



Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 27, 2008

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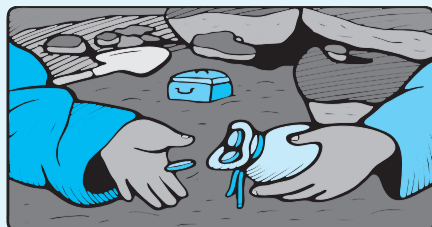
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Scripture REFLECTIONS

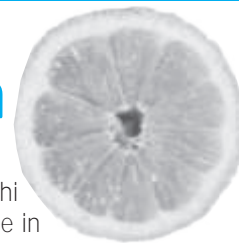
A merchant in the Gospel finds "a pearl of great price." The pearl is a particularly apt image for the kingdom of heaven. Its luster is so valuable that it would be ridiculous for pearls to be cast before swine (cf. Mt 7:6). For God to want us to have a pearl of great price says something about our dignity in God's sight. Moreover, at a natural pearl's center is an irritant, coated with layers of an iridescent substance. At the center of the kingdom of heaven is also an irritant, the cross, upon which Christ's suffering produces the most beautiful life of endless layers of the Holy Spirit's consolation, iridescent in the light of heaven.

Today's Gospel reading from Matthew is the last of a series of parables we have heard proclaimed for the past three Sundays. Each Sunday a consistent theme emerges: many hear these parables, but most do not understand. At the end of the parables today, Matthew ends with a very important characterization of the disciples. Jesus asks them a key question: "Do you understand all these things?" The disciples answer, "Yes." For Matthew, this has been the very definition of true discipleship: those who hear and understand the meaning of the parables of the kingdom of heaven. In the disciples answering "yes," Matthew presents a very favorable portrait of the disciples.

Story for Today

A Master's Lesson

By Dr. Constance M. Popp



Dr. Yang, Jwing-Ming, a tai chi master, holds a master's degree in physics and a doctorate in engineering. With more than thirty years of instructional experience in tai chi, a defensive form of martial arts, he has opened fifty-four schools internationally and published twenty-eight books.

At an introductory seminar Yang emphasized the importance of humility rather than arrogance in thinking oneself a master. He told a story of his teacher who one day held an orange up to the class and asked, "Do you know orange?" Of course, they all answered yes, but then the teacher revealed it was only a plastic orange. He then showed them a real orange and asked again, "Do you know orange?"

Yes, they answered, an orange is round and has orange color. Then the teacher peeled the orange revealing an aromatic interior, delicious to smell and taste with droplets of juice running down his fingers. "Do you know orange?" he queried once more. Salivating, they answered more slowly this time, but yes, surely now with all their senses engaged, now they knew orange.

But the teacher continued, this time breaking open one of the orange sections. "Do you know the seed of an orange-when, where and how to plant it? Do you know how much sun, water, and fertilizer are needed to make an orange? Do you know the climate in which an orange is grown or when to harvest it?"

They obviously did not know orange. The class realized that one must never approach life arrogantly or judge by superficial standards because there will always be more to learn.

The wisdom of Solomon enables one to see beyond appearances to the buried treasure lying within the kingdom of God and within ourselves. Each of us is like that orange, with more to know and discover; each of us holding a hidden treasure necessary for God's kingdom to be realized!

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Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Weekday Mass/Communion Services

Monday (Scripture Communion Service) - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday/Thursday - 9:00 a.m. Tuesday - 5:00 p.m.

Friday Mass at St. Gabriel's - 8:30 a.m.



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Central Steuben
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 LITURGICAL CALEN-

SUNDAY July 27, Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9:30 a.m. In Mem of Gerard Saur
 By Margaret Saur

MONDAY July 28 Monday
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

TUESDAY July 29, Tuesday
 5:00 p.m. In Mem of Guy Castrilli
 By Betsey Sheehan

WEDNESDAY July 30, Wednesday
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Timothy Baker
 20th Anniversary
 By his parents Don & Nancy

THURSDAY July 31, Thursday
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Rosa Fiordo
 By Ted & Barb Bailey


FRIDAY Aug 1, Friday
NO Mass at St. Mary's
Mass at St. Gabriel's at 8:30 a.m. or ...

10:30a.m. Steuben Healthcare
 In Mem. of Rosa Fiordo
 By Janice & Agnes

SATURDAY Aug 2, Saturday
 4:00 p.m. Special Intentions of
 Jim & Geri Galvin on their
 50th Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY Aug 3, Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9:30a.m. In Mem. of Josephine Warren
 By Mary Fratarcangelo

August Mass Intentions are available.
 Please Call the Office. Mass Stipend \$10.


 **SAINT MARY'S PARISH**
"A Parish of Good Stewards"

Thank you for Making
 Parish a Priority!

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,582
 Cemetery Upkeep: \$ 228.75

Today's 2nd Collection: Youth Ministry
Next Week's 2nd Collection: Maintenance

In addition to helping us meet our payroll expenses, your stewardship gifts will help us pay our annual Insurance bill of \$28,960.

 **High Adventure**

High Adventure can be any exciting outdoor activity that you can participate in if you are 14 – 20 years old These may be white water rafting, hiking, etc.

Find Out More
 Dormann Library
 July 30, 2008 at 7:00pm

 PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY July 27
 8:30 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church
 3:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, Hall
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

MONDAY July 28
 6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Hall

TUESDAY July 29
 1:00 p.m. John Southard Arts & Crafts - Hall
 6:00p.m. Weight Loss Challenge - Hall
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Rectory


WEDNESDAY July 30
 6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Room 204

THURSDAY July 31
 1:00 p.m. John Southard Arts & Crafts - Hall
 5:30p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall

FRIDAY August 1

SATURDAY August 2
 12:30 p.m. **Galvin's Irish Ceili** - Hall

SUNDAY August 3
 8:30 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church
 3:00p.m. Sunday Supper, Hall
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

 Happy Birthday To You!

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| 07/28 Ernest Jessup | 07/31 Camden Quick |
| 07/29 Caitlin Wall | 07/31 Kathryn Alger |
| 07/29 Laverne Gove | 08/01 Jane Rohrbach |
| 07/30 Mary Ellen Johnson | 08/01 Michael Beyler |
| 07/30 Andrew DuBois | 08/01 Patricia Finnerty |
| 07/30 Dennis Dinehart | 08/01 Fran Currier |
| 07/30 Andrew Ferrara | 08/01 Joseph Sheehan |
| 07/30 Frederick Muller | 08/02 Richard Kerr |
| 07/30 Vivian Strache | |

Campbell Rest Stop Food Tent

Saturday, July 26 and August 2
 from 6:00am - 6:00pm

St Mary's Youth Group will be staffing the Campbell Rest Stop to provide food and drink to travelers. We need:


- ★ Volunteers to help throughout the day
- Donations of:
 - ★ Hot Dogs ★ rolls ★ bottled water
 - ★ cans of soda ★ Icing free baked goods.

Food may be dropped off at the rectory or call 776-3327 for a home pick up.

 **Assembly Schedule**

Aug 2- Sat. 4:00 p.m.
 Willing Hearts
 Aug 3 - Sun. 9:30 a.m.
 Bread of Life

To join an assembly call 776-3327

 **Prayer List**

Bruce Ayers, Bonnie Baran, Fran Cummings, Bob Denno, Peggy Evans, Mark Fiordo, Mary Fisher, Mary and Jack Giblin, Esther Gerhart, John Hurley, Joseph Kish, Jim Lamprecht, Logan Manciocchi, Art Moran, **Jim Murray, Fr. Gerald O'Connor**, Deacon John Prave, Theresa Rodbourn, Father Richard Shatzel, Adam Weaver, and Stan Wraight.



Catholic Charities Steuben "40 Week Club"

The 40 week club gives Catholic Charities an opportunity to help raise critical dollars needed to support their Anti-Poverty and Child Day Care Programs.

Please support this important work.
 Tickets Available in the Parish Office.

Turning Point July/Aug Collection

July: Cereal & Pancake Mix
 August: Soup
 Donations may be left in the back of church

Parish Picnic Rescheduled 

The parish picnic originally scheduled for July 19 will be rescheduled at a location and time to be determined.

Youth Group Trash & Treasure Donations 

The St. Mary's Youth Group's Trash & Treasure sale will again take place on the Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

Please drop off items for this sale at the Rectory garage or call the parish office (776-3327) for pick up. Furniture and usable clothing are also welcome.





SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Come Visit Chautauqua and Catholic House

I'm writing this column a full week before you read it. Last night (Saturday, July 19) after a day that included **Rosa Fiordo's** funeral, the wedding of Coreena and Stan Kalish, and the 4:00 p.m. Mass, I drove to Chautauqua to be with Pat on her 65th birthday. **In an hour or so, I've been asked to represent the Catholic Community at a huge ecumenical service in the 5000 seat amphitheatre located a very short walk from the porch at Catholic House where Pat serves as House Manager.** I will proclaim two readings from sacred scripture, the Old Testament (Genesis) **story of Jacob's Ladder and Luke's wonderful Easter story of the Walk to Emmaus.**

It is hard to describe the beauty of Chautauqua and its impact as a center of life-long learning of religion, political science, and the arts. About 7,500 people are on the grounds during each of its nine-week Chautauqua season as opposed to the approximately 150 families who live here year round. They experience daily lectures, ecumenical and denominational religious services and a vast array of performances from the Chautauqua Symphony, Youth Orchestra, Chorus, Motet Choir, Opera Company, and Ballet Companies.

Over 500 gifted young people from throughout the country are invited here each summer to study under a distinguished faculty of instrumental, voice, drama, opera, painting, and sculpture instructors. The Department of Religion and denominational houses provide an array of spiritual, theological and **liturgical programs that reflect Chautauqua's** 130 year old history as a place of religious studies and enrichment.

Day Trip to Chautauqua

But, enough inadequate words. Pat and I and the Catholic Community here would like to invite you to experience Chautauqua for **yourself on Sunday, August 10. Sunday's** are free admission days here and thus a great day to invite friends to day trip to Chautauqua and Catholic House.

We'll depart the St. Mary's Parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and arrive at Chautauqua at about 9:30 a.m. Our day will include an ecumenical service featuring the Rev. Otis Moss III, a dynamic young preacher who replaced Rev. Jeremiah Wright as the pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, which until recently was Barach Obama's home church.



Catholic House



Hall of Philosophy

We'll also attend Catholic Mass at 12:10 p.m. In the afternoon, there will be time to tour the magnificently tailored grounds with lush gardens and quaint brick walks, visit the scenic Chautauqua Lake waterfront and enjoy a mid afternoon concert. Our day will end with a vesper service at the Hall of Philosophy, an open air Greek style building that is the site of everything from political and theological lectures to our Saturday and Sunday Catholic Masses.

Since we'll car pool, your only financial outlay will be the cost of your lunch at the Chautauqua Refectory and a contribution toward the cost of gas in gratitude to those who drive. I urge you to accept our invitation and promise you a truly memorable experience. Call the office to RSVP.

Bob Colomaio to Receive Order of Acolyte



Next Saturday evening at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bishop Matthew Clark will confer the order of Acolyte on St. Mary's parishioner Bob Colomaio. This is the final canonical step before Bob is ordained to the permanent diaconate in May 2009. Obviously, this is a significant day for Bob and Pam, Mary Catherine and Theresa. While only Bob will be ordained, the service to the Church that Bob will undertake as a permanent deacon and his rigorous four years of preparation would be impossible without the support of his spouse and family. I ask that you uphold the Colomaio Family in prayer, next Saturday and throughout this final year of **Bob's study and formation.**

An unexpected opening on our parish council has occurred as Don and Erin Young and their family have moved to Florida. Don was elected to the Council in May. **If you are interested in serving in Don's** place please contact me or Council president Bill McNamara. Have a good week. Serve one another well!



Deacon Ray

Parish Council, Finance Council and Staff to Discuss Stewardship

Our Parish Council, Finance Council and Staff will hold a Summer Joint Meeting on Tuesday Evening, July 29 at the home of Janet Madigan on East Lake Road, Hammondspont. Our topic will be "Stewardship" and our hope will be to have a parish stewardship committee working to introduce and promote the "Treasure" portion of Stewardship at St. Mary's this September.



Mark Clark of the Diocesan Stewardship office will speak on the **topic and we will view the diocese's** "Joy of Stewardship" DVD and other available diocesan materials.

The setting will be casual beginning with a dish to pass supper at 5:00 p.m. The evening will conclude by 8:30 p.m.

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