



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

June 13, 2010

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time GLORY BE TO GOD.

Have you noticed lately that there is a lot of negativity today about "being Catholic" today which many people who are faithful in their Catholic faith find very embarrassing. In fact if you look at the Catholic Church over the last 200 years this Catholic bashing has always been a part of history here in our country. As way back as the immigrant migration here in the United States many nationalities have been viciously criticized by many outside organized group about "being" Catholic.

It seems that now a day some newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States, namely the Catholic Church. I thought it might be helpful if we look at the challenges and the good works of the Catholic Church from a much more positive perspective.

- We in the Catholic Church can trace our roots back to Jesus and the early church. Most other Christian Faiths, many of which are constantly calling to question our Catholic practices, have split off from a variety of different traditions for a variety of different reasons.
- We are a Eucharistic centered people who gather weekly (daily) to listen to God's
- Word in the Scriptures, to celebrate his Eucharistic presence in our midst and to go out and serve as the Body of Christ in today's world.
- In a time of great change we are seeing many parish churches that are undergoing clustering with nearby parish communities experiencing a growth in parishioners, ministries and pastoral outreach.
- We have a real Tradition of men and women who over the centuries up to this present day have lived their faith to the fullest. People who were persecuted for their beliefs; people whose lives were models of Catholic action for many; people whose holiness inspired others to deepen their faith and belief in Jesus Christ.
- We have a spirituality that goes back to the early desert Fathers of the church. We have a history of spirituality in the writing of the Fathers and great men and women of the Church as John of the Cross, Theresa of Avila, - in our own country Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Henry Nouwen and many others.....
- We have some of the largest religious communities of men and women in the US who have dedicated their lives in Catholic education, medical health, centers of hospitality and family life, and social justice to name a few

- Do you know--the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at the cost to that Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. 92% of these graduates go on to college and graduate studies.
- The Catholic Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with enrollment of over 700,000 students.
- The Catholic Church in the US has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people--not just Catholics--in the United States today. We also run nursing facilities and health care programs which address the needs of our elderly population
- Our concern for the poor and the underprivileged springs directly from the Catholic understanding of holistic growth and universal salvation. God wants everyone to reach full potential as a human being created in God's image. This means first having basic human needs met and then growing to full maturity in Christ through meeting the needs of others. The gospel is a message to be shared at every level of human life, and the good news is that God's power is available to redeem the world. Respect life in all its dimensions is at the heart of Catholic teaching.
- In every Diocese in the United States there is a Catholic Charities program. These programs address the needs of the poor and those who are undergoing emotional, social and psychological difficulties. We run soup kitchens, clothing centers, housing services, counseling services and job employment training programs to name a few. Every year they raise approximately 10 billion to help support these agencies.
- The Catholic Church is not a national Church. It is one of the few truly international institutions in the world today. The Catholic Church is also a multicultural Church. It is not just European and American but also Latino and African and Asian. People of every race and culture embrace the Catholic faith and are embraced by the universal Church.
- The Church has always been concerned with holiness. True holiness requires a conversion of the whole person, a transformation of the total personality, a concern for bodily as well as spiritual health, and a balance between prayer and action. This may require a conversion of our lifestyle, no matter where we live or what we do for a living. We have a long tradition of retreats, bible study and spiritual direction.

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<u>Mass</u>		<u>June 12</u>	<u>to June 20</u>
		<u>For</u>	<u>By:</u>
Sat	4:30 PM	Don Jones	Mr & Mrs. Dave Turner
Sun.	9:00 AM	Bernie Voorheis	Gary & Ann, Gary Jr & Jeanine, Greg & Carrie Bischooping
	11:00AM	Mary Palmer	Judy Leone
Mon.	9:00 AM	Don Paine	Vivian and Ed
Tues.	9:00 AM	Theresa Krenzer & Josephine Hebbard	Ginny Lockridge
Wed.	9:00 AM	For the people	Of St. Christophers
Thur	9:00 AM	Communion	and prayer service
Fri.	9:00 AM	For the intentions of	Chris McCabe on her birthday
Sat.	4:30 PM	Fred Stohr	Mary Ewing & Dept of Ed. At Uof Richmond, VA.
Sun.	9:00 AM	Peter Combo	Betty & Steve Hodownes
	11:00AM	Ellen Caffrey	MaryPat, Jack & Kevin Brayer

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 13, 2010

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

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

5:30 PM - 08:00 PM (FYI) Ultimate Frisbee- All outside area to be used

6:00 PM - (Hall) Council

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group

Thursday, June 17, 2010

7:00 PM - (Church) Choir

Saturday, June 19, 2010

10:00 AM - (Hall) Eucharistia Ministry

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (Hall) YA Coffee House

Sunday, June 20, 2010

11:00 AM - Baptism Brooke Kathryn Montanez

11:00 AM - (Church) Graduate Mass with reception downstairs

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

Family Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for July 26, 27, & 28 for great family fun. Our second week of Vacation Bible School is a FAMILY WEEK, and is open to the ENTIRE PARISH COMMUNITY. On Monday evening we will be hosting a talent show. Tuesday will be family fun night, with games and an ice cream social. Wednesday evening the Wild Life Educational program will be here with some great animals from Africa to show us. Remember if your children are joining us for Vacation Bible School the week of July 19th - 28th we need your registration forms. If you need the registration forms, you can find them on our web-site.

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- The Catholic has a wonderful conscience in the area of social justice.
- We are one of the most generous churches in our outreach to the poor both here and abroad. We run missions, hospitals, education facilities, and train people in their own country to address social concerns which are dehumanizing and socially unjust.

But often the press comes vindictive, trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage.

This is not a Catholic Problem. It's in the papers every day and it cross-sects society in all its professions. In fact many studies of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving.

So walk with your shoulders high and you head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States. Then remember what Jeremiah said: 'Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find rest for your souls'.

Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions. Be proud that you're a Catholic.

(adapted by an article of Sam Miller - Proud to be Catholic)

Grandma's Attic Report

Thanks to everyone who sorted, priced, boxed, wrapped, and bagged items in last weekend's Grandma's Attic. And thanks to everyone who shopped. The parish raised over \$2100 and we couldn't have done it without everyone's help. Jill West, Joan Dobles, and Sue Gromkoski did a terrific job of leading this event. Thanks, ladies!

Youth Updates!!!

Website and Updates...Our youth group website has been updated again! Go to the parish website (www.stchristophersnchili.org) and click on the youth group tab! There are updates on youth group schedule, leadership info, and summer softball schedule and info!

Summer Softball Calendar...

- Thursday 6/24 & 6/30 Practice
- Wednesday 7/6 Game
- Wednesday 7/14 Game
- Wednesday 7/21 Game
- Wednesday 7/28 Game
- Wednesday 8/4 Game
- Wednesday 8/11 FINAL GAME and PARTY!!!

June Calendar...

- Sunday 6/13 - No Youth Group (Kim and Dave are doing a bike race to raise \$ for the American Diabetes Association)
- Sunday 6/20 - Graduation Mass 11am; No Youth Group (Father's Day)
- Friday 6/25 - End of School Year PARTY!!! 8-10pm, anyone currently in grades 6-12!
- Sunday 6/27 - Leadership 12:15-1; Youth Group 1-3



Graduate Mass!

Sunday, June 20 at the 11:00 am mass.

Special blessing & light reception after mass for our high school graduates! Graduates, Friends and Families, please join us!

Please RSVP to marandaskolen@hotmail.com

June Day of Prayer

Notre Dame Retreat House, June 15, 2010, donation \$15 Presented by FR. Mike Sergi. C.Ss.R
 9am. Coffee
 9:30am Morning Prayer
 9:45am Conference 10:30am BREAK
 11:00am Conference/Prayer 12:00 LUNCH
 1:00pm Confessions & Bookstore
 2:00pm Mass

A Day to Call Your Own, Thursday, June 10, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Mercy Prayer Center, 65 Highland Ave., Rochester, NY 14620. Spend the day freely in prayer, quiet reflection and solitude; light lunch is provided. Facilitators: Mercy Prayer Center Staff. Fee: \$15. Call 585-473-6893 to register.

GOLDEN AGERS

There will be a Golden Agers meeting on June 22nd following the 9:00 Mass. After our meeting we will be going to Hamlin State Park for our Annual Picnic. Please bring your place settings plus whatever you signed up to bring for the picnic. If you have not signed up but wish to go, please call Chris McCabe at 293-9248. Also let her know if you plan to drive or will need a ride. Please check the Golden Agers Mail Box for the sign up sheets for bringing food (snacks, desserts or a dish to pass). Also you need to sign up for what you wish to eat at the picnic (white or red hots or hamburgs). There is a separate sign up sheet if you wish to help with any chores (not compulsory).



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 by **June 20th** please contact Maranda for info! Depending on group interest, one night of camping after rafting is a possibility! 643-5555 or marandaskolen@hotmail.com

The Joy of Stewardship

Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
June 6, 2010	\$ 6,739.90	\$ 332,844.30

We all tend to find time for our priorities. But we don't always have our priorities straight. Consider ways in which you could find yourself wasting time. For some, it's gabbing on the telephone. Others spend too much time on the computer or watching television. Often, we have more time than we realize. As with money, we can spend our time more wisely if we study how we use it. Is there an area in which you waste time that might be reclaimed for better stewardship?

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