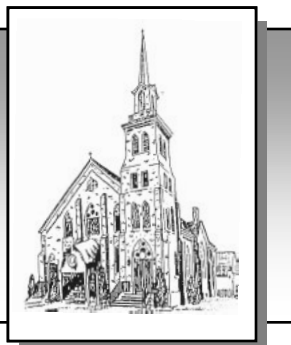


Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2007



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A Celebration of Parish Stewardship



This weekend's Masses will celebrate the Stewardship and Ministries of hundreds of St. Mary's parishioners and serve as an invitation to others to become part of our ministries. The idea originated with the parish's Stewardship Committee which is chaired by Jim Gallagher. "For over six months, representatives of parish and community ministries have shared with us inspiring stories of their stewardship," said Gallagher, who also serves on St. Mary's Parish Council. "This weekend our Masses will celebrate God's call to Stewardship and the dedicated people who are continuing to answer that call."

In preparation for this celebration, the parish sponsored a "Banner Making Parties" on Monday and Tuesday evening and representatives of the various parish ministries were invited. Joyce Swackhammer, Jo Slovak, Paula Gardner and Rosemary States assisted in the creation of banners which the representatives will carry in procession at this weekend's liturgies. The banners will then be placed around the church for the remainder of the Easter Season.

The weekend of March 4 and 5 will be Stewardship Commitment Sunday. All parishioners will be asked to return Stewardship Commitment Cards which will be mailed to them the previous week. "This will provide parishioners the opportunity to commit or recommit their time and talents to the Lord as faithful stewards," said Gallagher.

Deacon Ray and Pat Defendorf and Rochester Diocese Celebrate Twenty-fifth Anniversary

Deacon Ray and Pat Defendorf, and deacons, spouses and priests from throughout the diocese will gather next weekend at Sacred Heart Cathedral to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Rochester. Bishop Matthew Clark will preside at the 10 a.m. liturgy which will be celebrated during the annual Convocation of Rochester Diocesan Deacons. Deacon Ray's music will be significantly included in the liturgy. Following the homily, Deacon Ray has been asked to sing "I Have Come to Serve" - a prayer-song composed 25 years ago for the pre-ordination retreat of the first diaconal class of which he was a member. Between verses of the song, deacons who have died, including St. Mary's first deacon, Deacon Don Von Hagn will be remembered.



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Deacon Ray was also asked to compose a new song in celebration of this anniversary. His new composition, "Sent to Serve" will be sung by the Diocesan Choir as the Recessional Hymn.

Deacon Ray will also sing these songs at this weekend's Masses here at St. Mary's. The Sunday liturgy will be celebrated in honor of Deacon Ray and Pat's 25th year of diaconal ministry.



ALLEGRIA



LITURGICAL CALENDAR



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

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



WOMENS'
Retreat

St. Mary's Annual Women's Retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua will be held the weekend of May 18 - 20. This weekend has been reserved for all the women of our five parish cluster. For information contact Kathy Donnelly at 566-2617.



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 COMMITMENT WEEKEND May 5 and 6

All parishioners are encouraged to commit or recommit to the Stewardship of their Time and Talents to the Ministries of St. Mary's Parish, their family and our Community.

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



First Mass Celebrated in New Daily Mass and Visitation Chapel

On Tuesday morning, April 10, Father Peter Anglaaere celebrated the first Mass in St. Mary's new Daily Mass and Visitation Chapel. In what may have been a "God-incidence" (rather than coincidence) Deacon Ray and eleven parishioners gathered with Father the first Eucharistic Meal. The Chapel, which is located in the Zimmer Center near the parking lot entrance, will be open weekdays and evenings for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Pictured above are: Miriam Teifer, Rosemary Clairmont, Carol Roote, Genevieve Kashmer, Henrietta Powell, Fr. Peter, Barbara Perry, Mary Fratarcangelo, Barbara Bailey, Mary Fisher, Deacon Ray, Betty Langendorfer, and Jerry Teifer



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Twenty-five Years a Deacon

As I mentioned in last week's column, April 17 marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first ordination of permanent deacons within the Diocese of Rochester. Last week I offered some reflections on the history of the reestablishment of the diaconate in the Church and within our Diocese of Rochester. This week, some reflections on our education and formation.

In 1978, the first class of diaconal candidates began an intensive four-year period of study and formation. Course-work was similar in content and intensity to priestly studies. Candidates attended St. Bernard's Seminary (later renamed St. Bernard's Institute) at least one weekend per month while also completing field study assignments in hospitals, prisons, social service agencies and parishes.

Being first in anything comes with its own challenges. Our diaconal formation was no exception. St. Bernard's Seminary was not equipped for an influx of young families sharing facilities with its seminarians. My children were 8 and 10 years of age at the time. Our youngest, Monica was born during our second weekend at the seminary. As you might imagine, rambunctious kids and crying babies were not all that welcome in those stately halls of sacred education.

Another issue was that many of the first diaconal candidates had been out of school for over 20 years. While course-work expectations could not be modified significantly, teaching styles certainly had to be adjusted for these older students whose daily lives carried the additional responsibilities of job and family.

After ordination, new challenges surfaced - including winning the acceptance of priests and parishioners. Balancing secular careers, family life and 10 to 15 hours per week of diaconal service was also a challenging. Many wives had attended seminary courses with their husbands but could not share fully in his ordained ministry. Through God's grace, diaconal couples found ways of supporting each other in ministry and balancing family obligations.

Currently over 130 permanent deacons serve the Diocese of Rochester in a variety of part time and full time ministries - proof that an ordained married clergy can be a beneficial part of the Roman Catholic Church. This weekend, as Pat and I celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary of ordination with you, we thank God for being Sent to Serve with you in this wonderful parish.

Deacon Ray

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