

Youth Corner...

Join the Fun and Run for the Young at the 14th annual **Run for the Young** 5K road race and 1-mile fun run sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester. This road race is open to all ages and will be held Saturday, May 8 at 9:30 AM at St. Lawrence Church in Rochester. All participants in the 5k or 1 mile are automatically entered to win thousands in door prizes. All proceeds will help our young people attend diocesan retreats, conferences, rallies and more. Registration forms available from your parish or by calling the Diocese at 585-328-3210 x1279 or register online at www.active.com.

Spring Retreat: (grades 7-12)

The retreat is booked! We will be having a 2-day retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua! Keep your eyes and ears open for more detailed posters and announcements!

Leadership: (grades 7-12, Jr. High Faith Formation, AND confirmation candidates)

If you are interested in joining LEADERSHIP, check out the posters and website for information! The first week of the actual Leadership program is Sunday May 16th, 2010.

Youth Group: (grades 7-12)

4/18/10 - No Youth Group (Spring Break)
 4/25/10 - No Youth Group (Spring Break)

***There are only 1 or 2 youth group meetings in April and May due to vacations, holidays, and events, BUT there will be a couple of teen events, so keep paying attention to bulletins and announcements!!!**

HOLY BEARS STILL AVAILABLE



Faith Formation will continue to sell Holy Bears till the end of May. Catalogs and order forms are available at the front

of church or at the Faith Formation Office. Please indicate the date you need the bear by on the order form. I will make every attempt to get the bears to you by that date. Please keep in mind that shipping and handling usually takes 2 weeks. Don't forget to indicate your phone number on the order form! If you have any further questions please.

Please note:

We currently have an adequate supply of empty prescription bottles to put out for people who wish to fill them with holy water to take home. There will be a notice in the bulletin when we need more Thank you. The Church Environment Committee

Baptisms at St. Christophers

Maranda Skolen, our Young Adult Minister, will be taking over the Baptism Classes following Deacon John's move to Florida. Maranda will hold class the first Monday of every month for about one hour.

The Baptism process here at St. Christophers consists of a meeting with Father, a class with Maranda and an anointing with the Holy Oils. The process takes about 5 weeks so, if you are expecting, call the rectory at 594-1400 days and we will get you on your way.

New Age Movement and Catholicism

Presented by Fr. Paul Miller, C.Ss.R. On Tuesday, April 13
At Notre Dame Retreat House 5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424

Day of Prayer Schedule

- 9:00am - Coffee & Pastries
 - 9:30-12:00 - Morning prayer and presentation
 - 12:00noon - Lunch
 - 1:00-2:00pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - 2:00-3:00pm -Eucharist, anointing of the Sick & Elderly
- Call to reserve a spot: 585-394-5700 \$15.00 registration fee

St. Columba-St. Patrick's 125th Anniversary Committee

St. Columba-St. Patrick's is having an "Evening With the Arts" on Saturday, April 17th at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 per person and will allow you to fill a bag which we will provide with donated books, CDs, DVDs , enjoy some new wines, taste some cheeses and enjoy other refreshments. In addition there will be a silent auction of donated pieces of art, prints and statues. Please call Judy Ball @ 538-6060 for more information or tickets.

Vocations

On the evening of the Resurrection Day, Jesus visited his disciples. John's gospel tells us Jesus breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." In that way, it was entrusted to the Church the authority to forgive sins in his name and with his power. Of course, from this moment has come the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These first priests for our Church became ministers of God's mercy and forgiveness to all. Our own priests, today, carry on that awesome responsibility. God continues to invite men to follow the priestly vocation, so that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will always be available to us. Is God inviting you in that way? Would you like to talk about it? Contact the Office of Vocation Awareness/ 585-461-2890/ vocations@dor.org/ website: www.dor.org/vocations

Day of Reflection for Women

One program at two sites: Friday, April 16 at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, Geneva, NY and Saturday, April 17 at St. John of Rochester, Fairport, NY, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. The presenter invites us to open our hearts and minds to the light of kindness, laughter, mercy and gratitude. Presenter: Patricia Livingston. (Pat Livingston is an award-winning writer whose works have been published in St. Anthony Messenger, U.S. Catholic and Praying magazines. She is a sought after public speaker who inspires audiences with down-to-earth tales of everyday living.)
Fee: \$35 includes morning hospitality and lunch. Call 585-473-6893 to register.

St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry Summer Certificate Courses

St. Bernard is offering a wide range of 10 hour Summer Certificate Courses designed for everyone interested in theology and ministry! We're going green this summer, so this means that you'll have to check out our website at www.stbernards.edu and click on "Upcoming Courses." This summer we're introducing several new courses.

The Joy of Stewardship

Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Sunday 4/4	6,382.62	
Easter	4,352.00	276,817.85
Attendance		1231

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- Youth Minister.....*Kim Winden 329-4642 / 594-1091*
- Maintenance.....*Robert Yaw 594-1441*

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS:

- Sunday Eucharist* Saturday 4:30 PM
- Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- Weekday Eucharist* 9:00 AM Mass or Communion Svc