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# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

## SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

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*Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group*

August 8, 2010

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Finding God – Faith Formation Programming**

Two years ago we changed the program that we use to educate our students. We turned to Loyola Press and signed up for their "Finding God". This program can serve our entire parish and offers innovative, imaginative, and practical approaches to lifelong faith formation. This program serves us in the following ways:

- a: Empowers catechists to lead children in prayer
- b: Offers high-quality, cohesive sessions that are designed for parish and school programs
- c: Connects technology and faith through online activities, planning tools, and assessments
- d. Offers parent and adult components that correspond to the structure of the children's program

You can find Loyola Press at [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com). Once you enter their web page there are so many free programs that you can use to enrich your faith.

One of the newer programs is "Men on the Journey Moving toward male spiritual transformation and wholeness. Joe Durepos an editor at Loyola Press along with Tom McGrath have developed this project. The resource called On the Threshold of Transformation: Daily Meditations for Men, by Fr. Rohr, a Franciscan priest.

Another great resource is their online book club, which is free. The book club includes free e-chapters, reflections from the host, Vinita Wright, and comments from the online community. Along with the Book Club Loyola Press also offers, 3-Minute Retreats, which is a daily invitation to take a brief, interactive prayer break right at your computer. I have signed up for this and truly enjoy those quiet minutes of reflection. For yourself or the entire family you can sign up to receive the Sunday Connection. You will receive information on the background of the readings along with Scripture activities the entire family can partake in. There are many other activities that you can sign up to receive right at your own computer. If you don't have a computer and are interested in some of these programs let me know and I can make the information available to you.

If you are looking for a good book to read for yourself or maybe for your children Loyola provides a great book review section. One of their newest programs is called Other6.com. This online program helps people to recognize God in their daily life. Some of us find God at church on Sunday, but finding God the other six days of the week is

not so easy. This community is made up of people who answer two simple questions: Where did you find God today? Where do you need to find God today? Check it out.

#### **Liturgy Of the Word**

***WE NEED YOUR HELP.*** At this time we are looking for LOW leaders at all Mass. Our 4:30 Mass has several open positions. You say that you can't do it because you wouldn't know what to do! No problem. We have everything that you will need to do this special ministry. There are all kinds of materials available for you to use, along with web pages that you can pull information from. I am always available to help you get things going and work with you until you are comfortable enough to be on your own.

We use the same schedule as the Faith Formation Program from September through June. July is a free month because of Vacation Bible School and we all need a rest. If you are interested in helping with this very special Ministry, please contact Judy at 594-1441 or e-mail me at [jleone-cat@aol.com](mailto:jleone-cat@aol.com) I look forward to hearing from you.

God Bless,

Judy

#### **AT THE CORNER OF BROADWAY V ...**

..will be presented on Wednesday, August 18th at 7:30PM. Brought to you once again by our Youth/Young Adults and special guests, this wonderful evening will feature songs from our first four Broadway performances and wonderful new songs as well. Hosted once again by our very own Joanna Aguglia, this night is not to be missed! Tickets are \$5.00 at the door!

#### **Care Boxes**

St. Christopher Church has been paying postage to send care boxes to our service people in Afghanistan and Iraq each month. Barbara Marhatta from the American Legion Post in Spencerport fills the boxes with donations from many sources.

If you have a loved one or friend stationed in either country, please notify Rose Newhart at 594-4580 to make arrangements for a care box to be sent.

Thank you  
Human Services Committee

<u>Mass</u>		<u>For</u> <u>Aug 7</u>	<u>to Aug 15</u> <u>By:</u>
Sat	4:30 PM	Richard (Ricky) Young	Edward & Dorothy Bischooping
Sun.	9:00 AM	Vic DeiMaggi	daughter
	11:00AM	Ellen Caffrey	The Hamilton family
Mon.	9:00 AM	For the people	of St. Christophers
Tues.	9:00 AM	Fathers living	and deceased
Wed.	9:00 AM	Judi Heath	The Kuszlyk family
Thur	9:00 AM	Communion	and prayer service
Fri.	9:00 AM	Peter Cumbo	Debra & the late Peter Catari
Sat.	4:30 PM	Jack Madigan	Lily DiGiacomo
Sun.	9:00 AM	Sr. Carol	Golden Agers
	11:00AM	GeorgeNoeth and Jon David Noeth	family

**NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

There are no activities this week

**St. Christopher's Women's Retreat Annual Retreat weekend**

Sept. 10-12, 2010 @

Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, NY  
"Talkin the Talk and Walkin the Walk"

- Notre Dame is a special place....
- ...a place which offers me a refuge, free of the noise a confusion of my daily life.
- ...a place to enjoy God's world at its finest, high on a hill overlooking the lake.
- ...a place to experience God's love for me in the stillness of the chapel.
- ...a place where I can be reunited with old friends and meet new friends.
- ...a place to rest, relax and reestablish priorities and rejoice in the Lord.
- ...a place to hear inspiring conferences of how God is working in my life or how God needs me to be working.
- ...a place to experience the healing of God's love.
- ...a place to enjoy delicious meals with good friends.
- ...a place to choose whatever I feel I need to do during my time here.
- ...a place to find new energy and peace to share with my family, friends and co-workers when I return home.

For more information or to make a reservation call Marlene Paine at 889-2809 or Lorraine Robinson at 594-5684.

**Green Autumn Harvest Raffle Questions & Answers**

*How much money will St. Christopher's raise during the raffle?*

That depends on how many tickets are sold. But we do not make any profit until we sell approximately 700 tickets! So please take some order forms and sell to your friends, neighbors, co-workers, relatives, etc. In addition, in the spirit of community support St. Christopher's will donate a portion of our proceeds to support Patrick Place in Scottsville.

Watch the 'thermometer' posters at the church doors to see our progress in selling tickets. The more we sell, the more money we will have to support our parish.

**Youth Updates**

**RHINOS GAME!?!?!?!?!?**

We have a wonderful opportunity for all of you! We have tickets for the faith futbol match and Rochester Rhinos soccer game on August 14th! The Faith Futbol Match is a fun event where people can watch local priests/pastors/youth ministers/etc play in the actual stadium where the Rhinos play! The faith futbol match kicks off at 12pm. ALL DAY there will be bands playing throughout the event. The Rhinos soccer game is at 7:30pm! You can do it all, or pick and choose which events to attend! Tickets cost only \$10 per person! 50% of the profit will go to your very own St. Christopher's Youth Program!!! We hope you will take this great opportunity to have a fun night out while also supporting your parish youth! Listen for announcements for when tickets will be sold after mass! Thanks for the constant love and support!

**YOUTH RETREAT!!!**

The youth retreat is coming quickly! August 27-29 we will be having a youth retreat at Kamp Koinonia, which is a beautiful camp out in Italy Valley, NY (about an hour and a half away). If you're looking for a great time with a perfect balance of fun, energy, reflection, chill-time, prayer, and crazy great times, this is for YOU! There will be many group events, small group events, and even time for personal reflection and relaxation! The camp has an awesome indoor chapel, beautiful outdoor chapel, craft lodge, main lodge with ping pong and many other games, and also a huge amount of outdoor field space! We will be doing some fun unexpected wild activities, along with some quiet activities such as stargazing and the ZILCH! This retreat will be available to anyone who just finished grades 6-12! The theme of the retreat will be announced soon, and registration forms are now out at both entrances!! This is an event you don't want to miss!! We hope you will join us! Just as a heads up, it will cost roughly \$40 per person depending on one more figure we have to get from the camp director on our bill. If you are not sure about the financial part of it, PLEASE speak to me! I don't want anyone missing this because of money...if you would like to attend, talk to me and we will make it work! If you are interested in chaperoning this event, please contact Kim and Dave! We are looking for volunteers to help out as small group leaders and also helping as the cooks/kitchen staff! Thank you in advance for your love and guidance!

**Men's Retreat**

Because of prevailing attitudes and practices in our culture it is important that we take time away from the pressures of everyday life to consider not only the things that we do, but also the reasons that we do them, to be sure that we are on the right track. Moving closer to God rather than farther away from him. For further information or to make a reservation, please call Jim Robinson at 594-5694

**BANNES OF MARRIAGE**

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**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

Join Deacon Dick and Rose Marie Lombard for the spiritual journey of a lifetime to the Holy Land. Departs Rochester February 6, 2011 for 10 days. Visit the places that Jesus walked including Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee and more. Celebrate Mass on this Catholic trip. First class accommodations. Information meeting at St. Elizabeth Seton on Thursday, August 19 at 7 PM in Bailey Hall. Questions? Call Deacon Dick at 259-3846 or email at rlombard2@rochester.rr.com.

**Saint Pius the Tenth Fall/ Winter Sports Program Registration is Now!**

Saint Pius the Tenth is still accepting registrations for the fall and winter sports program. As registration continues there are a few openings to complete the rosters for the following teams. We are hoping to fill teams in the boys grade 5/6 soccer and girls grade 5/6 soccer. Soccer will begin the first week in September. Winter sign up is now so scheduling of practices in the gym can be done. We are offering Cheerleading for grades five and six, while the basketball programs are for boys and girls in grades three – twelfth grade and runs from mid October to mid March.

Registration is open to St. Pius the Tenth Parish, school children and surrounding Catholic parishes. The registration forms can be found on the St. Pius web site which is- saintpiustenth.org.

As always a program can not be successful without volunteers to coach. If you have an interest in coaching any of the above teams please contact Pat Battisti at 889-4128

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These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services :

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale... It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

***The Joy of Stewardship***

**Parish Financial Stewardship Summary**

| LAST WEEK  | YEAR TO DATE |
|------------|--------------|
| \$4,543.75 | \$ 27,142.47 |

Christian stewardship is a broad, encompassing teaching, emphasizing that everything we are and everything we have – all our creation, our Church, our own vocation, personal resources, our talent and even our time – comes as gifts freely and lovingly given to God.

Stewardship ... Live It!

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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