

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

May 23, 2010

Pentecost

GLORY BE TO GOD

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the realization of God's love in our midst, a love that transcends words and laws and sentiments and embraces the heart and soul of each one of us. In the power of the Holy Spirit we are anointed with the very presence of God in every act of charity and compassion, in every moment of forgiveness and peace we extend, in every effort we make for justice and community. Such is the Spirit of God: a sense of love for others and gratitude for all that we have received that can transform a pan of dough into the perfect expression of love and the gift of community. It is this Holy Spirit that motivates us, inspires us, brings us to insight, and creative responses to situations that would otherwise perplex or even overwhelm us. May we always realize the Spirit of God within us, always aware of the presence of God in our lives calling us to be the people God made us to be.

On Pentecost Bishop Clark has asked that representatives from every parish of our Diocese come together to receive a blessing. Our regional service will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 5:00 PM Sunday afternoon. Our parish representatives will be Ernestine and Frank Kamp, Pat Murry, Dee Milner, Joanne Popeck, and Tom Staccone. Bishop Clark will bless those present for their ongoing work that affirm our role as disciples, followers of Jesus in light of our 3 year Spirit Alive Program which has been a well received. Over the last three years we have done much as part of our Spirit Alive outreach. Just to name a few, we have offered 3 day retreat with Bishop Clark, a scripture series on the Gospel of Mark, a Scripture overview on the Gospel of Luke (Dr. Joe Kelly) as well as a Lent series on Job – Role of Suffering in the Contemporary world (Dr. Joe Kelly)

As a part of this service on Pentecost there will be a blessing and liturgical service on the reverence of the Gospels. This service will be repeated at each of the Masses on Trinity Sunday as part of our dismissal rite. Each of you will be invited to come forward to reverence the Book of the Gospels (a bow, a kiss or a genuflection) to acknowledge acceptance of our commission to spread the Good

News of Jesus Christ.

Like the closing dismissal at each Mass we are encouraged/commissioned to make a difference in our world. Through out our spiritual renewal (Spirit Alive) we have explored ways to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord so that we can invite others to join us as a community of believers, united in the faith, gifted in the Spirit, nourished by the Eucharist, and sent as disciples(followers of Jesus) to keep the faith alive.

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.



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

| <u>Mass</u> | <u>In t e n -</u> <u>tions</u> | <u>May 15 to May 23</u> | |
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| | | <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 23

- (Hall) Grandma's Attic - Donation drop-off begins
 12:00 PM - (Any open Clsrm) Youth/Young Adult Choir

Tuesday, May 25

9:45 AM - (Hall) Golden Agers

Wednesday, May 26

7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group
 7:00 PM - 08:00 PM (Hall) Mystagogy for Confirmation
 Students and Sponsors

Thursday, May 27

7:00 PM - (Church) Choir

Saturday, May 29

9:00 AM - (Church) Decorate for Holy Trinity
 5:30 PM - (*FYI) Anointing after all Masses this weekend

Sunday, May 30

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (*FYI) Brandon Rose, Isabella Maira
 First Communion
 12:00 PM - (Any open Clsrm) 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.

The North American Martyr Shrine

...in Auriesville, NY celebrates 125 years. Our Lady of the Americas Church invites you to go on pilgrimage with them to the Shrine on Saturday, Oct. 2. Enroute there will be a stop at the National Shrine of Kateri Tekawitha in Fonda, NY. Cost \$59 per person. \$15 deposit by June 12. For registration and details call Sister Bernarde 288-2710X282.

Tenth Anniversary -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. Free will donations will go to Aurora House, a hospice home in Spencerport Come, and bring a friend!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We have told you about all of the great things that will be happening July 18-28 for VBS and Family week and now we need your help. If you are able to volunteer please fill out one of the bright pick forms that are at all the entrances and return it to the Faith Formation office. We need help with the kitchen, teaching assistance, games, runners, music and clean up. We have schedule to separate meeting nights. You only have to sign up for one of them, either June 23rd or July 14th. Both sessions will start at 5:30 and end no later than 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call Judy or Karen at 594-1441.



FAMILY TALENT SHOW

Don't forget to sign up for the Family Talent Show, July 25th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Forms are located at all entrances. This is going to be a great annual event. Anyone can enter from the very young to the young at heart. This is an evening for friends, family members and parishioners to show off your special talents. Maybe we can get Fr. Bob to share one of his talents with us.



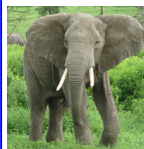
FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Like Karyn and Eileen told us you need to break out your sneakers for this evening. On July 27th, at 7:00 p.m. the fun will begin with a wide variety of outdoor sporting events along with some of our favorite festival games. There will also be an Ice Cream Social during this event. We are also looking for volunteers for this project. For more information or if you have a special sport you would like us do contact the Faith Formation Office at 594-1441.



WILD LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM

We will end our Family Week with the Wild Life Education Program. At 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening July 28th join us in the Parish Center to hear about some of the most beautiful African animals. Just to give you an idea we will get to see the African Grey Parrot, Leopard Tortoise, Sulcata Tortoise, Serval Cat and many more exciting animals.



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.

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.



Magnificat

A Ministry to Catholic Women

Haven't been to a Magnificat Event because they have been on Saturday? Now is your opportunity, please come and join us on, Friday evening, June 11th, at 6:30 p.m. at RIT Inn and Conference Center. 5257 West Henrietta Road.

Sally Beckman will share her life story in her usual good humor. Her husband, Marty, was ordained a deacon in 1982 and together they worked in marriage preparation for twenty-five years. Presently her ministry is sharing faith in their parish RCIA dismissal, Eucharistic Ministry, and lecturing. Early reservations \$18.00, Post marked after 6/4 is \$23.00; Student \$10.00, clergy and religious free For more information or reservations call Kathy Murty at 436-1284.

Magnificat is not an organization to join, but an opportunity to come together to share a meal, hear another woman's witness, and grow in holiness. All women are welcome.

Celebrating Fr. Michael Conboy:

You're invited to stop by the Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road, Gates (Bishop Hickey Conference Center) on Thursday, June 24, 2010, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to wish Father Michael Conboy well, share a story or two and enjoy refreshments. Father Mike is retiring after 48 years of ministry in our diocese. His assignments through the years include secretary to Bishop Joseph Hogan, director of Priest Personnel and Becket Hall for Bishop Matthew Clark, pro-synodal judge, diocesan consultor, and pastor of St. Patrick, Seneca Falls; St. Margaret Mary, Rochester; St. Joseph, Penfield; Corning-Painted Post Roman Catholic Community; and St. Jerome, East Rochester.

The Joy of Stewardship

Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

| | LAST WEEK | YEAR TO DATE |
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| Sunday 5/16 | 6,704.35 | \$314,425.45 |

Christian stewardship is a broad, encompassing teaching, emphasizing that everything we are and everything we have – all our creation, our Church, our own vocation, personal resources, our talent and even our time – comes as gifts freely and lovingly given to God.

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