

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 24, 2005



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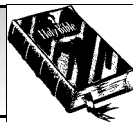
Jim Gallagher

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Sean McKinley

William MacNamara

Kathy Warren



Scripture REFLECTIONS

God's Hidden Treasures - Right before our Eyes



snow-induced cabin fever, the pastor decided it was time to clean it out. An afternoon chore turned into a treasure hunt adventure as we discovered old books, art and other smaller artifacts of days gone by. Many items brought a laugh and a story as its history or its owner was recalled.

God hides treasures in life just to keep our attention and interest. Amazing sunsets, funny quirks in nature and in people, a child's newest discovery or an older person's tale of yesteryear reveal the creative power of God at work. It calls us to see life from God's perspective, to marvel at his genius and to offer thanks for such beauty and wisdom and grace. The reign of God manifests itself in detail great and small, so that we are drawn to him and his loving, creating, renewing power.

The rectory attic was a museum of sorts, filled with boxes long abandoned by some of the previous residents. Suffering from

We can create our own treasures because God shares his power and his will with us. God gives us the ability to participate in his creative love. We create new life, produce great works of art, compose beautiful music, and bring order to life around us. Most importantly, we share the treasure of faith in Jesus and the hope of eternal life. It is a story and a gift that is priceless!



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SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD PARISHIONERS THAT MAKE PARISHES SUCCESSFUL

1. Believe in the Adventure of Being Catholic
2. Believe in Other Parishioners
3. See the Parish as the Spiritual Epicenter of Their Life
4. Do Not Always Have to Win or be Right
5. Are Proud Enough of the Parish to Represent it Well
6. Are not Members but Disciples
7. Believe in the Power of Prayer and the Eucharist

Catholic Update - Aug. 2004, St. Anthony Messenger Press.

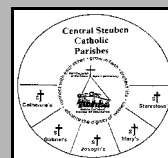


Please read carefully the letter you'll soon receive from your parish and return your Sacrificial Giving form by August 15. Consider also the designated giving options listed in the accompanying brochure. We need all parishioners to register their support for our parish ministries.

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.



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY July 24, 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Jim Shaver
By Marcia Shaver

MONDAY July 25, James, apostle
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY July 26, Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory, George Vogel
By Betty Langendorfer

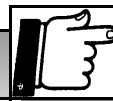
WEDNESDAY July 27, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

THURSDAY July 28, Weekday
5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Mary's

FRIDAY July 29, Martha
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

SATURDAY July 30,
4:00 p.m. In Memory, George Vogel
By Helen and Arnie Kish

SUNDAY July 31,
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Margaret Abraham James
By Karen Grimmer and family



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY July 24,
6:00 p.m. Day Care Chicken Barbecue, Pavilion
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

MONDAY July 25,

TUESDAY July 26,

WED. July 27,

THURSDAY July 28,
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Dick Perry Room

FRIDAY July 29,
7:30 p.m. NA, Room 101

SATURDAY July 30,
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

SUNDAY July 31,
10:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Gaudino family
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion



Assembly Schedule

July 30- Saturday 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts
July 31- Sunday- 9:30 a.m. - Precious Blood II
and the Gaudino family



Happy Birthday To You

7/24 Mary Eaton	7/29 Caitlin Wall
7/24 Larry Ryan	7/29 LaVerne Gove
7/24 Christopher Hultzman	7/29 Elizabeth Galpin
7/24 Lael Truth	7/30 Vivian Strache
7/24 Charles Banik	7/30 Andrew Ferrara
7/25 Florence Mulcahy	7/30 Dennis Dinehart
7/25 Barbara Bailey	7/30 Mary Ellen Johnson
7/26 Bruce Carey	7/30 Frederick Muller



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

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

Thank you for... Making Parish a Priority!

July 16/17, 2005
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3,651 Can & Quarter \$230.50
378 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



Pancake Breakfast

In O'Malley Hall
Sunday, July 31,
following 9 :30 a.m. Mass
Hosted by the Gaudino family



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. Donations may be dropped off at the rectory garage weekdays from 8:30 to 2 p.m.



Wedding Jubilee Mass

Bishop Matthew Clark will honor couples who have been married 25, 30, 40, 50 or more years, Sunday, September 25th at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester. A reception will follow. To receive an invitation, please contact Sylvia Mancuso 1-800-388-7177, x 1295 or 585-328-3228 x 1295 or email smancuso@dor.org. Responses for the Mass need to be received by Thursday, September 1st.



Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Matching Can & Quarter Challenge

The words had hardly exited my mouth when a very generous parishioner took me up on my challenge that someone match the amount given in our monthly Can and Quarter collection. Starting next month, your gifts to the area needy through our Can and Quarter Collection will be matched. Last week's Can and Quarter gifts totaled \$230.50.

I want to thank all who took to heart my request for help in balancing our parish operational budget. Last weekend's collection was among the largest in months - \$3,651. I'm sure that many of those gifts were intended to help us recoup some of the \$3,800 we pay each year so that every registered parishioner receives the Catholic Courier bulletin edition and monthly magazine edition.

The Catholic Courier

The Southern Tier bulletin edition of the Catholic Courier includes stories of people and ministries right here in the southern-most part of the Diocese. Other editions target the Rochester area and communities and parishes in the Central parts of the Diocese. For years people noted that rarely did Catholic Courier stories feature Southern Tier parishes. This is no longer the case. Our own parish has been featured several times over the past year.

The monthly Catholic Courier magazine focuses on issues of importance to all Catholics both within and without the Diocese. It is an excellent resource for adult education on Catholic ethics and morality. You'll also find thought provoking columns from all sides of the Catholic perspective.

Oh My Aching Back

Many of you noticed that I was walking like Chester of the TV series "Gunsmoke" last weekend. The week of July 4th I engaged in some manual labor with several parishioners - hauling the tables, chairs and assorted kitchen equipment donated by Warren and Loretta Tetor from Babcock Hollow Road to

O'Malley Hall. Since my body is only used to cushy desk type work, the shock was perhaps more than it could take. Later that week I walked a few cautious laps in the slippery mud of the Fairgrounds track with the parish Relay for Life team.

Sunday, July 10 was a preaching weekend for me at both St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's. You'll perhaps recall that I also gave a difficult "money talk" at the St. Mary's Masses that weekend. After Mass I began the 140 mile road trip to Chautauqua to spend a few days with Pat.

I arrived exhausted with the beginnings of back pain. By Monday, I could hardly walk. I assumed the pain in my lower back to be the short lived variety I get every year or so with the change of seasons. Regrettably, it has lingered well past the norm in spite of helpful visits to Dr. Rick and an array of pain killers and muscle relaxers prescribed by my medical doctor, Angel Malavet in Corning.

Thus the limping and occasional grimaces evident last weekend. On Wednesday I had an MRI at Corning Hospital and left for Chautauqua to see if a few days of working my brain and relaxing my body would help. Thus I'll not see you this weekend. I am deeply thankful for the prayers, concern and patience with my whining that I've experience from so many of you.

Last weekend's column featured Bulletin Bloopers. Here's a few more.

- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

That's enough for one week. Serve each other well.



GAUDINO 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 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