

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 20 2006



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Scripture REFLECTIONS

True Food

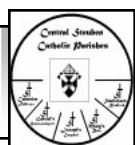


By Fr. Jeffrey Day

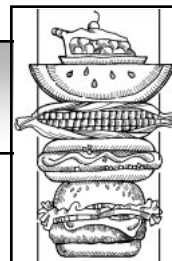
For a couple of summers I did door-to-door evangelization inviting people to the Catholic Church. People would ask about our form of worship, so sometimes the discussion would turn to our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Some people had a hard time accepting our worship of the consecrated hosts, reserving these hosts in a locked tabernacle, and genuflecting when passing by the Blessed Sacrament. It became clear to me that Jesus' teaching found in today's gospel passage is as difficult to hear now as it was nearly 2000 years ago. Hearing Jesus speak about eating His flesh and drinking His blood can be disturbing. It is even more disturbing when we reflect upon the original Greek word that John used for the word "eat." The verb used here literally means to "munch" or to "gnaw." In other words, Jesus said, "Munch my flesh!" Not everyone accepted this teaching.

In next week's gospel passage, some people walk away after hearing Jesus speaking this way. As we share our Catholic belief in the Eucharist, not all people will accept it. This doesn't make us any better than them. We simply keep celebrating the Eucharist, hoping for the day when all people will eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man.



CSCP Mass and Picnic Sunday, August 27 at Mossy Bank Park



All are invited to the second CSCP Picnic next Sunday, August 27 at Mossy Bank Park. The picnic starts at 1:00 p.m. with Mass at 2:00 p.m. and dinner immediately following. Bar-B-Q beef, hamburgers, hots, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able (salads, vegetable, desserts, etc.) and the recipe. Recipes will be collected to distribute to all parishes. Don't forget your lawn chairs and a favorite yard game to share. There will be a variety of games, activities and face painting for the children.

This is a cooperative effort among all five CSCP parishes. Food, cooking and set-up will be done by St. Catherine's, St. Gabriel's and St. Mary's. St. Stanislaus' will provide drinks and St. Joseph's will arrange the Mass items and assist with parking.

Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

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

Weekday Masses:

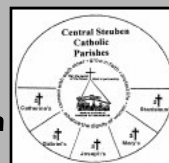
Tuesday ♦ Wednesday ♦ Thursday ♦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

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** August 20, Tewntieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Sophie and Dennis Martin
By the Martin Family
- MONDAY** August 21, Pius X, pope
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
- TUESDAY** August 22, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Amy Alsheimer
By Rita Dwyer
- WEDNESDAY** August 23, Rose of Lima, virgin
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Billie Joe Joseflick
By Veronica Cummings
- 5:00 p.m. In Memory, John McAllister
By Tess Rankin
- THURSDAY** August 24, Bartholomew, apostle
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Jo Warren
By Tony Pappas
- FRIDAY** August 25, Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Raymond Cummings
By his wife, Veronica
- 2:15 p.m. Taylor's - For all residents of Taylor's
4:00 p.m. Lakeview - For all residents of Lakeview
- SATURDAY** August 26, Weekday
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Dorothy Murphy
By her daughters, Peggy and Eileen
- SUNDAY** August 27, Twenty - first Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. For the intentions of Arnie & Helen Kish on
their 46th Wedding Anniversary

There are many weekday Mass Intentions available in the upcoming months (stipend \$10). Please call the office to schedule.



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning in memory of Amy Alsheimer at the request of her daughter, Mary Faucett



Second Collections

August 19/20 - Can and Quarter
August 26/27 - Katrina & Tioga Relief



Liturgical Assembly Schedule

August 26 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Lake Country Disciples
August 27 - 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!

August 12/13, 2006

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,607.00 THANK YOU!
Second Collection for Catholic Charities: \$364.60



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** August 20
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion
- MONDAY** August 21
- TUESDAY** August 22
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group
- WEDNESDAY** August 23
- THURSDAY** August 24
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall
- FRIDAY** August 25
- SATURDAY** August 26
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
- SUNDAY** August 27
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion



Happy Birthday To You!

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| 08/20 | Rodrick McConnell | 08/24 | Michael Skelly |
| 08/21 | Steven Olesen | 08/24 | Dorothy Cullen |
| 08/21 | Teresa Perry | 08/24 | Kathryn Biehl |
| 08/21 | Donald Mills | 08/24 | Lyman Sheils |
| 08/22 | Kyla Burns | 08/24 | Marissa Oksinski |
| 08/22 | Michael Crotty | 08/25 | Mary Gaudino |
| 08/22 | Cheryl Crocker | 08/26 | Mitchell Alger |
| 08/23 | Michael Bly | | |



Katrina and Tioga Flood Victims

As a result of the continuing aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has asked all archdioceses and dioceses across the country to participate in a special collection to aid the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Diocese of Biloxi on the weekend of August 26 and 27.

Meanwhile, disaster struck close to home this summer with flooding in the Southern Tier, due to torrential rains. Hundreds of households in the Diocese of Rochester were affected by flooding in Tioga County.

In response to this urgent local need, twenty-five percent of the collection will provide direct assistance to individuals affected by flooding in Tioga county. The remaining 75 percent of collection proceeds will be sent to the USCCB for the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Diocese of Biloxi. This collection is in addition to the generous support offered individual parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans through the twinning arrangements that have been coordinated through Catholic Charities. St. Mary's teamed with St Vincent De Paul parish in Churchville, NY to provide assistance to Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Church in New Orleans which was severely damaged by both fire and flooding.

Our CHURCH RENEVOATION TRIAL will begin on the weekend of September 16 and 17. Copies of the Church Renovation Report are available at the Parish Office.



Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

One of the loves of many people of my generation is “folk” music. My college years included the music of such folk staples as **Bob Dylan**, **Phil Ochs**, the **New Christy Minstrels** and the **Kingston Trio** to name but a few. Because my college years coincided with Vatican II, I was among the first to be introduced to and introduce others to religious “folk” music at Mass. Even then, a legend in “folk” music circles was **Pete Seeger**, who used this musical genre to bring messages of social consciousness and peace to a country still lacking in the protection of the civil rights of Americans of African decent and on the verge of the disastrous Viet Nam war.

Pete created or reintroduced songs such as *We shall Overcome*, *Where Have all the Flowers Gone* and numerous others. I mention Pete Seeger because last weekend I had the privilege of actually playing guitar and singing with this folk legend on a small stage at the annual “Corn Festival” in Beacon, NY on the banks of the Hudson River. **Ken Anderson**, known to many of you for his deep bass baritone voice and championship of the memory of **Paul Robeson** and Negro Spirituals is a long time friend of Seeger who extended his friend an invitation to join him on the Corn Festival Stage. I provided transportation to Ken who is 77 years old, and while still quite agile for a man his age, appreciated company on the 250 mile trip.

I share this story, not only because it was a significant thrill for me to be “on stage” with a “legend” but because I was truly touched by the simplicity and integrity of this man. At age 86, Seeger lives with his wife Tushi in a log house that he personally built for his family in a deep woods high above the Hudson. While one can only imagine the wealth his music and performances have earned him, he chooses to live simply and to give back to his community through events such as the Corn Fest. Following his performance this gentle, soft-spoken, but very socially conscious man strode the grounds selling corn on the cob to raise funds for the Beacon Sloop Club of which he is a member and generous benefactor. The Club’s sloop boat, aptly named the “Woody Guthrie” after another “folk” legend, offers free daily sails on the Hudson for children and visitors. Sails include a historical and environmental talk on the need to cherish this beautiful once polluted waterway.

In these days when many athletes, celebrities and others compete to build bigger mansions, buy opulent cars and adorn themselves with expensive “bling”, it was refreshing to meet someone who has elected to live simply, using his fame and wealth to advocate for peace, social justice and the preservation of an earth that has been ransacked by generations of neglect and abuse. I don’t know if Pete Seeger is a religious man. I do know that he is a Godly man.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.



NYSCC ACTION ALERTS HELP CATHOLIC VOICE BE HEARD

The New York State Catholic Conference, the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in the Empire State issues “Action Alerts” by email whenever issues that are supportive or unsupportive of Catholic Social teaching are before the New York State Senate and Assembly. These “Action Alerts” contain links to the NYSCC’s website where prewritten letters and emails can be sent by Catholics to the governor and their legislative representatives voicing their support or concern with a legislative proposal. More than 32,000 messages were sent to lawmakers and the Governor through the Network during the 2006 legislative session, and significant accomplishments resulted.

Certainly noteworthy is the legislative agreement on “Timothy’s Law,” legislation to ensure appropriate health insurance coverage for most mental illnesses and a broad range of behavioral illnesses affecting children. Nineteen hundred Network members sent in letters of support to their Senators on this issue, and helped bring the pressure that ultimately resulted in the historic agreement between the Senate and Assembly. While the bill has not yet been passed, the legislative agreement is expected to be acted on the next time the Legislature reconvenes, most likely in September. Following that action the NYSCC expects that it may be necessary to persuade the Governor to sign the bill into law.

The Network also helped this year to ensure that neither human cloning legislation nor embryo-destructive research funding were passed this session, and a dangerous so-called “comprehensive” sex education bill was kept at bay. Needed funding for hospitals and nursing homes was restored to the State Budget in the final days of the session.

While an education-specific tax credit was not enacted this session, an “Empire State Child Credit” was, and is worth an estimated \$600 million. This credit, while certainly not the ideal, will provide some needed tax relief, and can be used by families to help offset educational expenses. The Catholic community was directly responsible for this success, and we will need the help of all Network members again next year to build on the momentum and continue to press for an expanded education-related tax credit.

If you’d like to be a part of the Catholic Advocacy Network check out this website: <http://www.nyscatholic.org> Your participation will help unify the Catholic voice on these and other important legislative matters.

GIFT CARDS

St. Mary’s receives 5% of the face value for every TOPS, P&C and KWIK FILL gift card we sell. These cards make great gifts or are wonderful for your own use - especially with gas prices so high.

Gift cards are sold after Mass and throughout the week in the Parish Office.