



Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 3, 2008

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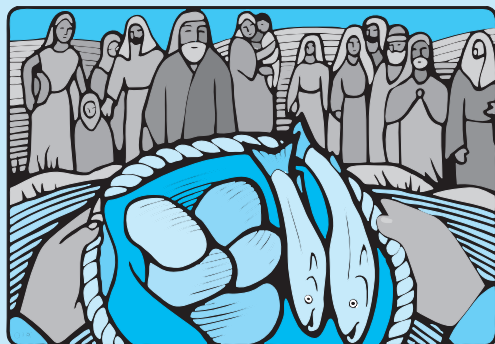
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"The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs."
Psalm 145



Scripture REFLECTIONS

The next several Sunday Gospel readings will focus on the miracles of Jesus. Matthew presents Jesus as the Jewish Messiah, the Son of God, powerful not only in words (the parables) but also in deeds (the miracles). The readings for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time speak of our human hunger and thirst and the divine response to our human needs.

Today's responsorial psalm antiphon proclaims: "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs." This is the theme of all the readings today. For what do you hunger or thirst? God will give it to you!

Isaiah assures us this is all part of the covenant God made with his people. If **we remain with God, we'll have everything we need**

Paul wrote to the Romans that absolutely nothing can separate us from God's love. Is there anything you fear? God's love will conquer it!

Are you suffering? Read today's Gospel-Jesus notices all that we suffer and is moved with compassion. Even before we ask, he bids us to sit down and eat. There is always enough; no one has to go hungry in God's kingdom.



Story for Today Feed Them Yourself

By Dr. Constance M. Popp

As Julio Diaz walked toward deserted subway stairs, a teenage boy approached him, pulling a knife. Julio, a social worker, handed over his wallet immediately but as the teen walked away, Julio called him back saying, "If you're going to be robbing people for the rest of the night you might as well take my coat to keep you warm." The confused teen asked Julio why he was giving away his coat. Julio replied that if the kid was willing to risk "freedom for a few dollars" then he figured the teen must need the money.

Julio had been heading to a favorite diner and invited the teen to join him. When they reached the diner, the manager, waiters and even the dishwasher greeted them because of Julio's regular attendance. The teen figured Julio must be the owner and couldn't comprehend how he'd even been nice to the dishwasher. Diaz replied, "Haven't you been taught you should be nice to everybody?" "Yes," the teen replied, "but I didn't think people actually behaved that way."

The two shared a meal but when the check came, Julio had to ask for money saying, "If you give me my wallet back, I'll gladly treat you." Without hesitation, the wallet was returned. Julio then gave \$20 to the teen, asking for the knife in return. Recording his story on National Public Radio's StoryCorps, Julio concluded, "I figure? if you treat people right, you can only hope that they treat you right. It's as simple as it gets in this complicated world."

Isaiah says that those who have no money are to "come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost." The teenager could do so because for Julio not even "peril or the sword" could separate him from the love of Christ.

Jesus told the disciples there was no need for the crowds to go away hungry. "Give them some food yourselves." Miraculous things can happen when we do.

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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.

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



A member of the
Central Steuben
Catholic Parishes
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY Aug 3, Eighteenth
Sunday of Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. In Mem of Josephine Warren
By Mary Fratarcangelo

MONDAY Aug 4 Monday
9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

TUESDAY Aug 5, Tuesday
5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Mary Lou & Alex
Cornaire By Lee Cornaire

WEDNESDAY Aug 6, Wednesday
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Giblin
By Family

THURSDAY Aug 7, Thursday
9:00 a.m. In Mem. Rosa Fiorido
By Gail & Jack Lyle

FRIDAY Aug 8, Friday
NO Mass at St. Mary's
(Mass at St. Gabriel's at 8:30 a.m.)

SATURDAY Aug 9, Saturday
4:00 p.m. In Mem of James Harvey
By Agnes Harvey

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



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY Aug 3
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 4
6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Hall
6:00 p.m. Keuka Lake Players 201 & 205

TUESDAY Aug 5
1:00 p.m. John Southard Arts & Crafts - Hall
6:00 p.m. Weight Loss Challenge - Hall
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Rectory

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5:30p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall

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1:00 p.m. NA - Hall

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8:30 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
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Prayer List

Bruce Ayers, Bonnie Baran,
Fran Cummings, Bob Denno,
Peggy Evans, Mary Fisher,
Michael Furlong, Mary and Jack Giblin,
Esther Gerhart, Deb Griffin. John
Hurley, Joseph Kish, Jim Lamprecht,
Logan Manciocchi, Art Moran,
Jim Murray, Fr. Gerald O'Connor,
Deacon John Prave, Theresa
Rodbourn, Father Richard Shatzel,
Adam Weaver, and Stan Wraight.

Catholic Charities Steuben "40 Week Club"

The 40 week club gives Catholic
Charities an opportunity to help
raise critical dollars needed to sup-
port their Anti-Poverty and Child
Day Care Programs.

Please support this important work.
Tickets Available in the Parish Office.

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.

Day Trip to Chautauqua Institution

Next Sunday, August 10

Next Sunday, you are invited to
join Deacon Ray on a Day Trip
to the Chautauqua Institution and
Catholic House. Cars will leave our
parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and return at
approximately 9:00 p.m.

Our day will include both a Catholic
Mass and an Ecumenical Service fea-
turing inspiring preaching by Rev.
Otis Moss III, a tour of the beauti-
fully landscaped grounds, an afternoon
music concert and vespers.

Please call the parish office by Thurs-
day if you need a ride or can accom-
modate passengers who will assist
with the cost of gas. 776-3327



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

Thank you for Making
Parish a Priority!

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2553.20
Youth Ministry: \$478.50

Today's 2nd Collection: Columbian Sisters Missions
Next Week's 2nd Collection: Maintenance

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



Happy Birthday To You!

08/03 Helen Kish	08/06 Donna Pruner
08/05 Ian DiDomeneck	08/06 Art Moran
08/05 Deb Brinkus	08/07 Ken DiDomeneck
08/05 Pam Colomaio	08/07 Casimer Skrocki
08/06 Norma Personius	08/08 Jill Haynes
08/06 Therese Dudden	

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**



Assembly Schedule

Aug 9- Sat. 4:00 p.m.
Precious Blood 2
Aug 10 - Sun. 9:30 a.m.
Willing Hearts

To join an assembly call 776-3327

Turning Point August Collection

Soup

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





SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Small Miracles of Generosity

Building Faithful Citizenship



A sobbing little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because 'it was too crowded'.

"I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by. Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the real reason that "there was no room for her."

Taking her by the hand, he took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday School class. The child was so touched that she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship God.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings. Her parents called for the kindhearted pastor, who had befriended their daughter, to handle the girls funeral arrangements.

As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled purse was found –which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside was found 57 cents and a note scribbled in childish handwriting which read, "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday school." For two years she had saved for this offering of love.

When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion.

He challenged his parishioners to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building. But the story does not end there!

A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a Realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands. When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered it for a 57 cents.

Church members made large pledges. Checks came from far and wide. Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000.00 – a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century).

Her unselfish love had paid large dividends. The Temple Baptist Church in Philadelphia, with a seating capacity of 3,300, Temple University where hundreds of students are trained Good Samaritan Hospital and a huge Sunday School building so that no child

would ever need to be left outside . . . were all the result of that young girl's gift of 57 cents.


We could look at today's Gospel and marvel at the miracle of the loaves and fish and say . . . "Wow – that Jesus sure did work a big miracle." We could read the reading from Isaiah and say . . . "How wonderful that the Lord invites the poor and thirsty and hungry to come to Him."

We could read Paul's letter to the Romans And say . . . "Isn't it wonderful that nothing can separate us from God's love."

But there is an even deeper message in today's scripture. It is our power – to transform the world – no matter how insignificant our gifts may appear to us. Jesus took the insignificant lunch of a young boy to feed 5000. The pastor took the insignificant 57-cent gift of a young girl and used it to significantly and permanently change a community. Your seemingly insignificant word of praise, inspires a child to believe in herself. Your simple invitation, encourages someone to join our parish community. Your simple communion visit to a homebound parishioner remembers him or her to the parish community. Your card or telephone call of encouragement, arrives at a time its most needed. Few would claim that their small act of kindness is miraculous, yet through you, God's power can be as present and as visible as on the mountainside where Jesus fed the 5000.

For whenever people act with compassion and bring forth their gifts – insignificant as the gifts may seem to the donor – God is powerfully present and the miracle of love happens. And no-one - but God – fully knows – the impact that your gift, your act of compassion, has on the world.


Missionary Sisters of St. Columban

 Today we welcome Sister Virginia Mozo, a Columban Sister who will speak to us of the work that her order carries out in Asia and South America. Your prayers and financial assistance will enable the Sisters to continue to serve the poor among whom their missionary sisters live and work. Please be as generous as you can to our second collection.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.

Deacon Ray

A Reflection for August 3rd

 here is the hand of God in our day and age? Isaiah reminds us today that when the thirsty drink heartily and the hungry are filled, there God is, renewing the "everlasting covenant" with us. In short, where love works to counter human suffering, there is God.

The Church has an obligation, as cited by the US Catholic Bishops, to form our consciences in such a way that we counter such suffering by keenly focusing on the "dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and vulnerable." (*Faithful Citizenship*, §14) Our works of love help make real the hand of God.

Reflection:

When you listen to political speeches this campaign season, what kind of rhetoric are you more likely to hear? The kind that reveals the loving hand of God, or a "fist".

Parish News Bits



Congratulations to Jim and Geri Galvin who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary by renewing their vows on Saturday August 2nd.

Rita Dwyer and several members of her family were treated to a gourmet dinner at the rectory on Wednesday evening. Chef Fr. Jim Jaeger prepared Surf and Turf.



St. Mary's Youth Group offered free coffee, soft drinks, baked goods and hot dogs to travelers at the Campbell Rest Stop last Saturday and today (Saturday),

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