



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

SERVICE TO HIS PEOPLE

Member of 5 Saints West Pastoral Planning Group

November 22, 2009

Christ the King

GLORY BE TO GOD!

Dr. Norman E. Borlaug died a few weeks ago at the age of 95. Now you probably have never heard of Norman Borlaug - unless you are a horticulturist or botanist. But, because of Doctor Borlaug, millions of people on this planet have enough to eat every day.

Norman Borlaug grew up on an Iowa farm during the Depression. He was fascinated by plants and how they grew - and why some plants grew better in some places than others. A gifted student, Norman was encouraged by his family to go to college. He went on to graduate school, earning a doctorate in plant pathology. Shortly after World War II, he walked away from a promising career at Dupont to go to work for a nonprofit foundation working in Mexico trying to help farmers improve their crops.

Mexican soils were depleted; disease ravaged the few crops that farmers managed to grow; the yields were so low farmers could barely feed themselves and their families, much less sell any surplus. So Doctor Borlaug and his team went to work in the blazing Mexican sun, experimenting with wheat seeds and blossoms. Within a few years, they had developed a variety of wheat that could grow in the harsh Mexican climate. Doctor Borlaug soon developed a second strain of wheat, a smaller "dwarf" plant that could withstand tropical winds and diseases while increasing yields. His idea was later applied to rice, resulting in yields several times that of traditional varieties. At the time of his death, Doctor Borlaug was working to bring high-yield farming to African countries.

Today, farmers in the developing world are able to feed their growing populations because of Doctor Borlaug's work. It is estimated that half of the world's population is fed from food made from the grains descended from the high-yield varieties developed by Doctor Borlaug and his colleagues.

In his work, Doctor Borlaug lived under the most primitive conditions, often with little money and no equipment; he fought tradition and class warfare in many of the countries he worked; he was criticized by naysayers and frustrated by bureaucrats. But quietly and tenaciously, Norman Borlaug averted the mass famines that were widely predicted in the 1960s, thus altering the course of history. For his work, Norman Borlaug was awarded the 1970 Nobel

Peace Prize.

Many credit him as the founder of the Green Revolution - but the self-effacing scientist shied away from such acclaim, calling it a "miserable term."

Norman Borlaug, Ph.D. - the name may not be well-known, but his legacy - food for a starving world - will last forever.

This last Sunday of the liturgical year is about legacies. In today's Gospel, Jesus stands before Pilate and articulates that his life of teaching and healing has been about revealing the reign of God to a hurting, desperate world. In the work of his 95 years, Norman Borlaug leaves behind a legacy of abundance and hope. What do we want our legacies to be? What do we want our lives to mean? Our answer begins with embracing in our own lives the reign of God - a "kingdom" not of power and politics but a "reign" of human hearts dedicated to justice, reconciliation and peace. We cannot be disciples by assent alone or by default but only by a conscious, deliberate, intentional choice; we cannot respond passively to the call to discipleship, only actively can we embrace the spirit of compassion, justice and love that is the reign of God. And that will be our lasting legacy.



Thanksgiving Day Mass
9:00 AM

The Thanksgiving Food Collection will go to Bethany House. Our donation of non-perishable food will be presented at the altar during the Mass. We thank you so much for your generosity and thinking of those that are less fortunate.

MASS INTENTIONS - Nov. 21st to Nov 29th

Saturday	4:30 PM	Kenneth McCorry by wife & family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Rod Sheets by family
	11:00 AM	Angelo Marmo by family
Monday	9:00 AM	For the people of St. Christopher's
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Jerry Pettis by Marilou Eagan
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Sheila Culhane by Ginny Lockridge
Thursday	9:00 AM	Communion and Prayer Service
Friday	9:00 AM	Fathers living and deceased
Saturday	4:30 PM	Bud McVea by Gary Melville family
Sunday	9:00 AM	Paul Zukaitis by Dorothy German
	11:00 AM	Bridget Publicover by Philson family

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**Sunday, November 22**

12:00 PM - (Any open Clsrn) Youth/Young Adult Choir
 12:15 PM - Baptism Olivia Claire Wittman
 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM (Church) Pageant Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, November 25

7:00 PM - (Church) Folk Group

Saturday, November 28

Catholic University Collection
 4:30 PM (Clsrn 6) Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, November 29

Catholic University Collection
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (Hall) Liturgy of the Word
 9:00 AM - (All Clsrms) Pre School - Kindergarten
 12:00 PM - (Any open Clsrn) Youth/Young Adult Choir

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.
- 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.

Great Leaders of Catholic Discipleship Series

As part of the third year of *Spirit Alive*, St. Bernard's is hosting a special Lecture Series, *Great Leaders of Catholic Discipleship* on Friday December 4. 9:30 AM - a look at ancient Christian discipleship through the life and theology of St. Augustine of Hippo with Rev George Heyman. 11:00 the series continues with a look at the contributions of the Medieval mystic Julian of Norwich by Sr. Nancy Hawkins, IHM. 1:00 PM - an examination of the work of Thomas Merton with Dr. Christine Bochen. Each lecture and discussion is only \$10. The entire series is available for \$25 with the option to purchase lunch. Log on to www.stbernards.edu and look under "EVENTS."

St. Christopher's Advent Giving

Tree of Lights—Purchase a light for our tree in the name of someone you love and we will send a letter to let them know and invite them to visit us to see the tree. This is also a lovely way to honor someone who has passed.

The letter can be sent to their family as a remembrance. You will find forms for the Tree of Lights at the entrances of the Church



Fill the Cradles—We are collecting items for warmth for children ages 5 and under and they will be given to Focus Pregnancy Center. Please bring in your items unwrapped and place them in the cradles at the entrances to the Church.

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

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.

Feast of Christ the King

Today, we hail Christ our King, victor over the power of death. Jesus, who loves us and freed us from sin by his own blood, has made us, through Baptism, a royal nation of priests in the service of his God and Father. Jesus, our King, continues to call forth women and men to serve his Church as lay ministers, deacons, religious, and ordained priests. If you feel God may be calling you to serve the Church in this way, contact the Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org

A Holiday Community Concert

Saturday, December 5th at 7:00 PM and

Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 PM

At the First Congregational Church, 65 Church Street, Spencerport, NY

Spencerport Community Chorus directed by Margaret Colucci



Young Adult's
 YOU are invited to
 Mass with the Bishop!

Sunday, Dec. 6th, 12:15pm

At Blessed Sacrament Church
 259 Rutgers St., Rochester, NY 14607

A special mass for Young Adults with Bishop Clark...

followed by fellowship & Food!

Please contact Maranda
 For info & if you would like to carpool!
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Building Peace with Justice

Jesus tells Pilate that his mission is "to testify to the truth." As we listen to the immigration debate we hear many "truth claims." Yes, some immigrants do not have documents and a country has a right to control its borders. Yes, people who face abject poverty in Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala seek employment in the United States to support their families and prevent starvation.

Reflection: In this debate which "truths" claim our allegiance as followers of Christ? Human Services Ministry

Patrick's Place Needs 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. If you would like to design our graphics, contact Alana at info@patrickplace.org.

Dear Friends:

The Cathedral Shop is offering "Forward in Hope: Saying Amen to Lay Ecclesial Ministry" by our own Bishop Matthew Clark at **20% Off** the cover price (\$11.95) through December 31st, 2009, as a holiday special, beginning Sunday, November 29th, 2009.

Cathedral Shop Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10:00 - 4:00

Closed Friday, Saturday, 3:30 - 5:30

Sunday, 7:30 - 12:30; 4:30 - 6:30.

Any questions, please call Lynn Marra, 254-3221x102.

Advent Concerts at the Cathedral

Sun. Nov. 29 at 2:00pm, John Morabito, organist, featuring the Cathedral's 50 stop Halloran-All Saints Organ in works by Bach, Alain, Vierne, Laurin and others.

Sun. Dec. 6 at 2:00pm A Festival of Lessons & Carols featuring the Cathedral Choir and instrumentalists with special guests St. Joseph, Penfield, Children's Choir and the Immaculate Conception Dancers. Both events are free. For information contact 254-3221 or miller@dor.org

Young Adult

College Students & Adults 18-35ish

Advent Event

Festival of lights

Saturday, Dec. 5th 4-10pm

Young Adult trip to "Festival of Lights" at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston, NY. 15 Acres of over 75 Christmas light displays including a fabulous Nativity Scene inside the Basilica!



Fellowship, hot drinks, snacks, road trip fun & Christmas Light Viewing... what better way to start your Advent!

RSVP necessary!

Please contact Maranda:

719-5851 or marandaskolen@hotmail.com

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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

Save the Date

Our Mother of Sorrows School Christmas Craft show will be held on Saturday, December 5th from 9 AM to 4 PM. This year the show is being organized and sponsored by the faculty and staff of Our Mother of Sorrows School. The show will be held in the Church Hall located at 5000 Mt. Read Blvd., Rochester, NY. There will be about 50 vendors, raffles, food, children's crafts, and more. Join us for a great day of Christmas shopping!

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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