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MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

This beautiful service is a thoughtful beginning to one's Memorial Day activities.

Memorial in Time of War

Remembrance and Hope

A service of remembrance of the victims of the current wars

Reflections for healing and hope

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27
9 AM

Sister Cities Bridge

Genesee Crossroads-Charles Carroll Park
Downtown Rochester
(Behind the Holiday Inn on State St)

This Memorial Day service is a remembrance of all who have died in the current wars, as well as an affirmation of the preciousness and beauty of all life. Our hope is that in holding the memory of each life in an embrace of dignity and compassion, that there can be comfort for the grieving as well as healing for all of humanity, so that peace may come.

HONORING SACRIFICE

As we mark another Memorial Day remembering those who have died in war, let us honor their sacrifice by committing to building a more peaceful world. Since the end of WWII, our popes have spoken out powerfully to remind us that war is a terrible way to resolve differences.



Pope Pius XII

"The theory of war as an apt and proportionate means of solving international problems is now out of date."
1944 Christmas Message

Pope John XXIII

Pacem in Terris, 1963

Pope Paul VI

1965: "No more war, war never again! Peace, it is peace which must guide the destinies of people and of all mankind."

10/5/65 Visit to the United Nations

"The Church cannot accept violence, especially the force of arms—which is uncontrollable once it is let loose—and indiscriminate death as the path to liberation, because she knows that violence always provokes violence and irresistibly engenders new forms of oppression and enslavement which are often harder to bear than those from which they claimed to bring freedom."

1975, Evangelization in the Modern World

Pope John Paul II

"*NO TO WAR!*" War is not always inevitable. It is always a defeat for humanity. International law, honest dialogue, solidarity between States, the noble exercise of diplomacy: these are methods worthy of individuals and nations in resolving their differences."

Address to the Diplomatic Corps, Jan. 13, 2003

Pope Benedict XVI

"I wish to make an urgent appeal to the People of God: let every Christian be committed to tireless peace-making and strenuous defence of the dignity of the human person and his inalienable rights."

2007 World Day of Peace Message

Pope Francis

"Never war! Never war! I think especially about those children who had the hope of a future, dignified life, but had it taken away. Dead children, wounded children. Mutilated children. Orphaned children. Children who play with toys made out of the remains of weapons. Children who cannot smile anymore. Stop. Please. I beg you with all my heart it is time to stop. Stop please."

Angelus 27th July 2013

U.S. Catholic Bishops

"In the words of our Holy Father, we need a 'moral about face.' The whole world must summon the moral courage and technical means to say 'no' to nuclear conflict; 'no' to weapons of mass destruction; 'no' to an arms race which robs the poor and the vulnerable; and 'no' to the moral danger of a nuclear age which places before humankind indefensible choices of constant terror or surrender.

Peacemaking is not an optional commitment. It is a requirement of our faith. We are called to be peacemakers, not by some movement of the moment, but by our Lord Jesus. The content and context of our peacemaking is set, not by some political agenda or ideological program, but by the teaching of his Church.

The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response, 1983 #333.

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons
and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

—from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

FAITH IN ACTION DINNER

28th Annual GRCC Faith in Action Banquet will be held this year on June 4 at the Burgundy Basin Inn. The focus of the banquet is the celebration of 100 years of ecumenical cooperation in Rochester. Sister Barbara Moore and Rev. Michael Ford are speaking about the centennial, and the late Marv Mich will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. It's a beautiful event honoring people of faith who try to put that faith into action. Find a form for tickets at gvalley.myworshiptimes22.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/25/2019/04/15-2019-Faith-in-Action-APR.pdf

FROM PARIS TO PITTSBURGH

Several parishes/congregations are hosting screenings of the National Geographic video, "**From Paris to Pittsburgh**". From coastal cities to America's heartland, Paris to Pittsburgh celebrates how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. You are invited to come and be encouraged by focusing on solutions.

St. Anne Social Hall, Tuesday, June 11th 7:00 to 9:00 pm

1600 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14620
[parking in the rear]

Screening followed by open comment and guided discussion. RSVP will help preparations: defilippo.carol@gmail.com

Peace of Christ Parish, Tues, May 28 at 7pm

Parish Conference Room at the St. Ambrose site, 25 Empire Blvd., Rochester 14609. Enter from the parking lot behind the church.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

June 5 is World Environment Day. Learn how you can mark this day by reducing air pollution: <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/get-involved/world-environment-day-mask-challenge>

WORLD OCEANS DAY

June 8 is World Oceans Day. Find resources for learning more and protecting our oceans at: <https://www.worldoceansday.org/resources>

ANOTE'S ARK

What: Film Screening of Anote's Ark

When: Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30; discussion to follow.

Where: Third Presbyterian Church

Sponsored by: Third Presbyterian Church

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Anote's Ark, a 2018 Sundance Film Festival Official Selection, tells the story of Kiribati President Anote Tong and his quest to find a place for his people to migrate to when climate change forces them to leave their islands. Come view this film (anotesark.com) and join us for a discussion following the screening.

INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING

Inspirational Pilgrims

When: Friday, May 31, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Where: Hindu Temple: 120 Pinnacle Rd, Pittsford, NY

What: respect, listening, understanding and sharing

Why: to bring Human Family together and celebrate on the first day of spring, March 21, 2020.

How: We journey to sacred places and places of Well Wishers for all humanity. We visit Human Family's Centers, Temples, Churches, Mosques or Places of Well Wishers, give our respect and ask them to join us in our journey. As we visit sacred places, we are hoping more and more people from different race, religion, nationality and gender to join us.

Refreshments: this visit is mainly about respect, listening and understanding (no potluck).

RSVP: vr1weareone@gmail.com

ROCACTS PUBLIC MEETING

RocACTS, Rochester Alliance of Communities Transforming Society will hold a Public Meeting on June 11, 2019, from 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM.

Meet the political candidates running for office in Rochester and Monroe County.

Engage with them to learn where they stand on the issues. Become better informed before you VOTE!

Baber A.M.E. Church

550 Meigs Street

Rochester, New York 14607

RAMADAN INVITATION

The Franciscan Action Network reminds us of the Muslim holy observance of Ramadan which began at sundown on May 5th and continues to June 4th. "Each year, during the 9th month of the Islamic lunar calendar, 1.5 billion Muslims participate in this season when, from sunrise to sunset, they fast from food, drink, and general sinful behavior, such as violence, arguing, and lying. It is seen as an opportunity for Muslims to rediscover their own belief, improve their character, and ensure they bring benefit to society. The idea is to develop a deeper understanding of where you are and what you have in order to become a better person."

Please keep our Muslim brothers and sisters in prayer during these holy days.

Green Tip of the Week: Pesticides kill native plants that host caterpillars and bugs that birds need to feed their babies. Pesticides interrupt the reproductive system of bees, which pollinate our food supply. The new 'healthy lawn' is not a monoculture of green grass, but a diverse community of clover, violets, dandelions, and grasses.