



Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 2009

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Deacon David LaFortune to become St. Mary's New Pastoral Leader



Deacon David LaFortune

Bishop Matthew Clark has appointed Deacon David LaFortune as pastoral administrator of St. Mary's, Bath effective June 30, 2009.

David and Trish LaFortune were married in Houston, Texas in 1983. After living in Houston and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, they relocated, with their daughters Meghann and Ellen, to Corning in 1994.

Deacon LaFortune holds a B.S. in business management from the University of New Orleans, an M.Div. from the Washington Theological Union and a M.A. from St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry. For many years, he worked in supervisory management positions, first with Toys R Us and then American Greetings Corporation. He currently serves as the Pastoral Associate for St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen & St. Benedict's, Odessa. Trish is the Pastoral Associate for All Saints Parish in Corning. Their daughter, Meghann, with her husband Sach and two beautiful daughters, Mykaela and Savannah, live in Hornby. Their daughter, Ellen, is a special education teacher at Northside Blodgett Middle School in Corning. Ellen lives in the Elmira area.

Deacon LaFortune has been involved in ministry on many levels since the 1970's. He was a member of the Carmelite Order for six years, has served as a chaplain in hospitals, taught high school theology, served on faith formation and finance committees, as well as pastoral councils, in three parishes. While living in Texas he and his wife worked with Engaged Encounter and Renew programs.

Being involved in the life of the Church has always been a natural extension of our pastoral administrator designee's faith. For many years he also felt the call to ordained ministry. After relocating to the Rochester diocese Deacon LaFortune was

A Surprise for Paula

Parish Volunteer to Cruise the Caribbean

St. Mary's office volunteer Paula Gardner received a surprise gift at last Saturday night's Volunteer Recognition dinner - an all expenses paid cruise to the Western Caribbean.



Parishioners donated over \$1,1000 to make Paula's life-long dream come true. On her January 10th cruise from Fort Lauderdale, Paula will visit Key West, Ocho Rios, Jamaica and Grand Cayman Island.

approached by several people about applying for the diaconate program. He did so, was accepted and began his studies in 2001. He was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Clark in 2005.

"Being a Deacon is a privilege and a responsibility, - one that carries with it the opportunity to share my deep belief in the goodness of God and the call to minister in any capacity,," he says. "Now Bishop Clark has provided this wonderful opportunity for me to minister with the people of St. Mary's, Bath and I'm very excited about it."

In keeping with diocesan policy, Deacon LaFortune's one year term at St. Mary's will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30. But over the next few months, he will meet several times with Deacon Ray, the parish staff and parish leadership committees to assure a smooth transition. Also, because St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's are beginning the process that will cluster the two parishes under a single pastoral leader in July 2010, Deacon LaFortune, will work closely with St. Gabriel's pastoral administrator Maureen O'Neill and the newly established Transition Team during his tenure at St. Mary's.

Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

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

Weekday Mass/Communion Service

Monday ♦ Wednesday ♦ Thursday - 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:30 a.m. ♦ St. Gabriel's, Hammondsport



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY April 5 Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Bob Denno
By the Lyle Family

MONDAY April 6
9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

TUESDAY April 7
5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Bob Denno
By Jim & Pat DeSorbo

WEDNESDAY April 8
5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Ida Menchino
By Peter Milano

THURSDAY April 9
7:00 p.m. In Mem. of Betty Smalt
By Father Jim

FRIDAY April 10
6:00 p.m. St. Gabriel's
Good Friday Liturgy

SATURDAY April 11 Easter Vigil
8:00 p.m. **St. Gabriel's**

SUNDAY April 12 Easter Sunday
9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Mary Giblin
By Dick & Kathy McDonald

One weekend Mass each month is offered for the **"Members of the St. Mary's Memorial Fund."** Your gift to our Memorial Fund will support many parish ministries and capital projects. Your loved one will be remembered monthly at a scheduled Mass. Please consider this option. when requesting a Mass Card. Suggested minimum gift is \$10.



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY April 5 Sunday
8:15 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
10:00 a.m. No coffee hour
10:15 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

MONDAY April 6
5:00 p.m. BCCDC - Daycare Event - Hall
6:00 p.m. Tiger Cubs Room 202

TUESDAY April 7
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Room 203
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Rooms 204A/B
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group, Rectory

WEDNESDAY April 8
6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner and Program, Hall
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, 201,203, 204A
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, 204B, 205

THURSDAY April 9
5:30p.m. Weight Watchers, 101
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts,203
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, 204A
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, 205
7:30 p.m. K of C meeting

FRIDAY April 10

SATURDAY April 11
1:00 p.m. NA - 204

SUNDAY April 12
8:15 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

HAPPENINGS AT ST. MARY'S



When Aubri and Brad Ordway and St. Mary's Choir started singing at the Volunteer Recognition Event, Tina McKinley and Al Hanning couldn't resist dancing.



About 65 people enjoyed a fantastic dinner prepared by Mary Faucett - who announced her retirement as the head cook at parish dinners. Mary will continue to cook for Sunday Suppers and Bereavement Luncheons.



Happy Birthday To You!

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| 4/5 Hannah Makitra | 4/8 Bill MacNamara |
| 4/5 Michael Fiordo | 4/9 Charles Hero |
| 4/6 Jason Carpenter | 4/10 Theresa Rodbourn |
| 4/6 Rita Denno | 4/11 Rita Moretti |



Prayer List

Bonnie Baran, Marie Benishin, Ruth Cochran, Henry Cullen, Fran Cummings, Margaret Emmick, MaryFisher, Glenn French, Paula Gardner. JackGiblin, Esther Gerhart, Laura Gilfoyle, Nancy Holzer, Margaret Anne Jenkins, Joey Kish, Connie Luna, Carlo Marano, Fr. **Gerald O'Connor**, Theresa Rodbourn, Penny Ruest, Diana Sermonis, Jeff Spara and Betsy Sheehan



Our Hands of Christ Award recipients Robert Watches, Sarah Obrochta, Corey Hutcheson and Jason Carpenter received their awards at last Sunday's 9:00 a.m.



MY ST. MARY'S

Because I Love My Parish
I Support It!

Henrietta Powell

March 28/29 ♦ Attendance: 281
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$ 2420.00
Easter Flowers: \$478.00
Children's Collection: \$16.95

In addition to helping us meet our payroll expenses, your stewardship gifts helped us pay our March Utility Bill of \$5,121.

Thank you for Making Parish - a Priority!

Send a "Get Well" card to . . .

Henry Cullen	Fran Cummings
VA Medical Center	Taylor Healthcare
Nursing Care Unit	Rte. 54
Bath, NY, 14830	Bath, NY 14830

Paula Gardner
Absolute Care at Three Rivers
101 Creekside Drive, Painted Post, NY 14870



Assembly Schedule

April 11 - Sat. Easter Vigil at St. Gabriel
April 12 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. Luminaries



The Sanctuary candle is burning in memory of Agnes & Atty Howard Walker by Evelyn Glenn





SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

HOLY WEEK AND THE SACRED TRIDUUM

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - the beginning of Holy Week. Today we hear two passages from Mark's Gospel and they stand in stark contrast to each other. We begin with a procession with palms, hearing the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Waving palms of our own, we bring to life the adulation of an admiring crowd shouting "Hosanna."

As if on a roller coaster of emotion, we again take the part of that crowd in Jerusalem as the story of Christ's passion and death is read. Now we must shout, "Crucify him!" We find the fickleness of that crowd to be stunning - how could they change so much in less than a week?

We have to admit such changes in emotion and devotion are very real responses that we ourselves have made to Christ as we meet him in the people around us. We have praised Jesus with great fervor and shown great faith and dedication. We also have contributed to his suffering, have added to his pain. As we watch each step he took to save us, we can see that like the characters in the stories today, we don't deserve what he did for us. We can only stay watching with him in silent awe and gratitude.

Holy Week

With Palm Sunday, we begin the holiest week of the year. It is also liturgically my favorite week of the year. I hope that you will join us for prayer frequently this week, especially for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum, literally the "three days". The liturgy that begins with the celebration of the Lord's Supper Holy Thursday evening simply continues on Friday as we observe the Lord's Passion, and culminates in the celebration of the Easter Vigil after dark on Holy Saturday night. The Church looks at the Triduum as one liturgy in three separate movements. If you have never celebrated the Triduum in its entirety, you have cheated yourself of an awesome experience of the Paschal Mystery: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!* This is the basis of our faith.

The symbols of Holy Week are large and lush:

Palm Sunday . . .

- * a procession with palms,

Holy Thursday



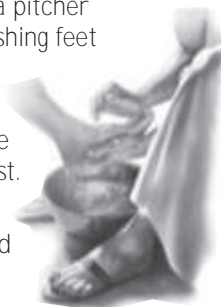
- * fragrant oils consecrated at the Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral Tuesday night are presented on Holy Thursday to ours and church communities throughout the diocese.

- * a bowl, a towel, and a pitcher brought forth for washing feet

- * bread and wine transformed in a ritual meal recalling the very first such Eucharist.

- * a solemn procession with the Eucharist and clouds of incense

- * adoration before the Blessed Sacrament well into the night



Good Friday . . .



- * ministers lying prostrate on the sanctuary floor

- * a large wooden cross carried into the church so we may each venerate it, recalling Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on our behalf

Holy Saturday . . .

- * deafening silences, empty tabernacles, dry holy water fonts and extinguished sanctuary lamps

Easter Vigil . . .



- * utter darkness...a bonfire...the a new paschal candle initiating a sea of vigil lights

- * The singing of the Exultat

- * glorias and alleluias resurrected...new water blessed...baptismal promises renewed.

These times of prayer are longer than our usual Sunday liturgy - which is why I guess so many stay away from church on these days. But they are also so rich as these ritual actions are generally only done once a year. In that sense, they are both beautifully new and comfortingly familiar. It is the telling of *our* story as we recall all that our God has done for and with us.

Moving prayerfully through this holy week is a gift we give our souls. The invitation of the passion story is always *to be there*. When we enter fully into the story we begin to see every choice, chance and circumstance of our lives as God wooing us, seducing us, alluring us, calling us to return to him with all our hearts. When we do, our hearts are filled with peace and joy, and who among us cannot use an extra dose of peace and joy?

Easter Vigil Moves to St. Gabriel's

This year we will again join with the parishioners of St. Gabriel's in Hammondsport to celebrate the Sacred Triduum.

Holy Thursday Mass will be celebrated here at St. Mary's at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday's Service of the Lord's Passion (6:00 p.m.) and Holy Saturday night's Easter Vigil (8:00 p.m.) will be at St. Gabriel's.

Ecumenical Prayer Opportunities

Two ecumenical prayer opportunities will be sponsored by the Bath Ministers Association during Holy Week. These are: Taize Prayer Service - Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Good Friday Stations of the Cross Friday at noon in Pulteney Park. In the event of cold, snow or rain, the Stations will move to St. Mary's Church.

Deacon Candidates Meet for Canonical Retreat



Beginning last Friday night and continuing through Tuesday afternoon, six diaconal candidates and spouses including

Bob and Pam Colomaio are on what is called their "Canonical Retreat" at the Mercy Prayer Center in Rochester. This retreat is so named because canon law requires that all candidates for ordination spend time in personal prayer and reflection in preparation for ordination. Bishop Matthew Clark will ordain Bob as a permanent deacon on May 30th at Sacred Heart Cathedral. As you can imagine, this is a very significant step for Bob, Pam, Mary Catherine and Theresa and I ask you to join me in praying for them daily during this very special time.

Have a truly blessed Holy Week. Serve one another well!

Deacon Ray

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