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# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

## SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

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*Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group*

April 25, 2010

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

#### **GLORY BE TO GOD !**

The song of the first bird

In her book *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*, Barbara Brown Taylor writes about a woman who was not sure she wanted to go on living.

"She was old. She lived alone. She was afraid to go sleep at night for fear that she would not wake up in the morning, so she lay in bed waiting for the sun to come up before she dared to shut her eyes.

Then someone who loved her suggested that as long as she was awake, she might as well start listening for the first bird that sang each morning. Before long, the sound of that bird became the bell that woke her heart to life again. She named the bird. She discovered what such birds like to eat and put feeders full of seed in her yard. Other birds came, and she learned their names as well. She began to collect birdhouses, which she hung from the rafters of her porch until she became the mayor of an entire bird village."

The woman still does not sleep well, but she found reason to get out of bed every morning. In caring for the birds of the field, she rediscovered love and hope in her life.

The "voice" of Christ speaks to all of us, not in loud, commanding voices but most often in the simplest and smallest of whispers. What is required of us, first, is that we listen deliberately and intentionally for his voice in order to respond. Sometimes we are so caught up with the act of dying or being less than we are called to be that we forget that new life is already within us and among us. The love and peace of the Good Shepherd are present in the many moments of compassion that bless our lives: in the kind word, in the listening ear, in every act of kindness and generosity. To hear the Good Shepherd demands that we come out of the self-imposed isolation of our own fears and interests and hear Christ speaking in the needs and the many challenges around us. Easter faith calls us to put aside our own crosses when we hear the voice of Jesus, for instance, in the struggle of those being crushed by the weight of their crosses, to rise above our own pain when we hear the voice of Jesus crying in the pain of others, to give despite our own need when we hear the voice of our God in order to respond.

In our own acts of generosity, love and forgiveness, we echo and give voice to the Risen Christ and the good news of hope and grace that is the Easter miracle.

### **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

### **CMA Reflection**

As you know our CMA challenge this year in was \$47,282.00 At the end of December we were able reach our goal and more with pledges totaling \$48,912.00 ...or 103%. And again, if I haven't said so (I had other things on my mind at that time) – Thank you for your generosity. In this time of economic stress our Diocesan outreach has been a blessing for many. At this point in our drive we have an outstanding balance of \$1,297.00 of unpaid pledges.

For those who haven't been able to complete their pledge and have had a change in their economic situation, please consider sharing this situation with me so that I can close this campaign. Thank You.

### **Another Very Special Announcement:**

Very soon St. Christopher's will be setting a new course. Be part of it!!! Here's the last clues: Unscramble these words to learn more about what this big event entails: ULKYC MARED GHACEN HEUTAROC

Stay tuned next week for the unveiling!!!!

<u>Mass</u>	<u>In t e n -</u> <u>tions</u>	<u>April 17 to April 25</u>	
		<u>For:</u>	<u>By:</u>
Sat	4:30 PM	Bill McDonnell	Joe & Janet Shortino
Sun.	9:00 AM	Don Paine	Ron & Barb McKenna
	11:00 AM	Stephanie Schweigert	Stephan & Janet Pontarelli
Mon.	9:00 AM	For the people of St. Christophers	
Tues.	9:00 AM	Jerry Pettis	Jean Verno
Wed.	9:00 AM	William McCall	Karen McCall
Thur	9:00 AM	Communion and Prayer Service	
Fri.	9:00 AM	Mothers living and deceased	
Sat.	4:30 PM	Fred Stohr	Joe DeYager and family
Sun.	9:00 AM	Don Paine	Barb Stalker
	11:00 AM	For the people of St. Christophers	

### NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 25

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

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

Monday, April 26

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

Tuesday, April 27

9:45 AM - (Hall) Golden Agers

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

Wednesday, April 28

6:30 PM - 08:00 PM (All Clsrms) Jr. High Classes

7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group

Thursday, April 29

7:00 PM - (Church) Choir

Saturday, May 1

10:00 AM - (Church) Altar Server Training

11:00 AM - (Church) Hospitality Training

12:00 PM - (Church) Eucharistic Minister

1:00 PM - (Church) Lector Training

### 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.

### 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

### 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.

### Join the Fun and Run for the Young...

.. at the 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.active.com).

### Can You Help?

We are looking for someone to loan a Windows computer with Excel until the end of September to support a significant fund raising activity here at St Christopher's. Please contact Jim Guy @ 889-1652.

### Trip to Rome this September

Join Fr. Mickey McGrath to help celebrate his 10th anniversary as a priest Sept. 6-15, 2010. See the Eternal City of Rome as well as the beauty of the Italian Riviera. Highlights include a Papal Audience, St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, the Catacombs, Cinque Terre on the Riviera, Leonardo Da Vinci's Last Supper in Milan. Day trips for other sites. Come celebrate! Cost is \$2699.00 with \$400.00 deposit due April 30, 2010 to Escapes Inc, 13 State Street, Rochester NY 14614, (585) 672-1516, FAX: (585) 454-1635, [escapesinc@live.com](mailto:escapesinc@live.com). For those interested, there is a group leaving Sept. 2 for a pilgrimage first to Medjugorje in former Yugoslavia, add \$599.00.

## Youth Updates...

### 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!

## Pentecost

You are invited to celebrate a special regional Pentecost liturgy on Sunday, May 23, 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Bishop Clark will preside at this Mass of celebration of the culmination of our diocesan three year spiritual renewal Spirit Alive! All people are invited and every parish will send designated representatives who will participate in the liturgy in a special way. Fr. Richard Fragomeni, priest of the Diocese of Albany, will preach at this celebration and Bishop Clark will offer a special blessing of all those present.

Mark your calendars and join your sisters and brothers across the diocese for this special event!

## 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

## McQuaid Entrance Exam

McQuaid Jesuit will be holding an entrance exam on Saturday, May 1st for young men in grades 6 through 9 interested in enrolling this coming fall. The exam will take place at McQuaid Jesuit, 1800 S. Clinton Ave. Rochester, NY 14618 and will begin at 8:30 a.m. For any questions please call 256-6112. Walk-ins are welcome.

## The Joy of Stewardship

### Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Sunday 4/18	5,614.50	298,240.05

Attendance 734

Contributing to our parish's weekly offertory is an important part of Stewardship. But, stewardship involves much more than money. It's also important to consider what portion of your financial gift you put in the envelope. We should be honest with ourselves and with our God. Our contribution to our Church needs to reflect the blessings God has bestowed upon us.

Stewardship ... Live It!

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<http://www.stchristophersnchili.org>

Patrickplace.org ~a comfort care project of 5 Saints West

### PARISH STAFF

Pastor .....*Rev. Robert Gaudio* 594-1400

Sec/Business Mgr *Marilyn Weinert* 594-1400

Deacon.....*Bob Schrader*

Faith Formation

Coordinator.....*Judy Leone* 594-1441

Faith Formation

Secretary.....*Karen Curtis* 594-1441

Music Director.....*Celeste Dynski-Trumble* 293-2358

Pastoral Minister.....*Chris McCabe* 594-1400/293-9248

Young Adult Minister....*Maranda Skolen* 643-5555/594-1091

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