

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 3, 2005



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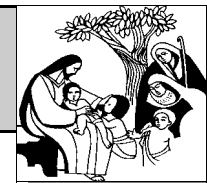
Fr. Frank Erb

Welcome to Father Erb

We welcome Father Frank Erb as sacramental minister of St. Mary's, Bath and St. Gabriel's, Hammondsport. Father has offered his services here for many years, we know him well and appreciate his many talents and we are grateful that he will be joining us on a regular basis for the next year.



Scripture REFLECTIONS



"Come to Me, You Who are Burdened"

In the Torah, under which Jesus lived, there were many laws and rules, and these were supplemented by centuries of interpretations of the Torah that regulated virtually every possible detail of human behavior. While the law is meant to bring Jews into right relationship with God and with others, any set of rules can become oppressive. Part of the responsibility of the religious authorities is to see that religious and spiritual laws are obeyed. Jesus wanted to lift some of these legal burdens.

Many senior Catholics might recall that the heaviest burden of their lives in the old days (pre-Vatican II) was their religion. People agonized about going to hell if they went to communion after having had a speck of water touch their tongues after midnight. How many people agonized over the sin committed by missing Mass even if they were sick or had to care for a sick parent or child? To be honest about it all, there was a lot of the Pharisee in our own religion. And there still is. New rules about this or that keep being issued. As one bishop said to a large gathering of priests: "These new rules have more to do with authority exerting itself than anything remotely associated with God."

If we allow them to, the rules of religion can turn us into legalistic neurotics instead of freed children of God.

While giving the rules due consideration and respect, we must keep in mind that a loving God understands the heavy burdens many people bear in life: raising children, worrying about drugs in schools, taking care of elderly parents, single parents working at two jobs to support their children, fear of a job loss, crime in the neighborhoods, guns everywhere, the high cost of education and medical care, to name a few. When we end up in the pews after an exhausting week, the last thing we need to hear from the pulpit is a road map for a guilt trip!

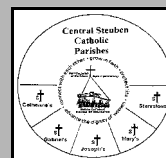
Jesus tries to sweep away the rubble of such thinking. "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest." true religion empowers us to live a life of joy through contemplation, a sense of awe, a feeling of God's presence, all translated into good works for others. As some said "resting in God can give us the inner strength to live life to the full, with all its joys and struggles." When we accept the invitation to "come to me, you who are burdened..." we catch a glimpse of God and revelation of Who and what God is like.

Rev. George Fitzgerald, CSP

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
Saturday - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY July 3, Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. In Memory, John Hauryski
By his wife, Mary

MONDAY July 4, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY July 5, Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Dorothy Shatzel
Charismatic Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY July 6, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

THURSDAY July 7, Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Delores Glover
By Frank Siecieska

FRIDAY July 8, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
11:00 a.m. Mass at Infirmary
In Memory, Barbara Farrell
By Ann Stever and Chris Minichello

SATURDAY July 9,
3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Barbara Friedland
By her mother, Edna Friedland

SUNDAY July 10,
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Patricia Mahon
By the Murray Family



Assembly Schedule

July 9- Saturday 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts
July 10- Sunday- 9:30 a.m. - Children of God

To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



SAINT MARY'S

"Where I Always Receive More Than I Give"

Thank you for... Making Parish a Priority!

June 25/26, 2005
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,216.86
Peter's Pence Offering \$320.00
384 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



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 3,
7:00 p.m. AA, pavilion

MONDAY July 4,
Office Closed

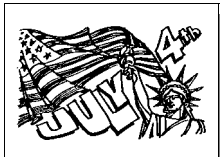
TUESDAY July 5,
6:00 p.m. Boy Scout camp orientation, pavilion

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

FRIDAY July 8,
7:30 p.m. NA, Room 101

SATURDAY July 9,
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

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



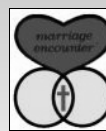
Summer Office Hours

Open Mon.—Thurs. 8:30 a.m.—2 p.m.
Closed Fridays



Happy Birthday To You

7/3	Kyle Harrison	7/5	Mary Ellen Haff
7/3	Trudy Venuti	7/5	Shirley Murray
7/3	Cassandra Thompson	7/5	Beatrice Drake
7/3	Joseph Skelly	7/6	Norbert Binkowski
7/3	Kimberly Cruze	7/6	Nichlaus Rossi
7/3	Genevieve Kashmer	7/7	Noah Glass
7/4	Suzanne Colomaio	7/8	Danielle Shaw
7/4	Michael Ryan	7/8	John Merry
7/4	Colleen Fagan	7/9	James DiDomeneck
		7/9	Betty Langendorfer



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: June 24-26, August 26-28, October 14-16 and December 9-11. Call 585-342-2430 to register or go to www.wwme.org or www.wwme-wny.org.



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY
FOURTH OF JULY



Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

PARISH FINANCES - PART 2

Recent Capital Improvements

A Review of how we've used the local share of your Partners in Faith Gifts and the Minichello Bequest

Last weekend I shared with you my concerns as I have worked with the staff to put together our 2005-2006 parish budget. I mentioned that the staff and I have reviewed the areas where we might cut or reduce our spending. Part of that conversation required a review of some basic budgeting principals including our need to resources for both "Capital" (bricks and mortar, renovations, equipment, etc.) expenditures and "Operational" expenditures. Examples of money set aside for "capital" expenditures include donations to **The Cross Campaign** and **Partners in Faith**, and designated gifts such as the Minichello Bequest.

These monies are usually placed in CDs or other interest bearing accounts and used exclusively to pay for "capital" improvements. Over the past year or so we have made significant capital improvements to our facilities including:

New Handicapped accessible Church Rest Room

Cost: \$5000 Income Source: Partners in Faith

New Church Doors

Cost: \$30,000 Income Source: Minichello Bequest

O'Malley Hall Acoustical Improvements

Cost: \$2,500 Income Source: Partners in Faith

O'Malley Hall Kitchen, New Zimmer Center Rest Room, Zimmer Center Rest Room Renovations, Electrical Upgrade

Cost: \$130,000 Income Source: Partners in Faith and Minichello Bequest

We also had to purchase the following replacement equipment:

O'Malley Hall Kitchen Equipment

(Dishwasher, freezer, sinks, prep tables, ice machine, etc.)

Cost: \$11,000 Income Source: NYS Grant to Bath Community Day Care and Minichello Bequest

O'Malley Hall Round Tables (12)

Cost: \$1,200 Income Source: Savings and Gifts

Office Computer

Cost: \$900 Income Source: Savings

Washer and Dryer - Rectory

Cost: \$900 Income Source: Savings

Garden Tractor

Cost: \$1,000 Income Source: Cemetery Fund

During 2004-2005 we also received bequests from the Estates of Dorothy Gabrielli (\$10,000) and Andy Hopiak (\$5000). Because they were not designated for a specific purpose, we were free to use this money to offset operational expenses such as salaries, heating, cooling and electricity, and ministry expenses.

Over the next few weeks, I'll review in further detail the "Operational" expenditures that pay for the day to day running of our parish ministries - and ways that we are attempting to balance these expenditures with the revenues we receive from your weekly donations.

I'll do this:

- In this weekly "Sent to Serve" Column
- At Mass: A future homily will include information concerning our 2004-2005 Fiscal year.
- At a "Town Meeting" at which I'll present a full "State of the Parish" Report.
- Through personal letters and home visits encouraging your assistance in increasing sacrificial giving so that our revenues will balance our expenses.
- Through prayer - my own and hopefully yours. Please begin today to pray for a generous spirit that reflects God's promise to provide all we need.

Have a good week. Serve one another well!

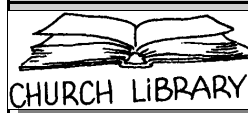


RELAY FOR LIFE, 2005

Join the St. Mary's Team
The Flame!

Flame of Faith ♥ Light of Hope ♥ Glow of Love

Team members will be at both entrances of church this weekend seeking donations for this very worthy cause. Please be generous! If you are a survivor of cancer please let us know so we can celebrate your recovery and honor you. If any person is interested in being a team member please contact Maria or Betsy Carisetti at 776-2894.



Catholic Pamphlets Available

A newly organized literature rack can be found in the back of the Church. You will find materials there that present Catholic Teaching on a wide variety of subjects. Although the literature is free, donations are accepted.