



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

May 16, 2010

Seventh Sunday of Easter **GLORY BE TO GOD**

'Beyond the 11th'

Patricia Quigley and Susan Retik lost their husbands in the horror of 9/11. As they struggled to rebuild their families' shattered lives, the United States launched its first military campaign to remove the Taliban and terrorist camps in Afghanistan. Decades of conflict had ravaged the country, leaving tens of thousands of women and children without husbands and fathers.

Patti and Susan felt a growing kinship with these women and families. Unlike Afghan widows and their children, Patti and Susan's families would never have to worry about food or shelter - but Patti and Susan felt a bond with these women by virtue of their common sadness and loss. So Patti and Susan took the money they received in the 9/11 settlements and began "Beyond the 11th", a nonprofit organization to aid widows affected by war and terrorism. Working with CARE and other international relief organizations, Beyond the 11th provides widows and their families with food assistance, health education and opportunities for vocational training and employment. Their foundation has helped one group of widows start a small community chicken farm; they also gave seed money to a co-op formed by Afghan widows to weave rugs.

In Afghan society, widows are the poorest of the poor, the most powerless and marginalized. Patti Quigley and Susan Retik, widows who received an outpouring of financial and emotional support following the deaths of their husbands, seek to bring that same hope and support to women who have been victimized by the same terror. The major obstacle they face is not only to get society to value these women more but getting women to value themselves more.

Patti Quigley notes that the challenges of widowhood are universal: "Dealing with kids alone, dealing with the extended family alone, finding a way to support the family - no matter where you are in the world, you understand exactly the feeling, the frustration that comes with dealing with things alone."

Susan Retik says, "The terrorists may have killed our husbands on September 11, but we can create our own future and destiny. The cycle of poverty and lack of education and all those things we take for granted here in the United States, if we can end that whole cycle, or help in some small way, this isn't going to happen again."

From The Boston Globe, Christian Science Monitor, Oprah.com.]

Patti Quigley and Susan Retik have seen both the horror and the goodness humanity is capable of and now seek to be vehicles of re-creation and reconciliation through their work in Beyond the 11th. In his "high priestly prayer," Jesus pleads with God that the extraordinary sense of love that binds the Father to the Son will bind us to one another, as well. Such extraordinary love is total, selfless, unconditional and complete; it is love that is centered in our care and concern for another before our own needs and wants; it is love that is based on the realization that we belong to one another as children of the same God; it is love that transcends credentials and labels, fears and biases, love that realizes its joy in acts of kindness, compassion and justice. Through such love, the resurrection of Jesus becomes real to us in our own time and place as we await its fulfillment in the time and place of God. On the Mount of the Ascension, the Risen Jesus calls us to the same work of being his "witnesses" of the healing, compassion and justice we have seen in his life. We are Christ's witnesses not only in our articulating the powerful words of the Gospel but in the quiet, simple, but no-less powerful expressions of compassion and love.

Liturgical Minister Training...Sat. May 12th

There will be training for Liturgical Ministers on Saturday, June 12th in the church. The day will begin with Altar Server training at 10:00AM, followed by training for Hospitality ministers at 11:00 AM and Eucharistic Ministers at noon. The final session will be for Lectors at 1 PM. All who are interested in serving in any of these ministries are invited to attend this session. If you have any questions, please contact the associated leader: Altar Servers: Rick Morningstar (293-1958, amstar@rochester.rr.com), Hospitality and Eucharistic Ministers contact Chris McCabe 293-9248 and Lectors should contact the office at 594-1400.

Phone # Changes:

If your phone number has changed within the last couple of years, we need to know. Your number as listed in the picture directory is what is on file in our records. It's important that we have correct information if we need to contact you. If you have changes, don't have a directory, or have questions, please call Chris McCabe at 293-9248.

PS This also includes addresses. Thanks

<u>Mass</u>	<u>In t e n -</u> <u>tions</u>	<u>May 15 to May 23</u>	
		<u>For:</u>	<u>By:</u>
Sat	4:30 PM	Laura Mitchell	Morning Mass Group
Sun.	9:00 AM	Bernie Voorheis	John & Judy Spannaccio
	11:00 AM	Anne & Bob Nugent	Don & Sharleen Ellis
Mon.	9:00 AM	For the people	of St Christopher
Tues.	9:00 AM	Pat Prescott	Ginny Lockridge
Wed.	9:00 AM	Mothers living	and deceased
Thurs	9:00 AM	Communion	and prayer service
Fri.	9:00 AM	Mrs. Gutowski	Tom & Janice Armstrong
Sat.	4:30 PM	Helen Townsend	family
Sun.	9:00 AM	Don Paine	Eich family
	11:00 AM	Irene Philson	The Philson family

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 16

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM First Communion -Catherine Wall, Alissa Rivoli, Zachary Dean, Aidan Coykendall, Charly Campanella

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

12:00 PM - (Any open Clsm) Parish Life meeting

Tuesday, May 18

6:00 PM - (Hall) Council

Wednesday, May 19

7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group

7:00 PM - (FYI) Confirmation at the Cathedral

Thursday, May 20

7:00 PM - (Church) Choir

Friday, May 21

6:00 PM - 06:00 PM (*FYI) Youth Group Spring Retreat - grades 7-12 @ Notre Dame Retreat House

Saturday, May 22

9:00 AM - (Church) Decorate for Pentecost

4:30 PM - 05:30 PM (*FYI) Tia Ferris

Sunday, May 23

- (Hall) Grandma's Attic - Donation drop-off begins

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

SAVE THE DATE - CHICKEN BARBECUE

The Family Life Committee is sponsoring a Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, June 12th from 4pm-7pm. The eat-in or take-out dinner (but we hope you choose to eat-in so we can get to know you better!) includes a 1/2 chicken, macaroni salad, baked beans, and a roll for \$9. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be for sale after masses through May 30th. The food is being catered by parishioners Marilyn and Karl Weinert and dinner music will be provided by parishioners Tom Bodziak and Bill Yanklowski. Please save the date and please join us!

If you would like to volunteer to help at the dinner, call Jeanne and Rich Colleluori at 247-0568.

CHURCH FURNITURE

In the last month members of the liturgy committee have drawn my attention to several items I will call church furniture. There are large significant cracks on the top of the altar as well as around the lower base. On the lectern there also is a significant crack along the top where the lectionary sets as well as cracks in the base. Finally, on the tabernacle, there is a separation by the doors where the tabernacle sets on its base. This needs to be re-glued as do its front doors. (Remember that the tabernacle has been safely stored the last tens years in the parish garage.) A lot of the damage is due to the always changing humidity in the church.

We have had it looked by a carpenter who worked on our furniture many years ago and are awaiting his quote.

So if you might be thing of making a donation in memory of someone this might be a worthwhile designation.

In addition, a couple of weeks ago, after the 11:00 Mass, and I'm not sure how this issue came up, but someone asked me if I was ever going to get new chairs. This person went on to say that he and his wife are at the age where it very difficult for them to stand without the support of chair arms. He went on to say that he has to pull himself up with the chair in front of him and our chairs do not provide stability (to be honest, many people have mentioned this to me in the past). With my recent surgery I now identify with what they are talking about. So if you believe that this is something we need to address, please share that with me.

Tenth Anniversary of the Westside Benefit Concert

Save the date and plan to attend the Tenth Annual Ecumenical Benefit Concert sponsored by the Westside Coalition of Christian Churches on Sunday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m., at Pearce Memorial Church. This group of churches initially gathered to support the building of a Habitat for Humanity House in 2001, and has since raised over \$17,650 for different charitable organizations. This year's concert features choirs and instrumentalists from several local churches. There will be a featured performance by Tarnished Brass and a world premier performance of "We Thank Thee" by composers Adam and Matt Podd. Free will donations will go to Aurora House, a hospice home in Spencerport Come, and bring a friend!



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. Everyone is welcome to join us for family fun and a chance to get to meet new families in our parish. On Monday evening we will be hosting our first annual parish talent show. Tuesday will be family fun night. There will be games and an ice cream social. Finally on 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.



St. Christopher's Ultimate Frisbee League For Young Adults

Young Adult Ultimate Frisbee League Forming... team registration due by May 23rd to Maranda! Games start June 1st and continue every week on Tuesday Evenings at 5:30pm through July 13 - championship game on July 18. All games at St. Christopher's outdoor fields! BBQ & time of music, prayer and scripture following each game! Spread the word & Contact Maranda for more info! 643-5555 or

marandaskolen@hotmail.com

GOLDEN AGERS

The Golden Agers will meet on May 25th following the 9:00 AM Mass. We will be going to the Planetarium to see the Great Lakes program. After the Planetarium we will be going to lunch at the Olympia restaurant. You will find sign up sheets and a lunch menu in the Golden Agers Mail Box. Please call Chris McCabe at 293-9248 and let her know if you plan to attend or if you have any questions. She needs to make the reservation by May 16th. After checking your choice on the menu sheet, please leave it with your check for both the dinner and the Planetarium. The charge for the Planetarium is \$5 per person.

Grandma's Attic...

.... coming June 4th and 5th! Anyone interested in helping or with any questions, contact:

Joan Dobles @ 594-1576, Susan Gromkoski @ 426-6245

Jill West @ 594-2505 More information to follow.

"Joseph"

"Joseph" a story of intrigue and forgiveness comes to the stage of the Millenium Theater, Lancaster, PA. From the tents of Canaan to the stunning palaces of Egypt he will inspire you to dream and live for the glory of God! A bus leaves on Wednesday, Sept. 15 and returns Friday Sept. 17. A tour of the Amish country will also be part of this trip. \$379 double occupancy. \$50 deposit is needed now. Call Sr. Bernarde 288-2710 X 282 for flier and details.

Troubles? Don't know where to turn?

Today's pressures seem greater than ever. Whether it's balancing work and home, caring for children and aging parents, marital or family problems, grief, depression, anxiety, or stress: the Counseling Program at Catholic Family Center helps families, couples and individuals find solutions. We serve people of all faiths and from all walks of life. CFC's counseling program is nationally accredited and provides professional, licensed, experienced clinicians. Most major insurance accepted. Sliding Scale Fee available. Call (585) 546-3617. Or visit our website at <http://www.cfrochester.org>. Your contact with us is confidential.

The Joy of Stewardship

Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Sunday 5/02	5,549.55	307,721.20

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!

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Faith Formation

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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:

Sunday Eucharist Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Weekday Eucharist 9:00 AM Mass or Communion Svc