

# Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 20, 2008

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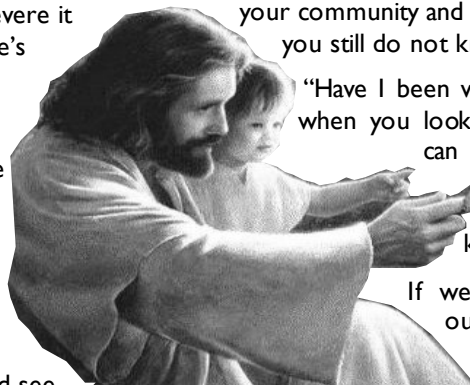
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# Do Not Let Your Heart Be Troubled

From time to time we all experience fears, worries, anxieties. If its severe it could even affect someone's sleep and appetite. Because we are prone to fear, anxiety and worry it is no wonder that several hundred times the Bible advises us not to worry. Why does the Bible keep telling us not to worry? Because our faith is weak and instead of looking at God too often we look at the problems. If we prayed more I'm sure we would see God sending us help from somewhere.



"Have I been with you all this time in the faith of your community and when you pray to me and you still do not know me?"

"Have I been with you all this time and when you look back over your life you can see that I sent you help when you needed it and you still do not know me?"

If we had more of Jesus in our lives we would have less fear, worries and anxieties.

In our Gospel today we heard Jesus preparing his disciples for the time when he would no longer be with them. He said to them,

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; If there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, And after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; So that where I am you may be too."

Further on in the passage Philip asked Jesus to be able to see the Father and Jesus responded, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father."

If Jesus were to ask that question of us, I think we would all answer that we do know something of Jesus but we don't know him very well. That is why we worry. If we knew Jesus better we would not focus on problems and difficulties but instead, focus on him. "Have I been with you all this time and you still do not know me? I am with you in the Mass and sacraments and the Word of God in the Bible and you still do not know me?"

Yes, we would still have problems. God never promised that we would not have problems. Jesus himself had a big problem, he was sentenced to death as a common criminal. But Jesus rose on the third day and Jesus will help us also to raise above our difficulties also.

Let us focus on Jesus and not on the problems. When we have problems let us turn to Jesus who is always waiting for us.

Sometimes we say, "It's impossible." But Jesus says in Luke 18:27, "Things that are impossible for men are possible for God."

Sometimes we say, "I'm too tired." But Jesus says in Matt 11:28 "Come to me all you who labor and are overburdened and I will give you rest."

Sometimes we say, "I can't go on." But Jesus told Paul, "My grace is enough for you: for power is at full stretch in weakness." (2 Cor. 12:9)

**"Do not let your hearts be troubled  
Trust in God still and trust in me."**

## Lenten Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day  
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ✦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday - 5:00 p.m. ✦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Scripture/Communion Services  
Monday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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**Central Steuben  
Catholic Parishes**

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** April 20 Fifth Sunday of Easter  
9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Mary Beebe  
By Prayer Shawl Committee

**MONDAY** April 21 Easter Monday  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

**TUESDAY** April 22, Easter Tuesday  
5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Carol Babcock  
By her Cousins

**WEDNESDAY** April 23, Easter Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Irene Kenyon  
By Rita Dwyer

**THURSDAY** April 24, Easter Thursday  
5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Lorraine Galvin  
By Geri & Jim Galvin

**FRIDAY** April 25 Easter Friday  
9:00a.m. In Mem. of Shirley Hoskins  
By Betty Langendorfer

**SATURDAY** April 26 , Easter Saturday  
4:00 p.m. In Memory of Charlie Murray  
By the Evelyn & Al Hanning

**SUNDAY** April 27, Sixth Sunday of Easter  
9:00a.m. In Mem. of Peter Cardinal Dery  
By the Knights of Columbus

There are many weekday Masses available in the upcoming weeks (stipend \$10).  
To schedule a Mass, please call 776-3327 or come to the Parish Office.

## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** April 20  
8:00a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
10:00a.m. Coffee Hour  
10:30a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church  
3:00p.m. Sunday Supper  
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

**MONDAY** April 21  
6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do  
6:30p.m. GS Training - 204A

**TUESDAY** April 22  
6:00p.m. Weight Loss Challenge, - Hall  
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group, Chapel

**WEDNESDAY** April 23  
6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Room 204

**THURSDAY** April 24  
5:30p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall

**FRIDAY** April 25  
**SATURDAY** April 26  
6:00a.m. K of C Blood Screening - Hall  
1:00p.m. NA, Room 101  
5:00p.m. Knights of Columbus Dinner - Hall

**SUNDAY** April 26  
8:00a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
10:00a.m. Coffee Hour  
10:30a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church  
10:30a.m. Religious Education  
3:00p.m. Sunday Supper  
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

## Building Faithful Citizenship

A Reflection for April 20, 2008

With Jesus as our cornerstone, we are the living stones of the church. The diversity of these stones, the people of God, is recognized in all three readings. A living church requires people of different talents, interests, and strengths. But we will only do the things of Christ if we remember the command to love God and one another; this is the root of all Catholic social teaching.

**Reflection: As we make judgments about political platforms and candidates for public office, let our measure of evaluation be whether policies and actions affirm the dignity of all people made in the likeness and image of God.**

## Happy Birthday

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 04/20 Olivia Truth        | 04/24 Pam Park          |
| 04/20 George Ezzo         | 04/24 Joyce Karwoski    |
| 04/20 Steven Binkowski    | 04/25 Stephanie Du Bois |
| 04/21 Nathan Alderman     | 04/25 Amber Badeau      |
| 04/22 Connor Martin       | 04/25 Walter Volz       |
| 04/22 Gina Motsay         | 04/25 Tom Haynes        |
| 04/22 Lauren Johnson      | 04/25 Marcia Wolfe      |
| 04/23 Jennifer McLaughlin | 04/26 Margaret Badding  |
| 04/23 John Carpenter      | 04/26 Ann Robbins       |




### SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Good Steward"

**Thank you for Making Parish a Priority!**

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3221.00  
Maintenance Collection: \$193.11  
Faith Formation \$250.00

Today's 2nd Can & Quarter  
Next Week's 2nd Collection::



### Prayer List


Bruce Ayers, Joe Clancy,  
Nathaniel Couture, Fran Cummings, Peggy Defendorf, Mary and Jack Giblin, Esther Gerhart, Betty Hand, Joseph Kish, , Logan Manchocke, Ed Mancini, Art Moran, Fr. Gerald O'Comor, Deacon John Prave, Theresa Rodbourn, Charlotte Swarthout, Mary Carol Wall, Adam Weaver, and Stan Wraight.



### Assembly Schedule

April 19- Sat. 4:00 p.m.  
Willing Hearts  
April 20 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.  
Heavenly Hash

To join an assembly call 776-3327




### Calling all Women of Faith

Join our parishioners at the 2008 retreat  
May 2 - 4, 2008  
Notre Dame Retreat House  
Canandaigua, NY

2008 Theme:  
**Understanding Saint Paul**  
A Realistic Guide for Today's Catholics

For more information and/or registration contact: Roxanne Costa at 776-6147 or Nancy Lynch at Notre Dame Retreat House 585-392-5700  
On the web at: [www.ndretreat.org/](http://www.ndretreat.org/)



### CATHOLIC CALL IN

Why do non-Catholics who were married before need an annulment before they can marry in the Catholic Church? Or do they?

Take advantage of the Catholic Call In to get an answer to your simple or your complicated questions.  
Call 1-888-4-SPIRIT on April 22 anytime between 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.



### Team "Fishtoon Day" Needs You

Walk or Donate to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Maureen Fisher and her team will be walking on Sunday May 4, 2008 at 9am at Corning-Painted Post East High School Join her team or give a donation that could make a difference in the lives of people with MS. Call Maureen at 776-3702.



### Volunteers Needed

The Health Ministry of the Southern Tier is seeking Health professionals to join teams of volunteer physicians nurses, nurse practitioners and office personnel for its Bath and Corning. HMST offers free medical care and prescription assistance.

For more information or to volunteer, call (607) 776-8085 Ext. 218



## SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

## EVEN GREATER WORKS



Jesus promised, "Whoever believes in Me will do the works I do and will do even greater than these."

Since Vatican II, the Holy Spirit has been resurrecting ministries and restoring theologies that had disappeared from our Catholic faith for many centuries. During the last 45 years the Spirit has revived the RCIA; restored the married, permanent Diaconate; redesigned professional, lay Church leadership; revealed countless liturgical reforms; and reawakened us to the truth of our Baptism which unites us in the "one priesthood of Christ".

The definition of "priest" is "One who offers sacrifice." We are Christ's "royal priesthood" meaning we are spiritually united with Christ and able to offer our daily sacrifices of prayer, action, time, talent, treasure and our very lives directly to our Heavenly Father for the spiritual benefit of others.

St. Peter tells what the Holy Spirit won't let us forget, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of God's own...who announce God's praises...called from darkness to light." The vocation of every Christian is being Christ's disciple. God calls each believer to the heights of holiness whether one is single, married or religious.

St. Peter further declares that we are all living stones in a spiritual house, the Church, with the cornerstone being Christ. We are God's holy and priestly people; intercessors, mediators and partners with Christ so to disperse His blessings everywhere. As millions of living stones united within the Body of Christ we can do even greater things than Jesus did because of the Holy Spirit's activity working in and through us.

In recent years, through the horrors and shame of Church's sexual abuse crisis, the Holy Spirit has shown us that mature spiritual leadership (both ordained and lay) must be based on clear evidence of moral, emotional and psychological health. The crisis also revealed the need for greater mutual accountability between clergy and laity and absolute transparency on the part of Church leaders at the parish and diocesan levels and throughout the entire Magisterial structure. Without accountability and transparency a dysfunctional system is

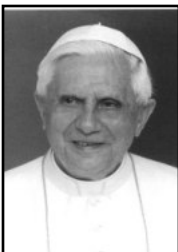
created as private sins become galvanized into one corporate system of sin that is highly resistant to intervention or introspection.

As our Holy Father Benedict XVI visits the US for the first time as pope, he will no doubt speak of this crisis and urge us all to faithfully adhere to the Gospel and remain diligent in promoting the dignity of all human life.

During this historic visit, the American Church remains at a crossroads. If we chose, as has much of Europe, to relegate faith and religion to irrelevant sidelines of life, our legacy will be the generation which squandered the gifts and promise of 2000 years of discipleship. If we chose to live as people anointed as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of God's own" God will do more than heal and restore us. God will perform even greater works through us than we have yet seen or imagined.

"Whoever believes in Me will do the works I do and will do greater ones than these."! Come Holy Spirit!

*Thanks to former colleague Barbara Heseneus whose preaching inspired this reflection.*



### Papal Mass

This weekend, I'll be among 500 diocesan pilgrims including about ten St. Mary's parishioners at the Papal Mass at Yankee Stadium. In recent weeks I've dreaded having to be at St. Mary Our Mother's park-

ing lot at 5:30 a.m., enduring a grueling six-hour bus ride, waiting in long security lines at Yankee Stadium and then, staying put in an assigned seat, (no doubt in the nose-bleed section), for perhaps three hours before the 2:30 p.m. Mass.

Now I've learned that the waiting time will include a "Concert of Hope" featuring **Harry Connick, Jr, Marcello Giordano, Ronan Tynan, Jose Feliciano, and Dana. American Idol Kelly Clarkson** will sing *Ave Maria* before Mass. I've decided that the wait won't be so bad after all. The Vatican team really knows how to warm up a crowd.

These concerts, the Papal Mass and all of the Pope's appearances will be televised on EWTN. I suspect that viewers will have a much better view than I will.

Perhaps you've seen this billboard on the outskirts of Bath and have wondered what's it all about.

In Advent, Bishop Clark invited us join with him on a three year journey of spiritual growth which would kick off in the Spring of 2008. I am pleased to announce that the Spirit Alive journey in Catholic Churches throughout the Southern Tier will commence with special **Services of Reconciliation and Hope** during April and May. On Pentecost Sunday, May 11, we will formally invite you to commit to this journey of faith.

These services will include a heartfelt invitation to people who for one reason or another have drifted away or feel estranged from the Catholic Church. At each service, there will be an opportunity to speak confidentially with parish Leaders and, if you wish, receive sacramental reconciliation. Within the next few weeks I hope to publish the date and time of our Service of Reconciliation and Hope as well as similar services in Campbell, Corning, Dansville and Hornell.

### Fr. Peter's Farewell Party

Father Peter will be leaving us on May 26 to spend time with his family in Ghana before assuming his new assignment as pastor of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Hornell. **We are planning a dish to pass dinner in Fr. Peter's honor on Sunday, May 25th in O'Malley Hall.** If you would like to be part of the planning group for this event, please call the parish office.

Our new sacramental minister, **Fr. Jim Jaeger** will arrive during the last week of June and preside at his first weekend Mass with us on June 28 and 29.

In the interim between Fr. Peter's departure and Fr. Jim's arrival, **Father Dan Condon** will preside and preach at our Sunday Eucharists. Fr. Condon, is the chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester. **Fr. John Wydeven** has graciously agreed to preside at our weekday Masses.

Have a great week. Serve each other well.

*Deacon Ray*

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