

# Saint Mary's Parish

*A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach*

The Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 7, 2005



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**Kathy Warren**



## Scripture REFLECTIONS

## Through The Eyes of Faith

**A** tour guide in Rome had the amazing ability to look at a group of tourists and tell you where they came from. Clues like clothing, gestures, luggage, and even how close they stood together when they spoke, revealed their cultural background. After years of dealing with pilgrims and tourists alike, the guide was able to identify people's homeland by their dress and behavior.

The Apostles were not always certain that Jesus was who he claimed to be. They often needed reassurance, both before and after the Resurrection, that he was truly the Lord. Peter wants to walk on water, Thomas wants to touch him, the Apostles ask a lot of questions and want to see him eat. But in their hearts, they know him and in the breaking of bread they recognize him.



Recognizing Jesus and responding to him is part of the practice of faith. What do we need to see? He is present in our world, leading us and guiding us to act in his name. We see him in many ways: in the needs of others; in the call to service; through our prayer and worship; in word and sacrament. Through the eyes of faith and in the depths of our heart, we know he is near.

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Fr. Frank Erb

## RECEPTION FOR FR. ERB - TODAY

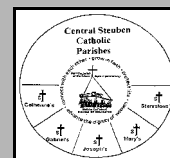
Join us following this Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Eucharist as we celebrate Fr. Frank Erb's appointment as our parish priest and sacramental minister. The coffee, juice and baked goods reception will be held in our newly furnished O'Malley Hall.

Come greet Fr. Erb and see the beautiful renovations to our O'Malley Hall kitchen and Zimmer Center Rest Rooms that your Partners in Faith pledges made possible.

## Mass/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day  
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:30 a.m.  
Weekday Masses  
♦ Tuesday and Thursday - 5:00 p.m.

Scripture/Communion Services  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 a.m.  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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**Central Steuben  
Catholic Parishes**  
Diocese of Rochester



## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** 9:30 a.m. **August 7, Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
In Memory, Barbara Farrell  
By Mr. And Mrs. Al Gaudino and family

**MONDAY** 9:00 a.m. **August 8, Dominic, priest**  
Communion Service

**TUESDAY** 5:00 p.m. **August 9, Weekday**  
Anniversary Mass: Jim and Agnes Harvey and Bob and Lou Craig  
By Agnes Harvey and family

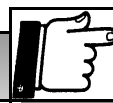
**WEDNESDAY** 9:00 a.m. **August 10, Lawrence, deacon, martyr**  
Communion Service

**THURSDAY** 5:00 p.m. **August 11, Clare, virgin**  
In Memory, Rachael and Andy Hopyak  
By family

**FRIDAY** 11:00 a.m. **August 12, Weekday**  
Communion Service at the Infirmary

**SATURDAY** 4:00 p.m. **August 13,**  
In Memory, Charles Michael Chyka  
By Evelyn Walsh

**SUNDAY** 9:30 a.m. **August 14,**  
In Memory, Michael Cullen  
By The Desrosier Family



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** **August 7,**  
10:30 a.m. Welcome Reception for Father Erb, O'Malley Hall  
7:00 p.m. AA, pavilion

**TUESDAY** **August 9,**  
5-7 p.m. Quota Club Picnic, pavilion

**THURSDAY** **August 11,**  
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Dick Perry Room

**FRIDAY** **August 12,**  
7:30 p.m. NA, Room 101

**SATURDAY** **August 13,**  
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

**SUNDAY** **August 14,**  
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion



## Happy Birthday To You

8/7 Laura Binetti	8/12 Joshua DuBois
8/7 Casimir Skrocki	8/12 David DuBois
8/7 Ken diDomeneck	8/13 Lynn Janovec
8/8 Jill Haynes	8/13 Jeanette Robbins
8/8 David Dinehart	8/13 Norma rice
8/11 Mira Pellegrino	8/13 Doreen Palmer
8/12 Megan Ricks	



## Assembly Schedule

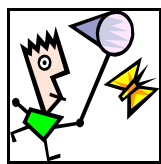
August 13- Saturday 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts  
August 14- Sunday- 9:30 a.m. - Willing Hearts  
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



## SAINT MARY'S PARISH "Where Giving Is An Investment In Our Faith and Our Future:"

### Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

July 30/31, 2005  
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,856.51  
Collection for Building Maintenance totaled: \$262.89  
418 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



## SUMMERTIME SECOND COLLECTIONS

Thanks to all who contributed to last week's Second Collection to help defray our Building Maintenance.

This week's Second Collection will help us defray our monthly insurance costs of about \$1,200. Please be generous.

Catholic Charities of Steuben Announces

## 1 in 20 WINNERS Drawing

The odds are in your favor! Only 400 tickets will be sold, with prizes as follows:

1-\$5,000 ♦ 1-\$2,500 ♦ 3-\$1,000 ♦ 5-\$500

**Drawing will take place Labor Day (9/5/05)**

Tickets will be available until the last week of August or until all 400 tickets are sold. To purchase tickets or for more information contact **Jim Bassage @ 776-6441** or **Mike Slovak @ 769-4900**. Tickets are \$100 each.

All proceeds will be used to continue to support local programs of Catholic Charities.

### Turning Point

Mentoring ♦ Food/Pantry ♦ Homeless/Housing Programs  
Emergency Services ♦ Nutrition Outreach ♦ Education

### Prevention Services

Prevention Counseling ♦ Prevention Education

**Bath Community Child Day Care**

**Justice and Peace/Parish Ministries**



## Bulletin Bloopers Actual Church Bulletin Bloopers

The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.



## Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

### My Recent Letter to Parishioners

I want to thank all who have returned the Weekly giving form that was on the bottom of the letter I sent last week to all registered parishioners. Your response will assist our Finance Committee in preparing a balanced budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Since sending the letter, our office staff has received several phone calls and at least one letter questioning the system we used in arriving at an "average weekly donation." Several noted that they give substantially more than the "average" amount printed on their letter. I am sure that these parishioners are correct because most of us who contribute to our church on a weekly basis know exactly the amount they place in the envelope or, in my case, how much is deducted from my paycheck.

So, how could this happen? In some cases, the answer may be a simple recording error. In other cases, the decisions we made in calculating an "average" donation. The letter was very specific in stating that only "weekly envelope offerings" were counted. To arrive at the number we presented as an average weekly offering, we asked our computer program to divide the recorded "weekly envelope offerings" by 52 - the number of weeks in a year. Easter donations, Christmas donations, second collections, mission appeals, flower donation, etc. were not included. If a person was away attended Mass in Bradford or Hammondsport and did not mail us their offering envelope - that also would affect the "average." Letters sent to our snowbirds and some recent parishioners should have been divided by a number reflecting only the weeks they resided in the parish. But they did not. Regardless, if you believe the amounts to be in error, let us know and we'll try to get it right.

#### Remember the "Good Old Days"?

I remembered a time when each January my parish in Rochester published in the Sunday bulletin the amount each parishioner had contributed in the previous year. If you recall those days, you'll be happy to know that only you have access to the information on the letter that you received. I am the only person on staff or committee who knows what was requested of you in your letter. And, in most cases, because the letters were word-processed and "mail merged", only our computer knows the amounts it printed on your letter.

#### Second Thoughts?

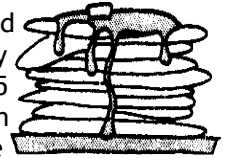
If you had to do it all over again, would you have included average weekly donation amounts on the letter? I'm not sure. While I believe that in most cases the amounts are accurate, obviously some were not. But with over 200 of our parishioners not using en-

velopes, it was necessary to do something. Many if not all letters stated, "It is important that all parishioners - according to their circumstances - regularly support the parish as generously as they can. Only you can determine if your current level of support for Saint Mary's reflects your best effort in giving back to God proportionally for the gifts you have received."

Last week, my wife reminded me that I have a tendency to be "thin skinned" when it comes to criticism. She's right. So if I've seemed to go overboard in my explanations, please bear with me. This is not my favorite part of the job. Unfortunately, it is a part that I cannot avoid.

#### Last Week's Pancake Breakfast

It was so good to see O'Malley Hall packed with people last Sunday as our monthly Pancake Breakfasts returned. About 175 people attended (including about 50 from the Gaudino Family who underwrote the breakfast.) Al and Evie Hanning deserve much credit for the success of these breakfasts. They, along with many volunteers, do a wonderful job of bringing our parish family together, feeding us well, and often personally underwriting the cost of the meals as an additional donation to St. Mary's.



#### Fr. Erb's Reception: Regrets and Trivia

Regrettably, I will miss Fr. Erb's reception this Sunday. Months ago, Pat has asked me to attend her family reunion this weekend at Letchworth Park. Members of the Best Family will gather from throughout the U.S. Fr. Erb knows how much I appreciate his presence with us and has already accepted my "Family First" excuse. By the way, did you know that Fr. Erb exercises for about an hour each day at HealthWorks? Its a fact. No wonder Energizer Batteries wants to recruit him if that bunny ever retires. He keeps going and going and going.

#### Next week - Mission Sunday

Next weekend we'll be joined by Sr. Margaret Regan, SSND for our annual Mission talk. Sister will speak at all Masses at both St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's and our second collection will support the missionary activities of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Have a good week. Serve one another well. *Deacon Ray*



### St. Gabriel's Summer Festival Saturday, August 20th Noon until the food runs out!

- Chicken Barbecue \$7.00
- BBQ Beef Sandwich, Potato Chips, Pickle \$5.00
- Hot Dog, Potato Chips, Pickle \$1.00
- Raffle 50/50 Tickets ★Children's Table ★Bake Sale
- Time Treasure and Talent Auction