



Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 6, 2008

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Story for Today



Tears: "My Gift to You"

By Dr. Constance M. Popp

Jane was a published author by 1980 with award-winning credentials in writing and producing audiovisual materials. Due to her prestigious career, she was invited to add her expertise to several boards of directors. As a woman raised in a certain time and place, and in a family where few women were asked their opinion, she saw it as an honor to receive this respect. Growing up in the church, marrying, raising four daughters, all the while serving at her parish and, finally, authoring several books, Jane was being asked to bring her knowledge, insight and wisdom to boardrooms.

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

The Little Prince

During one particularly difficult discussion, the subject matter touched a nerve and Jane became emotionally engaged in the conversation with tears coming to her eyes. The talk stopped. An attempt was made to cover up the emotional display, as one of her allies on the board tried to make light of the situation by turning to her and saying, "Oh, Jane, you're so emotional." At that moment, she said, it was as if a veil had been lifted from her eyes and all became clear as she faced him and replied, "Yes? and that is my gift to you."

Jesus prayed to his father saying that what had been hidden from the learned and clever was revealed to the youngest child. Thus it is that emotions, which are often looked down upon in society, can become an asset for those willing to feel them, embrace them and be refreshed by their presence. To be deliberate, thoughtful, sober and measured is not to be discarded but to those who responded emotionally to Jesus' message, like a child might, Jesus' message affirmed words taken from *The Little Prince*, "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

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"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



Scripture REFLECTIONS

Today the readings of the liturgy draw back a bit from the energetic and shadowed aspects of discipleship and offer us some respite. We read of the king described by Zechariah, who, like Jesus on Palm Sunday, rode on a humble donkey but whose dominion is from sea to sea. No mention is made of any suffering to come.

In the Gospel Jesus invites us to come to him, take up his yoke and learn from him. In previous weeks we were reminded of his cross and suffering. Today we hear that his yoke is easy, his burden light, and we are to find rest.

Most reassuring of all are the words of Psalm 145: "The Lord is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down."



GOD BLESS AMERICA

With Liberty and Justice for All

No Exceptions

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 (Communion) and Wednesday - 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday - 5:00 p.m.
Friday - 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses will resume June 26.



A member of the
Central Steuben
Catholic Parishes
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY July 6, Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9:30 a.m. In Mem of Carol Babcock
 By her family

MONDAY July 7 Monday
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

TUESDAY July 8, Tuesday
 5:00 p.m. Health of Armand & Lorraine St. Pierre
 By the Wall family

WEDNESDAY July 9, Wednesday
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Anne Stowell
 By the Wall family

THURSDAY July 10, Thursday
 5:00 p.m. In Mem of Louis, Doris & Elizabeth Cornaire
 By Lee Cornaire

FRIDAY July 11, Friday
 9:00a.m. Health of Jim Lamprecht
 By the Wall family

SATURDAY July 12, Saturday
 4:00 p.m. In Mem. of Doloren Wood
 By Edna Friedland

SUNDAY July 13 Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9:30a.m. In Mem. of David Friedland
 By Edna Friedland

July 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: \$2633.76
Can & Quarter: \$ 337

Today's 2nd Collection: Maintenance
Next Week's 2nd Collection: Peter Pence

In addition to helping us meet our payroll expenses, your stewardship allowed us to pay towards this month's Utility Bill of \$1606.



Assembly Schedule

July 12 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.
Precious Blood 2
July 13 - Sun. 9:30 a.m.
Holy Patrol

Catholic Charities Stauben "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.



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY July 6
 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 7
 6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Hall

TUESDAY July 8
 1:00 p.m. John Southard Arts & Crafts - Hall
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Rectory

WEDNESDAY July 9
 6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Room 204

THURSDAY July 10
 1:00 p.m. John Southard Arts & Crafts - Hall
 5:30p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall

FRIDAY July 11

SATURDAY July 12

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 8:30 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
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Happy Birthday To You!

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| 07/06 Norbert Binkowski | 07/11 Elaine Frederick |
| 07/07 Noah Glass | 07/12 Anna Mae Mills |
| 07/08 Eric Young | 07/12 Kimberly Russo |
| 07/08 John Merry | 07/12 Margaret Badding |
| 07/09 Betty Langendorfer | 07/12 Heather Haff |
| 07/09 James DiDomenick | 07/13 Mike Saurbaugh |
| 07/11 Julia Saurbaugh | 07/13 Paul Tomes |



Prayer List

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



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School for Pre-K to adult will be evenings from 6:00pm—8:30pm Monday July 14 through the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday July 19 Mass followed by the Parish Picnic

If you or your child are interested in attending, please fill out registration and put in offering plate, give to Paula Gardner or return to Parish Office



BEING A "LIVING SAINT"
HAS TO BE GOOD FOR
SOMETHING.

I'D LIKE TO WIN A
\$1,000 IN GAS OR
FOOD.

GRAND PRIZEDRAWINGS ARE JULY 13TH



Parish Picnic

Saturday, July 19, 2008

After 4:00pm Mass
in the Pavilion

Bring a dish to pass

Meat & Beverage will be Provided



Meet Fr. Jim Jaeger (right) and his friend Gracie Anne who, in spite of being female and Catholic, insists on wearing a collar.



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

INDEPENDENCE DAY

On Friday we celebrated **Independence Day**, more commonly referred to as the **4th of July**. It marks an unofficial beginning of summer, a more relaxed pace. The day itself we celebrate with picnics and fireworks. Some wear red, white and blue. Last year at tis time, my friend **Father Ed Palumbos** wrote the following reflection on Independence Day for his bulletin at **Assumption Parish** in Fairport, NY. I saved it with hopes that the situation he was writing about (the Iraq War) would somehow be resolved by now. It is not, and his message is as appropriate today as it was last year at this time. Fr. Palumbos wrote . . .

"The Declaration of Independence was a bold statement that we in the "colonies" no longer felt allegiance to the British Empire. We had come to a crossroad and did not believe that the King of England had our best interests at heart. The time had come for the settlers on this "new" continent to start determining for themselves the type of government they needed, and the principles upon which it would be constructed: that all men (and then they really meant "men", and white men at that!) are created equal, that we were endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights, including the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Fifty-six representatives from the thirteen original British colonies signed that statement.



Who were they?

Nearly half were lawyers, eleven were merchants, nine farmers or large plantation owners. Most were well educated men of considerable means. They understood that they were putting their lives on the line by adding their signatures to the declaration. Many of them, in fact, lost their lives in the Revolutionary War that followed their act of courage and defiance.



A Nation at War

Today American men and women are also putting their lives on the line in service to their country, in a war that began against the counsel of many, including our late **Pope John Paul II**, and was, I believe, a rash response to misinformation and faulty intelligence. Our reputation around the globe has suffered terribly as a result. Most polls suggest that the majority of Americans are now questioning our continued presence in Iraq. Some would suggest that this is a lack of patriotism; I think those of us who disagree with the war do so out of great respect for our service men and women with the sincere desire not to see more of them sacrificed in the continuing violence.

Wherever you may stand on the politics of this war and when, how and if we should make our exit, I am sure that one thing we share is our desire for peace. We may not know how to bring our troops home or how to get beyond the horns of the dilemma on which we are caught. But our "dialogue" often is filled with angry rhetoric and hateful recriminations. And as we argue, people continue to die in conflicts around the globe.



Catholic writer, **Kathy Chesto**, feeling quite helpless with regard to this whole scenario and wanting to do something, has proposed a concerted effort to pray for peace that she has dubbed her

"**Seven for Peace Project**". She suggests starting this during this seventh month of the year, July, as July was at one time devoted to the Precious Blood, and much precious blood is being poured out right now for all of us.

What she is offering is an opportunity for prayer – to stand in silence to honor our dead, to think thoughts of peace, and to send that positive energy into our world that so desperately needs it. She invites us to make a commitment to do a simple act for the next seven months: to light a can-

dle and stand silently outside our homes for seven minutes at 7pm on the seventh day of each of the next seven months. If we did that, and each invited seven people to join us, by January 7th, there would be enough of us to circle the globe!"

Helen Keller once wrote: "I am only one; but I am still one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. I will not refuse to do something I can do."

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July 4th is a special day for Pat and me as it marks our 41 years of "inter-dependence." Like most couples, the years have not been without struggle, but God's grace and Pat's unconditional love have helped us through the good times and difficult ones. She is the person who has allowed me to answer God's call to Church ministry, raised our kids while I was doing "God's Work", held my hand and wiped my tears during the difficult times and celebrated with me when God's blessings inevitably turned things around.



As I write this it appears that parish responsibilities may keep me in Bath on our Inter-Dependence Day (Pat is at Chau-tauqua) but it will remain the most important day of my year. Happy Anniversary Pat.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.

Deacon Ray

Fr. Shatzel Update

On June 26, **Fr. Richard Shatzel** successfully underwent surgery for treatment of Pulmonary Embolisms in his lungs. Surgeons at **Upstate Medical Center** in Syracuse performed cardiac bypass and removed a kidney from which the blood clots had apparently originated. Following surgery, Father was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit to begin his recovery. Send cards to:

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