



# Saint Mary's Parish

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

Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 8, 2008

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## Story for Today

# Tulips in Winter



By Dr. Constance M. Popp

**I**t might have been the long, bitterly cold winter that put me in a bad mood. At any rate I was in one during our early Lenten season, which started February 6, with Easter Sunday due to arrive March 23, when surely the ground would still be covered with snow.

Our Lenten project was not improving my mood as we tried to find a way of offering college students an opportunity to put Lenten values of forgiveness, reconciliation, hope and encouragement into practice through the writing of letters. Tables filled with note cards were placed in front of the chapel with three receptacles. One "mailbox" was for letters written to someone in need, perhaps offering forgiveness; perhaps asking for it. The second basket was for anonymous letters to be left for fellow students in need of encouragement or hope and the third mailbox was for letters written to oneself, with a promise that the letters would be mailed in June.

Beautiful note cards adorned with bright fuchsia and pale pink tulips had been purchased and were the first to disappear. Disappointment grew as cards seemed to fly off the table but the boxes weren't filling with letters. One day, feeling unappreciated and sorry for myself, I opened an anonymous card addressed simply "For You." To my surprise, the envelope contained a tulip card in shades of soft pink with the message, "These flowers pale in comparison to the beauty you hold within. Never doubt yourself." Humbly, I returned to my office.

Hosea says that God will come to us like spring rain that waters the earth and indeed, God had come like a gentle spring shower, lightening my mood and refreshing my spirit. In Matthew's words, God had come to heal one who was ailing. Jesus came not for those who were well but for those in need of healing, as was I. The Lenten project had been a success.

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## Scripture REFLECTIONS

### What's Your Choice?



**"As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him."**

Matthew 9:9

**T**here's a small but telling detail in this Sunday's Scripture. At the beginning of the Gospel, Matthew is described as "sitting at the customs post." But when he hears Christ's invitation to "follow me," everything changes. He becomes a man of action. As the Gospel puts it: "He got up and followed him."

Moments later, reclining at table, Matthew is again described as sitting-but this time, with Jesus and his disciples.

What happened is simple, but illuminating: Matthew's place in the world has dramatically shifted. He went from sitting at a customs post to sitting at a table with the Messiah. And he did it by getting up and following. He had to do something.

Jesus, similarly, calls each of us to action-to move from our sedentary station in life and join him at the Eucharistic table. It is up to us whether we get up and follow. It may not be a short journey, or an easy one. It may include carrying a cross.

But once we choose to make that pilgrimage, nothing can ever be the same.

## 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 8, Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 9:30 a.m. In Mem. Of Edward Opila  
 By Helen Opilla

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

**TUESDAY** June 10, Tuesday  
 5:00 p.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY** June 11, Wednesday  
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**THURSDAY** June 12, Thursday  
 5:00 p.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**FRIDAY** June 13, Friday  
 9:00a.m. NO Scripture/Communion Service

**SATURDAY** June 14, Saturday  
 4:00 p.m. In Mem. of Shirley Baxter  
 By his Children

**SUNDAY** June 15 Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 9:30a.m. In Mem. of Joe Kashmere  
 By his wife Genevieve and family

There will be NO weekday Masses during June - but July Mass Intentions are available. Please Call the Office. Mass Stipend \$10.



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** June 8  
 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 9  
 6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Hall

**TUESDAY** June 10  
 7:00 p.m. Weight Loss Challenge - Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Parish Council - Room 205  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troup #59 - Room 204  
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Rectory

**WEDNESDAY** June 11  
 10:00 a.m. Wellness Council - Room 201  
 6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Room 204  
 7:00 p.m. Diabetes On Target - Hall

**THURSDAY** June 12  
 5:30p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus - K/C Room

**FRIDAY** June 13

**SATURDAY** June 14  
 8:00 a.m. Red Hat Society PJ Party - Hall  
 2:00 p.m. SPCA Auction - Hall

**SUNDAY** June 15 - **Father's Day**  
 8:30 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
 10:30 a.m. Graduation Pancake Brunch  
 11:00 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church  
 3:00p.m. Sunday Supper, Hall  
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101



**"I'M GONNA WIN THE Recliner and have john install big WHEELS."**  
**THE UNFAIR "EARLY BIRD"**  
 Drawing is next weekend. Did you enter yet?

Building Faithful Citizenship

A Reflection for for June 8, 2008

**"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."**

With these words, our Lord challenges both us and our culture to adopt a stance that reaches out to the sinner, inviting each person to come to know Christ's love and healing forgiveness. If Christ seeks mercy, shouldn't we as well? The U.S. bishops model this when they write, for example, "An ethic of responsibility, rehabilitation, and restoration should be a foundation for the reform of our broken criminal justice system. A remedial, rather than a strictly punitive, approach to offenders should be developed." (#85, Faithful Citizenship)

Reflection question:  
 When I look at the political options before me, do I seek propositions and people who speak of mercy more than punishment, of reconciliation more than retribution?

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Thank you for Making Parish a Priority!  
 May 31/June 1, 2008

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,993  
 Capital Improvements: \$ 211.26

**Today's 2nd Collection: Catholic Communications**  
**Next Week's 2nd Collection: Can and Quarter**



### Happy Birthday To You!

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 06/08 Megan Ruest   | 06/11 Penny Ruest     |
| 06/09 Betty Shaw    | 06/12 Angela Russo    |
| 06/09 Erika Matoon  | 06/12 Jamie French    |
| 06/09 Corey Badeau  | 06/13 Evan Czajkowski |
| 06/10 Abigail Gnann | 06/13 Mike Slovak     |



### Prayer List

- Bruce Ayers, Fran Cummings, Bob Denno, Peggy Evans, Mary Fisher, Mary and Jack Giblin, Esther Gerhart, Betty Hand, John Hurley, Joseph Kish, Logan Manciocchi, Art Moran, **Jim Murray, Fr. Gerald O'Connor,** Helen Opila, Deacon John Prave, Theresa Rodbourn, Adam Weaver, and Stan Wraight.



### Assembly Schedule

June 14 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.  
 Precious Blood #1  
 June 15 - Sun. 9:30 a.m.  
 Holy Patrol

To join an assembly call 776-3327

**TODAY**

### 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 after Mass Today



### 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.



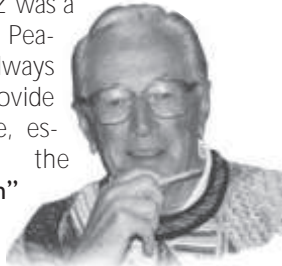
## SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

## CHARLES SCHULTZ PHILOSOPHY

As you may know, parishioner Todd Martin has been involved in scouting in our parish and community for many years. For several years he was the chair of our Building and Grounds Committee and now serves our community as a member of the Bath/Haverling Central School District Board of Education. Todd recently sent me the following via e-mail.

Charles Schultz was a cartoonist whose Peanuts characters always seemed to provide inspiration to me, especially during the "Charlie Brown" moments of life.



There was even a popular book some years back entitled "The Gospel According to Peanuts." Here is his philosophy on people who deserve our admiration and gratitude.

### Charles Schultz Philosophy

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just keep reading and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five winners of the Heisman trophy.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America Pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

### How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Now, See how you do on this quiz . . .

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.



2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people with whom you enjoy spending time.

Easier?

### The lesson:

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

*"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia"*

Charles Schultz

### Trash and Treasure

It's Trash and Treasure Weekend at St. Mary's. Sincere thanks on behalf of the parish to all who donated treasures to make this major fund-raiser successful. Special thanks to Paula Gardner who chaired this event with the expertise of John Cardona and our volunteer markers, set up crew and sales folks.

### St. Mary's UnFair "Early Bird"

Next Sunday we'll have our St. Mary's UnFair "Early Bird Drawing" for a Recliner donated by Fagan's Furniture. Be sure and get your UnFair donation to the parish office by Sunday at 10:30 a.m. to be eligible for this drawing. The Recliner winner will also remain eligible for our grand prize drawings for \$1000 in Gas or Food. That drawing will take place on Sunday, July 13 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

### Graduate's Breakfast

Next Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass we'll bless our graduating seniors then celebrate with them at a Pancake breakfast. Father's will also be guests of honor.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.

*Deacon Ray*

## New Deacon Has Parish Ties



Newly ordained Deacon David Hudzinski poses with his wife Amy and his parents, St. Mary's parishioners Joanne and Joe Hudzinski. Bishop Matthew H. Clark ordained six permanent and one transitional deacon on Saturday, May 31st at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

### Choosing to Forgive Religion Special on CBS TV Today



Choosing to Forgive, an interfaith religion special on the meaning and practice of forgiveness, will be broadcast today - Sunday, June 8 on CBS. Choosing to Forgive presents the idea of forgiveness from both a religious and a scientific point of view. Several major faiths teach we must forgive those who do us wrong. In recent years, the subject has interested psychologists who have studied it as a potentially effective means of getting past wrongs and injustices.

This special presentation was produced by the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission (IBC), including the National Council of Churches, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), a consortium of Jewish organizations and the Islamic Society of North America.

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