

# Saint Mary's Parish

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

The Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 10, 2005



## Our Parish Office

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## Our Parish Council

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Chairperson

**Rosemary States**  
Vice-Chairperson

**Stephanie Czajkowski**

**Jim Gallagher**

**Mary McConnell**

**Sean McKinley**

**William MacNamara**

**Kathy Warren**

## St. Mary's Parish Celebrates the Sacraments



### WEEKDAY MASS/COMMUNION

Fr. Erb will preside and preach at weekday  
Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

These Mass times will allow Fr. Erb to continue to  
minister at St. Joseph's Hospital where he serves  
with a team of ordained and lay chaplains.

Communion Services or Morning Prayer will be  
offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
mornings at 9:00 a.m.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Will be offered on the 1st and 3rd  
Saturday's of each month at 3:30 p.m.  
or by appointment with Fr. Erb.



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office  
whenever you or a loved one is ill.  
Fr. Erb will anoint at area nursing  
homes several times each year. You  
also may ask Fr. Erb to anoint you with this  
special Sacrament of Healing immediately  
following Mass or whenever you are anxious  
about a physical or spiritual health issue.

### VIATICUM - THE LAST RITES

If a loved one is close to death,  
Deacon Ray, Deacon Ed or Fr. Erb  
will administer Viaticum - the  
Church's "Last Rites" with family  
members at bedside. Literally, *Viaticum* means  
*your food for the journey or your provision on  
the way to Eternal Life*. Please call the parish office  
776-3327 or Deacon Ray's cell phone - 426-1100.



## Scripture REFLECTIONS

### Sowing in Good Soil

Of all the prophets that emerged  
in Israel's history, none spoke  
more eloquently God's Word than Je-  
sus of Nazareth, God's beloved Son.  
One of Jesus' favorite ways of speak-  
ing God's Word was in the form of  
parables. Jesus' parabolic teaching  
worked well both then and now be-  
cause of the many points of entry  
within parables.

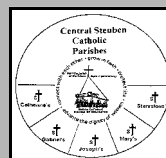
When Jesus first spoke the parable of  
the sower to the large crowds on the  
shores of the Sea of Galilee, his audi-  
ence very likely wondered about  
themselves in the parable: were they  
on the path, on rocky ground, among  
thorns, or in rich soil? Jesus taught  
his disciples that you can know if  
God's Word has fallen on "rich soil"  
when the Word of God produces  
fruit. Seeing and hearing Jesus' par-  
ables is not enough; something pro-  
ductive must come from hearing  
God's Word. Disciples of Jesus must  
work to sow the seed of God's Word.  
In order for God's Word to produce  
fruit, we must be the rich soil.

Jesus' parable of the sower is as true  
today in our 21st century Catholic  
culture as it was in the 1st century  
Mediterranean culture: too often  
there is a disconnect between God's  
Word and the human's heart and  
mind. Too often God's Word does not  
fall on "rich soil."

### 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.



A member of the  
**Central Steuben  
Catholic Parishes**  
Diocese of Rochester



## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** July 10, Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Patricia Mahon  
By the Murray Family

**MONDAY** July 11, Benedict, abbot  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

**TUESDAY** July 12, Weekday  
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Nellie Pikul  
By Henrietta Powell

**WEDNESDAY** July 13, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

**THURSDAY** July 14, Weekday  
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Peter Luta  
By his wife, Janice

**FRIDAY** July 15, Bonaventure, bp. and doctor  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

**SATURDAY** July 16,  
3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Irene Luta  
By Pat Adamowicz

**SUNDAY** July 17,  
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Agnes Slavinski  
By Cynthia Duke Starnegna



### Assembly Schedule

July 16- Saturday 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts  
July 17- Sunday- 9:30 a.m. - Heavenly Hash

To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



### SAINT MARY'S

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

Thank you for... Making Parish a Priority!

July 2/3, 2005  
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3,518.51  
368 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

### Movie Hotline

Confused about what movies are appropriate for you and your family? Call the *Movie Hotline* maintained by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at 800-311-4222. Reviews include ratings on the basis of moral suitability.



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** July 10,  
10:30 a.m. NCYC meeting, Dick Perry Room  
7:00 p.m. AA, pavilion

**MONDAY** July 11,

**TUESDAY** July 12,  
7:00 p.m. Parish council meeting, Room 205

**THURSDAY** July 14,  
6:30 p.m. Praise Music Practice, church  
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Dick Perry Room

**FRIDAY** July 15,  
7:30 p.m. NA, Room 101

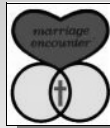
**SATURDAY** July 16,  
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

**SUNDAY** July 17,  
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion



### Happy Birthday To You

7/10 Cynthia Thompson	7/13 Paul Tomes
7/11 Elaine Frederick	7/14 Anthony Versage
7/12 Anna Mae Mills	7/14 Chet Parulski
7/12 Kimberly Russo	7/14 Dana Dickson
7/12 Julia Masti	7/15 Mark Shaw
7/12 Heather Haff	7/16 Walter Gronski
7/13 Mike Saurbaugh	7/16 Sophia Baxter
	7/16 James Johnson



### Marriage Encounter Weekend

Celebrate your wedding anniversary everyday! Give your spouse the gift of a Marriage Encounter weekend, an experience you both will never forget. Plan your better than a get-away weekend by making a reservation today. 2005 weekend dates: August 26-28, October 14-16 and December 9-11. Call 585-342-2430 to register or go to [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org) or [www.wmme-wny.org](http://www.wmme-wny.org).



### YOUTH GROUP RUMMAGE SALE

#### Labor Day Weekend

St. Mary's Youth Group are preparing for their annual rummage sale to be held on the first weekend of September in the pavilion. Please make your donations early so that the volunteers will have time to prepare. They will accept donations of clothing, toys, baby items, books, puzzles, appliances in working condition, furniture, Christmas decorations, knick knacks, dishes, pictures, glassware, pots, pans, silverware, CD's/tapes, lamps, mirrors, collectibles, rugs/carpets, fans/heaters/humidifiers. If you have something that we forgot - bring it. Please remember, if its broken, we can't sell it.



## Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

PARISH FINANCES - PART 3

## Balancing our Operational Budget Why we must do it this year.

### Expenses Up / Revenues Stagnant

Over the last few weeks, I've shared with you my concerns over parish finances. This year, as has been the case in recent years, St. Mary's ended its fiscal year on June 30th with expenses far exceeding revenues. I'll distribute a complete 2004-2005 financial statement later this summer along with my annual "State of the Parish" report. For now, I want you to know that in spite of significant efforts to close an expected budget deficit of nearly \$65,000 through a variety of Community Dinners, a New Year's Eve Dinner Dance, a short-lived return to weekly Bingo, the sale of Food and Gas certificates and seasonal raffle-type games - we failed to balance our revenues and expenses.

The rising cost of energy, insurance, health insurance, and pensions, our failure (by over \$10,000) to meet our Thanks Giving Appeal quota and weekly giving that was lower than we had hoped - has forced us, (for the second year in a row), to use interest bearing savings to balance our budget. In better financial times, these savings would have grown in value through compounded interest and investments in the Diocesan Pooled Investment Fund (stocks and bonds). Regrettably, another year has passed with poor returns on our investments and we have had to raid our savings to cover "operations."

Last year at this time, some members of our Finance Committee expressed grave dismay at the prospect

of putting forth another deficit budget. My "honeymoon year" was over and they believed it was time for me to do "whatever was necessary" (painful or not) to balance our budget. They feared that within a few years, the large (\$200,000) undesignated bequest from the Walker Estate could be totally dissipated to cover budget deficits. Rather than make deep and potentially disastrous cuts in services and staffing, I promised to spearhead a significant staff and parishioner effort to increase our revenues. But, in spite of the extraordinary and generous efforts of our staff and many, many parishioners, we have again found it necessary to "rob Peter (our savings) to pay Paul (our operational costs)."

Now, without significant increase in our weekly collection income, I will be forced to decrease staff and services. Already, I have reduced our Faith Formation Coordinator position from twelve to ten months. Thus, our Vacation Bible School will not take place this summer and further cuts are possible in September if a significant increase in weekly collection revenues does not materialize. Other staff members have agreed to reduce their paid hours, and assume new responsibilities. Our office will be closed on Fridays during the Summer and on another day during the Winter. And, I am discussing ways that I might share my pastoral services to produce added income for the parish. At Mass this weekend I'll expand on these efforts and ask for your assistance - offering concrete ways that you can help.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.



### FAMILY REUNION

The Gaudino family reunion will be held at the Bath Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, July 30th. The family will host a parish pancake breakfast here at St. Mary's O'Malley Hall on Sunday, July 31, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Catholic Charities - Summer Justice and Peace Seminar

## Solidarity with Africa

Presenters: Mary Van Keuran - Nazareth College  
Shunyu Nkuzi - Tanzanian Citizen

Thursday, July 21, 2005

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Catholic Charities of Chemung County  
215 East Church Street, Elmira

Please register by July 18 - 734-9784 Ext. 135

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