



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

April 18, 2010

Third Sunday of Easter

GLORY BE TO GOD

The Gospel reading of this Sunday of Easter (Jn 21:1-19) describes the Easter apparition of the Risen Lord to his apostles at Lake Tiberias in Galilee. The narrative begins in an atmosphere of darkness and bleakness, of weary and fruitless toil. But then there was the excitement of recognition: "It is the Lord!" The Easter encounter of the apostles with the Lord Jesus by the waters included the meaningful episodes of the miraculous catch of fish, the meal of bread and fish prepared for them at the shore, and Peter's call to pastoral service. These episodes were "signs" meant to deepen the disciples' faith, to deepen our own faith.

The miraculous and abundant catch of fish was a "sign" of the universal character of the Church and the multitude of believers that would be gathered as a Christian community through apostolic witnessing. The presence of the Risen Lord and his Easter gift of the Holy Spirit would bring success to the missionary endeavor of the "fishers of men" to bring the joy of redemption to all peoples of the earth and to various cultures. The "sign" of the breakfast of bread and broiled fish prepared by Jesus on the shore of Lake Tiberias was an announcement of the Eucharist that the Christian community would celebrate as an actualized memorial of Christ's death and rising to life. The action of Jesus taking the bread and giving it to his apostle by the shore and in like manner the fish evokes the earlier Eucharistic action of Jesus feeding the hungry crowd with bread and fish, on the edge of Lake Tiberias, during his public ministry in Galilee (cf. Jn 6:1-15) The bread that Jesus gives is himself – the bread of life – and the fish broiled on charcoal that he gives is a symbol of him – the Christ who suffered in the fire of tribulation and passion in order to save us. The threefold protestation of love that the Risen Lord elicited from Peter was a "sign" of the pastoral ministry and heroic witnessing that Peter and the apostolic community would carry out with sacrificial love for God's sheep, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The risen Jesus is about new life, new possibilities. He offers us a new opportunity to take a chance and change our lives with every dawning day. Be open to the possibilities and discover how you might yet bring in a great new catch of life. Our God is all about abundance, abundant grace, abundant life. Let us live then in the light of the rising Son, open to the abundance of God and sharing it with those we meet along the shorelines of life.

Liturgical Minister Training—Sat. May 1st

There will be training for Liturgical Ministers on Saturday, May 1 in the church. The day will begin with Altar Server training at 10:00AM, followed by training for Hospitality ministers at 11:00 AM and Eucharistic Ministers at noon. The final session will be for Lectors at 1 PM. All who are interested in serving in any of these ministries are invited to attend this session. If you have any questions, please contact the associated leader: Altar Servers: Rick Morningstar (293-1958, amstar@rochester.rr.com), Hospitality and Eucharistic Ministers contact Chris McCabe 293-9248 and Lectors should contact the parish office at 594-1400

Phone # Changes:

If your phone number has changed within the last couple of years, we need to know. Your number as listed in the picture directory is what is on file in our records. It's important that we have correct information if we need to contact you. If you have changes, don't have a directory, or have questions, please call Chris McCabe at 293-9248.

PS This also includes addresses. Thanks

Another Very Special Announcement:

Be a part of something bigger than yourself, help your community, and have fun. You could get something big; really, really big in return. It doesn't cost a lot of money and it's a lot of fun. Here's another clue: Some people even store it in a jar. It's green and falls.

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

<u>Mass</u>	<u>I n t e n -</u> <u>t i o n s</u>	<u>April 17 to April 25</u>	
		<u>For:</u>	<u>By:</u>
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
Mon.	9:00 AM	For the people	Of St. Christophers
Tues.	9:00 AM	Fathers living	And deceased
Wed.	9:00 AM	David Lockridge	family
Thur	9:00 AM	Communion and	Prayer Service
Fri.	9:00 AM	Evelyn Frederick	Tricia Thomas
Sat.	4:30 PM	Bill McDonnell	Joe & Janet Shortino
Sun.	9:00 AM	Don	Paine
	11:00 AM	Stephanie Schweigert	Stephan & Janet Pon-tarelli

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 18

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

12:00 PM - (Any open Clsrm) Parish Life Ministry

Tuesday, April 20

6:00 PM - (Hall) Council

Wednesday, April 21

7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group

Thursday, April 22

7:00 PM - (Church) Choir

Saturday, April 24

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM (Hall) Brownie workshop

Sunday, April 25

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (All Clsrms) Pre- School FF Classes

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



Operation Rice Bowl

Please drop off your Operation Rice Bowl cartons offerings in the marked boxes at each of the church's entrances the week after Easter.

If you prefer to write a check or substitute quiet money rather than deal with all the loose change, the collection counters would greatly appreciate it.

Save The Date:

Grandma's Attic coming June 4th and 5th! Anyone interested in helping or with any questions, contact:

Joan Dobles @ 594-1576
 Susan Gromkoski @ 426-6245
 Jill West @ 594-2505

More information to follow.

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. Following this we will go to Papa Joe's for lunch. Chris needs to call in the reservation for Papa Joe's by April 18th. The maximum number for lunch at Papa Joe's is 25 people. 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.

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.

St. Pius Tenth Federal Credit Union

Mark your calendars for our May Events!

May 7th 2010 @6:30pm

Scholarship Euchre Tournament

St. Pius X Church Parish Center

May 11th 2010 @ 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Open house - Free Hotdogs!

On-site shredding service

For more details visit www.spxfcu.org or call the Credit Union at (585)247-0724

Music at St. Andrew

923 Portland Avenue

Sunday, April 11, 2:30 P.M.

Heavenly Harps

A selection of some of the world's most beautiful harp music, performed by the Eastman School of Music advanced harp students, from the classes of Professor Kathleen Bride. As always, the concert is free.

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.

Youth Updates...

Face the Famine:

Thank you SO much to all of your prayers and donations during our famine! We had a WONDERFUL group of kids from St. Christopher's, St. Cecelia's, and Aquinas High School. The event was so incredibly eye-opening and amazing! Thank you to those of you who helped us reach our fundraising goal! Between the 3 groups, we raised over \$1,500.00...\$1 feeds a child for a day, so if you do the math, we just fed a hungry sick child for...(drum roll please)...4.12 YEARS!!! The money goes through World Vision to not ONLY feed hungry children, but also to educate adults on proper nutrition, farming, and health. Thank you again for your love, support, and guidance!!!

Retreat:

Due to scheduling conflicts with kids and school events, we have changed our retreat...BUT it brings on GOOD NEWS!!! We have decided to have our retreat in the SUMMER, and invite the incoming 7th graders...we are so excited about the incoming class, and hope they will take this opportunity to attend this awesome retreat!!!

Run for the Young:

The run for the young is on Saturday May 8th, 2010 at 9:30am. This is a run or a WALK! There is a 5k (which is 3.1 miles) and also a 1-mile run/walk! There are registration forms at BOTH church entrances. If you register before the end of April, you will get the discount registration price!!!

Leadership:

There are now Leadership registration forms at BOTH church entrances! Leadership is open to...(1) Jr. High Faith Formation students, (2) confirmation candidates, and/or (3) anyone else in grades 7-12. The first day of Leadership is Sunday May 16th 12:15-1:00pm where you will receive the entire schedule!!

Summer Softball:

We are currently making a list of those interested in summer softball. If you are interested in playing on the St. Christopher's team, please contact Kim and Dave! We will let you know very soon when we are finalizing our list and if you would like to register! Forms will be out in about 3-4 weeks!

Vocations

"Follow me." That was Jesus' invitation to the ordinary people he met along his way. Many accepted his invitation and became his disciples and friends. Even though we don't see Jesus in the same way that Peter and John and Mary and the others of his time did, we are no less invited to follow him today. Jesus says to look for him in the faces around us. When we accept Christ's invitation to "follow me," we follow the path to holiness meant for each of us - our VOCATION.

Office of Vocation Awareness/ 585-461-2890/ vocations@dor.org/ website: www.dor.org/vocations

Join us - Stewardship Day 2010 on April 24

The Diocese of Rochester's 2010 Stewardship Day conference and workshops will be held Saturday, April 24, 2010, from 8 a.m. to noon at Church of the Assumption, Fairport. Along with Bishop Clark, this year's event features noted lecturer Dr. Charles Zech, director of the Center for the Study of Church Management at Villanova University and the author of more than 75 books.....

.....Cost: \$10 per person (includes continental breakfast). Registration (required) can be done online at www.stbernards.edu. For a brochure and mail-in registration form, visit ww.dor.org/sd, or e-mail stewardship@dor.org, or call 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1297.

The Joy of Stewardship

Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Sunday 4/4	6,612.70	
Easter	195.00	283,625.55
Attendance	730	

We seek no rewards for our stewardship; we do it with the joy of serving God. Yet, we know that God does reward stewards, by filling their needs in life; by giving new opportunities to care, to share, to participate in the wholeness of life.

Stewardship ... Live It!

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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