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# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

## SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

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*Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group*

**March 7, 2010**



## Love Lavishly, Forgive Freely

### **Patrick Place - A Comfort Care Home** **A Concise Biography of Patrick Place**

The notion of a comfort care home in Scottsville, NY sprung from a group of Catholic parishes that were commissioned by the Diocese to work together in order to address pastoral planning issues regarding changing statistics in the church of our time. The group of parishes is known as Five Saints West (5SW) and is made up of St. Mary of the Assumption in Scottsville, St. Columba-St. Patrick in Caledonia, St. Vincent de Paul in Churchville and St. Christopher in North Chili. The idea originally arose during a review of building uses by the planning team.

This idea also sprang up from a sense within the pastoral planning process that the parishes do something together as a joint ministry of 5SW. In the past there have been efforts to come together around clothing drives and such, but nothing steady developed. Three of the parishes of 5SW are set to cluster in 2011, meaning they would be united under one leader or pastor. This venture of a comfort care home would be a collaborative effort of the four parishes that make up 5SW. Also, members of other churches have already voiced their support and are hopeful that volunteers in our community would step forward to help as well.

In 2008 the matter was brought to each of the parishes and a survey was conducted to determine if parishioners thought this was a good idea. Nearly 650 responses came back from the four parishes. 520 (81%) endorsed it, about 100 (15%) expressed some doubt, and 23 (4%) rejected the idea. Feeling very positive about this result, the 5SW team assembled an exploratory committee formed from all the parishes which would delve further into the question of necessity, feasibility and the viability of this outreach.

The second floor of St. Mary's rectory in Scottsville was vacant. A group of parishioners thought turning it into a hospice home would provide a much-needed service to the community. The expectation is that \$120,000 is needed for renovations – most of which would hopefully come from grants, but there will be other ongoing fundraising efforts and hopes of bequests forthcoming. It is then expected that the annual operating budget needed would be around \$100,000.

From 2008 to 2009 a great deal of work was done. Health care agencies affirmed the need, engineers and architects examined the building and found no major obstacles, a po-

tential name was decided upon and the exploratory committee determined that it was indeed a feasible project for the parishes to take on. Presentations were made to each of the parish councils and they all gave unanimous support to the new entity – Patrick Place – a name that honors the Church of St. Patrick in Mumford that was closed a number of years ago. Patrick Place will provide a place of comfort for individuals to live out the last days of their life. It will also be a place where family members can contribute to their loved ones care and where they can grieve and find comfort and compassion. Patrick Place will be available to anyone regardless of religion or region.

There is a Patrick Place Gala planned for March 13 at the Genesee Country Museum reception center as our 1<sup>st</sup> fund raiser. We are asking a \$60 dollar donation for each ticket purchased for what promises to be an enjoyable evening. The event features several grazing stations for dinner and desserts, a silent auction, entertainment and cash bar. Tickets are available by calling the rectory. All proceeds from will go toward the establishment of Patrick Place. Donations also being for items that can be used for the silent auction, as well as money. To make Patrick Place function well we will also need at least 70 volunteers and hopefully 100 as a true base. This project has also found support in the wider community and we plan to continue to grow with support from other denominations and volunteer organizations.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Fr. Bob

### **The Carpet is Coming! Volunteers needed**

The new carpet will be installed in the church during the next two weeks. We need volunteers with muscles to help clear the church so the installers can do their work. Please meet at the church any or all of the following days to help move chairs, plants, brick walls, etc. Sunday, 3/7 at 1:00pm, Wednesday, 3/10 at 6:30pm, and Saturday, 3/13 at 12:30pm. Any questions, please call Rich Colleluori at 247-0568. (Teens - this project will qualify for service hours.) Thank you!

### **The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses**

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.

**MASS INTENTIONS - Mar 6th to Mar 14th**

**Sat.** 4:30 PM Ken McCorry by Mr. & Mrs. Dave Turner

**Sun.** 9:00AM Tammy Bischooping by Richard & Martha Fernberg

11:00 AM Michelle Cabic by the Cabic family

**Mon.** 9:00AM For the intentions of Fr. Bob on his Birthday

**Tues.** 9:00AM Helen Connors by George Mandery

**Wed.** 9:00AM Mother living and deceased

**Thur.** 9:00 PM Communion and Prayer Service

**Fri.** 9:00AM For the people of St. Christophers

**Sat.** 4:30 AM Betty Marsico by Mr. & Mrs. Dave Turner

9:00AM Christopher Daly by Mr & Mrs William

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11:00 AM George Noeth & Jon David Noeth by family

**NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

Sunday, March 7

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

11:00 AM - (Hall) Confirmation Faith Sharing

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

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

12:15 PM - (Church) Living Stations Rehearsal

2:00 PM - (Hall) Parent Meeting for First Eucharist

Monday, March 8 & Tues, March 9

4:15 PM & 6:00 PM (All Clsrms) Faith Formation Classes

Tuesday, March 9

7:00 PM - (Hall) Confirmation Parent Meeting

7:30 PM - (\*FYI) Joe Kelly at St. Marys

Wednesday, March 10

6:30 PM - 08:00 PM (All Clsrms) Jr. High Classes

7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group

7:00 PM - (Rectory) Finance Committee

Thursday, March 11

7:00 PM - (All Clsrms) Called To Protect For Parents

Friday, March 12

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

Sunday, March 14

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

11:00 AM - (Hall) Confirmation Faith sharing

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

**Lenten Series with Dr. Joe Kelly**

5 Saints West has invited Dr. Joe Kelly to present a Lenten series, "**Job's Dilemma and Ours: Biblical Reflections of the Problem of Evil**"

The series will be held Tuesdays at 7 pm as follows:

March 9 – St. Columba in Caledonia

March 16 – St. Mary of the Assumption in Scottsville

March 23 – St. Vincent de Paul in Churchville

**Attention Married and Engaged Couples**

Has anyone ever clearly explained for you WHY the Catholic Church does not approve of unnatural birth control? For most of us, the answer is NO. Learn about your faith and discover a natural method of family planning that goes beyond the physical. A course starts March 15. For more information and registration, Alan and Cheryl Hitchings at 293-7180. Child care will be available.

**Dear St. Christopher's Family**

Thank you for thee "Get Well" wishes and prayers while my husband, John, was in the hospital. His gall bladder surgery went well and John is resting at home now.

Sincerely, Shelly Williams

**A Note to Kathy Traugott (Elizabeth Ministry)**

Just a note to thank you for the delicious cookie tray that was delivered to our home! Brownies are my favorite! St. Christophers Church has always been generous, but it is people like yourself and the Elizabeth Ministry that makes me proud to be part of the community. Thank you for thinking of me during this journey. In appreciation for your thoughtfulness, I thank you with warmest regards.

**BAOBAB BLAST VBS 2010**

GET READY FOR THE WILDEST ADVENTURE YET JULY 19-28, 2010! Registration forms are available at the entrances to the church as well as the Faith Formation Office. The great Baobab tree in the expansive African savannah is the setting for this year's VBS. This great get-together has something for everyone in the community to LOVE. Kids, ages 3-12, will be sharing in their classes, visiting the Kalahari Craft Center, The Grassland Games Field, the Savannah Storytelling area, and the Madagascar Music Theater. Registration is limited so sign up soon. Pre-registration ends on May 20, 2010. See you at the Baobab Blast!

**CALLED TO PROTECT**

As part of the Diocese of Rochester's ongoing commitment to provide safe environments for children they are offering a program designed to empower middle and high school students. "Called to Protect For Youth TM is a video training program developed by Praesidium, Inc., of Austin, Texas. The purpose of this program is to educate teens about sexual abuse and to empower them to recognize unsafe behaviors and situations and to give them strategies on how to respond. This video assisted training program uses teens and young adults to illustrate how to recognize and respond to unsafe behaviors. On March 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. I am offering the opportunity to all parents to join me in the church for a preview of this program. At that time I will be able to answer any questions you might have about the program. If you have any questions or can't attend on March 11<sup>th</sup>, please call Judy at 594-1441.

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

During the past couple of weeks we have been sending home the registration forms for September 2010 – April 2011. If you did not get the form please pick it up this week when you bring your child(ren) to classes. We are requesting that all forms be returned to the Faith Formation office no later than June 1, 2010. If your child will be starting for the first time in the fall or if you have any questions call the Faith Formation office at 594-1441.

**Attention: Liturgical Ministers**

First, I would like to thank Margy Lydon for all the hours she has put into creating the Ministry Schedule over the past several years. Believe me, it is a very big undertaking. I greatly appreciate her service to St. Christopher's.

The current schedule will end with March 28. Its time to let me know of any changes that need to be made before the next schedule. I have designed a sheet that will be at both entrances of the church. Please complete one of these forms and drop in the collection when you want to request "non-schedule" dates, or if you wish to make a change in your ministry status. You may also send me an email at [nstchris@dor.org](mailto:nstchris@dor.org).

**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 Delicioussssss. 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

**Living Stations...**

Living Stations of the Cross will be held on Good Friday, April 2, 2010 at **7:30PM** and will be presented by the Youth/Young Adults. The next rehearsal will be this Sunday, March 7, at 12:15PM in the Church. If you are interested in participating, you must be at that rehearsal.

**Operation Rice Bowl**

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

**Youth Group Updates:**

- \* There is youth group this weekend!
- \* Check the Newsletter in this bulletin for updates, events, and news!

**NCYC Bulletin Blog:**

My 2nd NCYC, by Michael Greenblatt:  
 This was my 2nd NCYC 'cuz I was lucky enough to go to Columbus, OH in 2007 even though I was in 8th grade and the requirement is 9th thru 12th grade. I was the only teen participant who was lucky enough to attend twice. I had a blast at NCYC. I got closer to God and my faith by listening to inspirational music and awesome keynote speakers. On the 1st day there was an Eucharistic Adoration procession that went out into the streets of Kansas City. It was very religious and I could feel the power to the Holy Spirit. It was just so overwhelming and powerful. The closing Mass was amazing. Seeing so many people gathered there to worship the same thing you are worshipping was so great. There were 24,000 people there yet we were all one. I want to thank everyone who supported our group and made this trip possible for me. Thanks for keeping me and my group in your prayers. I hope and pray that I'll be able to go to NCYC 2011 in Indianapolis, IN.

*The Joy of Stewardship*

**Parish Financial Stewardship Summary**

	LAST WEEK	Attendance	YEAR TO DATE
Last Week	\$ 6,225.36		\$ 241,252.05

#of Envelopes 2/27/2010 256

**Stewardship ... Live It!**

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 e-mail: [nstchris@dor.org](mailto:nstchris@dor.org)

<http://www.stchristophersnchili.org>

[Patrickplace.org](http://Patrickplace.org) ~a comfort care project of 5 Saints West

**PARISH STAFF**

Pastor .....*Rev. Robert Gaudio* 594-1400  
 Sec/Business Mgr *Marilyn Weinert* 594-1400  
 Deacon.....*John Cunningham* 594-1400/301-8540  
 Faith Formation  
 Coordinator.....*Judy Leone* 594-1441  
 Faith Formation  
 Secretary..... *Karen Curtis* 594-1441  
 Music Director.....*Celeste Dynski-Trumble* 293-2358

Pastoral Minister.....*Chris McCabe* 594-1400/293-9248  
 Young Adult Minister....*Maranda Skolen* 643-5555/594-1091  
 Youth Minister.....*Kim Winden* 329-4642 / 594-1091  
 Maintenance.....*Robert Yaw* 594-1441

**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	

**EASTER FLOWERS**

To donate to flowers, use this form, the envelope in your packet or pick up an envelope at the entrances to the church.  
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In Memory of.....

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