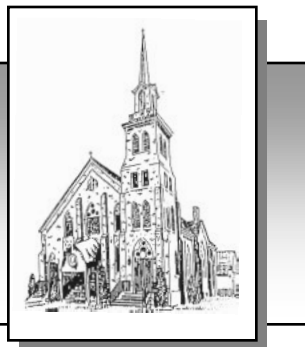


# Saint Mary's Parish

**A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach**

The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 8, 2007



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## Scripture REFLECTIONS

### We're On A Mission From Jesus

It is easy to look at the seventy-two in today's Gospel as some special select group who are given a unique mission by Jesus. It gets us off the hook of believing that we are called to act in the same way.

But in Luke's Gospel there are not different classes of disciples. Everyone who follows Jesus is given a mission as is made evident in the sequel to Luke, the Acts of the Apostles. We may not have to leave our wallet or sandals behind (as today's Gospel describes), but we are expected to proclaim in some way with our lives that the kingdom of God is at hand. Keeping that missionary focus in mind may not be something that we have been trained to do, but it is part of the Christian life. After all, Jesus did not come for us alone; he came for the whole world.



## STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

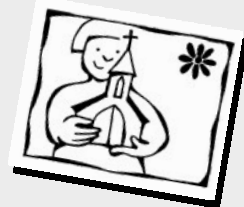
### Your Gifts of Time and Talent are Needed



### Liturgy Committee

We are re-forming our parish Liturgy Committee to include subcommittees for Script-writing, Music, and Arts and Environment. Liturgy Committee will meet monthly for prayer and a review of seasonal readings. Then subcommittees will meet to plan and prepare for the upcoming liturgical season. If you would like to share your time, prayer, love of scripture and liturgy and knowledge of liturgical music or arts (sewing, banner-making, etc.) to enhance the worship experiences at St. Mary's, the Liturgy Committee is for you.

Please join Fr. Peter, Deacon Ray and others who love liturgy and St. Mary's when the Liturgy Committee next meets on Thursday, July 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.



### Volunteers to Remove Carpet

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.

## 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 8, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:30 a.m. In honor of June Tierney  
By Rita Dwyer
- MONDAY** July 9, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
- TUESDAY** July 10, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Nellie Pikul  
By Henrietta & Sam
- WEDNESDAY** July 11, Benedict, abbot  
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Genevieve Kennett  
By Nancy Jones
- THURSDAY** July 12, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Earl Thornbloom  
By Marge Thornbloom
- FRIDAY** July 13, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. In Memory Joseph A. Reinstattler  
By his sister, Mary Frances
- SATURDAY** July 14, Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin  
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Carmalena Minichello  
By Christine Minichello
- SUNDAY** July 15, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Irene Luta By Amy & Pat

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 14 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Precious Blood II  
July 15 - Sun. 9:30 a.m. - Willing Hearts



### SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

June 30/July 1, 2007

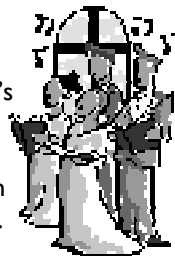
Due to an early bulletin deadline, collection results will be reported next weekend.

This weekend's Second Collection with benefit the Churches of Eastern Europe

Next week's 2nd collection: Can and Quarter

### "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.



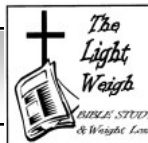
## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** July 8  
No Coffee Hour
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101
- MONDAY** July 9
- TUESDAY** July 10  
1:00 p.m. Summer Crafts, O'Malley Hall
- WEDNESDAY** July 11  
6:30 p.m. The Light Weigh, Room 101
- THURSDAY** July 12  
1:00 p.m. Summer Crafts, O'Malley Hall  
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall
- FRIDAY** July 13
- SATURDAY** July 14  
1:00 p.m. NA, Rm. 101
- SUNDAY** July 15  
10:00 a.m. No Coffee Hour  
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101



## Happy Birthday To You

07/08	John Merry	07/12	Anna Mae Mills
07/09	Mary Langendorfer	07/13	Paul Tomes
07/09	James DiDomeneck	07/13	Mike Saurbaugh
07/11	Elaine Frederick	07/14	Chet Parulski
07/12	Heather Haff	07/14	Dana Dickson
07/12	Julia Masti	07/14	Anthony Versage
07/12	Kimberly Russo		



## 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.

**Corrections:** The cover of last week's bulletin included a picture of Fr. Peter's friend **Margild Kaiser** who, at the beginning of her visit with us, stayed at the home of **Rosemary Clairemont** (not Carlisle). Margild's neighboring parish in Germany has a partnership with a parish in Tamale where Fr. Peter once served - not his "home parish" as was reported.



Congratulations to **Lisa Collmer and Rich Adams** and **Tess Carlisle and Sean McKinley**. Both couples were married this weekend here at St. Mary's.



**SENT TO SERVE**  
Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

# Generosity Abounds!

I've recently subscribed to a free daily e-mail from **Gimundo.com** which offers "Good News . . . Served Daily." Last week the e-mail boasted the good news that "Americans are the most charitable people in the world." Here's what the article reported:

Americans eat too much, work too hard and watch too much T.V. But here's one thing we do lots of that's admirable: We give to charity. A lot.

Last year, Americans gave \$295.02 billion to charitable causes. That's more than twice as much as the next-most-philanthropic nation, Great Britain, when measured as a percentage of gross domestic product.

The 2006 total was 1% more than 2005, adjusted for inflation, even though 2005 donations were way up because of hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma and the Asia tsunami.

Even more impressive, 83% of the total came from individuals and their bequests. About 65% of U.S. households making less than \$100,000 per year still gave to charity.

The biggest percentage of the donations went to religious groups - 32.8%, or \$96.82 billion. Second on the list was education at \$40.98 billion, or 13.9%.

With the exception of the evangelicals, which seem to have ingrained a "tithing spirit" in their membership, most Christian churches struggle to support their ministries from Sunday collections alone. St. Mary's, like many churches, has for many years depended on savings from a few large bequests to cover operational deficits. It's not that our parishioners aren't generous, for indeed they are. But, like many churches, our membership is aging and many folks are fixed retirement incomes. There is just so much money to go around.

Meanwhile, church attendance by young families has dropped significantly over the past twenty years. While young families might be very generous in supporting youth or school activities and other charitable works, church attendance and stewardship giving doesn't hold the same priority that it did to earlier generations.

That said, every once in a while, I am overcome with the generosity of individuals. Last Wednesday I arrived at the office to find an envelope on my desk which contained a check for \$10,000. This gift was given by **Warren and Loretta Tetor** in honor of Warren's parents **Willard and Velma Tetor**. It was earmarked to assist with our church renovations. Thanks to this gift, we have improved spot lighting within the sanctuary, elevated the altar and purchased new carpeting. Generosity abounds!

An hour later, **Gen Kashmer** called to say that a person from outside the parish wished to sponsor the education of ten Ghanaian children in honor of our **Charismatic Prayer Group**. His initial monthly check for \$330 arrived the next day. Generosity abounds!

Two hours passed and in walks **Mary Faucett**, whose gifts of time and talent to St. Mary's are legendary. "I want to make a gift to St. Mary's to help pay for the new roof over the O'Malley Hall Kitchen," she says. "I decided to not wait until I'm deceased to give money to my parish and family. I'd rather give it now when its needed."

Mary then proceeded to write out a check for \$5,000 - which will go a long way in paying for, not only the new roof, but also the new HVAC units that will rest upon it. Generosity abounds!

When I asked Mary if I could tell people about her gift, she thought for a brief moment before replying. "Sure, maybe it will give others the idea that - if they can give now—then now is the time to give. Why wait until your dead?"

That Mary has a way with words, doesn't she?

## K of C and Auxiliary to Return to St. Mary's

Last Wednesday, I met with **John Miller** and **Dick Prunner** of the **Knights of Columbus** to discuss their use of our facilities after the sale of their building. I am happy to announce that the Knights and Auxiliary will begin using O'Malley Hall for Bingo on Monday, September 10 and for their meetings and activities as soon as the sale of their current location is completed. With help from the Knights, new lighting will be installed in O'Malley Hall. Other improvements are also being discussed. This is very good news for our parish and hopefully for the Knights and Auxiliary. Welcome Home!

Have a blessed week. Serve one another well.

*Deacon Ray*

## contemplative practices retreat august 5-9, 2007 at camp koinonia

Here is a retreat for lay people, priests, deacons, sisters, and those involved in lay ministry who would like to take their relationship with God to a deeper place. Your retreat leaders will be **Deacon George and Paula Welch** and **Fr. Phil Billotte**.



Spend five days in beautifully simple surroundings with an intense focus on your relationship with God. Learn to pray in ways that date back to the earliest Christian practices. Learn to Be with God. In addition to the intense awareness of God in prayer, we will enjoy God's gifts of sun, moon, stars, water, fire and earth. Spend some time hiking or swimming. Be in community or alone.

Camp Koinonia is located in quiet Italy Valley in Middlesex, NY. It is a rustic summer camp with sleeping cabins. The shared bathrooms and showers are located in another building, close to the sleeping cabins. There is a lodge, meeting rooms, a dining room, chapel and swimming pool on the grounds. Fields and woods surround the camp allowing many opportunities for the quiet activities. Participants arrive between 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM on Sunday. The program ends about 11:00 AM on Thursday. The cost is \$175 per person.

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