

# Saint Mary's Parish

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

The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 19, 2006



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## Our Parish Council

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**Mary McConnell**

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**Kathy Warren**

**In Residence**

**Fr. John Wydeven**

Catholic Chaplain - Bath VA



Scripture  
REFLECTIONS

Seeing is Believing



A year ago, Chicago residents were flocking to the wall of an underpass beneath a busy expressway. Melting snow and road salt had seeped through a hole in the wall, combining to form what many saw as an image of the Virgin Mary. For weeks, hundreds made their way to this underpass to pray on a busy street, leaving flowers and candles. A television reporter asked a young man why he was there. "Seeing is believing," he replied.

Today's Gospel reading from Mark is the story of the paralyzed man being healed. However, it is the scribes who have come to witness the acts of Jesus who become the center of the story. After forgiving the paralyzed man for his sins, the scribes are doubtful, even calling Jesus blasphemous. Only God can forgive sins, they say. In order to make the scribes believe, he orders the man to stand and walk away. As he does, only then do the scribes glorify God. Seeing is believing.

Whoever says "I believe" is actually affirming that they pledge themselves to what we as Catholic Christians believe. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines this as uniting all in our communion of faith. (CCC 185) We are given the story of the scribes who needed to see to believe so that we may have true faith and believe without having to see for ourselves.

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## Parish Volunteers to be Recognized at Mardi Gras Dinner

Parish Volunteers will be guests of honor at this year's Mardi Gras Dinner which is scheduled for Shrove Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m. in O'Malley Hall.

Karen Grimmer has planned a New Orleans' Menu which will include Jambalaya, Chicken Gumbo (Stew), Dirty Rice (Red Beans, Tomatoes and Rice), Black eyed peas, King's bread, salads and dessert.

The event is open to all parishioners who volunteer their time and talents to any parish ministry. Please call the parish office 776-3327 by Friday, February 24 so we can have an accurate count of those planning to attend.



## Mass/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ✧ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

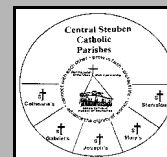
Tuesday and Thursday - 5:00 p.m. ✧ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Scripture/Communion Services

Monday and Wednesday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** 9:00 a.m. February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
In Memory, Yolanda Fiordo  
By, Tom and Jill Haynes
- MONDAY** 9:00 a.m. February 20, Weekday  
Communion Service
- TUESDAY** 5:00 p.m. February 21, Weekday  
In Memory, Barbara Crowe  
By Kevin Crisby
- WEDNESDAY** 9:00 a.m. February 22, Chair of St. Peter, apostle  
Communion Service
- THURSDAY** 5:00 p.m. February 23, Polycarp, bishop, martyr  
In Memory, Yolanda Fiordo  
By Pat Adamowicz
- FRIDAY** 9:00 a.m. February 24, Weekday  
In Memory, Barbara Crowe  
By Pat and Jim DeSorbo
- 2:30 p.m. Taylor's - In Memory, Howard and Agnes Walker  
By St. Mary's Parish
- 4:00 p.m. For the People of Lakeview
- SATURDAY** 4:00 p.m. February 25, Weekday  
In Memory, Bob Dwyer  
By His Family
- SUNDAY** 9:00 a.m. February 26, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
In Memory, Yolanda Fiordo  
By Marge Eichensehr



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning for the safety of all Marines on the front in Afghanistan by Isabelle Miller



*Come Praise and Worship the Lord*

Note: Beginning February 21, Charismatic Prayer meetings will move to Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Dick Perry Room



**We Are Family!**  
Saint Mary's Parish ♦ Bath, NY



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

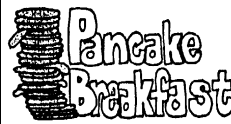
**Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!**

February 11/12, 2006  
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$ 3,462 THANK YOU!  
This weekend is our monthly Can and Quarter Collection for our parish's outreach to the area's poor. It will be matched.



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** February 19  
No Coffee Hour  
No Religious Education  
AA, Room 101
- 7:00 p.m.
- MONDAY** February 20  
No Choir or Bell Choir  
Girl Scouts, Room 101  
Cub Scouts, Room 202
- 5:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.
- TUESDAY** February 21  
7:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Rectory  
7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, DP Room  
7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202,203
- WEDNESDAY** February 22  
7:00 p.m. RCIA/Adult Ed. "Lent - The Liturgical Year", Hall
- THURSDAY** February 23  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Rooms 202, 203
- FRIDAY** February 24  
7:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
- SATURDAY** February 25  
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
- SUNDAY** February 26  
9:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast  
10:30 a.m. Religious Education K-12



**Sunday, February 26**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Free Will Offering**



**Happy Birthday To You**

02/19	Freida Fiordo	02/22	Janice Kerr
02/19	Nicholas Page	02/22	Ellen McLaughlin
02/19	Tessie Rankin	02/23	Shawna Hall
02/19	John Fisher	02/24	Mary Hauryski
02/20	Veronica Cummings	02/24	Kimberly Jessup
02/21	Jo Slovak	02/24	Shirley Vogel
02/21	Gary Jacobs	02/25	Lauren Saurbaugh
02/21	Margaret Kashorek	02/25	Eva Russo
02/21	Barbara Makitra		

*Celebrating 25 years* **together**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN  
MINISTRIES APPEAL**

**Saint Mary's Diocesan Ministry Appeal Goal \$27,244**  
**To Date, 152 Parishioners have pledged . . . \$16,395**  
**Needed to Reach our Quota . . . . . \$10,849\***

\* St. Mary's is required to make up the difference should we not reach our quota.

**Please return your pledge card this week.**



## Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Last weekend, with Deacon Ed Wight handling the preaching and liturgical role of deacon, I decided to join Pat in the pews on Saturday night. Over the past thirty-five or so years, these opportunities have been few and far between. When first married, Pat and I often sang together in parishes that were introducing religious "folk" music into the Mass. But within a few years, I was forming and directing "folk groups", first at Holy Name of Jesus parish in Greece, New York, and later at St. Mary our Mother, Horseheads. When *Celebrate Life* sang it's last Mass in 1984, I was already ordained two years, and firmly entrenched on the altar, at least every other week when I preached. In 1996, I entered full time ministry in Corning and my pastoral associate role included being on the altar at all Masses at St. Patrick's. Later, when Bishop Clark asked me to become pastoral administrator at St. James in Waverly and St. Pius X in Van Etten, only during vacations did Patty and I sit together at Mass.

Now that I know that you won't think I've deserted you should I chose on occasion to sit with my wife at Mass, (only a few people asked me what I was doing in the congregation), I think I'll try to do so a little more often - like next weekend. Pat and I will be taking off for a week of warmer temperatures on Monday, but will return in time for Ash Wednesday services.

Unfortunately, we'll most likely have to miss the gala Mardi Gras celebration dinner that Karen Grimmer has been whipping up for Shrove Tuesday. The dinner will also give the rest of our staff the opportunity to recognize and thank the many parish volunteers who assist them in their ministry. Our flight is scheduled to arrive in Elmira at 6:00 p.m. so it is doubtful that we'll be able to get to Bath for the festivities.

Fortunately, through this column and in person, I've had many opportunities to speak of my love and respect for you and all you do to be the hands and feet of Christ to our parish and community.

### CSCP BULLETIN INSERT

This weekend's bulletin includes the latest CSCP Newsletter which features a summary of our new Pastoral Plan. Next weekend we'll distribute a special insert on Lenten Services and activities throughout the region.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.

*Deacon Ray*



### CATHEDRAL WELCOMES STEVE ANGISANO

Steve Angrisano, the dynamic Catholic singer, songwriter and speaker who emceed the NCYC in Atlanta will speak and perform on Saturday, March 4 from 3:30 - 8 p.m. Contact Mary Carol Wall for details. RSVP by February 24.



## Crying Babies

Liturgical Catechesis by Paul Turner

In many churches, the noise created by crying babies at church is second only to the noise created by people debating whether or not the babies belong there.

On one hand, babies can disturb the whole proceedings. They draw attention to themselves and away from the liturgy. They make it hard to hear and harder to concentrate. Those whose hearing is impaired especially suffer.

On the other hand, babies are part of the family. They belong with their parents, and because we've baptized them into the community, they belong with us.

Some parishes offer cry rooms. They provide a place for babies to scream their lungs out, but they also remove parents from the worshiping assembly. Adults in the cry room looking at Mass through a glass window might just as well be watching it on big screen TV.

Other parishes offer babysitting. This permits parents to bring their children to church but entrust them to the trained care of someone who can give them full attention.

If you are the parent of a crying baby at church, your child's care comes first. If you need to get up, walk around, leave for a while, or offer some other comfort to your baby, do it. Your actions will not be any more disturbing than your baby's tears. Your demonstration of love will inspire others to charity.

If you are near the parents of a crying baby, offer to help. They might appreciate your support, especially if they're watching another child.

And if you are frustrated because you cannot hear over the din and no one's doing anything about it, do your best. As with any distraction that challenges our prayer, pray with it, for it and through it. If it keeps you from praying the way you would like, pray the way you can. God will understand. Copyright © 2003 Resource Publications, Inc.



### Adult Education and RCIA

You are invited to join our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates on Wednesday evening when our topic will be "Lent - The Liturgical Year"



The church is missing several Missalettes and covers. If you have one at home, please return it to the church. Also, anyone who has borrowed a communion pyx from the church and is not using it, please return it to the parish office. Thank you.



### Catholic Pamphlets

Are now available at the Center Church Entrance