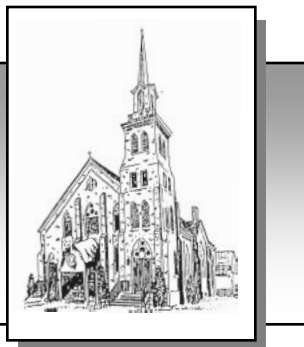


Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 1, 2007



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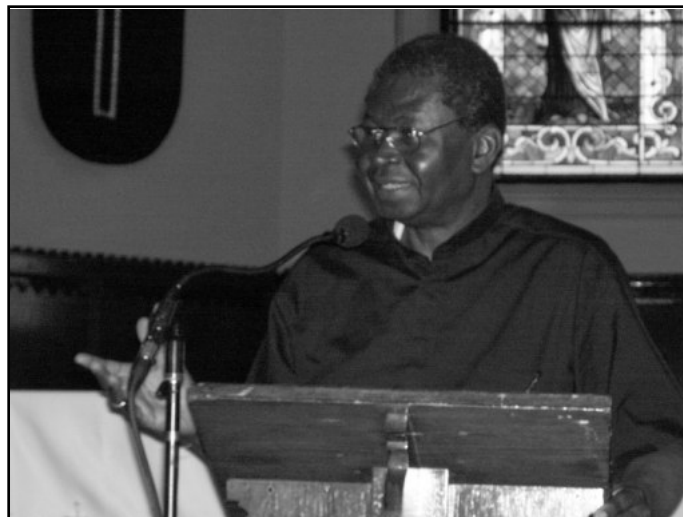
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Visiting Bishop Speaks of Church's Role in Improving the Status of Ghanaian Women

Bishop Philip Naameh of the Diocese of Damongo, NW Ghana spoke to about 50 parishioners on Monday night about the Churches work to elevate the status and future of women in northern Ghana. The Diocese has established secondary schools for girls in a region where illiteracy among females is about 95%. Education is one of the tools the church is using to evangelize this mostly Islamic country.

Bishop Philip visited with Bishop Matthew Clark before beginning his journey home on Wednesday.

Bishop Philip is the uncle of Fr. Peter



Fr. Peter's Surprise Visitor

Margild Kaiser (center) of Germany, a long time friend of Fr. Peter surprised him on Monday night by attending Bishop Philip's talk. She had arranged her surprise visit with the help of Deacon Ray and Rosemary Carlyle who provided her a place to stay until the "Bishop's Suite" is available. Pictured above are, (from right) Genevieve Kashmer, Fr. Peter, Al Hanning, Margild, Evie Hanning, and Bishop Philip. Margild's neighboring parish in Germany has developed a partnership with Fr. Peter's home parish in Ghana.



Scripture
REFLECTIONS

Freedom Brings Opportunity for Service

It is a happy coincidence in the Lectionary cycle of readings that once every third year these words from Paul's letter to the Galatians fall on the weekend closest to the American celebration of independence: "For freedom Christ set us free" (Galatians 5:1). Of course Paul was not referring to the American revolution against British rule. He was instead reminding the Galatians that Christ had set them free from sin and the requirements of the Jewish law.

Paul goes on to concretely describe what freedom in Christ truly means: "Do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through

Summer Mass/Communion/Reconciliation

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday ♦ Thursday ♦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

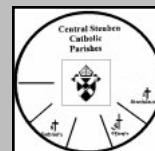
♦ Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

Scripture/Communion Services

Monday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY July 1, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Doris Hoag on her 80th birthdate
By Susanna & Scott Ovenshire

MONDAY July 2, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY July 3, Thomas, apostle
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Carlton Robbins
By Pat Adamowicz & Mike Bocek

WEDNESDAY July 4, Elizabeth of Portugal
There will be **NO Mass** said today

THURSDAY July 5, Anthony Zaccaris, priest
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Helen Kob
By her family

FRIDAY July 6, Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr
9:00 a.m. In Memory Ruth Reinstatler
By her daughter, Mary Frances

SATURDAY July 7, Weekday
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Frank Heniz
By Betty & Bruce Carey

SUNDAY July 8, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30a.m. In Honor of June Tierny
By Rita Dwyer

There are many Mass intentions available in the coming months (Stipend \$10). Please call the office to schedule.

Weekday Mass/Communion in our New Visitation Chapel



Assembly Schedule

July 7 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts
July 8 - Sun. 9:30 a.m. - Willing Hearts



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"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

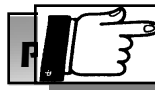
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Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2131.06 THANK YOU!

Second Collection for Peters Pence: \$310.00

"Willing Hearts" Choir

This Summer, we'll keep music alive at St. Mary's through a "Willing Hearts" Choir which will meet for prayer and warm-up each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Daily Mass and Visitation Chapel before singing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Come share your gift of song.



LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY July 1
10:30a.m. Relay For Life Homemade Coffee Hour
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

MONDAY July 2

TUESDAY July 3

WEDNESDAY July 4

THURSDAY July 5
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Rooms 202/ 203

FRIDAY July 6

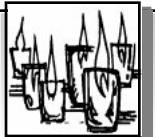
SATURDAY July 7
1:00 p.m. NA, Rm. 101

SUNDAY July 8
10:00 a.m. No Coffee Hour
7.00 p.m. AA, Room 101



Happy Birthday To You

07/02 Miriam Teifer	07/05 Shirley Murray
07/02 Erin McConnell	07/05 Mary Ellen Haff
07/03 Trudy Venuti	07/05 Colleen Fagan
07/03 Kimberly Cruze	07/05 Jim Gardner
07/04 Suzanne Colomaio	07/06 Norbert Binkowski
07/04 Genevieve Kashmere	07/07 Noah Glass



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning in memory of Daniel P. Giordano by Charles & Carmen Rola.



The Light Weigh

Are you tired of constantly struggling with your weight? Tired of following diets like they were religions? Consider giving God a chance to touch your heart, your life and your eating. A new Light Weigh orientation will be held on Wednesday, July 11, at 6:30 pm in Room 101 in the Zimmer Center. You may call for more information at (607) 382-3448. Come and find out about The Light Weigh Bible study and video series, and how this program has been a blessing to others.



Come join St. Mary's Relay for Life team, The Flame, for a "homemade" coffee hour today after Mass. They will have some delicious desserts, donated by team members.

At this time you may register and/or make a pledge.



SENT TO SERVE

Happy Independence Day weekend! The summer solstice is behind us now, and the daylight has already begun to decrease. So even as we start summertime, we are conscious of the passing of time and opportunity. Let us take time this summer to be refreshed, renewed and replenished. We don't do enough of that in our fast-paced world.

On this 4th of July weekend, we are also reminded of the great freedoms we enjoy in this nation. I share with you now this adaptation of the **Pledge of Allegiance**, written by **Mary Evelyn Jegen** as a prayer. May it stretch our minds and help us reflect on all we enjoy as U.S. citizens.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of all the world and to the community for which it stands: one people loved into existence by God, breathing an indivisible air, warmed by a sun that shines on the good and bad alike, kept alive by rain that falls on the just and unjust. I commit myself to spend my life for this world, for liberty and justice for all. Amen.

The past few years have been quite challenging for our country and our Church. As a nation, we face many important questions – questions of life and death, war and peace, who has and who has not, who moves ahead and who is left behind. We are involved in a war, the likes of which seems to have been unanticipated by those who strongly supported the effort. At the same time, our Church is engaged in the work of rebuilding trust and adequately protecting our children and most vulnerable adults from those who would take advantage of their innocence. Such issues challenge us deeply, and we may often feel powerless to promote change.

Nonetheless, as Christians we need to continue to involve ourselves in our political processes, trying to imbue our society with gospel values. We need to continue to remind our Church of its responsibility to live up to those values. This is what it means to follow Christ.

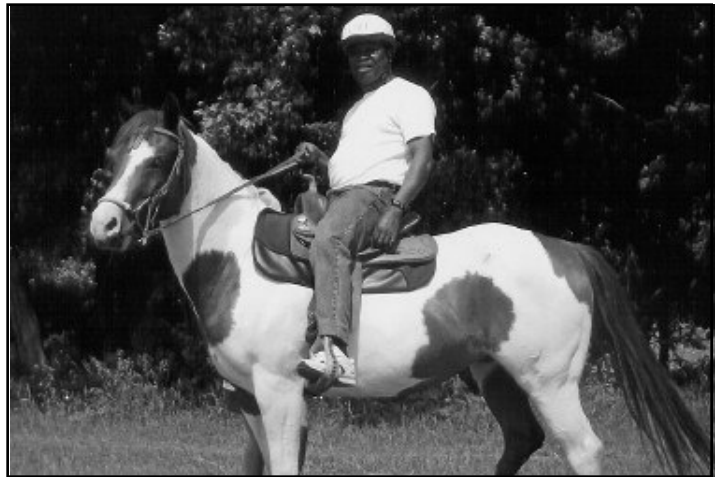
In the world, we are not of the world, and even as we exercise civic responsibility, we must understand that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves, bigger and more permanent than even our country. Our true citizenship is that of the Kingdom of God! May we never lose sight of to Whom our real allegiance belongs, even as we give thanks this holiday weekend for the blessings we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America.

INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY

July 4th is also a celebration of Interdependence day for Pat and me. It was 40 years ago on July 4, 2007 that Pat and I exchanged wedding vows at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. Since, we have depended on each other for support and encouragement as we have journeyed through the birth of three children, were foster parents for eleven, taught preschool together, weathered the storms of parenting teenagers together, entered into the diaconate together, celebrated my move into full time ministry together, lived in a rectory together, and now are experiencing the joys of grand parenting together. I am so blest that Pat has chosen to love me unconditionally. Her love for me mirrors God's love for each of us.

Have a blessed week. Serve one another well.

Deacon Ray



Since coming to the Southern-Tier, Father Peter has had many new experiences. Recently he accepted an invitation to saddle up. After his successful ride Father awaits his next challenge. Perhaps snowboarding?



STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Your Time and Talents Are Needed

New Carpet In/Old Carpet Up

Thanks to a generous gift, new carpeting will soon be installed in the sanctuary and choir area on Tuesday, July 10. Volunteers are needed to assist in removing the existing carpet which will include pulling the staples used to fasten the carpet in various places. Volunteers should report for duty on Monday morning, July 9 at 9:30 a.m. Please bring gloves and a pair of pliers for pulling staples.

Work Crew Needed

Our custodian George Hoffman will take his vacation beginning on Friday. With two weddings and receptions taking place on Saturday, we could use some extra help with set up on Friday and with lawn care next week. If you can help, please call the parish office.

Eucharistic Minister Needed

A good steward is needed at Taylor's Nursing Home to do Communion Service once a month. **Deacon Ed Wight, John Pronko and his family, and Deb Brinkhus** have been volunteering their time on Sunday mornings to bring the Holy Eucharist to the residents of Taylors. One more volunteer is needed to go out one Sunday a month from 11:00—11:30 am, do the communion service and take communion to any residents who are unable to leave their rooms. Anyone who is interested in volunteering for this ministry please contact **Deb Brinkhus at 566-9577**.



Correction: The cover of last week's bulletin incorrectly identified Rachel Crocker. Apologies to her and the misidentified Gina Motsay.

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