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# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

## SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

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Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

May 30, 2010

### GLORY BE TO GOD—TRINITY SUNDAY

After having celebrated the high point of the mystery of redemption during the Triduum and Easter season, on the first Sunday following Pentecost the Church reflects on the source of that great mystery—the Triune God. Having just celebrated what God "does" for us at the Triduum and Easter, the Church now invites us to contemplate the Trinity. . . the God who is.

Legend has it that St. Patrick used the shamrock in his preaching to explain the Trinity: three leaves but one stem and one clover. Sometimes a triangle is used as a symbol for the Trinity. These two examples bring home to us the difficulty we have with the mystery of the Trinity or of contemplating God in Godself. We tend to use inanimate objects rather than personal ones to symbolize the Trinity; there is nothing in our human experience to help us understand three persons in one God. Like the disciples, all we can do is worship.

As deep and difficult as the mystery of the Trinity is, we can never forget that our God is a very personal one who is "with [us] always." Perhaps the most amazing thing about this Triune God is that although God is divine and utterly beyond us, God chooses to be present to us and to commission us to continue Jesus' work in bringing salvation to our world. The Trinity is not just a dogma, but an indwelling presence of three Persons who continually create, save, and sustain us and all of creation. As "children of God" (second reading), we have a unique, organic relationship to God. Living the mystery of this organic relationship includes "making disciples of all nations" (gospel) as well as prostrating ourselves in worship.

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity that we celebrate today gives us an opportunity to stand back and contemplate the one loving and saving God, manifesting himself in salvation history as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In a context of prayer, it gives us a glimpse into the actual *life of love* at the heart of the Trinity. It also provides us some of the fuller context of God being three Persons in one nature. This wonderful feast, furthermore, also invites us to celebrate our intimate participation in the life of the Blessed Trinity.

The life of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is poured into us through the baptism. This life of God is a gift. Sharing God's life, we share God's work: to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach Christ's commands. The power to do God's work comes from God's triune life within us.

Today's gospel moves us from speculation about the Trinity not just as a dogma to be believed to an *experience* of God's life with us as the Trinity. The dignity of our bap-

tism is that we share in God's life and mighty deeds. In the readings for this solemnity we find a summary of God's mighty deeds: creating, speaking to us, calling a nation, giving commandments, leading us by the Spirit, adopting us as "heirs with Christ" (second reading). These are the same deeds that form the pattern of our own daily living. By bringing God's presence to all those we meet, we are recreating, announcing God's mighty deeds, calling forth goodness from others, giving direction to our lives, leading others to God, and becoming one with others in the family of God's beloved children.

So where God leads us this week in our faith, may it be in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Spirit Alive

On Trinity Sunday the Church celebrates the great mystery of the Trinity; God is three persons in one nature. Today, on this Trinity Sunday, we receive a special blessing from Bishop Clark reminding all of us to continue to spread the Good News of salvation in the name of God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. This commissioning as part of the dismissal rite marks the culmination of our diocesan spiritual renewal, *Spirit Alive!*

Each of you will be invited to come forward to reverence the Book of the Gospels (a bow, a kiss, genuflecting) to acknowledge acceptance of our commission to spread the Good News. Finally, you will process our of Church behind the Processional cross and the Celebrant.

### June 12 -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.

### Grandma's Attic...

Grandma's Attic will be open for business on Friday, June 4th thru Sunday, June 6th  
Stop by and find some great deals.

**Mass Intentions May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 6**

Sat.	4:30 PM	Frank Touch	Mr. & Mrs Dave Turner
Sun.	9:00 AM	Ellen Caffrey	Rich & Jeanne Colleluori
	11:00 AM	Ginny Cimino	family
Mon.	9:00 AM	For the people of St Christopher	
Tues.	9:00 AM	Laura Mitchell	Morning Mass Group
Wed.	9:00 AM	Pat Prescott	Millie Ragonese
Thurs	9:00 AM	Communion and prayer service	
Fri.	9:00 AM	Mothers living and deceased	
Sat.	4:30 PM	Vincent Melito (my mentor)	Patrick Murray
Sun.	9:00 AM	Joseph Salatino, Jr.	Mom & Dad and family
	11:00 AM	Eliabeth Meagher	Mike Carletta family

**NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, May 30**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (\*FYI) Brandon Rose, Isabella Maira  
First Communion

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

**Tuesday, June 1**

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

**Wednesday, June 2**

6:30 PM - 09:00 PM (All Clsrms) VBS Teacher Meeting

7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group

**Thursday, June 3**

7:00 PM - (Church) Choir

**Friday, June 4**

- (Hall) Grandma's Attic

**Saturday, June 5**

9:00 AM - (Hall) Grandma's Attic

**Sunday, June 6**

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

12:00 PM - (Hall) Grandma's Attic

**Answered Prayers**

The day we've been waiting for is here. Eric and his unit are on a plane heading out of Afghanistan. How long it will take to actually get out of that country, I don't know because they have some stops to make, but I do know that he will be home next week. Thank God! Our prayers have been answered. Thank you all!!

**Liturgical Minister Training...Sat. June 12th**

Liturgical Ministers training will be on Saturday, June 12th in church. Altar Server training at 10:00AM, then 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 are invited to attend this session. If you have any questions, please contact the ministry 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.



**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 23<sup>rd</sup> or July 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.



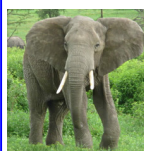
**FAMILY TALENT SHOW**

Don't forget to sign up for the Family Talent Show, July 25<sup>th</sup> 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. May be 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

## 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. And then to lunch at the Olympia restaurant. Sign up sheets and a lunch menu are in the Golden Agers Mail Box. Please call Chris at 293-9248 and let her know if you plan to attend or if you have any questions. Reservations needed 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.

## Youth Updates!!!

Sponsor Kim and Dave...Kim and Dave will be riding the Tour de Cure bike race on Sunday June 13th in Rochester, NY! The Tour de Cure is a bike race that raises money to go to the American Diabetes Association in order to go towards Diabetes research, education, and medical needs. They are currently asking anyone to sponsor them that would like to donate to the American Diabetes Association. ALL proceeds go to the ADA! Any support is extremely appreciated whether it is a donation of money, or the time of your thoughts and prayers for those suffering from the affects of Diabetes. If you would like to sponsor Kim and Dave, you can find them after mass, or call/email them! Kim's cell is (585) 329-4642 and their email address is stchristophersyouthgroup@hotmail.com. THANK YOU!!!

**Run for the Young...**In case you have not heard yet, St. Christopher's won **HIS MOST HOLY LEFT SHOE** for the parish with the **MOST participation** at the Run for the Young! This was a huge accomplishment! In 2007 we won His Most Holy Right Shoe for the most money raised, and now we had the most participation! St. C's...keep up the good work and keep active in this awesome parish! Soon you will see our shoe trophy up with our name engraved on it!!!

**Youth Group...**There IS youth group this weekend (Sunday May 30th, 1-3pm)

**Website and Updates...**Our youth group website has been updated again! Go to the parish website ([www.stchristophersnchili.org](http://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...**We currently have a sign-up sheet on the youth room door upstairs! If you're currently in grades 7-12, please feel free to sign up on the door! We need that list completed **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY JUNE 6th!!!** Reserve your spot on the St. Christopher's team! Just a reminder, this is a fun family-friendly event, and you are NOT required to have softball skills...we will have 2 practices where we can have time to bond and also talk some softball basics! The calendar can be found on the website!

## Summer Softball Calendar...

Thursday 6/24	Practice
Wednesday 6/30	Practice
Wednesday 7/6	First Game...watch for rest of schedule

## The Joy of Stewardship

Glorify the Lord generously, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithes with gladness. Give to the Most High as he has given, and as generously as your hand has found. Sirach 35:8-10

**Stewardship ... Live It!**

## Youth Group—June Calendar...

Sunday 6/6 - No Youth Group  
 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)  
 Thursday 6/24 - Softball Practice 7pm @ St. C's  
 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  
 Wednesday 6/30 - Softball Practice 7pm @ St. C's

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### PARISH STAFF

Pastor ..... *Rev. Robert Gaudio* 594-1400  
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 Coordinator..... *Judy Leone* 594-1441  
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 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	