



Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 1, 2008

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Scripture REFLECTIONS

What's Your Choice?

The excitement and newness of the Easter season and Pentecost quiet down now. Today's readings bring us face to face with our choice: Moses tells us we can choose a blessing or a curse, simply by choosing to obey or to disobey God's law. Jesus tells us we can choose a sturdy house built on a rock or a ruined house built on sand, simply by hearing and acting on his words or by failing to act on them. This is the season of discipleship. We have each been chosen by Jesus, as personally as any apostle was ever chosen. We have celebrated our call in the preceding season. Now it is time to live that call.

Time Table

When Wendy came to church, everyone knew it because she hugged them heartily. Wendy was mentally challenged and spoke loudly when she entered, which was almost always just moments prior to the service beginning. Because our chapel was small, the door where we greeted guests was easily in earshot of the chapel and all were able to hear Wendy's vociferous hellos.

Wendy usually came with her sister Mary Ann, who was ten years her senior. They'd lived together for the majority of their adult lives and were regularly seen walking throughout the neighborhood with



At his Farewell Party on Sunday afternoon, Father Peter received a chalice and paten from Dick Pruner on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, 160 people attended. Father Peter left Monday for a visit with his family in Ghana.

their beloved dogs. Wendy had been the youngest of ten children and was not expected to live past her twenties but she was now forty and still vibrant and relatively healthy.

After about a year, Mary Ann suddenly stopped coming to church although she continued to drop off Wendy. We continuously asked after Mary Ann, to which Wendy always replied, "She's busy." Mary Ann was indeed busy, both attending the university and working a full-time second-shift position at a newly built prison, but she rarely shared details about her private life.

One day while paying for a meal at the university union, I discovered Mary Ann was the

cashier. I told her we missed seeing her but learned immediately that she had no intention of returning. "Yeah, God didn't come through, so I'm done with that," she stated emphatically. Mary Ann did not elaborate on what God had not done for her but obviously, there'd been a time limit involved that had not been met.

Were her prayers built on sand, rather than rock? When the rain fell and the floods came, did winds of disappointment blow through Mary Ann's faith, collapsing it in its wake? Had her faith been built solely on God doing what she wanted rather than on discovering a bedrock of faith even deeper than her request? We may never know.

Dr. Constance M. Popp

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.

Scripture/Communion Services

Monday and Wednesday - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday - 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses will resume June 26.



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY June 1, Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9:30 a.m. In Mem. Of Barbara Cullen
 By Rita Dwyer

MONDAY June 2 Monday
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

TUESDAY June 3, Tuesday
 5:00 p.m. Scripture/Communion Service

WEDNESDAY June 4, Wednesday
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

THURSDAY June 5, Thursday
 5:00 p.m. Scripture/Communion Service

FRIDAY June 6, Friday
 9:00a.m. NO Scripture/Communion Service

SATURDAY June 7, Saturday
 10:00 a.m. Wedding: Carey Muller/Paul Spara
 4:00 p.m. In Mem. of Genevieve Kennett
 By her daughter Nancy

SUNDAY June 8, Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9:30a.m. In Mem. of Edward Opila
 By Helen Opila

There will be NO weekday Masses during June - but July Mass Intentions are available.



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY June 1
 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 June 2
 6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

TUESDAY June 3
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group, Chapel

WEDNESDAY June 4
 6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Room 204
 6:00p.m. Lady's Auxiliary

THURSDAY June 5
 5:30p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall

FRIDAY June 6
 9:00 a.m. Trash & Treasure Sale - Lawn
 4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal - Church

SATURDAY June 7
 9:00 a.m. Trash & Treasure Sale - Lawn

SUNDAY June 8
 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

Building Faithful Citizenship



A Reflection for June 1, 2008

As today's reading makes clear, in order to build a solid foundation for our lives, we must both hear Jesus' words, and act on them. But how to act? The Church equips us to address political and social questions by helping us with the "serious and lifelong obligation to form our consciences in accord with human reason and the teaching of the Church." Formation of conscience requires; "willingness and openness to seek the truth and what is right by studying Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church," examining "the facts and background information about various choices," and "prayerful reflection". (The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.) With this foundation, Catholics are better able to evaluate policy positions, platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in order to help build a better world.

Reflection: How are you working to develop your conscience?



SAINT MARY'S PARISH
 "A Parish of Good Steward"
 Thank you for Making
 Parish a Priority!
 May 24/25, 2008

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3024.00
 Air Conditioning: \$231.00

Today's 2nd Collection: Capital Imp.
 Next Week's 2nd Collection:: Catholic Communications



Happy Birthday To You!

06/02 Rosemary Clairemont 06/06 Brian Gronski
 06/03 Lila Marano 06/06 Stephanie Gronski
 06/03 Connor DiDomeneck 06/07 Andrew Walsh



Prayer List

Bruce Ayers, Fran Cummings, Peggy Evans, Mary Fisher, Deb Griffin, Mary and Jack Giblin, Esther Gerhart, Betty Hand, John Hurley, Joseph Kish, Logan Manciocchi, Ed Mancini, Art Moran, Fr. Gerald O'Connor, Deacon John Prave, Theresa Rodbourn, Bill Wayne, Adam Weaver, and Stan Wraight.



Assembly Schedule
 May 31 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.
 Willing Hearts
 June 1 - Sun. 9:30 a.m.
 Luminaries

To join an assembly call 776-3327



BENEFIT FOR STAN WRAIGHT

SPAGHETTI DINNER
 JUNE 8, 2008
 1:00PM - ?

CAMPER'S HAVEN
 Knight Settlement Road ☆ Bath

Raffles ☆ Bands ☆ DJ's
 Door Prizes ☆ 50/50's

Advance Tickets \$5 ☆ \$6 at Door
 Available at St. Mary's Office



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School for Pre-K to grade 6 will be Monday July 14 through the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday July 19 Mass. If you are interested in helping with this, you can pick up a packet from Mary Carol.



Welcome to our Parish Family



THE UNFAIR GIVES ME MORE TIME TO CHILL OUT!
 I LIKE THAT VERY MUCH!
 HURRY! THE EARLY BIRD DRAWING IS JUNE 15.



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Retirement Planning



New Parish Council Members Ratified

About a month ago, we bid farewell to **Fr. John Wydeven** and last weekend to **Fr. Peter Anglaaere**. Relatively speaking, both partings were surprises. Fr. John accepted a position at the Providence Rhode Island VA Hospital following the death of the previous chaplain. Fr. Peter accepted the Bishop's request to serve as pastor of **Our Lady of the Valley parish** in Hornell. With gratitude to God for the time they were present with us, we have now sent them forth to their new ministries.

Who is next? Unless God's plan changes my plans (its happened before and no doubt will happen again) I'll be the next to go.

From some time now, I've planned on retiring from the ministry of Pastoral Administrator of St. Mary's at the end of June 2009. At that time, I will have completed six years in this wonderful parish which is the typical first term for pastors although some may elect to stay in a parish up to twelve years. In November 2009, I'll be 66 years old and collect on the social security payments I've made in over fifty years of employment.

Even in retirement, I'll continue to serve the Church of Rochester as a permanent deacon. The retirement age for active deacons is 75, so I've got many years of unpaid diaconal ministry ahead of me.

But what else will I be doing?

Over the last twenty-five years, Pat and I have been blessed with the opportunity to share in the ministry of travel. Thanks to a wonderful Christian ministry known as **Educational Opportunities Tours**, we have traveled to the Holy Land many times, Egypt, Australia, New Zealand, Europe including Austria, Germany (Oberammergau Passion Play), England and Ireland.

A few weeks ago, I was invited by **Deacon Al Wilson** to accompany him to a workshop in North Carolina sponsored by Educational Opportunities. Al will be re-

tiring next year from the part-time travel ministry of working with priests, deacons and lay people who accompany their parishioners and friends on pilgrimages to the Holy Land and many other places.

In retirement, Patty and I will be assuming this ministry as well as reactivating our own twice yearly travel.

In November 2009 we will lead a pilgrimage cruise to the **"Lands of the Bible"** including visits to Egypt, the Holy Land and several sites that St. Paul visited in Greece and Turkey. On the lighter side, we'll also lead a January 2009 Cruise to the "holy" Caribbean sites of St. Thomas, St. Marteen's and San Juan. On days that we will be "at sea" we'll attend scripture study classes on board. Let me know if you'd like to join us on either trip.

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to the addition of Fr. Jim Jaeger to our pastoral staff. He is a great priest that I'm sure you will grow to love as you have others sent by God through Bishop Clark to serve our parish.

I'm also grateful to Fr. Dan Condon and others who will preside and preach at our weekend Masses during June.

Further words of gratitude to those who helped to Fr. Peter's Farewell Dinner such a wonderful event. Thanks to: the planning committee which included **Paul Wolfe, Al and Carol Hall, Barb Bailey and Warren and Loretta Tetor** as well as to the staff members and others who set up, served and cleaned up. Special thanks to Warren, Loretta and the folks from the **Country Valley Home** who prepared the meal and underwrote its cost.

Fr. Peter and I were especially pleased that **"Common Ground"** a choir organized and directed by **Betty Gerych**, joined with **Aubri Ordway** and our **St. Mary's Choir** to perform several songs expressly for Fr. Peter. He was deeply touched.

One last word of thanks to **Bill and Deb Brinkhus** who helped assure that the Sunday supper folks were warmly welcomed to their meal following Fr. Peter's celebration.

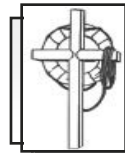
Have a good week. Serve one another well.

Deacon Ray



Congratulations and thanks to **Denise Crossett** and **Don Young** whose three year terms on the St. Mary's Parish Council were ratified by parishioners at last weekend's Masses. The next parish council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205 on the second floor of the Zimmer Center. All are invited and time is provided for visitor comments.

Thanks also to **Barbara Perry**, a current member of the parish council who will join **Al Hanning** in representing St. Mary's on the **Central Steuben Catholic Parishes Implementation Committee**. We continue to seek a parishioner to serve as a CSCP alternate and two parishioners to serve as members of the CSCP Rural Ministry and Adult Education Sub-committees. For information or to volunteer, please contact Deacon Ray.



Retrouvaille

Are you hurting in your marriage? If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but you want to try again - then the Retrouvaille program can help you.

Retrouvaille is an international Catholic organization that has helped thousands of hurting couples. There are six follow-up sessions to build upon what was learned on the weekend.

For information or to register for the August weekend, call Dave and Sherrie Thurkins who coordinate Retrouvaille of the Southern Tier at 607-962-6184. Please leave your first names and phone number and your call will be returned. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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