

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Third Sunday of Lent

February 24, 2008



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Scripture REFLECTIONS DRINKING LIVING WATER

In 1888 a man was shocked to read the notice of his own death in the newspaper. It was an error. However he was even more shocked to read that the newspaper described him as someone who found new ways to kill people and became rich from doing so. It was true; he invented dynamite. That morning he decided to change, to devote his energies in a new direction, to work for world peace. He left most of his estate after his death to fund the Nobel prizes. That man was Alfred Nobel.

Early in life, when he was working with dynamite, he was like the woman coming to the well to draw water. Water is necessary for life just as dynamite is necessary for some construction work. But at the well the woman met Jesus and he offered her living water. She was so impressed by

Jesus that she left her water jar at the well and went back to the town to tell everyone that she thought she had met the Messiah. She had found the living water and forgot about the water from the well. Alfred Nobel must have had some similar experience the morning he read of his death in the newspaper. Until then he was going to the well to draw water but the false report of his death touched him deeply inside and he totally changed direction, from then on working for peace. In some kind of way he must have met Jesus at the well that morning offering him living water. He might not describe it that way but deep within him it must have been something like that. He left the jar of weapons at the well and hurried back to the town to tell the townspeople to work for peace.

What about us? We too have to go to the well everyday with our jar because we live in the world. But Jesus makes the same offer to us as he did to the woman at the well. Each of us has the choice to draw water only from the well every day or to also accept the living water that Jesus offers us as the love of God. If we don't

receive this living water from Jesus every day, we will look for satisfaction in ways that will never please. What is the driving force of your life at the moment? Are you all wound up in something that is not the love of God and not preparing you for heaven and not bringing you real deep lasting happiness or are you drinking the living water of Jesus every day?

How can we receive this living water so that we will never be thirsty again? If we are not drinking the

living water of Jesus every day then surely the first step is to admit that we need this living water that Jesus is offering us. Nothing will ever change if we continue to deny we need the living water of Jesus. How can we receive this living water from Jesus? Every time we receive Jesus in Holy Communion or turn to Jesus for mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation we are drinking his living water. This time of Lent is a special season of grace in the Church each year to enable us to drink more of this living water that Jesus offers us. Don't waste Lent so that God is forced to communicate with us in some unexpected way as happened to Alfred Nobel. Instead let us profit from Lent to drink living water from Jesus.



"Whoever drinks the water from the well will get thirsty again; But anyone who drinks the living water that Jesus gives will never be thirsty again: The water that Jesus gives will turn into a spring inside welling up to eternal life."

Fr. Tommy Lane

Lenten Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

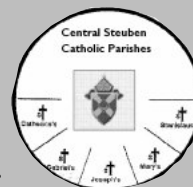
Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ✧ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday & Thursday - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. ✧ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Scripture/Communion Services
Monday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.



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Catholic Parishes



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY February 24, 3rd Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. In Memory of Pat Adamowicz
By Mike Bocek

MONDAY February 25, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY February 26, Lenten Weekday
4:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
5:00 p.m. In Memory of Al Gallagher & Pat Dowling
By Marge Thornbloom

WEDNESDAY February 27, Lenten Weekday
5:30 p.m. In Memory,
By

THURSDAY February 28, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory of
By

FRIDAY February 29, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory Ed Kolo Jr.
By his sister Barb

SATURDAY March 1, Lenten Weekday
4:00 p.m. In Memory of Neil Pelkey
By the Dywer Family

SUNDAY March 2, 4th Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. In Memory of Helen Kob
By her family

There are many weekday Masses available in the upcoming weeks (stipend \$10). Please call or come to the rectory office to schedule a Mass.



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY February 24
8:00 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
No Religious Ed./Coffee Hour

10:30 a.m. Post Mass Choir Practice, Church
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

MONDAY February 25
6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

TUESDAY February 26
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group, Chapel

WEDNESDAY February 27
6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Room 204
6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner and Discussion

THURSDAY February 28
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, Room 101

FRIDAY February 29

SATURDAY March 1
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

SUNDAY March 2
8:00 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
10:30 a.m. Post Mass Choir Practice, Church
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101



Happy Birthday To You!

02/17 Kathleen McDonald	02/19 Freida Fiordo
02/17 Denise Grossett	02/20 Veronica Cummings
02/18 Gerard McLaughlin	02/21 Gary Jacobs
02/18 Katelynn DuBois	02/21 Jo Slovak
02/18 Elizabeth White	02/21 Barbara Makitra
02/18 Thomas Crossett	02/22 Janice Kerr
02/19 Tess Rankin	

PRAYER LIST

The following have asked for prayers

Bruce Ayers, Mary Beebe,
Fr. Frank Erb, Joe Clancy,
Mary and Jack Giblin, Terry Hochreiter,
Joseph Kish, Merva Leckinger,
Logan Manchodkee, Fr. Gerald O'Connor,
Deacon John Prave, Theresa Rodbourn,
Hope Vander Laan and Stan Wraight.



Shining Light on Governor Spitzer's Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act

St. Mary's Parishioners

Governor Eliot Spitzer introduced the RHAPP bill to the NYS legislature following the 2007 U.S. Supreme Court ruling against partial-birth abortions. The bill contains extraordinarily radical proposals that potentially increase abortions in New York State.

Bishop Matthew Clark, through the Diocesan Public Policy Committee, has designated education about this bill a public policy priority.

The New York State Legislature needs to hear that you oppose this extreme bill. It does not respect the rights of parents; it removes health care providers' conscience protection; it jeopardizes the health of women; and disregards the lives of the soon to be born.

For further information, please go to www.dor.org or contact Jann Armantrout at armantrout@dor.org (585) 328 3228 ext 1304.

Father O'Connor Update

Father Jerry O'Connor had day surgery last week at St. Joseph's Hospital to remove a malignant tumor from his bladder. We will continue to say the rosary for him 15 minutes prior to our weekend Masses. Also people are being scheduled to be present with Father day and night. For information or to volunteer, call Pat Dix at 562-3501. If you would like to send Father a card, here is his address:

Fr. Gerald O'Connor,
3839 Severne On Seneca,
Himrod, NY 14842



SAINT MARY'S PARISH "A Parish of Good Steward" Thank you for Making Parish a Priority!

February 16/17, 2008

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3254.00
Diocesan Collection: \$374.18

Today's 2nd Collection: Insurance
Next Week's 2nd Collection: Insurance



Assembly Schedule

February 23 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.
Willing Hearts
February 24 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Willing Hearts



LENTEEN DINNER & DISCUSSION

Wednesday, February 27
"The Man Born Blind"
Featuring: Singer/Storyteller
Val Lamar Jansen

Mass at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.
DVD Presentation and Discussion
at 6:45 p.m. End by 8:00 p.m.
Dinner RSVP by Tuesday: 776-3327



The Churches of the Bath Ministerium invite you to a

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, March 5 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Church, Bath

Come at 6:00 p.m. for a Lenten Meal in O'Malley Hall
and an informative history of Taize at 6:45 p.m.
Stay for a reflective hour of Taize prayer at 7:00 p.m.
Call 776-3327 for Dinner Reservations. (Love Offering)



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

From the Mountaintop to the Well of "Living Water"

In my homily last weekend, I shared some thoughts on "Mountaintop Experiences" - times when we personally experience God's love and are profoundly changed. Sometimes that change is very evident to others.

In today's gospel, a Samaritan woman has such an experience when she encounters Jesus. She was amazed by what Jesus revealed to her about her life and she thirsted for the "living water" that he promised. Because Jesus welcomed the woman with love, she also wanted to share her experience with everyone in town and they were amazed by her witness.

In Baptism, Jesus offers us that same "living water." It is a gift that we are preparing to share with our parish catechumen **Katleyn Rumsey** and little **Delia Dieg** this Easter. Katlyn will be baptized, and receive her first Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Easter Vigil. Delia, daughter of **Jerry and Julie (Crowe) Dieg** will be baptized on Easter Sunday. The living water of Jesus and hundreds of people who will receive the Easter Sacraments in our Diocese are truly a blessing to our Church.

Rites of Sending and Election

Last weekend at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, our parish celebrated the first of our Lenten RCIA Rites - the Rite of Sending. For the past six months or so, **Katelyn** and baptized Christians **Julia Gennella** and **Mark Young**, have met weekly with **Father Peter, Deacon Ed, Maureen O'Neill, Lynne Snyder, Brian Gennello** (Julia's dad and sponsor), **Paula Gardner** (Mark's sponsor), recently confirmed **Warren Tetor** and me to discuss the faith and practices of the Church.

During the Rite of Sending, our parish affirmed its support of Katelyn, Julia and Mark as they continue their journey to the Easter sacraments and full membership in the Roman Catholic Church and "sent" them to **Bishop Matthew Clark** and the Rite of Election which took place that afternoon at St. Mary our Mother Church in Horseheads.

Two others who have been journeying with us, **Drs. Bill Howe** and **Laura Rice** attended a Rite of Election held on the previous Wednesday at St. Mary's Church in Canandaigua. Laura is a candidate for full membership in the Catholic Church through St. Gabriel's Church. Bill, her husband is her sponsor.

Parish Youth Cook Meals at Diocesan Retreat

As we were returning from Horseheads, several of our parish Junior High students along with several parish adults were heading for Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake with our Youth Minister/Faith Formation Coordinator **Mary Carol Wall**. Several times each year, our parish young people and their adult leaders act as caterers at Diocesan Teen Retreats to raise funds needed for NCYC and other activities. Adult volunteers joining Mary Carol included **Betsy Carisetti, John and Nancy Cardona,** and **Bill and Penny McNamara.**

Thank You Michelle Ferrara



Thursday, was the last day at work for our parish secretary and Bulletin Editor **Michelle Ferrara**. Michelle, who joined our support staff on a part-time basis about two years ago, has found full time work at the


Avoca Deli near her home. Michelle also worked part time at CVS, a position that often required her to work nights and weekends.

We are happy for Michelle, but will miss her as a staff member. In sharing her news, Michelle told me that she "loved her job at St. Mary's but the opportunity to work full time within a block of her home was just too good to pass up." We agree and understand that this will be a good opportunity for her and her family. In addition to St. Mary's. Our full time staff volunteer **Paula Gardner** will assume a portion of Michelle's bulletin and social ministry responsibilities and our secretary/bookkeeper **Barbara Bailey** will extend her hours to assume Michelle's data input responsibilities.

Have a good Lenten Week. Serve each other well

Deacon Ray

ADULT CONFIRMATION



If you are an adult who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Deacon Ray to discuss ways that you might prepare for and receive this Sacrament in the Spring.

Building Peace with Justice



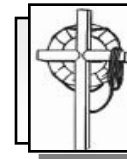
A Reflection for February 24, 2008

The World Health Organization says that every year more than 3.4 million people die from water related diseases, making it the leading cause of disease and death around the world with most of the victims being young children.

Catholic Social Teaching insists that we "protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions which cannot be ignored". In addition, "it teaches that human dignity must be protected by allowing every person a fundamental right to life and to those things required for human life", like clean water.

Today Jesus shares his "living water" with us, which satisfies all our human needs, both physical and spiritual.

Reflection: How do we ensure that our world's children have enough clean water? How do we live in the world as witnesses to Christ's living water?



Retrouaille

A Lifeline for Hurting Marriages

March 7-9, 2008

Are you hurting in your marriage? If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but you want to try again—then the Retrouaille program can help you.

Retrouaille is an international Catholic organization that has helped thousands of hurting couples. There are 6 Post sessions to build upon what was learned on the weekend. For more information, visit our website: www.helpourmarriage.com

Couples may register by calling Retrouaille of Rochester at 585-293-1552 for information. Please leave your first names and phone number and your call will be returned. All inquiries are strictly confidential.