

# Saint Mary's Parish

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

The Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

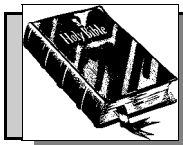
June 26 2005



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## Scripture REFLECTIONS

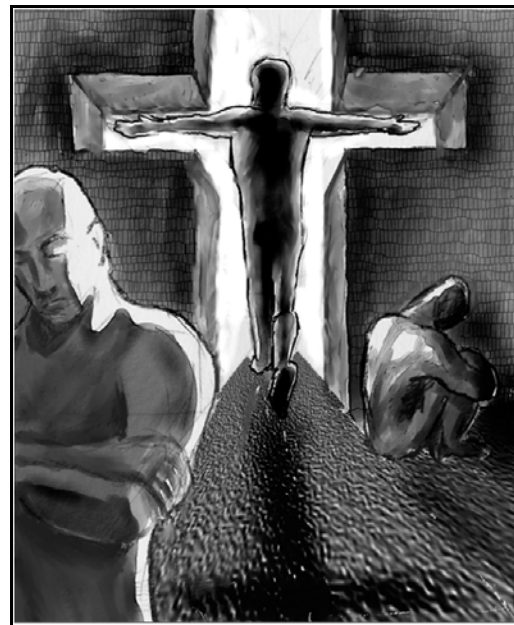
### Lost and Found

by Fr. Jeffrey Day

There are times when losing something causes people to find something even more valuable. People who have lost everything in a fire or a tornado will say, "I appreciate my family more than ever now." Of course, their family was never missing, but when non-essential things are removed, the essentials can be seen more clearly.

This is the lesson of today's Gospel passage. Jesus doesn't mean to infer that our family relationships are not important. Nor does He negate the value of our own individuality. But He is telling us that without Him, family and self don't mean anything. Homes and possessions have value, but without people to live in the homes or to use the possessions, these things don't mean much.

At funeral homes, sometimes it's amazing to see how many different things people will try to place in the casket with the deceased - fishing poles, decks of cards, bottles of liquor, cigarettes, bags of potato chips, lottery tickets, television remote controls, etc. But in reality, the only thing the deceased person brings with himself is his relationship with the Lord. It is the only thing that will last into eternity.



*"Whoever finds his life will lose it. And whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

*Matthew 10:39*

This is why Jesus wants us to lose our lives for His sake - so that we don't forget about Him. If we lead lives that are cluttered and unfocused, our family may have lots of things to place in our casket, but the most important thing will be missing - our friendship with Jesus.

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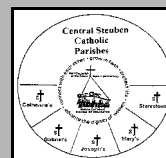
### Questions for your Consideration . . .

In what ways is our parish helping "the little ones" who are followers of Jesus?  
What is one way this past week that you found yourself dying to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus?

### Mass/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day  
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:30 a.m.  
Weekday Masses  
Monday - 9:00 a.m. ♦ Thursday/Friday - 5:00 p.m.

Scripture/Communion Services  
Tuesday/Wednesday - 9:00 a.m.  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturday - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** June 26, 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Elizabeth "Dolly" Saunders  
By The Russo Family

**MONDAY** June 27, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Patricia Mahon  
By The Yates Family

**TUESDAY** June 28, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY** June 29, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

**THURSDAY** June 30, Weekday  
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Dorie Wisniewski  
By Marge Thornbloom

**FRIDAY** July 1, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. Prayer Service and Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
12:00 noon Rosary  
4:30 p.m. Benediction

**SATURDAY** July 2,  
3:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
4:00 p.m. Intentions of Armand and Lorraine St. Pierre  
on their 60th Wedding Anniversary  
By their children

**SUNDAY** July 3,  
9:30 a.m. In Memory, John Hauryski  
By his wife Mary



### Assembly Schedule

July 2- Saturday 4:00 p.m. - Precious Blood II  
July 3- Sunday- 9:30 a.m. - Holy Patrol

To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



### SAINT MARY'S

"Where I Always Receive More Than I Give"

Thank you for... Making Parish a Priority!

June 18/19, 2005  
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,669.21  
389 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this week-



### FAMILY REUNION

The Gaudino family reunion will be held at the Bath Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, July 30th. The family will host a **parish pancake breakfast** here at St. Mary's O'Malley Hall on Sunday, July 31, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** June 26,  
7:00 p.m. AA, pavilion

**THURSDAY** June 23,  
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Dick Perry Room

**FRIDAY** June 24,  
7:30 p.m. NA, Room 101

**SATURDAY** June 25,  
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

**SUNDAY** June 26,  
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion



### Summer Office Hours

Beginning in July and continuing through August the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays. We will be open as usual Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



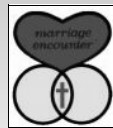
### Happy Birthday To You

6/26 Mary Giblin	6/29 William Grimmer
6/26 Daniel Fiedler	6/29 Helen Binkowski
6/26 Marie Ruest	6/29 Mary DiDomeneck
6/27 Jessica Alger	6/30 Gretchen McKinley
6/27 Kelly Banik	7/1 Mark Oksinski
6/29 Sara Fagan	7/1 William Dinehart
6/29 Richard Rohrbach	7/2 Erin McConnell
	7/2 Miriam Teifer



### First Friday Eucharistic Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins Friday, July 1, with morning prayer at 9 a.m. and ends with benediction at 4:30 p.m. There is a sign-up poster in the vestibule of the Church. If you are troubled, frustrated, lonely, confused, broken hearted, or suffering any other of a multitude of spiritual or physical ailments, take your problems to the only One who really understands. If you are wondering, "Can this be true?", come and sit for a time in His presence. You have nothing to lose but your doubts. For more information call Kathy Donnelly 566-2617.



### Marriage Encounter Weekend

Celebrate your wedding anniversary everyday! Give your spouse the gift of a Marriage Encounter weekend, an experience you both will never forget. Plan your better than a get-away weekend by making a reservation today. 2005 weekend dates: June 24-26, August 26-28, October 14-16 and December 9-11. Call 585-342-2430 to register or go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or [www.wwme-wny.org](http://www.wwme-wny.org).



## Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

## In the Midst of Great Joy . . . Budget Preparation Leads to a Heavy Heart

In the midst of the joy I experience in serving this outstanding parish, and my delight and amazement at the participation of so many parishioners in our recent International Food Festival, Trash and Treasure Sale, Bell Concert, Bereavement Luncheon, Farewell Reception for Fr. Pius and Pancake Brunch honoring our High School graduates - I have also had a very heavy heart.

I would never choose to worry about finances. God has always provided for my family - even when I have had to take significant pay cuts to enter full-time ministry. But, as pastoral administrator, I've been entrusted with the spiritual and TEMPORAL leadership of this parish and take very seriously my responsibility to assure that the financial gifts you entrust to my care are used to effectively do God's work. I know well that it is your weekly sacrificial gifts that pay my salary, the salary of our priest, and the salaries of the faith-filled and dedicated professionals who assist us in worship, help pass on the Faith to our children, assure our outreach to our community's poor, visit our sick, comfort grieving families and bring us together socially as parish. I also know that many of you are making significant financial sacrifices each week out of love for God and St. Mary's Parish. But some parishioners have chosen to not support this parish - and this decision has placed extra burdens on those of us who do.

Over the past year, I have made a serious effort not to talk about money. Many of you were very generous to the Partners in Faith Campaign and are paying off your pledges while still remembering your parish's needs with generous weekly giving.

Unfortunately rapidly rising energy costs, medical insurance, a \$10,000 TGA shortfall from our quota and many other expenses have significantly effected our bottom line and we'll end our fiscal year on June 30th awash in red ink.

Over the past month, the staff and I have reviewed our budgets and cut wherever possible. Now, if revenues do not increase, I am faced with the difficult challenge of cutting programs and reducing staff. It is a very serious situation that I believe could be quickly rectified if parishioners who are not currently doing their fair share to financially support the ministries of this dynamic parish - would make giving to their parish - a priority.

Within the next few weeks, our Finance Committee will mail our annual Sacrificial Giving Renewal Pledge cards to all registered parishioners. We will be asking you to prayerfully consider increasing your weekly support for St. Mary's to a level that reflects your love for God and this parish.

At the same time, I'll be personally contacting many of you to discuss our needs and offer ways that you might significantly assist your parish.

We pray that you will consider the importance of this parish to your life and the spiritual well being of this community as you prepare to make your 2005 - 2006 Sacrificial Giving pledge.

With thanksgiving to God and prayers for a generous response I wish you a good week and remind you to serve one another well!

*Deacon Ray*

### Catholic Pamphlets Available

A newly organized literature rack can be found in the back of the Church. You will find materials there that present Catholic Teaching on a wide variety of subjects. Although the literature is free, donations are accepted.

### Welcome Father Phil Billotte

This weekend we welcome Fr. Phil Billotte of All Saints Parish in Corning as our presider and preacher. Deacon Ray is spending this weekend at the Chautauqua Institution a center for the arts, education, religion located on Chautauqua Lake near Jamestown. During the nine week season, Pat Defendorf will serve as sacristan and house manager of The Catholic House which offers lodging for two priest chaplains and several guests.



### RELAY FOR LIFE, 2005 July 8 - 9

Join the St. Mary's Team  
**The Flame!**  
*Flame of Faith  
Light of Hope  
Glow of Love*

Team members will be at both entrances of church this weekend seeking donations for this very worthy cause. Please be generous! If you are a survivor of cancer please let us know so we can celebrate your recovery and honor you. If any person is interested in being a team member please contact Maria or Betsy Carisetti at 776-2894.