



# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

## SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

November 15, 2009

### Giving Traditions at St. Christopher's



As the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons approach, we will continue our traditions.

**Thanksgiving Day:** At Mass, each of us is asked to bring non-perishable items and place them under our chairs. After communion, we will deliver the items to the altar area as an offering for those in need. After Mass, those who are able should come forward to help take all the items through the back hallway to pack in awaiting vehicles. These items will be delivered to Bethany House.

We will again have **the Giving Tree** for Christmas which will be in place the weekend after Thanksgiving. You may take one or as many ornaments you wish and purchase the item listed on the ornament. The items should be returned under the tree ASAP unwrapped and with the ornament attached. Each item has a designated recipient. All items will be wrapped and delivered to members of our parish and Bethany House. (if you would like to help wrap and/or deliver, please call me).



**The Tree of Lights** will also be in effect this Christmas. A light will cost \$3 - \$5 per person for whom it's being lit. (for example: if you want to give a light for 10 people, it would cost \$30 or you could be generous and give \$50). Proceeds will go to Matt Talbott House (drug and alcohol rehab) and possibly another place TBA.

**The Cradles** will be used for new winter items for children ages 5 and under. These items will be donated to Focus Pregnancy Center.

Thank you for your continued caring and sharing.

Chris McCabe 2939248



### PRAY FOR OUR TEENS!!!

As many of you know, 13 of us (7 youth and 6 adults) will be going on a pilgrimage to NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) November 18-22nd.

Please sign-up on the back bulletin board a certain day/time to pray for us! The teens will be so excited to know that they will have a parishioner back home praying just for THEM every few hours! Please sign up for a time to set aside for the youth of our parish, and also for the youth who can not take the trip! Thank you for your constant love, support, and encouragement!

**MASS INTENTIONS - Nov. 14th to Nov 22nd**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 PM Richard & John Coleman by Wilma
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 AM Steve McManus by Mom & Dad
	11:00 AM Phyllis Pasono by Helen Indovina
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 AM For the people of St. Christopher's
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 AM Betty Ann Steck by Glynn & Newhart families
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 AM Kitty Beers by the Fitzgibbon family
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM Communion and Prayer Service
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 AM Donald Lagroix by wife
<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 PM Kenneth McCorry by wife & family
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 AM Rod Sheets by family
	11:00 AM Angelo Marmo by family

**NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES****Sunday, November 15**

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (Hall) Liturgy of the Word  
 9:00 AM - (All Clsrms) Pre School - Kindergarten  
 12:00 PM - (Any open Clsrms) Youth/Young Adult Choir  
 12:00 PM - (Any open Clsrms) Parish Life  
 12:00 PM - 06:00 PM (Entire Bldg) NCYC RETREAT

**Monday, November 16**

4:15 PM & 6:00 PM (All Clsrms) Classes grades 1-5

**Tuesday, November 17**

1:00 PM - Rectory downstairs Giving Tree Gift Wrapping  
 4:15 PM - 07:00 PM (All Clsrms) Classes grades 1-5  
 7:15 PM - (Hall) Council  
 7:30 PM - 09:00 PM (FYI) Young Adult Bible Study at Jitters

**Wednesday, November 18**

6:30 PM - 08:00 PM (All Clsrms) Junior High Classes  
 7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group

**Thursday, November 19**

7:00 PM - (Church) Choir

**Saturday, November 21**

10:00 AM - (Church) Altar Server Training

**Sunday, November 22**

12:00 PM - (Any open Clsrms) Youth/Young Adult Choir  
 12:15 PM - Baptism Olivia Claire Wittman  
 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (Church) Pageant Choir rehearsal

**Signing Events for Bishop Clark's New Book**

Two signing events have been scheduled in celebration of the publication of Bishop of Rochester Matthew H. Clark's new book, *Forward in Hope: Saying Amen to Lay Ecclesial Ministry*, to be published by Ave Maria Press in November. *Forward in Hope* examines the ever-growing significance of lay ecclesial ministry and the way it is changing the face of the Catholic Church, and offers Bishop Clark's personal insights.

Bishop Clark has directed that all proceeds from sale of the book benefit St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. Bishop Clark will sign copies of his book on:

- Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009, at the Cathedral Shop at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, following the 9:15 a.m. Mass. Copies of the book (\$11.95) will be available at the signing and thereafter in the shop.
- Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers store in Pittsford. Bishop Clark will speak about the book at that time in the store's Community Room, immediately followed by the book signing. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event and thereafter.

**Spirit Alive—Get Into the Acts**

Read: Acts 9: 31 - 43

Reflect: We read this last section of Acts as we prepare for Advent. In this section the early church is described as being at peace, growing under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It ends with Peter restoring Tabitha to life and staying with Simon the tanner. Tanners were considered "unclean" by Jewish law, so Peter's stay was important for a church about to embrace the Gentiles. While this time of peace is important for the young church, it serves also as a time of preparation for something new, something transformative through the work of the Holy Spirit. The coming time of Advent also calls me to a time of peaceful reflection and preparation for the Word incarnate in my life. Am I ready? How must I be transformed? Is there a place in my life that needs to open up to the Word in a new way? Do I expect any moment of peace to last forever in this life? Do I expect the same from my community?

Did anything else stand out for me in this section of Acts?

Act it Out! How do my reflections today inform how I will live out my discipleship in the world this week?

Could I...

...challenge myself and others during the Christmas season to try new ways of being the Word in the world?

...consider fasting from the pre-Christmas excess of our culture in some way? Invite my children to do so also? Perhaps send Epiphany cards instead of Christmas cards to highlight the purpose of the season?

...reach out to a classmate who struggles with change this year?

How else could I act it out?

**St. Christopher's—The Giving Tree**

St. Christopher's will once again be providing "The Giving Tree" this year. Information Sheets are available at the front and back of Church. If you are in need or know of a family who could use some help this Christmas Season, please fill out the Information Sheet and **put it in the collection basket in a sealed envelope addressed to Chris McCabe**. These information sheets will remain confidential.

**PLEASE RETURN THE SHEETS NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, November 15<sup>th</sup>!**

If you have any questions, please contact either Chris McCabe (293-9248) or Sheila Wimer (594-1542).

**Patrick's Place Seeks Graphic Designer**

Are you a graphic designer? Patrick Place, the comfort care home ministry of 5 Saints West, is in need of graphics for its new website, [www.patrickplace.org](http://www.patrickplace.org). If you would like to design our graphics, contact Alana at [info@patrickplace.org](mailto:info@patrickplace.org).

**Advent Mass and Soup Supper**

Tuesday, December 1, 5:30 pm at Mercy Prayer Center, 65 Highland Ave., Rochester, NY 14620 – Eucharistic Liturgy followed by Soup and Bread Supper. Fee: \$15. Call 585-473-6893 to register.

### Building Peace with Justice

Today's readings present an ominous picture of trials and tribulations punctuated by a reassuring promise of God's unflinching faithfulness and the triumph of God's justice. Throughout the ages oppressed and suffering people have found hope in this promise that there will one day be justice for God's faithful people. Today, many of these oppressed people throughout the world are migrating to escape war, persecution, hunger and economic hardship.

In his recent encyclical, Caritas in Veritate, Charity in Truth, Pope Benedict reminds us that "Every migrant is a human person who, as such, possesses fundamental, inalienable rights that must be respected by everyone and in every circumstance." #62

**Reflection:** How are we called to respect the human rights of people who have left their home countries and come to our own to pick our apples, milk our cows, and clean our hotel rooms so that they and their families might survive?

Human Services Committee

### Day of Prayer

Notre Dame Retreat House Canandaigua, NY 14424  
585-394-5700

November 17, 2009—The Theology of Giving Thanks  
Presented by Fr. Tom Barrett, C.Ss.R.

- 9:00 Registration and Donuts/Pastries
- 9:30 Morning Prayer
- 9:45 Presentation in the Lounge
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 2:00 Eucharist

Please call **585-394-5700** to reserve a spot. There is a **\$15.00 fee**, payable on day of event.

### Hope & Healing

Thursday, November 19, 2009-- 6:15-8pm Hope & Healing--peer support for the separated, divorced, and widowed at St. Christopher's

**Topic: How Can I Be Thankful on Thanksgiving or Any Other Day!!**

Presenter--Donna Ecker: Graduate certificate of Theology at St. Bernard's Institute in 1990. Co-Director of 'Bethany House', a member of the Rochester Chapter of the 'Catholic Worker' for 24 years.

When it begins to rain, we reach for an umbrella. But what about the sunshine? It's there throughout the year in our lives. How do we acknowledge and celebrate it? For more info. please call Peggy at 585-293-3337 or email: [peggymcunningham@yahoo.com](mailto:peggymcunningham@yahoo.com)

### SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday Dec. 12th --Rochester Magnificat Women's Breakfast.

Catholic Women coming together to sing, praise, pray, have an opportunity for Confession, and to hear an inspiring message. Come and bring a friend.

Our guest speaker will be Betsy MacKinnon. She will be speaking at the Magnificat Breakfast at RIT Inn & Conference Center at 9:15 a.m. Ticket Reservation \$15.00 Student \$10.00 (clergy free) for more information or to make reservations call Kathy Murty at 436-1284 or e-mail [RochesterMagnificat@frontiernet.net](mailto:RochesterMagnificat@frontiernet.net).

## The Joy of Stewardship

### Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Last Week	\$ 6,059.82	\$ 121,559.51
Attendance	766	#of Envelopes 236

### "Keep Our Campus Cool" Campaign

**\$ 53,041.30 received    \$ 54,451.30 pledged    325 families**

### Christmas Concert

Tim Janis Fresh from Carnegie Hall with his nine piece ensemble including guest choir: The Irondequoit Chorale  
Tuesday, December 15, 2009 7:00 pm  
Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Avenue  
Admission -\$20.00 Tickets: 473-6893 or [Mercyprayercenter.org](http://Mercyprayercenter.org). Proceeds benefit the Mercy Prayer Center, a retreat and spirituality ministry of the Sisters of Mercy

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### SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS:

- Sunday Eucharist* Saturday 4:30 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
- Weekday Eucharist* Monday through Friday 9:00 AM
- Parish Office Hours:* Monday - Thursday  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Friday—9-12:00
- Rel. Ed. Office Hours:* Monday - Wednesday  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM