



Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 10, 2008

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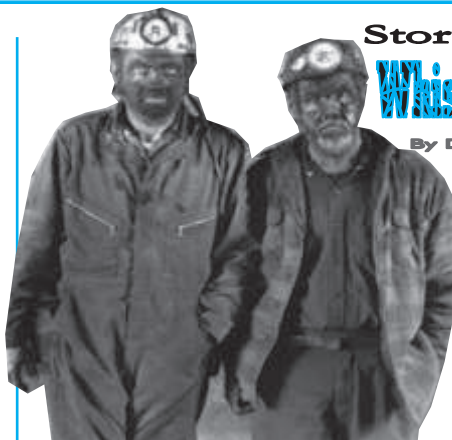
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Story for Today

Whisper of a Snuggle

By Dr. Constance M. Popp

In July 2002 nine miners were trapped in the Black Wolf Mine in Somerset, Pennsylvania. They'd been in water up to their necks scrambling for higher ground, when a new wall of water bore down on them and suddenly, inexplicably stopped. For seventy-seven hours-over three days-they existed 240 feet below ground while rescuers attempted to drill a hole to save them.

When all nine were pulled to safety, although three men were hospitalized, six were immediately sent home. "Their good health inspired amazement among physicians and mine safety professionals who had feared that prolonged immersion in the chilly water would kill them before the rescuers reached them," a newspaper article noted.

The miners themselves could not imagine how they were going to survive but knew they had to pull together. "They decided that live or die, they were going to do it together? and they kept their cool." They had one sandwich between them from someone's lunch bucket and two bottles of water. The sandwich was divided into nine pieces and water was sipped sparingly over the next days.

And they prayed. "We had high points and low points," one of the miners said. "When somebody'd get low, we'd all work to cheer them up. Then you'd be down, and everybody worked on you." When one of the miners started to complain about tightness in his chest, the crew worried he had hypothermia so they surrounded him and took turns hugging him. They hugged others as well. "When we were cold, we would snuggle." When one sank into fear or despair and needed help, one reached down to pull him up, as Jesus had taught.

The miners may have felt that they heard God's voice when their earth quaked or when the water rose, but in the end they heard God's voice in the whisper of a snuggle as they chose to stick together in their shared struggle for life or die together in an embrace.

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What's Happening at St. Mary's?



Mission Speaker

On Sunday, Sr. Virginia Mozo of the Missionary Sisters of St. Columba spoke on the work of her order in Pakistan and Chili. Donations to the sisters missionary work will be accepted at the office over the next two weeks.

Fr. John O'Connor presided at our Sunday Eucharist.



50th Wedding Anniversary

On Saturday, Jim and Geri Galvin celebrated with family and friends in O'Malley Hall after renewing their wedding vows.

Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ✦ Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass/Communion Services

Monday (Scripture/Communion) - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday and Thursday - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday - 5:00 p.m.



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY Aug 10, Nineteenth
 Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9:30 a.m. In Mem. of Eleanor Manning
 By Francis Currier

MONDAY Aug 11
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

TUESDAY Aug 12
 5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Carmelena Minichello
 By daughter Chris Minichello

WEDNESDAY Aug 13
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Rosa Fiordo
 By Catherine Tetor

THURSDAY Aug 14
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. Of Mary Obrochta
 By daughter Dorothy Sincerbox

FRIDAY Aug 15 The Assumption of
 the Blessed Virgin Mary
Note: A Holy Day of Obligation
 12:15 p.m. In Mem. of Riosa Fiordo
 By Mary Eaton

SATURDAY Aug 16, Saturday
 4:00 p.m. In Mem. of Dorothy Murphy
 By her family

SUNDAY Aug 17, Twentieth Sunday
 of Ordinary Time
 9:30 a.m. In Mem. of Dori O'Connell
 By Deb & Bill Brinkus
 Chris & Scott Howard



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY Aug 10
 8:30 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church
 3:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, Hall
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

MONDAY Aug 11
 6:00 p.m. Keuka Lake Players 201 & 205

TUESDAY Aug 12
 6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Challenge – Hall
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Rectory

WEDNESDAY Aug 13
 6:00 p.m. Keuka Lake Players 201 & 205

THURSDAY Aug 14
 15:30p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall
 7:30p.m. Prayer Group - Chapel

FRIDAY Aug 15
 6:00 p.m. Keuka Lake Players 201 & 205

SATURDAY Aug 16
 1:00 p.m. NA - Hall

SUNDAY Aug 17
 8:30 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church
 3:00p.m. Sunday Supper, Hall
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

Building Faithful Citizenship



A Reflection for August 10th

Hearing and acting on the voice of God requires a certain discipline. We need to find quiet time to listen for **God's voice of love. We need to understand the teachings of our faith and how they relate to the world.**

The US Bishops remind us in Faithful **Citizenship that "conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, not is it a mere "feeling" about what we should do or should not do. Rather conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning evil. Conscience always requires serious attempts to make sound moral judgments based on the truth of our faith."**

Reflection:

Are we preparing for the upcoming election by studying the teachings of our Church on the moral issues such as abortion, war, euthanasia, economic injustice and capital punishment? Are we praying for courage to insist that our leaders recognize the dignity of all human beings?



Happy Birthday To You!

08/12 Josh DuBois	08/14 Aubri Ordway
08/12 David DuBois	08/15 Allan Hall
08/13 Maggie Gnann	08/16 Richard Adams
08/14 Andrew Beyler	08/16 Ed Wight
08/14 Geri Sheehan	08/16 Zachary Musso



SAINT MARY'S PARISH "A Parish of Good Stewards"

Thank you for Making
Parish a Priority!

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$4269.58
Columbian Sisters Missions: \$983.65

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

In addition to helping us meet our payroll expenses, your stewardship gifts will help us pay our annual Insurance bill of \$28,960.



Assembly Schedule

Aug 16- Sat. 4:00 p.m.
Willing Hearts
Aug 17 - Sun. 9:30 a.m.
Holy Patrol

To join an assembly call 776-3327



to all the wonderful people of St Mary's in Bath who offered prayers and Masses and sent cards to during my recent illness. I have been recuperating ay my rectory in Aurora since July 7th and am back on regular schedule again.

Father Shatzel

parish Picnic & Mass

The parish picnic has
been be rescheduled for

Sunday, August 31

in St. Mary's Pavilion

1:00pm Mass

2:00pm Picnic

Bring a dish to pass

Meat & Beverage will be Provided.

Note: On this day, there will be

NO 9:30 a.m. Mass

Turning Point August Collection

Soup

Cans or boxes of soup may
be left in the back of church.



St. Mary's Youth Group



Rummage sale time is here again. The Youth Group is looking for good useable items for this sale If you can donate something, you can drop it off in the garage or if you need something picked up, contact the parish office. 776 - 3327.



Prayer List

Bruce Ayers, Bonnie Baran,
Fran Cummings, Bob Denno,
Margaret Emmick,

Peggy Evans, Mary Fisher,

Michael Furlong, Mary and Jack Giblin,

Esther Gerhart, Deb Griffin. John

Hurley, Jim Lamprecht, Logan Man-

ciocchi, Jim Murray, Fr. Gerald

O'Connor, Deacon John Prave,

Theresa Rodbourn, Jerry Rumsey,

Cindy Travers, Adam Weaver,

and Stan Wwright.



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

A Very Significant Summer Week



Scripture REFLECTIONS

Last Saturday, Fr. Jim and I concluded another very busy and significant Summer week of ministry here at St. Mary's. On that day, we celebrated the passing of Dorothy Dougherty at 10:00 a.m. Jim and Geri Galvin renewed their 50 year old marriage vows at noon. Missionary Sr. Virginia Mozo was guest speaker at weekend Masses at both St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's.

Fr. Peter Anglaaere, Fr. Jim, Fr. Brad Benson, pastor of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Bath and Good Shepherd Church in Savona and Fr. Edward a visiting priest from Ghana and I participated in the 7:30 p.m. funeral of Art Moran. In his homily, Fr. Peter noted Arts special love of his family, the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Parish. It was of special significance to Art that during the past year, the Knights had made St. Mary's their new home - a belief that I share with gratitude.

Then as Fr. Jim walked Gracie and enjoyed a late evening cigar, I drove to Hammondspport to catch the second act of the Keuka Lake Players production of *Oklahoma*. Several parishioners including Bob, Mary Catherine and Theresa Colomaio, Karen Grimmer and Joyce Swackhammer gave outstanding performances. The excellent pit band included Bill and Patrick Grimmer, Michelle Neu and Dick Drane.

Father Jim has an expression that always brings a chuckle. "Ray, today we've crammed 50 pounds of activity into a 20 pound sack." Sometime in the vicinity of 11:30 p.m. I turned off the light and thanked God for blessing me with another 50 pounds of grace filled activity.

Guest Priest Presiders

One of the ways that we are striving to keep sane and honor the priestly service of Fr. Jim is to invite area priests to say one or two of the weekend Masses at St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's. Fr. Lew Brown who serves as sacramental minister at All Saints Parish in Corning presided at weekend Masses during the last two week's of July. During August and September, Fr. John O'Connor, a retired priest living in Penn Yan, will be our guest presider at one or two weekend Masses. This week, Fr. Jim has Air National Guard duties in Niagara Falls so Fr. O'Connor will preside at our Saturday afternoon Masses.

Councils/Staff Discuss Stewardship

On Tuesday evening, July 29th, our Parish Council, Finance Council and Staff met at the Keuka Lake home of Janet Madigan. Our special guest was Mark Clark, who assists the parishes of our diocese in creating successful Stewardship programs. Mark's important work is one of the ways that we benefit from your contributions to the Catholic Ministry Appeal.

During 2007, we actively promoted and celebrated the numerous ways that you our parishioners share your Stewardship gifts of Time and Talent. At weekend Masses, we invited people involved in parish and community based ministries to witness to their work. Our Lenten programs that year centered around the theological and scriptural underpinnings of Stewardship and we distributed, read and discussed "The Burgundy Book" of reflections on Stewardship by Bishop Ken Untener the former bishop of Saginaw Michigan.

Now, with parish expenses frequently exceeding revenues, it is time to explore the third leg of the Stewardship tripod - Treasure. During the remainder of 2008, we hope to gain a greater understanding of the importance of financial stewardship to our parish and its ministries. Then, during the spring, we'll ask you to make stewardship giving to your parish, the diocese and your community a personal priority.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.

Deacon Ray

PS: I will be on vacation from Tuesday, August 12 through Monday, August 25. Thanks to Fr. Jim and the staff for making this possible.

Have you ever been so sure about the way something should happen, that you missed it when it actually happened? Have you ever been so positive what your gift would be, that you missed the actual gift you received? All three of today's readings allude to this human tendency. Elijah looked for God in wind, earthquake and fire, as we would also probably do. But-surprise! There was God in "a tiny whispering sound."

Peter thought he could ask Jesus to prove who he was, but the proof Jesus gave was too much for him. He needed faith, not proof, and Jesus made that abundantly clear.

Paul tells us that God's chosen people who were given the law and the prophets and every promise from God, have not recognized the Christ, the Son of God.

Stop and think today:

Has God stopped by? Has God sent a message?

Bonappetit!

Rita Dwyer, winner of the "Dinner at the Rectory" bonus prize of St. Mary's UNFAIR, invited family members to join in the feast. Fr. Jim Jaeger prepared a surf and turf entrée that included sautéed scallops wrapped in bacon and roast beef stuffed with cheese and asparagus. Magnifico!



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