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# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

## SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

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*Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group*

February 14, 2010

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GLORY BE TO GOD!

I would like to begin by thanking you for your prayers, many, many cards and visit

While I was in the hospital, like you I was very, very surprised to hear that I had seven bypasses. I thought my sister Linda was kidding with me when work up and asked the damage, thinking she would say to me four or five. I remembering closing my eyes, falling back to sleep, saying to myself, "I didn't know I had that large a heart?"

I must say that many of your get well cards were enjoyed not only by myself but by the nurses who would stop by to read the funny ones. One in particular favorite was a small dog looking over the top of the card at you. The caption on the front said "I heard that you were going to be fixed. I just thought I'd stop by to make sure it was done right." Of course when you open the card it would say, "Listen to your doctors and get well soon."

I spent a little more time in the hospital, and like the brochure says they get up out of bed, walking and taking care of yourself, doing all that you need to do to get out early.

I got out of the hospital around Jan 5<sup>th</sup> and have been recuperating at my sister Linda house in Brighton. It was good having both of my sisters' homes with me (Rosemary flew in from California for a week). She is the cook in the family.

When I left the hospital I had a real hard time moving my left shoulder. That was where most of the pain was focused. Apparently when I was stretched out on the operating table and a muscle was touching a nerve. I also picked up a strep infection in the hospital where my incision was. Both of these problems are now resolved.

Last week I was released by my surgeon. He asked me how I was feeling, and then told me I was ready to drive again. How about that!

This week I am beginning my cardiac rehab. I have been spending my time home getting ready for this next event by walking the malls. You be surprised how many people I meet each day. It's obvious they have been there and moved on in their own health situation.

And that's good to know. I'm not quite there, but each day I am feeling better and soon I'll be back to the parish. I remember the words of advice that many of you expressed in your greetings – "Don't rush it, take your time, and come back when you ready."

Right now I have a lot of people keeping their eye on me. I will keep that advice well in mind. So thank you for your prayers and your kindness. I hope to see you all soon.



### Lent

**REMINDER: LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17.**

Masses are scheduled for 9:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

**DAYS OF ABSTINENCE - Ash Wednesday,**

all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday for all who have reached their 14th birthday, no meat can be taken.

**DAYS OF FAST - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** for all who have reached their 18th birthday and have not as yet reached their 60th birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal.

The theme for Lent is, "Love Lavishly, Forgive Freely". A short reflection on this theme is planned during the Masses the first weekend of Lent as well as an article in the bulletin expounding upon loving lavishly and forgiving freely.

### Soup & Stations

Every Friday during lent, we have the Stations of the Cross. This year we will once again have Soup before Stations each Friday from 6:30-7:25pm. The soups are homemade and Delicioussss. Come join us in the parish hall each week for soup and stay for stations. There is no cost involved and all are welcome.

Human Services Ministry

### Operation Rice Bowl

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. As part of our community's observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice.

Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for more information

**MASS INTENTIONS - Feb 13th to Feb. 21st**

<b>Sat.</b>	4:30 PM	Julia Fowler by the McKinney family
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00AM	Ann Yanklowski by family
	11:00AM	Daniel Bauerlein by Judy Leone
<b>Mon.</b>	9:00AM	For the people of St Christophers
<b>Tues.</b>	9:00AM	Laura Mitchell by Morning Mass Group
<b>Wed.</b>	9:00AM	Fathers living and deceased
	7:30 PM	Laura Mitchell by Beverly & John Neder
<b>Thur.</b>	9:00 PM	Marie O'Neill by Kathleen Delesky
<b>Fri.</b>	9:00AM	Communion and prayer service
<b>Sat.</b>	4:30 PM	Julia Fowler by the McKinney family
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00AM	Ann Yanklowski by family
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**NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES****Sunday, February 14**

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

**Wednesday, February 17**

9:00 AM - (Church) Ash Wednesday Mass

7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group

7:30 PM - (Church) Ash Wednesday Mass

**Thursday, February 18**

6:00 PM - Triple room upstairs Hope and Healing

**Friday, February 19**

7:30 PM - (Church) Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 20**

10:00 AM - (Hall) Eucharistia Ministry

**Sunday, February 21**

9:00 AM - (Church) Rite of Sending

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

11:00 AM - (Hall) Confirmation Faith Sharing

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

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

4:00 PM - (Hall) Hope and Healing

7:30 PM - (\*FYI) Rite of Election at the Cathedral

**Building Peace with Justice**

Jesus looks at his disciples and tells them "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." Jesus does not say, someday the kingdom of God will be yours. For those who trust in God, for those who follow Jesus the kingdom of God is already here. It is not just a future reality.

If that is true, we need to be living already as members of God's reign, God's household. From God's perspective, there is one human family and the resources of the earth are meant for all.

Reflection: How can we help shape the immigration debate in our country to reflect the values of God's reign, of God's kingdom?  
Human Services Ministry

**Can you Help?**

1.) We are looking for someone with 501 (c) (3) knowledge to help us. Contact Tom Staccione @ 889-3784.

2.) We will be holding a parish vote after each Mass this weekend on a final color for our new rug in our church. Thank you to the Rug Committee for their help.

**Golden Agers**

There will be Golden Agers meeting Tuesday, February 23rd following the 9:00 Am Mass. After our meeting we plan to have a Game Day. Feel free to bring cards and games to play. Around Noon we will be going to Roberts for lunch. Please call Chris McCabe at 293-9248 and let her know if you will be able to attend or if you cannot attend.

**Patrick Place**

Tickets for An Evening for Patrick Place are now available in your parish office. This event will take place on March 13 from 6:30 to 11:00 pm. Tickets are \$60.00 each. There will be food stations (catered by D&R Depot), music and a silent auction. All proceeds will go to Patrick Place Comfort Care Home.

If you have any questions about the event or tickets please call Kate Wicks at 293-3673.

**First Communion Update**

Students should be working on their books. Once they have them completed they can return them to the Faith Formation Office. They are due no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Don't forget that when they come to Mass on the weekend they should be picking up their name buttons and wearing them so that people know who is preparing for the Sacrament.

Students should be attending Mass weekly and participating in the Liturgy of the Word. Family Banners should be finished and turned in at the parent /student retreat March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Catholic Young Adult Retreat**

*Soul Food*

**February 19-21, 2010**

**What:** Escape the busyness of life back at home or school, meet new friends and hang out with old ones, quiet time, play games, worship & meet with God, hear great Catholic talks, small group discussions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Mass, Good Food & much more!

**Who:** YOU & other Young Adults (18-35ish) from throughout W. New York... Invite Friends!

**When:** February 19-21, 2010 - 1st wkend of LENT!

Start Time: Friday @ 6:30pm End time: Sunday @ 1:30pm

**Where:** Camp Stella Maris, 30 mi. South of Rochester, nestled right on the shore of Conesus Lake!

**Cost:** \$60 pp for the WHOLE weekend!

Brochures with more info & registration are near church entrances. Please contact Maranda Skolen with questions & to RSVP! marandaskolen@hotmail.com OR 585-643-5555

**Living Stations...**

.. of the Cross will be held on Good Friday, April 2, 2010. We will once again be acting out the stations and are looking for students in Jr. High, High School or College that would like to participate. There will be a meeting on Sunday, February 7 at 12:15PM in the church for anyone who is interested. If you would like more information or have any questions, contact Eric at [agentm13@rochester.rr.com](mailto:agentm13@rochester.rr.com) or 585-615-8893.



What is the "little way"? Who developed a monastic rule that is still used today? What mystic of the 16<sup>th</sup> century is a doctor of the Church? Find the answer to these and other questions in the Great Leaders of Catholic Spirituality video series. Individual titles are \$10.00. The series of eight dvds sells for \$60.00. Go to [www.rochesterspiritallive.org](http://www.rochesterspiritallive.org) to download an order form and see a sampler video.

**Patrick's Place**

On Saturday, March 13th there will be a fund-raiser for Patrick Place at Genesee Country Museum. We are looking for individuals, businesses and organizations to make a tax-deductible donation in the form of an advertisement in the evening's program and to donate items to our silent auction.

If you are interested in placing an advertisement or donating, please email [event@patrickplace.org](mailto:event@patrickplace.org) or call 889-3100. You will be contacted with instructions. The deadline for advertisements and auction items is February 26, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding advertising for the event, please feel free to contact Joan Bostwick at 889-3501 or [jbostwic@frontiernet.net](mailto:jbostwic@frontiernet.net).

**Spencerport Community Chorus to Perform...**

..Saturday, March 6th at 7PM and again on Sunday, March 7th at 3 PM. Performances at the First Congregational Church at 65 Church St, Spencerport. Donations are appreciated, refreshments to follow.

**Watch for information on NEW raffle coming soon!**

***The Joy of Stewardship***

**Parish Financial Stewardship Summary**

	LAST WEEK	Attendance	YEAR TO DATE
Last Week	\$ 6,312.81	704	\$ 223,046.18
#of Envelopes	1/31/2010	234	

When adults practice Christian stewardship, they inspire it – both among other adults and young people. Children, we know, learn what they live. Make authentic Christian stewardship the heart of your family life and you will add heart to your family life. Guaranteed.

**Stewardship ... Live It!**

**CONFIRMATION UPDATE**



Students should be working on what they would like their Confirmation name to be and deciding who they would like as a sponsor. Confirmation names should be submitted to the Faith Formation office no later than February 24<sup>th</sup>. A sponsor is someone chosen by the candidate for confirmation.

He or she must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church (has received Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.) A Sponsor must **regularly** participate in Church worship and serve. Sponsors are asked to contact their Parish office to obtain the confirmation Certificate Form and have it returned to the Faith Formation office no later than March 15, 2010.

**Hope & Healing Party**

Peg and John Cunningham are moving to Florida at the end of February. Peggy's ministry of hope to the separated, divorced and widowed has been a real blessing for so many over the past 10 years. The love, compassion, and time Peggy has shared with us will be greatly missed.

Please join us for a party to celebrate Peggy's work on Sunday, February 21st at 5PM at St. Christopher's Church Hall. To reserve a spot or with questions contact Joan Reilly at [jreilly1896@yahoo.com](mailto:jreilly1896@yahoo.com) or 1-315-690-6455

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**PARISH STAFF**

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