



# Saint Mary's Parish

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

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 22, 2009

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## Our Parish Council

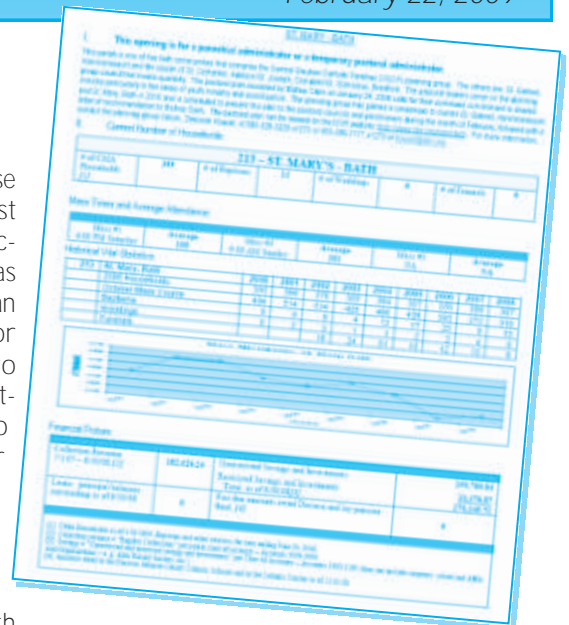
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## St. Mary's Pastoral Leader Opening Announced by Diocese

The Priest Personnel Committee of the Diocese of Rochester has issued a notice of the 1st Round of pastoral leader opening. The list, accompanied by basic information on each parish, was distributed on Wednesday, February 12 to all diocesan priests and members of the pastoral administrator pool. Interested candidates will have until March 5 to apply for the position. The Priest Personnel Committee will meet shortly after the application deadline to review applicants and make recommendations for each open position to Bishop Clark.

After he has reviewed each recommendation, the Bishop will either: accept the recommendation and personally contact the person he has chosen for the assignment, reject, or seek further conversation with the PPC on the recommendation which may push the position into the 2nd Round of Openings which will be announced in late March. This might also occur if no priest of pastoral administrator pool member applies for the position during the first round of openings.

**Because of the anticipated clustering of St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's in July 2010, the position was advertised as an opening for either a parochial administrator or a temporary pastoral administrator.** Unlike a priest pastor which typically enjoys a six year term renewable to a maximum of twelve years, a parochial administrator is a priest who leads a parish for a limited time - typically during a transition period.



A pastoral administrator is a deacon or lay person who has been selected by a diocese as capable and fully credentialed to lead a parish. To be selected for the Pastoral Administrator Pool, a person must have at least a Master's degree in theology or pastoral ministry, seven years of ministerial experience (typically as a pastoral associate or other parish leadership position) and at least one unit of clinical pastoral education in a hospital or other health care facility. Before being selected for the Pastoral Administrator Pool, candidates must

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The forty-day Lenten Season begins on Wednesday with the traditional distribution of blessed ashes as a sign of one's determination to "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

At St. Mary's, ashes will be distributed at a specially scheduled 12:10 p.m. Mass convenient to Catholics who work at the county office building and at our regularly scheduled 5:30 p.m. Mass which will be followed by a Lenten Parish Dinner and Discussion.

An insert to today's bulletin contains information on Lenten observances throughout the region.

## Ash Wednesday Begins Lenten Season



## Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

### Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lenten Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

### Weekday Mass/Communion Service

Monday ♦ Wednesday ♦ Thursday - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:30 a.m. ♦ St. Gabriel's, Hammondspport



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Diocese of Rochester



# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY Feb. 22 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Stan Wraight  
 By Mark Fiordo & family

MONDAY Feb. 23  
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

TUESDAY Feb. 24  
 5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Al and Marion Hubbard  
 By Rosemary Clairemont

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb. 25  
 12:10 a.m. In Mem. of  
 By

5:30 p.m. In Mem. of James Hurson  
 By James & Carol Lamprecht

THURSDAY Feb. 26  
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Mary Giblin  
 By Gallagher family

FRIDAY Feb. 27  
**2:30 p.m. (Mass at St. Gabriel's at 8:30a.m.)  
 Taylor's Healthcare**  
 In Mem. of Mary Giblin  
 By her family

SATURDAY Feb. 28  
 4:00 p.m. In Mem. of Richard Kershaw  
 By Evelyn Walsh

SUNDAY Mar. 1 First Sunday of Lent  
 9:00 a.m. For Members of Memorial Society

One weekend Mass each month is offered for the "Members of the St. Mary's Memorial Fund." Your gift to our Memorial Fund will support many parish ministries and capital projects. Your loved one will be remembered monthly at a scheduled Mass. Please consider this option. when requesting a Mass Card. Suggested minimum gift is \$10.



# PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY Feb. 22  
 8:15 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast  
 10:15 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church  
 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 101  
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

MONDAY Feb. 23

TUESDAY Feb. 24  
 4:00p.m. Quota Club, Hall  
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Room 203  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Rooms 204A/B  
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group, Rectory

WEDNESDAY Feb. 25  
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Fish Fry and Program, Hall  
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, 201,203, 204A  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, 204B, 205

THURSDAY Feb. 26  
 5:30p.m. Weight Watchers, 101  
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts,203  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, 204A  
 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, 205

FRIDAY Feb. 27

SATURDAY Feb. 28  
 1:00 p.m. NA - 204

SUNDAY Mar. 1  
 8:15 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
 10:00a.m. Coffee Hour, Hall  
 10:15 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church  
 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 101  
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also complete a rigorous interview process and successfully complete a battery of psychological testing. A full term for a pastoral administrator is typically four years renewable twice for a maximum of twelve years.

In addition to St. Mary's, several other 1st Round openings were posted for parishes in Elmira, Auburn, Livingston County (Geneseo), and Chili, a suburb of Rochester.



## Parish Councils to Meet with CSCP Implementation Committee

The Parish Councils and Forums of St. Gabriel's, St. Mary's and the ABC Parishes of St. Catherine's, Addison, St. Stanislaus, Bradford and St. Joseph's, Campbell, of the Central Steuben Catholic Parishes will gather on Saturday, March 7, 2009 to discuss the process and timetable for transitions schedule to begin in July 2009. The process will include a timetable of specific activities to be accomplished within the parishes and a communications plan to assure that parishioners understand the reasons behind this decision and the long term benefits to Catholics throughout the region. The meeting is sponsored by the CSCP Planning Group Implementation Committee.

On February 7, the councils reached consensus on a pastoral plan recommendation that will be submitted to Bishop Clark. The plan, which is aimed at assuring the availability of the Eucharist to all Catholics in our region for years to come, includes **beginning work at St. Gabriel's and St. Mary's to become a parish "Cluster" administered by one pastoral leader by July 2010** with a vision of becoming a new parish with two worship sites in July 2012.

The ABC Parishes, already clustered under a single pastoral leader Fr. Patrick Connor, will commence a legal process that will result in the three parishes becoming new parish with three worship sites in July 2010.



## MY SAINT MARY'S

Because I Love My Parish I Support It!



February 14/15 ♦ Attendance:

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$

### Children's Collection: \$

In addition to helping us meet our payroll expenses, your stewardship gifts helped us pay

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

## Happy Birthday To You!

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2/22 Janice Kerr       | 2/26 Louise Martin        |
| 2/22 Delia Dieg        | 2/27 Christine Minichello |
| 2/23 Austin Manciocchi | 2/28 Cheryl Ambrosone     |
| 2/24 Mary Haruyski     | 2/28 James Mitchell       |
| 2/25 Lauren Saurbaugh  | 2/28 Michelle Neu         |



## Prayer List

Bob and Fran Abbey, Bonnie Baran, Marie Benishin, Ruth Cochran, Henry Cullen, Fran Cummings, Marjorie Dillon, Margaret Emmick, Peggy Evans, Mary Fisher, Glenn French, Paula Gardner, Jack Giblin, Esther Gerhart, Nancy Holzer, Margaret Anne Jenkins, Joey Kish, David Lamphier, Carlo and Lila Marano, Fr. Gerald O'Connor, Theresa Rodbourn, Diana Sermonis, Betsy Sheehan, and Rob Wilson

## Assembly Schedule

February 28- Sat. 4:00 p.m.  
 March 1 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.  
 To join an assembly call 776-3327





## Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

### Lenten Series Will Focus on Tradition, Scripture and Prayer

As is our tradition, we will meet each Wednesday of Lent for Mass at 5:30 p.m. before enjoying a meal together in O'Malley Hall. At around 6:45 p.m. our Lenten Series will begin.

Our Ash Wednesday program is entitled "Lenten Memories." To prepare us for table sharing of our own Lenten memories, several parishioners will present short personal reflections on the impact of Lent on their spiritual growth as Catholics. The evening will conclude with prayer by 8:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 4, St. Mary's Lenten Dinner and Discussion Series will be expanded to include Catholics from throughout the Central Steuben Catholic Parishes. The presenter will be our own Fr. Jim Jaeger who will speak on the "History and Traditions of Lent."

A major theme of the remainder of our Lenten Series was inspired by the both our diocesan Spirit Alive emphasis on the Gospel of Mark and the documents produced at the recent Synod of Bishops in Rome. The Bishops recommended that Catholics develop a greater knowledge of sacred scripture because it is through the scriptures that God personally speaks to us. Lectio Divina, an ancient practice of prayerful meditation on the scriptures was specifically recommended for Catholics both as individuals and small Christian Communities.

I've invited my friend, classmate and spiritual director Deacon George Welch and his wife Paula to speak on March 11 and 18. They'll teach us how to use Lectio Divina as a way of prayerfully listening to God. George and Paula practice Lectio as their own personal prayer and give presentations on the practice to clergy and parish groups throughout the Diocese. Both are skilled practitioners of contemplative prayer and have attended numerous retreats, workshops and training sessions presented by nationally recognized teachers such as Fr. Thomas Keating and Fr. Richard Rohr. Following these sessions, we will continue the practice on the remaining Lenten Wednesdays.

The insert included with this bulletin provides information and schedules on the many sacramental, devotional and educational opportunities that are available during Lent.

Have a good Lent. Serve each other well.

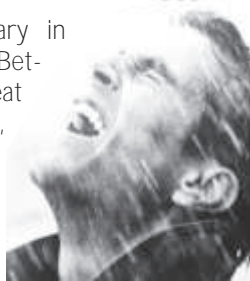
*Deacon Ray*

### Story for Today

## YOU ARE FORGIVEN

By Dr. Constance M. Popp

Ned met Mary in 1968 on a Better World Retreat in Santa Cruz, California. They were strongly attracted to each other almost immediately. Walking on the beach, Ned did not want Mary to have a mistakenly high impression of him so he confessed something very wrong that he felt detracted from his personality.



Her reaction, which shocked Ned to his core, was to stop walking, throw her arms around him and say, "Oh, Ned, I just love you so much!" Mary's expressed love was for the Ned she saw in the present rather than a Ned who had done wrong in the past. As the Lord proclaims in Isaiah, "Remember not the events of past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!" In essence, Mary's love expressed God's own forgiveness of Ned's sins.

Ned heard in Mary's words, the voice of Jesus, "Child, your sins are forgiven" and was able to forgive himself. "That was the most lifesaving, life-changing, reassuring, salvific moment of absolution and God's love that I have ever experienced," Ned reported in an article on "Experiencing the Divine in our Lives," which appeared in the National Catholic Reporter on September 5, 2008.

Mary and Ned married several years later and enjoyed a beautiful, lasting and sacred marriage for thirty years, until her death in 2005. Ned concluded his reflection, "I still hear her voice-and God's voice-reassuring me with those beautiful, powerful words, 'Oh, Ned, I love you so much!'"

God often acts through us to offer a visible sign of forgiveness to others so they are able to "rise, pick up [their] mat and go home" to a life of grace and giftedness. All can be astounded and glorify God at these moments and say, "We have never seen anything like this."



### This Week's Study of The Gospel of Mark

Week of February 22, 2009  
Suggested Scripture Reading:

Chapter of Mark to be read: 11

Reflection Question:

[Mk 11:1-11] What is the closest you have ever come to meeting a world leader or celebrity? What do you find most significant about the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem? How did Jesus ride into your life?

[Mk 11:12-19] If Jesus came to clean up your town, where would he start? How do you describe your response to injustice, abuse or moral corruption? Where is God calling you now to get involved?

St. Mary's Parish presents  
A Sunday Morning ✦ Adult Faith Formation Series



## Bible Basics

Instructor: Deborah Brinkhus

February 22 ✦ March 8

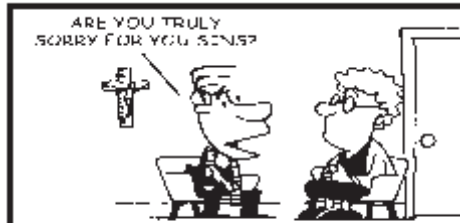
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Zimmer Center ✦ Room 101

Deb Brinkhus, a life-long learner, earned a Master of Arts Degree in Theological Studies from St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry

This three-session series will offer a basic overview of the Old and New Testament. Sessions are open to people of all faiths who wish to learn more about the Bible.

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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