



# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

## SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

July 4, 2010

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Welcome to Baobab Blast!

During the past several months you have seen and heard the words "Baobab Blast". On July 18, 2010 we will begin God's great get-together! During the first week our children will be celebrating and sharing the good News of God's love through games, songs, stories, activities.

The Baobab Tree is found in the African savannah regions and is known as the "Tree of Life". This tree is capable of providing shelter, food and water for the animal and human inhabitants wherever it is located. The cork-like bark is fire resistant and can be used for cloth and rope. The leaves are used for condiments and medicines and the fruit is called "monkey bread" which is rich in vitamin C. The Baobab Tree is capable of storing hundreds of liters of water, which the people are able to use during dry periods. The Baobab Tree was featured as the Tree of Life in Disney's "Lion King" movie and if you have ever been to Disney's Animal Kingdom it is the centerpiece of the park area.

The overall theme of Baobab Blast is community. On the first day kids will see what wonderful things happen when we TRUST God. Just as Abraham trusted God to keep his promises to deliver land, leadership of a nation, and a large family with a close connection to God, God will keep promises to us. If we trust, then our faith will move us forward to an amazing future.

On the second day of VBS, the theme of LOVE is revealed as Joseph is able to move beyond the jealousy and anger of his relationship with his brothers, forgive them, and Love in the way that God wants us to love our family.

On Day 3 at Baobab Blast, kids will step into some big footsteps and learn what it means to FOLLOW. To be a "disciple" means to be a "learner" or "follower." The Gospel stories woven together for this day show how Jesus has called everyone to follow him and spread the Good News.

On the fourth day, it is time to look out into the world at people who need our CARE. The familiar story of the

Good Samaritan gives people the opportunity to talk about what it means to put God's love into action.

On the final day of VBS, Philip's story from Acts takes everyone beyond the doors of the church and expands the Good News to the world community. We are all called to SHARE our faith with others. Each day, in all that we do, we need to live and breathe the Word and gather together to spread the message of the Bible.

On Sunday, July 25, we will begin our Second Week of "Baobab Blast" with Fr. Bob Sunday. This week is opened to anyone who would like to join us for some community family fun. Come, play games, meet new people, eat and just spend a nice day with your parish community. Rain or shine we will have a great time.

On Monday evening, join us in the Parish Center for performances from our students, and others who have signed up to share their talents with us. It is not too late for you to sign-up to share your special talent with us. There is no age limit on talents.

On Tuesday evening we will be sponsoring a family game night and we will end the evening with an ice cream social.

Join us on Wednesday evening when the Wildlife Education Program will teach us about some of the great animals that are found around the communities in Southern Africa. Have you ever seen a Pygmy Hedgehog, Fennec Fox or a Serval Cat a Sulcata Tortoise? These are just a few of the animals that will visit us in the Parish Center. We hope to see all of you during this exciting time. **Sign-up sheets for Sunday and Monday can be found at the entrances to the church.**

**Please keep all of us in your prayers during these two weeks. We hope to see all of you there.**

### Paper Towel Rolls Needed!

During VBS we will be doing a craft that requires paper towel rolls. To make this craft more fun for the kids I am looking for 150 rolls, so help is really needed. Please leave donations outside the Faith Formation Office.

Thank you, Karen

### FAMILY TALENT SHOW

Don't forget to sign up for the Family Talent Show, July 26th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Forms are located at all entrances. Please return all forms to the Faith Formation Office no later than July 15, 2010.

<u>Mass</u>		<u>For</u>	<u>July 3</u> <u>to July 11</u> <u>By:</u>
Sat	4:30 PM	Ken McCorry	family
Sun.	9:00 AM	Margaret Steele	The Morningstar fam- ily
	11:00AM	Marie & Bill Hockley	Anne Pryor
Mon.	9:00 AM	For the people	of St. Christophers
Tues.	9:00 AM	Maria LoIacono	Gisele & Larry Dowdell
Wed.	9:00 AM	Larry Stahlke	Joan Reilly
Thur	9:00 AM	Communion	and prayer service
Fri.	9:00 AM	Mothers living	and deceased
Sat.	4:30 PM	Lana Freeland	Kamp family
Sun.	9:00 AM	Dr. Steven Buckley	Gary & Ann, Gary Jr & Jeanine, Greg & Carrie Bischooping
	11:00AM	Dan McManus	Ed & Vivian

**NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, July 5**

07:00 PM - (Youth Office) Baptism Class with Maranda

**Tuesday, July 6**

05:30 PM - 08:00 PM (FYI) Ultimate Frisbee- All outside area to be used

**Sunday, July 11**

12:00 PM - (Hall) Family Life - Hot Dog Roast

**The 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

The United States of America is 234 years old today. That's a long time for a nation to remain free. But, when you look at our history in the context of world history, America is just a CHILD among the nations. Egypt, China, Japan, Rome, Greece all make America's history seem so short. Consider what a brief time we've really been here as a nation: When Thomas Jefferson died, Abraham Lincoln was a young man of 17. When Lincoln was assassinated, Woodrow Wilson was a boy of 8. By the time he died Ronald Reagan was a boy of 12.

There you have it. The lives of four men can take you all the way back to the beginning of our country, 232 years ago. We are so young. And yet we stand tall among these nations because of the principles on which we were established: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Thus begins the Declaration of Independence, which we celebrate today. And do not let anyone fool you. Freedom ought and need be celebrated. So many churches and ministers today loathe patriotism in the pulpit. I am not one of those. I celebrate today with you the freedoms with which God has blessed this great nations of ours. Now I cannot tell you whether God has blessed us with liberty and therefore we are free or we have wisely and simply built our liberty based on biblical principles. In

any case our freedom is from God.

Now let me temper our celebrations with a caution: With freedom comes great responsibility. We are not free to live excessive lives. We are not set at liberty to pursue selfish ends. Our independence should not make us infidels. As Paul so eloquently puts it: "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature."

What is true for the church is true for the nation: Liberty demands civility. Freedom requires righteous behavior. On this July 4th let's celebrate Freedom and Civility.

**1. First Let's Celebrate Freedom**

The framers of our great nation were just as serious about their political and religious freedom. In fact they made little distinction between them. That is why the Declaration of Independence says that liberty is a right endowed not by nature but by God himself. We have been serious about liberty ever since. Patrick Henry said, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death." Thomas Jefferson with a bit of humor and absolute seriousness said, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." And it need not be pointed out that that the First Amendment to the Constitution is congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press..

**2. Let 's celebrate Civility**

"The choice before us is plain: Christ or chaos, conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration.. Pope Paul the 11 when he visited us said: "Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."

So on this 4<sup>th</sup>, I wish on you and your family the blessings of this holiday. May we continue to celebrate the Spirit that is the foundation of our great nation.

Fr. Bob



**White Water Rafting  
Trip  
For Young Adults**

Saturday, **July 31st**, on the Black River near Watertown, NY!

Grab a friend and SIGN UP soon, this is one ADVENTURE you wont want to miss!!!! Cost is \$60 - covers rafting, lunch & snacks on the river as well as a BBQ dinner after the trip! RSVP & 50% deposit needed ASAP! Please contact Maranda for info! Depending on group interest, one night of camping after rafting is a possibility! 643-5555 or marandaskolen@hotmail.com

**Hot Dog Sunday!**

The Family Life Committee will be hosting a Hot Dog Sunday (No, not a Hot Dog Sundae!) on Sunday, July 11th following the 11:00am mass. Just a simple picnic with hot dogs, chips, beverages, etc. More details will follow, but please plan to join us.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**St. Christopher's Women's Retreat Annual Retreat weekend Is Sept. 10-12, 2010 @ Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, NY "Talkin the Talk and Walkin the Walk"**

In the retreat experience we are give the opportunity to take time away from our busy, overly involved, constantly being needed lives to just be for a weekend. The atmosphere both inside and out is one of peace, beauty, warmth, friendliness and caring. WE can reflect on how much God loves, blesses and celebrates us. We can attend the conferences, go for walks, read, rest, pray, and enjoy good conversations. Why not consider joining us this year. The retreat opens Friday evening and closes by noon on Sunday  
Call Marlene Paine (Your retreat leader) at 889-2809

**Don't Forget Father Bob Fun Day**

Make sure that you pick up your registration forms for the July 25th Fun Day with Fr. Bob. Activities begin at 1:30 and go until 4:30. There will be games, food, music and a lot of fun. Fr. Bob has some surprises up his sleeve so don't miss out. Forms are located on the tables and both entrances of the church. Please return your forms no later than July 18, 2010 to the Faith Formation Office. If you have any questions, call Judy or Karen at 594-1441.

**Youth Updates...**

**Summer Softball**

- Wednesday 7/7 Game #1
- Wednesday 7/14 Game #2
- Wednesday 7/21 Game #3
- Wednesday 7/28 Game #4
- Wednesday 8/4 Game #5 (Home + Party with St. Pius)
- Wednesday 8/11 Game #6 (FINAL GAME!!!)

**Other Upcoming Events**

**August 7th-8th --- Diocesan Youth Convention ---** This is the Rochester convention that will blow you away! The amount of spirit, love, fun, and awe is impossible to put into words...you just have to experience it for yourself! This will be offered for all youth just finishing grades 8-12. JESSE MANIBUSAN will be the keynote speaker and musician!

**Friday August 27th - Sunday August 29th --- Youth Retreat ---** This event is for anything going INTO 7th grade through 12th grade! This will be at Kamp Koinonia (a beautiful camp in Italy Valley, NY where we will be staying in cabins!!!) More details to come, but mark the calendars for an amazing weekend full of fun, spirit, and activities that you will never forget! :)

*The Joy of Stewardship*

**Parish Financial Stewardship Summary**

	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
June 27, 2010	\$ 5,643.85	\$ 350,305.05
		<small>Final for this Fiscal Year</small>

When we provide financial support to parish causes, we are not just paying our dues or somehow keeping God placated. Rather, we are extending ourselves to participate in the work of God's Kingdom. Granted, when we give, we are helping others extend God's Kingdom, but in the process we are involving ourselves, too, because we don't just give money — we give ourselves.

Stewardship ... Live It!

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**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS:**

- Sunday Eucharist* Saturday 4:30 PM
- Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- Weekday Eucharist* 9:00 AM Mass or Communion Svc