

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach



The Third Sunday of Easter

April 6, 2008

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Meeting Jesus and Being Jesus on the Road of Life

What a difference our attitude towards life makes on our enjoyment of life. This is the positive approach of one woman.

Lord, thank you for this sink of dirty dishes, we have plenty of food to eat.

Thank you for this pile of dirty laundry, we have plenty of nice clothes to wear.

And I would like to thank you, Lord, for those unmade beds. They were so warm and so comfortable last night. I know that many have no bed.

My thanks to you, Lord, for this bathroom, complete with all the splattered mirrors, soggy towels and dirty lavatory. They are so convenient.

Thank you for this finger-smudged refrigerator that needs defrosting so badly, it has served us faithfully for many years. It is full of enough left-over's for a few meals.

Thank you, Lord, for this oven that absolutely must be cleaned today. It has baked so many things over the years.

Lord, the presence of all these chores awaiting me says you have richly blessed my family. I shall do them all cheerfully and I shall do them gratefully.

Such a beautiful positive attitude is one that you would expect of a disciple of Jesus. But such an attitude is not what we meet in the two disciples going from Jerusalem towards Emmaus. Their faces were downcast. Their hopes had been dashed. They thought Jesus was the Messiah but he was crucified and dead, and with his death their hopes died also. When they came near to Emmaus they stopped, not wishing to continue their journey any longer because it was evening.

After recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread, a big change that came over them? They

had been leaving Jerusalem trying to escape from the reality of a dashed hope. But, instead of staying away from Jerusalem - now they wanted to go back again.

What a difference it makes to have Jesus in your life! What a difference it makes to meet Jesus and know him. What a difference it can make in our life and attitude toward life when we meet Jesus in the Sacred Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Then, like the disciples - our heart bums within us.

We don't have a strong tradition in the Catholic Church of reading the Bible. But, especially since Vatican II, the Church has taught that Jesus in the Eucharist and in the Bible is to be equally venerated. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist. But Jesus will also be present to us when we read sacred scripture.

The disciples met Jesus on the road to Emmaus. He walked by their side, listened to their stories and then opened their eyes to a new understanding of the scriptures. Through the breaking of the bread, Jesus led them in a gentle, but very powerful way, to understand that he had truly conquered death.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we too sometimes meet Jesus through people who walk the journey of life with us - especially in times of disillusionment and pain. And we who form the "mystical body of Christ" can in turn help others meet Jesus by demonstrating a positive attitude toward our gift or life - truly living the good news. What a difference when others meet Jesus through us.



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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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY April 6 Third Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m. In Memory of John Jozefick
By Veronica Cummings

MONDAY April 7 Easter Monday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY April 8, Easter Tuesday
5:00 p.m. Special Intentions
By the Galvin Family

WEDNESDAY April 9, Easter Wednesday
5:00 p.m. Intentions of Father Gerald O'Connor By Fran & Bob Abbey

THURSDAY April 10, Easter Thursday
5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Cardinal Peter Dery
By Morning Mass Ladies

FRIDAY April 11 Easter Friday
9:00a.m. In Mem. of John & Mary Jozefick
By Veronica Cummings

SATURDAY April 12, Easter Saturday
4:00 p.m. In Memory of Mary Beebe
By St. Mary's Parish

SUNDAY April 13, Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00a.m. In Memory of
By

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 6
8:00a.m. Pre Mass Choir, Practice
10:00a.m. Pancake Breakfast
10:30a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church
10:30a.m. Religious Education
3:00p.m. Sunday Supper
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

MONDAY April 7
6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

TUESDAY April 8
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group, Chapel

WEDNESDAY April 9
10:00a.m. Wellness Council - Room 201
6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Room 204

THURSDAY April 10
5:30pm Weight Watchers - Hall

FRIDAY April 11
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

SUNDAY April 13
8:00am Pre Mass Choir, Practice
10:00am Coffee Hour
10:30am Post Choir Practice, Church
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

Catholic charities Turning Point

In cooperation with the following Churches:
Bath Baptist + Bath First Presbyterian,
Centenary United Methodist + Church of
Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints + St. Mary's Roman
Catholic + St. Thomas Episcopal
and the Church of the Good Shepherd
Presents a Delicious

Smorgasbord Dinner
Saturday, April 19, 2008
4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Centenary United Methodist Hall
3 West Washington Street
Bath, New York 14810

Tickets Available at Turning Point or
at any of the participating churches
or at the door.

Ages 12 and up: \$8.00
Ages 6 - 11: \$6.00
Ages 5 and below: Free



SAINT MARY'S PARISH "A Parish of Good Steward" Thank you for Making Parish a Priority!

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$
Maintenance Collection: \$
Fuel Collection \$
Easter Flowers \$
Today's 2nd Collection Ghanaian Scholarships
Next Week's 2nd Collection:: Maintenance



Assembly Schedule

April 5- Sat. 4:00 p.m.
Parish Council
April 6 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Holy Patrol

To join an assembly call 776-3327



The Sanctuary Light is burning
in memory of Atty & Mrs
Howard Walker by Evelyn Glenn



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.



Happy Birthday To You!

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| 04/06 Samantha McElroy | 04/10 Theresa Rodbourn |
| 04/06 Jason Carpenter | 04/10 Alex Oleson |
| 04/06 Rita Denno | 04/10 Rita Moretti |
| 04/08 Bill MacNamara | 04/12 Jim Gallagher |
| 04/09 Charles Hero | |



Prayer List

Bruce Ayers, Fr. Gerald O'Connor,
Joe Clancy, Mary and Jack Giblin,
Esther Gerhart, Betty Hand,
Joseph Kish, Merva Leckinger, Logan
Manchocke, Art Moran, Deacon
John Prave, Theresa Rodbourn, Charlotte
Swarthout, Mary Carol Wall, Adam Weaver,
and Stan Wraight.



Calling all Women of Faith

Join our parishioners
at the 2008 retreat
May 2nd - 4th

Notre Dame Retreat House Canandaigua, NY

Theme for 2008 ; Understanding St 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/

Today's readings make clear that the days following Jesus' death were troubling for his disciples. They had believed that Jesus would lead a revolution to overthrow Rome and free Jerusalem. Instead, it seemed as if those in power had won.

When Jesus broke bread with them, their hearts filled with insight. They returned to Jerusalem with a new understanding of God's redemptive love, compassion and justice.

Bringing that understanding to public life requires us to be guided by moral convictions, rather than attachment to political goals or interests. The US bishops tell us that our actions in the public sphere should be, "focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable."
(Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship)

How are you called to work for a just society?



Welcome to our Parish Family

We warmly welcome you to St. Mary's Be sure and register as member of our parish family so we can get to know you. Call 776-3327 or stop by the office.



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

A Week of Convocations

Each year during Spring, Bishop Clark hosts two convocations - the Convocation of Priests and Pastoral Administrators and the Convocation of Permanent Deacons. Last week, I attended both.

Deacon Convocation

This year's Convocation of Deacons and wives took place on Saturday, March 29 the auditorium of Monroe County Hospital in Rochester. The day included a keynote talk - *Deacons: Responding to the Signs of Our Times*, by Monsignor William Shannon. At 90 years of age Monsignor Shannon continues to write and speak with great clarity and depth on matters of church and theology. A diocesan priest for 65 years he, in recent years, has shared his great insight with students at Nazareth College and nationally as the former president of the scholarly Merton Society. The Deacon Convocation is hosted by Bishop Clark who was named Bishop of Rochester shortly before the first class of permanent deacons were ordained twenty-six years ago. The day also includes a formal luncheon and Mass honoring the 25th anniversary diaconal ordination class. The Convocation, typically draws more than one hundred deacons and spouses who serve this diocese. Pat and I enjoy this opportunity to connect with classmates and get to know recently ordained deacons and wives.

Among those honored at the Convocation Mass was our own **Deacon Ed Wight** who this Fall will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination. Deacon Ed was ordained for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, but has resided in the Bath area and served St. Mary's parish for many years. In his home diocese, Ed was one of the first deacons to serve in the role of pastoral administrator, ministering to a parish community in Long Lake, New York. Later this year, we will plan a special parish event to honor Ed's ordination anniversary.



At the Convocation Mass, Deacon Ed received a 25th anniversary stole created for him as a gift from St. Mary's Parish. I received a similar stole last year.

Convocation of Priests and Pastoral Administrators

About ninety-five percent of the priests and pastoral administrators currently ministering



FIRST RECONCILIATION 2008

On Tuesday, March 25, Father Peter celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with (Row 1) Jenny Patterson. (2) Jenna Gaudino and Madelyn Czajkowski, (3) Stephen Binkowski, Noah Schuster and Allison Warren. (4) Danielle Neu and Angela Binkowski. Absent are Blaine Young and Gabriella Ormsby.

within the diocese gathered March 31 - April 2 at the Auburn Holiday Inn for three days of collegial prayer, spiritual growth, discussion and socialization.

It is a varied group that attends this annual convocation. Attending are home grown diocesan priests, priests from several religious orders, priest externs from Africa, India, Sri Lanka and Poland and Viet Nam, retired priests and pastoral administrators (12 women and 3 deacons).

This was the sixth convocation that I have attended since being named a pastoral administrator in 2001. While not all topics and speakers have been universally applauded by pastoral leaders, I have enjoyed and learned something at each.

This year's convocation theme: "*Spiritual Renewal and the Eucharist*" featured presentations by two nationally known speakers **Father Ed Foley OFM, Cap.**, Professor of Liturgy and Music at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and **Dr. Jerry Galipeau**, Worship Resources Editor of World Library Publications and frequent speaker on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, liturgical music and adult spiritual formation.

Hopefully, these opportunities to gather with our Bishop and colleagues will enrich not only our ministry, but the parishes that we will serve with refreshed and invigorated spirits.

Mary Carol Wall Update

I am happy to report that Mary Carol Wall is recovering nicely from her recent surgery. She is grateful for your prayers and reports that the surgery to remove a small patch of colon cancer was successful. God is good.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.

Deacon Ray



Registration forms for First Eucharist may be requested from the office or

from Paula Gardner on Sundays. When you register your child, you will receive the preparation book.

The first session, for the children and their parents, is set for this Monday, April 7th. Ideally, all children will have the first two chapters done with their families by the session on April 7th. We are planning on celebrating First Eucharist on Mother's Day, May 11th.

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