

# Saint Mary's Parish

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

*The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*

*June 24, 2007*



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At last weekend's Sunday Eucharist we celebrated the success of our parish young people who graduated this weekend from high school. Pictured from left at **Michael Fiordo, Teresa Young, Christina Cardona, Jennifer Watches, Katherine Fiedler, Gina Mot-say, Mackenzie Muller-Stratton and James B. Wall.** **Tim Gallagher**, who served the Mass with his father, Jim, was unavailable for this picture. Also graduating, but unable to attend were **Kellyann Banik, Rachel Crocker and Collin Muller.** Following Mass, the Knights of Columbus presented a Pancake Breakfast to honor the graduates.



*Scripture*  
REFLECTIONS

**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**



Birthdays are lots of fun! Parents even plan birthday parties for their one-year-old child who, at that age, doesn't understand all that is going on. As we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist today we recall that we really don't know the exact date of his birth. The choice of this day to celebrate is not so much about John as it is about Jesus.

You'll notice that we are celebrating six months before Christmas, a timeline determined by the annunciation story in Luke's infancy narrative (check out Luke 1:36). Even as we honor John, we understand that the celebration of the life and deeds of any of the saints is really about Jesus and what he inspired the sainted person to be and do.

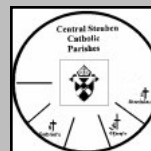
Jesus is the core of our faith. Without his dying and rising our faith would mean nothing. The second reading for the vigil of today's feast puts it this way: "Although you have not seen Jesus Christ you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him"

## 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 24, Nativity of John the Baptist**  
In Memory, Michael Cullen  
By his parents and family

**MONDAY** 9:00 a.m. **June 25, Weekday**  
Communion Service

**TUESDAY** 5:00 p.m. **June 26, Weekday**  
In Memory, Dolores Richards  
By Freida & Rosa

**WEDNESDAY** 5:00 p.m. **June 27, Cyril of Alexandria, bp., doctor**  
In Memory, Michael Thompson  
By Terry Hochreiter

**THURSDAY** 9:00 a.m. **June 28, Irenaeus, bp., martyr**  
In Memory, Mrs Barbara McCadden  
By Lois & Jim O'neil

**FRIDAY** 9:00 a.m. **June 29, Peter and Paul, apostles**  
For our Parishes recent graduates

**SATURDAY** 4:00 p.m. **June 30, Weekday**  
In Memory, Curtis & Dorothy Murphy  
By their family

**SUNDAY** 9:30a.m. **July 1, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
In Memory, Doris Hoag on her birthdate  
By Susanna & Scott Ovenshire

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

June 30th- Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts  
July 1st- Sun. 9:30 a.m. - HolyPatrol



### SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!  
**June 16/17 2007**

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2333.60 **THANK YOU!**  
Can & Quarter Collection \$358.95  
Next week's second collection: *Ghanaian Scholarship Fund*

Join us as Bishop Philip Naameh speaks on:

- The role the church is playing to help African women.
- Islam ✨ vs Christianity ✨ in Africa - *the Race is On.*
- How African catechists are spreading the Good News.



**Monday, June 25th**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Saint Mary's Church**



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** 10:30a.m. **June 24**  
Coffee Hour in honor of Rosa Fiordio's 98th Birthday  
AA, Room 101

7:00 p.m. **June 25**  
**MONDAY** 7:00 p.m. Bishop Philip Naameh will speak on the role of education in promoting a better future for African women. St. Mary's, Church

**TUESDAY** 5:00 p.m. **June 26**  
Registration for Summer Arts & Crafts  
6:30 p.m. GirlScouts, Room 101

**WEDNESDAY** 6:30 p.m. **June 27**  
GS. Team Meeting, Rm. 101

**THURSDAY** 5:30 p.m. **June 28**  
Weight Watchers, Room 101  
6:30 p.m. Rotary Change of Gavel Night

**FRIDAY** 1:00 p.m. **June 29**  
**SATURDAY** 1:00 p.m. **June 30**  
NA, Rm. 101

**SUNDAY** 7:00 p.m. **July 1**  
AA, Room 101

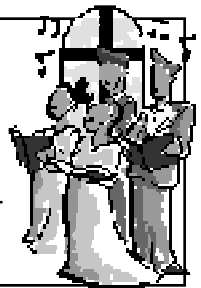


## Happy Birthday To You

06/24 Darcy Cherry	06/27 Kellyann Banik
06/24 John Morelli	06/27 Jessica Alger
06/25 Tim Farrell	06/29 Helen Binkowski
06/25 Erin Young	06/29 Richard Rohrbach
06/25 Paula Gardner	06/29 William Grimmer
06/26 Mary Giblin	06/29 Mary DiDomeneck
06/26 Daniel Fiedler	06/30 Gretchen McKinley
06/26 Marie Ruest	

### "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.



### Relay For Life

#### Homemade Coffee Hour

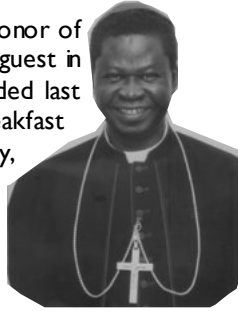
St. Mary's Relay for Life team, The Flame, will host a "homemade" coffee hour on Sunday, July 1st after the 9:30am Mass. Come and join us for some delicious desserts, donated by team members. At this time you may register and/or make a pledge.



## SENT TO SERVE

### Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Over the past week, we have had the honor of having **Bishop Philip Naameh** as a guest in the Parish House. Those of you who attended last Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Eucharist and Pancake Breakfast got to meet this very special man. On Monday, the staff prepared a dish to pass lunch with Bishop Philip, Fr. Peter and Fr. Martin, a priest of Bishop Philip's diocese who is now serving in the Ithaca area.



The Bishop told us of the plight of women in his diocese and how the church is working to encourage and provide for the education of girls in a culture that typically sees no value in doing so. Bishop Philip told us that when the Catholic Diocese of Damongo was created twelve years ago, the illiteracy rate for woman in northwestern Ghana was around 90%. Parents in northwestern Ghana typically view formal education as a worthwhile investment for boys but not for girls. The "elopement system" in this traditionally polygamist society, makes families frequently pull their daughters out of school and give them out for marriage when they are still within school age to become the second or third wife of an older man). This results in low school enrollment and increases the dropout rate of girls.

The story of how Bishop Philip and the church are working to improve the lot of many young girls in Northern Ghana is so compelling that on Monday evening, we've

invited the Bishop to tell the story to the parish. His presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the church and last about an hour with plenty of time for questions. Junior and senior high school students will find his story to be a testament to the importance of education in bringing about social change in third world countries. Those interested in sponsoring the high school education of a Ghanaian child will find the Bishop's presentation most enlightening. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

On a related topic, next week's second collection will benefit our new Ghanaian Scholarship Fund. To date, several individuals and families have expressed an interest in assuming a portion of the educational costs of one of the students that Fr. Peter has been assisting. (Sponsorship information and applications can be found in the church pews and at the Parish Office.) This special collection, which will take place on the first weekend of each month, will allow everyone to play a small part in changing the life and future of a Ghanaian student who could not otherwise afford a high school education.

Bishop Philip will meet with Bishop Matthew Clark on Tuesday before returning to his diocese. Bon Voyage and God's blessings.

Have a good week. Enjoy the great summer weather.  
Serve one another well.

*Deacon Ray*

## Parish Council News



**MacNamara and States Re-elected**  
At its June meeting, the Council re-elected Bill MacNamara to another year as president and Rosemary States to a second term as vice-president. Mary McConnell also agreed to continue to serve as Council secretary. The Council plans to meet in mid July to discuss its covenant and role in advising the pastoral administrator.

### Parish Council Seat Remains Vacant.

We are still in need of a person to fill a vacated term on our Parish Council. According to the Parish Council Covenant, membership on Parish Council is open to all registered, confirmed and practicing parishioners at least 18 years of age. Members should be actively involved in the ministries of the parish and attend and participate in parish-wide events. Please hear God's call and commit to this very important ministry. Contact Rosemary States or call the parish office.

### Stewardship Committee

Jim Gallagher's Stewardship Committee will meet during the summer to prepare for a Fall Stewardship Fair.

### 2007-2008 Parish Budget

The Parish Council received a preliminary report on the 2007-2008 parish budget. Our new fiscal year begins July 1. Once again program and ministry expenses are predicted to exceed revenues requiring assistance from savings and investments to balance its bottom line. Necessary capital projects (such as last years rectory plumbing project and church an school boiler repairs ate into savings and revenues from the weekly collection typically do not cover the cost of the ministries we provide. The Building an Grounds Committee will meet within the next few weeks to recommend capital improvement projects for the coming year. Once such project has already begun - the replacement of the roof over the O'Malley Hall kitchen. This roof will support new HVAC units to be installed over the summer.



Thank you to all the Stewards of the parish that helped with serving the parish and community during the International Food Festival. It was a greater success than last year, but the final financial count is not finished.

Sincerely,  
Karen Grimmer



Gift cards for **Tops**, **P&C** and **Kwik Fill** are sold after mass and throughout the week in the parish office. St. Mary's receives **5%** of the face value for every card we sell. They are great for gifts or for your own use, and they can be ordered to suit your needs!

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