

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

New Years Day - The Feast of Mary Our Mother

January 1, 2006



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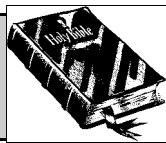
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Scripture REFLECTIONS

For many, New Year's Day brings the hope and promise of a new beginning. Depending on what we have done in the past year, we fill our thoughts with resolutions of things to do or not to do, habits to start or break. Many will stand before family and friends and pronounce their resolutions as a way of ensuring that their loved ones will support them in their efforts.

Luke tells us today of the story of Mary and Joseph taking the baby Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord. There they met Simeon, a man who had learned through the Holy Spirit that he would see the Savior before he died. Upon holding Jesus, Simeon proclaimed his own resolution, that Jesus would provide salvation for all. Simeon witnessed the new beginning, the opportunity for redemption.

Redemption, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches



us, is a mystery which defines Christ's entire life. We are not only redeemed by his blood on the cross, but we are enriched by his birth into poverty, his word which purifies all who hear it, his healings in which he takes our diseases, and his Resurrection by which he justifies us. (CCC 517)

Today, we remember Jesus' first visit to the temple, an occasion of resolution for Simeon and confirmation of redemption for us all. Let's resolve to remember Jesus Christ's saving grace today and every day.

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Peace on Earth and in our Homes!

Domestic Violence and
the Holiday Season

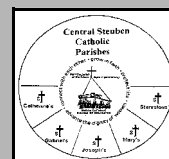
The Christmas season is a time for joy and warmth that extends even past Epiphany (Jan 8). As we celebrate Christmas and look back at the holidays, we may not want to see some things that are happening around us in our daily life. We may not want to see them because they are too difficult to see or we may not want to admit, in truth, that we are seeing them. One of those things may be domestic violence.

Experts among us report that domestic violence increases dramatically during holiday seasons--and does not go away afterwards. Our Advent and Christmas Scripture readings called us to be aware of our surroundings and keep awake for the coming of Jesus. In a similar vein we need to be prepared for opportunities to improve ourselves and our world - before God comes.

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.	January 1, Solemnity In Memory, Agnes Defendorf By The Desrosier Family
MONDAY 9:00 a.m.	January 2, Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Communion Service
TUESDAY 5:00 p.m.	January 3, Weekday In Memory, William B. Murray By The Lawrence Murray Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m.	January 4, Elizabeth Ann Seton, relig. Communion Service
THURSDAY 5:30 p.m.	January 5, John Neumann, bishop In Memory, Ginger Moran By Janice and Aggie
FRIDAY 9:00 a.m.	January 6, Weekday In Memory, Armand St. Pierre Jr. By Anthony and Rebecca Versage
SATURDAY 3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	January 7, Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation In Memory, Frank Beneshin By Bruce and Betty
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	January 8, Solemnity In Memory, Teresa Haynes By Tom and Jill Haynes



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	January 1 No Religious Education No Coffee Hour 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101
MONDAY	January 2 No Bells or Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Room 202
TUESDAY	January 3 6:00 p.m. Scrap booking with Lisa Caracci, Room 201 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Rooms 202, 203
WEDNESDAY	January 4 7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, DP Room
THURSDAY	January 5 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Rooms 202, 203
FRIDAY	January 6 7:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
SATURDAY	January 7 1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101 4:00 p.m. Epiphany Celebration Family Mass 5:15 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner 7:00 p.m. Bon Fire 7:30 p.m. Dessert
SUNDAY	January 8 9:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word No Religious Education 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

Gas and Shopping Cards

St. Mary's receives 5% of the face value for every TOPS, P&C and KWIK FILL gift card we sell. As gas prices rise, its good to know that of this money will support the ministries of your parish. Gift cards are sold after Mass and throughout the week in the Parish Office.



Assembly Schedule

Jan 7 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Precious Blood I
Jan 8 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Holy Patrol



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"Where Giving Is An Investment
In Our Faith and Our Future."

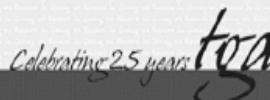
Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

December 24/25, 2005
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$ 2,702.20 THANK YOU!
Christmas Envelopes: \$2,157.00
Heating Envelopes: \$1,046.60 Matched
668 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



Happy Birthday To You

1/1 Elizabeth Grimmer	1/4 Sara Stitt
1/1 Vincent Pellegrino	1/4 Anne Hicks
1/1 Paul Hogan	1/5 Dianna DuBois
1/1 Jay Maslyn	1/5 David Harris
1/1 Rena Ruest	1/5 Mary Catherine Colomaio
1/1 Dale Thompson	1/6 Elizabeth Hopkins
1/1 Lucille Yannie	1/6 Erinn Muller
1/1 Cathy Makitra	1/6 Blanche Shaner
1/2 Kristina Yorio	1/6 Joseph Janovec
1/2 Devonte Carter	1/6 Randy Brezinski
1/2 Michael Anderson	1/7 Collin Muller
1/2 Nancy Schoeffler	1/7 Matthew Dickson
1/3 Lyle Jackson	1/7 Connie Monaco
1/3 Lauren Michelle Mack	1/7 Timothy Farrelll
1/3 Rita Dwyer	1/7 Robin Penner



ANNUAL DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

Saint Mary's Diocesan Ministry Appeal Goal \$27,244
To Date, 144 Parishioners have pledged . . . \$15,545
Needed to Reach our Quota . . . \$11,699*

* 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

NEW BATH HEALTH MINISTRY

Since opening in Corning nearly eight years ago, the Health Ministry of the Southern Tier (HMST) has provided free medical (and recently dental care) to thousands of people in the southern-tier and northern-tier of Pennsylvania without health insurance or ability to pay.

Soon, a new Health Ministry affiliate of HMST will open its doors at Catholic Charities Turning Point here in Bath. Like its Corning sister, the new Bath Health Ministry will be staffed local physicians, nurse practitioners, (assisted by registered nurses, allied health professionals and clerical assistants) all of whom volunteer their time and expertise.

Getting the Bath Health Ministry up and running has been the work of a dedicated group- of community visionaries such as Laura Opelt and David Chapin of Catholic Charities, Andy Mazzella of United Way, Bob Gilchrist, Joyce Hyatt, RN, Linda Crowe, RN, and me representing the HMST Board, and St. Mary's parishioners Mike Slovak and Athalie and Paul Tomes. Recently Murial Brown, RN of the Steuben Health Facility, Dr. Stoner Horey of the Bath VA Medical Center and Donna Rickard of Fred and Harriet Taylor Health Center joined the Bath HM Steering Committee. Murial and Stoner will serve as operations manager and medical coordinator respectively. Muriel and Donna will also represent the Bath HM on the HMST Board.

More volunteers will be needed if the Bath Health Ministry is to serve the hundreds of people in this community without health insurance. If you are a health professional or can provide clerical assistance for a few hours per month, please contact Athalie Tomes for a volunteer application.

Have a good week and a blessed New Year.
Serve one another well!

Peace on Earth and in our Homes!

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The stress of any holiday or the year's beginning can magnify situations and put people in a tail-spin. Examples are one or all of the following in excess: spending money, eating, drinking, partying, running around, shouting, pushing or demeaning, neglecting or acting uncharitably toward family members who cannot or will not behave as they should.

Violence is often part of family life when the pace picks up, when emotions are high, when the outside world looks loving and you know your family is not. Even though the church doesn't have "Holy Family Sunday" this year, our Liturgies very often focus on "family." The spiritual and practical opportunities to become more "ideal" as a family are endless, but we have to always remember becoming "ideal" is an on-going process.

The New Year is a time to reconsider how you and all of us can improve as a family, as a couple, or as an individual - to look again at how forgiveness, personal favors, prayer and healthy activities can improve our relationships and perhaps help us be aware of and doing things to create a healthy peace and eliminate or avoid violence in our homes. Sometimes we cannot turn things around on our own.

Note: If you are dealing with domestic violence and do not know where to turn, please feel free to give me a call. I will do everything I can confidentially to help you and put you in touch with someone who can help you find a path to a solution. Let us continue to pray for peace in our world--and in our own lives! Deacon Ray



Centering Prayer Workshop

Saturday January 7, 2006 ♦ Mount Savior Monastery
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

All are welcome to an introduction to contemplative prayer mini retreat and workshop, at Mount Savior Monastery on Saturday January 7th. Give yourself a Christmas, Epiphany Gift of Prayer. Father Phil Billotte, Deacon George Welch with Sr. Therese Dush will share the method of Centering Prayer.

The workshop is designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer. The prayer of silence opens us to the mind and heart of God the Ultimate Mystery. This prayer of consent brings us beyond words, thoughts and emotions. We consent to the Divine. Are you hungry for prayer? Come and join us at Mount Savior. Please register by calling St. Joseph's Pastoral Care Department at 733-6541, extension 425. A box lunch will be provided. Registration is \$15.

A Journey of Courage, Hope and Unity!

Celebration of Life Concert 2006

Honoring Cancer Survivors, Families and Caretakers

Margaret Wakeley & SuperNatural

Special Guest: Dr. Rose Byland

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 at 3:00 P.M.
Corning Museum of Glass Auditorium

Doors Open at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets : Adults - \$15 Children - \$5

For More Information Call:

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