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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 4, 2010

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Speak to me of Easter, someone recently said to me. So I offer you this story.

A husband and wife are preparing supper when they hear the news on television: an earthquake has struck the region in South America where their daughter is with a group from her college working on a water sanitation project. Their world suddenly stops. Mom starts dialing her daughter's cell phone number. Nothing. For hours she dials, again and again. Nothing. Dad calls the college. College officials know nothing as yet.

The hours become days. Mom and Dad are conscious only of the cell phone that does not ring - and the other's hand in theirs. The television remains on, but they dare not look lest the pictures begin to undermine their hope.

Finally, the cell beeps. A text message: Mom & Dad Am OK Will call L. They are the most beautiful words they have ever read.

Twenty-four hours later they are reunited at the airport terminal. Mom and Dad realize immediately the nightmare their daughter has experienced. The daughter understands by the lines on her parents' faces what they have been through. She sees the tears of joy in her parents' eyes - and becomes conscious of the tears in her own. In the pure light of their joy at being reunited, they realize anew how much they mean to each other. In hugging their beautiful daughter, a mother and father understand how empty their lives would be without her. In the safety of their embrace, a daughter realizes how unconditionally and totally loved she is by these two wonderful people. The silly arguments that are typical between a teen and her parents evaporate; the angst that seems the natural order of things among different generations within a family disintegrates.

For this family, it is daybreak after a long, long night. Love has transformed their Good Friday. Their reunion is Easter morning, a morning that has changed them forever.

Easter is more than event - Easter is an attitude, a perspective. Easter is a light to guide us along this path of stones we stumble along.

- It is Easter whenever we realize love in the midst of our fear and despair.
- It is Easter whenever love pulls us out of our tombs of hopelessness and alienation.
- It is Easter whenever love illuminates our winter hearts and exhausted spirits to behold that we are embraced by God in the embrace of one another.

Easter takes place in our midst in such small, simple, hidden moments. Over the next fifty days, let each one of us do something that will mirror the light of this Easter day - something, no matter how simple and hidden, that will be our witness to the Easter promise that compassion, generosity, humility and selflessness will ultimately triumph over hatred, prejudice, despair, greed and death. May the simplicity of Easter compassion illuminate every moment of our days as we journey with the Risen One to the dwelling place of his Father. Have a blessed family day.



Love Lavishly,  
Forgive Freely

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Inten-</u> <u>tions</u>	<u>April 3</u> <u>For:</u>	<u>to April 11</u> <u>By:</u>
Sat	4:30 PM	For the people of	St. Christophers
Sun.	9:00 AM	Shirley Evans	Verna & Vivian
	11:00 AM	George Noeth and Jon David Noeth	The Noeth family
Mon.	9:00 AM	Donna Shute and Don Paine	Peg Grattan
Tues.	9:00 AM	Mothers living	and deceased
Wed.	9:00 AM	Sr. Carol Fox	Joan Dowdell & Mary Ann Lolaccono
Thur	9:00 AM	Communion and	prayer service
Fri.	9:00 AM	Ann Czeck	Joe Czeck
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

## NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Monday, April 5

4:15 PM & 6:00 PM (All Clsrms) Faith Formation Classes  
Grades 1-5

### Tuesday, April 6

4:15 PM & 6:00 PM (All Clsrms) Faith Formation Classes  
Grades 1-5

### Wednesday, April 7

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

### Saturday, April 10

10:30 AM - 04:15 PM (Hall) Confirmation Prep Day  
12:00 PM - 04:00 PM Triple room upstairs Face the Famine  
over night

### Sunday, April 11

Overnight - 03:00 PM (Hall) Face the Famine over night  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (All Clsrms) Pre- School FF Classes  
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.

## Food Collection -

We still take up a collection of food on the first weekend of every month to help supply our local food cupboards. Items that are Non- Perishable Canned Fruits, Juices, Vegetables, Soup, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Tuna Fish Personal Products Tooth Paste, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Napkins, Kleenex. Detergent, Dish Soap. Hand Soap Just some idea's. Please leave your donations in the front entrance of the church.

## Youth Corner...

Face the Famine: (grades 7-12)

We just began getting sponsors to sponsor us to do the FACE THE FAMINE LOCK-IN! If you're interested in participating in this wonderful event, check out the multiple posters at BOTH church entrances. Also at both entrances you can find the permission/medical form! The form stated that it was due THIS WEEKEND, but we are extending it ONE MORE WEEK! We need it by Easter in order to plan accordingly for the number of participants. It will be a fun, amazing event, but MORE importantly, we are doing a wonderful service by getting sponsors to help fight world hunger. \$1 can feed a child for an entire day...you can make a huge difference!

**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)**

3/28/10 - No Youth Group (Palm Sunday)  
4/4/10 - No Youth Group (Easter Sunday)  
4/10/10 @ 12pm until 4/11/10 1:30pm - Face the Famine  
Lock-in (No Youth Group because of famine)  
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



### 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..

### Easter Sunday

The Risen Christ gives all people a new hope. It is truly a time for rejoicing. Our efforts with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl have also given hope and new chances to many of our sisters and brothers throughout the world. Even though our Lenten journey is over, our solidarity with the poor needs to continue all year long. Visit [crs.org](http://crs.org) to stay connected with the Church's work on behalf of those in need around the world. Human Services

### Join us for Stewardship Day 2010 - 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](http://www.stbernards.edu). For a brochure and mail-in registration form, visit [ww.dor.org/sd](http://ww.dor.org/sd), or e-mail [stewardship@dor.org](mailto:stewardship@dor.org), or call 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1297.



The Patrick Place Fundraising Committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone that supported An Evening for Patrick Place on March 13th. This event was an

enormous success due to the support of the community, local businesses and individuals who purchased program ads and/or donated items to the silent auction. We also thank those that made private and anonymous donations. Your generosity and support will help to make Patrick Place a reality. Patrick Place Fundraising Committee

### Dear St Christopher's Family:

As we are settling in our 'Home away from Home', we are still basking in the warmth of our 'sending forth' given to us on that last Sunday...the gift of your blessings, reception and well wishes. Just as a person who physically leaves their biological family stays spiritually connected, so we will with you, our faith community at St Christopher.

Thank you for your love, support and well wishes. Shalom!

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## The Joy of Stewardship

### Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

	LAST WEEK	Attendance	YEAR TO
DATE			
Last Week	Not available at time of publication		

**The Bishop's Second Collection for Haiti raised a total of \$527,000. Thank you for your generosity!**

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

### PARISH STAFF

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### SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS:

<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	Saturday	4:30 PM
	Sunday	9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
<i>Weekday Eucharist</i>	9:00 AM Mass or Communion Svc	