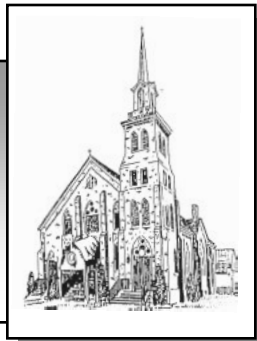


Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

June 10, 2007



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Scripture REFLECTIONS

Spoonful of Heaven

A story is told about a person who is allowed to see what heaven and hell are like. Taken to hell first, the person sees a circular room with people seated around the perimeter. The room is very crowded; movement from the place each is seated in is impossible. In the middle of the room is a big pot of stew, enough for all to eat. Each person has a long spoon that can reach to the pot but, due to the cramped space, it is impossible to return the spoonful of sustenance back to one's own lips. Thus the people are starving.

Taken next to heaven, the person is surprised to see the exact same scene. People are seated around the edges of a room, each with a long handled spoon that is being dipped into a pot. But these people are not starving. So the person seeks an explanation from the guide. "I do not understand," he says. "It's exactly the same and yet these people, instead of being emaciated and starving, seem full and happy." The guide answers, "The key is that these people have learned to share. Although they cannot bring the spoon back to themselves, what they have learned to do is offer it to another across the room, thus giving nourishment to someone else just as someone else is giving it to them."

That is what heaven is like.



On this feast we gather to celebrate - and to ingest into our bodies - the body of Christ. This body that we take in is given so that we also can become the body of Christ, offering ourselves to others. Partaking of the one body enables us to become a body that is shared, one capable of offering a "spoonful of heaven" to another.

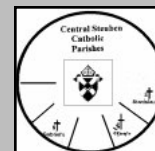


Saint Mary's Parish ♦ Bath, NY
International Food Festival
Raffle Winners
Chris Parulski - \$1000
Marge Eichensehr - \$250
Mary Giblin - \$125 ♦ Evelyn Walsh - \$75

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 9:30 a.m.	June 10, Body and Blood of Christ In Memory, Opila By Helen Opila
MONDAY 9:00 a.m.	June 11, Barnabas, apostle Communion Service
TUESDAY 9:00 a.m.	June 12, Weekday In Memory, Dolores Richards By Larry & Betty Ryan
WEDNESDAY 5:00 p.m.	June 13, Anthony of Padua, priest In Thanksgiving for our Parish Council By Deacon Ray
THURSDAY 9:00 a.m.	June 14, Weekday In Memory, Joseph Kashmere By his wife & family
FRIDAY 9:00 a.m.	June 15, Sacred Heart of Jesus In Memory Nicholas & Phyllis Bottoni By Margaret Hammond
SATURDAY 3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	June 16, Immaculate Heart of Mary Reconciliation In Memory, Curtis Murphy By his family
SUNDAY 9:30a.m.	June 17, Eleventh Sunday in Ord. Tim In Memory, Shirley Baxter By the Baxter children

There are many Mass intentions available in the coming months (Stipend \$10). Please call the office to schedule.



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY 10:00a.m. 7:00 p.m.	June 10 1st Eucharist Brunch AA, Room 101
MONDAY 7:00 p.m.	June 11 Finance Meeting Dining Room
TUESDAY 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	June 12 Charismatic Prayer Group Parish Council Meeting Rm. 205
WEDNESDAY 9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	June 13 Wellness Council G.S. Team Meeting, Rm. 101
THURSDAY 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	June 14 Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall Boy Scouts, Rooms 202/ 203
FRIDAY 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	June 15 Graduation Mass Rehearsal Ultreya
SATURDAY 1:00 p.m.	June 16 NA Gathering, O'Malley Hall
SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	June 17 Graduation Brunch AA, Room 101

Catholic Charities - Turning Point announces the start of the **3rd Annual "40 Week Club"**

The "40 Week Club" provides us with an opportunity to assist those in our community who are struggling to make ends meet with emergency food, shelter, transportation, prescription, and/or utility assistance. As an incentive, there is \$5,000 in guaranteed prizes. **Here is how it works:**

- Dues are \$1.00 per week per person for 40 weeks.
- Three drawings of \$25 per week will be held every Friday. Only those members who are current in their dues will be eligible to win. Winner's checks will be mailed promptly.
- Payments must be made by Wednesday before each drawing. You may pay dues weekly, monthly, or in total.
- If a member is behind 3 weeks in payments, he/she must be dropped from the club. If one wishes to resume membership, payment must be made to the current week.
- Special **BONUS** drawing for **\$250** will be held at the time of the first week's drawing for all members who have paid at least the first 20 week's dues (\$20).
- At the beginning of the second 20 weeks, another BONUS drawing will be held for \$250 for members who have paid their final 20 weeks dues (\$20).
- On the 40th week, a final drawing will be held, at which time the following prizes will be awarded.
- 1st Prize - **\$750** - 2nd Prize - **\$500** - 3rd Prize - **\$250**
- Names of prizewinners are available upon request.
- First drawing - September 7, 2007

**Contact: Jackie Slayton at Turning Point,
23 Liberty Street, Bath, (607) 776-4575 ext 202.**



Assembly Schedule

June 16th- Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts
June 17th - Sun. 9:30 a.m. - Graduates



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!
May 26/27, 2007

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$4,027.13 THANK YOU!
Second Collection for Maintenance: \$181.80
Next week's Second Collection - Can & Quarter



Happy Birthday To You

06/10 Abigail Gnann	06/13 Evan Czajkowski
06/11 Penny Ruest	06/13 Michael Slovak
06/12 Angela Russo	06/14 Sara Wall
06/12 Jamie French	06/16 Eric Hall
06/12 Kathleen Stewart	



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

This weekend at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, three parish children will celebrate their First Holy Communion. We congratulate **Alexis Russo, Alexander Watches, Lauren Kreager** and their families and look forward to celebrating with them each week at the Lord's Table. The process of preparing children for First Eucharist has changed greatly since most of us in the over 60 age group first received this Sacrament which is central to our Catholic Faith. While I received instruction from religious sisters at a Catholic School, Children today receive instructions from their parents with the assistance of parish staff who also prepare a retreat day with the First Communicants and their families. This process reflects the post Vatican II teaching that parents are the first and most important teachers in sharing with their children the treasure which is our Catholic faith. Thus, special congratulations to **Terri Kreager, Tony and Kim Russo** and **Chauncy and Mary Watches** for guiding their children to this powerful encounter with the living Lord.



Dan Williams Ordained a Deacon

A familiar face at Saint Mary's was ordained to the permanent diaconate last Saturday at **Sacred Heart Cathedral. Dan Williams**, a parishioner at Saint **Gabriel's, Hammondspport** whose ministry as a certified lay preacher brought him to our pulpit, was among seven men who were ordained by **Bishop Matthew Clark**. Dan, and six others were ordained to the permanent diaconate. A seventh man, **Edison Tayag** was ordained a "transitional" deacon. He will be ordained to the priesthood next year.



Deacon Dan, Sandra and Ruby Williams

Two highlights of Dan's ordination will remain in my memory for years to come. 1. Watching Fr. Peter and Sr. Anne Michelle vest Dan with his dalmatic and stole while Sandra and Ruby Williams beamed with delight. 2. Joining my brother deacons in giving the sign of peace to the newly ordained and their spouses. As I approached Dan and Sandra, my mind recalled my own ordination twenty-five years ago and the joy Pat and I experienced.

Within the next few week's Bishop Clark will notify Dan of his diaconal assignment which, should be close-by but not necessarily in his home parish. Only God knows the impact that Dan and his family will have on the Church in the years ahead. Let's pledge them our prayers and support.

Have a good week. Serve each other well!

Deacon Ray



Parish to Honor Graduates

Next Sunday, June 17 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, we will honor and offer a special blessing for our young parishioners who will graduate from high school. Following Mass join us for a delicious breakfast in O'Malley Hall.

Congratulations to **Gina Motsay, Teresa Young, Kellyann Banik, Christina Cardona, Rachel Crocker, Katherine Fiedler, Michael Fiordo, Timothy Gallagher, Mackenzie Muller-Stratton, James B. Wall, Jennifer Watches, Collin Muller.**



Parishioners Invited to Sponsor Education of Ghanaian Students

Recently, **Fr. Peter Anglaere** shared the parish his personal commitment to help 24 young people in his native Ghana attend high school. Father reminded us that only a good education can break families out of poverty and give them hope for the future. Yet, in Northern Ghana, the government only provides basic elementary education and middle school and most families cannot afford to pay the cost of high school tuition — about \$400 annually per student.

We are inviting St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's parishioners to sponsor the educational costs of these 24 students by forming **Fr. Peter's Scholarship Fund for North Ghanaian Students**. Sponsors will contribute \$35 per month to this fund and, in return, receive the name (and photo) of the student being educated and the address his or her family. Sponsors may be individuals or groups of people whose total annual gift to the Fund equals \$400 or more per year.

If you would like to assist Father by sponsoring a student (or partially sponsoring a student) please call, write or email the parish office. Sponsorship applications will be available in the parish office. Please call to request one. Beginning in July we will devote a second collection on one weekend per month to this Fund.

... and Fr. Peter at Alfred University

Fr. Peter has been accepted in a two-year **Master of Education/Counseling Degree** program at **Alfred University**. He has received scholarships from Alfred that will cover 25% of his \$30,000 annual tuition and the Diocese of Rochester which will cover an additional 25% of his tuition (and assure that he will remain within the Diocese and hopefully St. Mary's for at least three years. Parishioners who assume the educational costs of a Ghanaian child that Father currently sponsors will allow him to devote more of his salary to his own education. But, some may also want to assist in the continuing education of our beloved priest. If you would like to financially help Father Peter achieve this degree, please let him know or contact the parish to make an anonymous gift.



Monthly Healing Mass
Wednesday, June 20 at 7 p.m.
St. Mary's Church

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