

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

April 15, 2007



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Seven Receive Eucharist and Confirmation at Easter Vigil

Joshua DuBous, Denise Crossett, Paula Gardner, Willard Hughes, David DuBois, Wayne Patterson and Stephanie DuBois were welcomed into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church at Easter Vigil 2007. The seven "Elect", who had carried the newly blessed Oil of the Catechumen and Sacred Chrism in procession at Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Fr. Peter Anglaere was delegated by Bishop Clark to minister the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Vigil, the holiest celebration of the Church Year. The seven had previously been baptized Catholic or another Christian faith.



Catechumen Marilyn Hultzman who was unable to be at the Vigil, will be baptized, confirmed and receive her first Communion at the 4:00 p.m. Saturday anticipated Mass of the Third Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2007.



Father Peter confirms Stephanie DuBois

New Daily Mass and Visitation Chapel



Saint Mary's new Daily Mass and Visitation Chapel opened for prayer and adoration on Holy Thursday. Following the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Blessed Sacrament was carried in solemn procession to the Chapel which is located near the parking lot entrance in the Zimmer Education Building (former School). On Tuesday (April 10) the first Mass was celebrated in the Chapel. Fr. Peter Anglaere presided assisted by Deacon Ray Defendorf.



ALLELUIA



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	April 15, Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday 9:00 a.m. In Memory, Nicholas & Phyllis Bottoni By Margaret Hammond
MONDAY	April 16, Easter Weekday 9:00 a.m. Communion Service
TUESDAY	April 17, Easter Weekday 9:00 a.m. Communion Service (Priest/PA Convocation)
WEDNESDAY	April 18, Easter Weekday 7:00 p.m. Healing Mass Intentions of the Charismatic Prayer Group
THURSDAY	April 19, Easter Weekday 9:00 a.m. For Members of the Memorial Society
FRIDAY	April 20, Easter Weekday 9:00 a.m. For Reconciliation in our Parish
SATURDAY	April 21, Easter Weekday 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation 4:00 p.m. Celebration of Stewardship Mass In Memory, Shirley Baxter by The Schewtz family Baptism/Confirmation of Marilyn Hultzman
SUNDAY	April 22, Third Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Celebration of Stewardship Mass In Thanksgiving for 25 years Of Diaconal Ministry By Deacon Ray & Pat Defendorf



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	April 15 No Coffee Hour / No Faith Formation 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101
MONDAY	April 16 6:00 p.m. Bell Practice 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
TUESDAY	April 17 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202
WEDNESDAY	April 18 7:00 p.m. Healing Mass - Church
THURSDAY	April 19 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Rooms 202/ 203
FRIDAY	April 20 7:00 p.m. Ultreya
SATURDAY	April 21 1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
SUNDAY	April 22 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Fair and Pancake Breakfast in Celebration of Deacon Ray's 25th Anniversary of Ordination - O'Malley Hall 5:00 p.m. Progressive Dinner - O'Malley Hall (See Page 3) 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

It's time once again to start planning for our annual
International Food Festival!
There will be a meeting held on Tuesday, April 24th
at 7:00 pm in O'Malley Hall. Please attend and help
our parish in the planning of this important event.



Assembly Schedule

April 21- Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts
April 22 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Luminaries
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!
April 7/8, 2007

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3126.41 THANK YOU!
Easter Collection: \$1,174
Second Collection for Faith Formation: \$78.00
Holy Land Collection: \$117.00



MONTHLY HEALING MASS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 7 P.M.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

COME PRAY FOR HEALING
FOR YOURSELF AND OUR PARISH



Happy Birthday To You

04/15	Lorraine St. Pierre	004/19	Carol Kuhnen
04/15	Eileen Colomaio	04/20	Leslie Maslyn
04/15	Ryan Maslyn	04/20	George Ezzo
04/16	David Slovak	04/20	Steven Binkowski
04/18	James Dudden	04/20	Olivia Truth
04/18	Megan Russell	04/21	Nathan Alderman

STEWARDSHIP EVENTS CALENDAR

Banner Making Party

Monday, April 16 and Tuesday, April 17
7:00 P.M. O'Malley Hall

Celebration of Parish Stewardship
Weekend Masses: April 21 and 22

Commitment Weekend: May 5 and 6

Deacon Ray and Pat Defendorf cordially invite you to a

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

In Celebration of Deacon Ray's 25th Anniversary
of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate

Sunday, April 22, 2007 in O'Malley Hall
after the 9:00 a.m.

Celebration of Stewardship Mass



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Twenty Five Years a Deacon

The twenty-fifth anniversary of a very significant day in both the history of the Diocese of Rochester and in the history of the Defendorf family will occur on Tuesday. On April 17, 1982, at 10 a.m., **Bishop Matthew Clark**, the newly appointed Bishop of Rochester, ordained the first class of permanent deacons who would serve the Diocese. I was privileged to be part of that first ordination class.

The Documents of Vatican II called for the restoration of the Diaconate as a distinct order within the Church principally in the **Constitution on the Church**. Following the Council, Pope Paul VI gave specific directives for implementing the restoration of the diaconate in an apostolic letter (*Diaconatus Ordinem*) published in 1967 and followed this up with further "norms" in 1972. The directives left to local Bishops the decision to implement the permanent diaconate in each diocese. And so, in his November 28, 1975 Pastoral Letter "*You are Living Stones*" **Bishop Joseph L. Hogan** expressed his wish that the Permanent Diaconate be established within the Diocese of Rochester.

Consequently, on April 1, 1976, under the guidance of **Bishop Dennis W. Hickey**, a task force of "broad-based, representative pastoral persons was convoked to study every facet of this ministry and to work out specific plans for launching the permanent diaconate program for the diocese of Rochester."* Two years later, the task force submitted plans and program guidelines for the selection and training of permanent deacons. (*Plan for the Permanent Diaconate - Historical Highlights*)

Patty, while serving as Chairperson of the Diocesan Pastoral Council heard the task force report and remarked to me that I should consider applying. "You have been doing the work of a deacon as long as I've known you," she said. "I think that you should apply." Later, following a visit with at the home of our friends George and Paula



Welch I began a period of personal prayer and discernment as to whether God might be calling me to ordained diaconal ministry. George, like me a former seminarian, was a member of the task force. As the deadline approached, Pat sent for the application forms.

My decision to seek membership in the first class of potential deacons was followed by the submission of my lay ministry experience, academic transcripts, pastoral references and individual and couple interviews with members of the task force. Months later, I became one of twenty five men invited into the first class of diaconal aspirants. In September, 1978, packed our kids in the car, dropped off our dog at a kennel, and journeyed to Rochester for our first of three and a half years of weekends of study and formation at St. Bernard's.

In subsequent weeks, I'll share with you information about this formation and the challenges faced by Pat and my young children in support of our decision to be among the first married clergy in the history of the Diocese of Rochester.

For now, Pat and I invite you to join us at a Mass of Celebration next Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Following Mass we also invite you to continue the celebration at a Pancake Breakfast. At both events, Pat and I will thank God for the gift of our ministry and the privilege of being *Sent to Serve*.

Deacon Ray

Annual Progressive Dinner to Benefit Turning Point

Bath area churches are sponsoring a Progressive Dinner with all proceeds from the four course meal benefiting Catholic Charities' Turning Point. The event will take place next Sunday at 4 p.m.

The appetizer will be at 1st Presbyterian Church co-hosted by Centenary United Methodist Church; salads at Bath Baptist; main course at St. Mary's Catholic Church co-hosted by St. Thomas and Good Shepherd Episcopal Churches; ending with dessert at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at the parish office. For additional information call Catholic Charities at (607) 776-8085.

Calendar Game Tickets Available

Alice's Rest Comfort Home in Avoca invites you to participate in a Six Month Dailey Number Calendar Game. Each \$15 calendar is numbered between 001 and 1000. Daily winners of \$30 to \$100 will be determined by the three numbers of the Evening Daily NYS Lottery. Official rules and prize amounts are listed in each calendar.

Calendars are available at the parish office. Sellers are also needed to assist with this fundraiser. Calendar Game begins on June 1st. For info call **Sue Dominic** at 566-3420.

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