

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2006



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St. Mary's 2006 Lenten Theme: "Living the Sacramental Life"

Holy Orders

"Called to Celebrate, Serve and Teach"



Fr. Joe Marcoux

Saint Mary's Lenten Series, continues Wednesday evening with a presentation by Fr. Joseph Marcoux, parochial vicar of St. Mary's Church, Geneseo.

Fr. Joe is known to many of our families and young people from his pre-ordination work at Family Camp and post ordination work as a frequent and sought after speaker and presider at Diocesan youth retreats including NCCY Dallas.

Fr. Joe, is among the newest of our diocesan priests having been ordained to the priesthood only four years ago. His first assignment was to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester where he served as parochial vicar for three years. At one occasion, Bishop Clark suggested that Fr. Joe's initial assignment was do as much to his culinary talents as to his priestly ministry. Before entering priestly studies, Fr. Joe made his living as a gourmet chef and still delights in cooking delicious meals.

But, as you will experience on Wednesday evening, Fr. Joe's talents extend well beyond the kitchen. He is a gifted preacher and teacher whose joyful spirit and deep love of Jesus is sure to touch your heart.

His presentation on the Sacrament of Holy Orders will cover the three Sacred Orders

of the Church: the priest's call to preach, preside at Eucharist, reconcile people with God and anoint the sick; the deacon's call to proclaim the Gospel and serve the community and the bishop's call to instruct and confirm God's people on their journey of faith.

Providing special music for this session will be our own Brad Ordway.

The Lenten Series begins with Mass at 5:30 p.m. with Fr. Marcoux as our presider. Dinner will follow at 6:15 p.m. in O'Malley Hall. At 7:00 p.m. we will return to the church for spoken and sung prayer featuring Brad Ordway and Fr. Joe's presentation on Holy Orders. The evening will conclude with prayer at 8:30 p.m.



LENT 2006

In the Central Steuben Catholic Parishes

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S
Wednesday, March 15 - Lenten Series
Living the Sacramental Life

"Holy Orders - Called to Celebrate, Serve, Teach"

Speaker: Fr. Joe Marcoux

Parochial Vicar, St. Mary's Parish, Geneseo, New York

Special Music by: Brad Ordway

Mass: 5:30 p.m. ♦ Dinner: 6:15 p.m. ♦ Program: 7:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GABRIEL'S

Thursday, March 16 - 2006 Lenten Scripture Series

Presented by Fr. Sabastian Falcone, D.D.

President Emeritus and Professor of Biblical Studies,
St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - St. James Episcopal Church

Hammondsport, NY

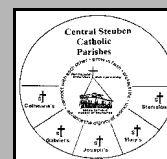
Lenten Mass/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday and Thursday - 5:00 p.m.
♦ Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. ♦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Scripture/Communion Service
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 March 12, Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Yolanda Fiordo
By, St Mary's Choir

MONDAY March 13, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY March 14, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Yolanda Fiordo
By Lance and Mary Ann Squires

WEDNESDAY March 15, Lenten Weekday
5:30 p.m. In Memory, Thomas Kashmer
By St. Mary's Prayer Group

THURSDAY March 16, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Barbara Crowe
By Mary Ellen O'Brien

FRIDAY March 17, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Brian and Cartianne Crotty
By Michael Crotty

SATURDAY March 18, Lenten Weekday
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Armand St. Pierre Jr.
By Al and Evie Hanning

SUNDAY March 19, Third Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Barbara Crowe
By The Gallagher Family



Catechumens and Candidates RITES OF SENDING AND ELECTION

This Sunday's Mass will include the Rite of Sending when our parish will officially send our Catechumens and Candidates to the Rite of Election with Bishop Clark. The Rite of Election will take place at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Elmira. People from throughout the Southern-Tier will ask to receive the Easter Sacraments and, when accepted by Bishop Clark, will sign their names in the Book of the Elect. This book has the signatures of all those from our Diocese, who, throughout the years, have sought Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. This book represents total commitment and ongoing conversion of the people both young and old whose names are inscribed in it.

This Lent let us take the time to reflect on our own commitment to living a life of faith. Are we worthy to sign our name in God's book of elect?



SAINT MARY'S PARISH "A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

February 18/19, 2006

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$ 4,734.80 THANK YOU!
Special Collection for the Black and Indian Mission: \$153.50
322 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY March 12
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, hosted by Parish Council
10:30 a.m. Religious Education, K-12
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

MONDAY March 13
6:00 p.m. Bell Practice
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Room 202

TUESDAY March 14
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, Rm. 205
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, DP room
7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202,203

WEDNESDAY March 15
6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal hosted by the K of C Women's Aux.
7:00 p.m. Lenten Series: Fr. Marcoux - Holy Orders

THURSDAY March 16
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Rooms 202, 203

FRIDAY March 17
7:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

SATURDAY February 11
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

SUNDAY February 12
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Music Ministry
10:30 a.m. Religious Education K-12
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101



Happy Birthday To You

03/12	Seth Skelly	03/14	Chauncey Watches
03/12	Hillary Haff	03/15	Madelyn Czajkowski
03/13	Allison Elizabeth Merry	03/15	Timothy Muller
03/13	Joy Palmer		

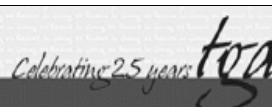


Assembly Schedule

March 18 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts
March 19 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Heavenly Hash
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



The Sanctuary Light above the tabernacle is burning for Safety of all Marines on the front in Afghanistan by Isabelle Miller.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

Saint Mary's Diocesan Ministry Appeal Goal **\$27,244**
To Date, 153 Parishioners have pledged . . . **\$16,470**
Needed to Reach our Quota **\$10,774***

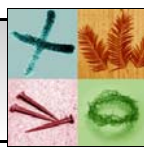
* St. Mary's is required to make up the difference should we not reach our quota.

Please return your pledge card this week.



Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf



Scripture REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

Have a Heart

Last week I mentioned that I'll be sharing a few of the themes offered by Fr. Scott Seethaler, a Capuchin Franciscan priest from Pittsburgh, Pa on a pre-Lenten Retreat I attended during my brief visit to Florida.

On the first night of the Retreat, the title of Fr. Scott's presentation was "Have a Heart." He reminded us of Jesus' admonition that "Where your heart is - there your treasure lies" and noted that as part of our life journey to God and full maturity, there are eight kinds of hearts we need to acquire. Acquiring each "Heart" is necessary before we are able to move on to the next.

Heart #1 Baby to Age 10: A Thankful Heart

As little babies we are cherished and loved unconditionally by our parents. We can do no wrong. Every smile, squirm, babble and burp is accepted with tender delight. But by the time we reach the "terrible twos" and learn the word "No!" - people start placing restraining expectations on our "personal freedom." When we want something, we now must say "Please." And when we receive something we want, we are taught to say "Thank you!" It is essential to our socialization into family and community that we understand and exhibit "Thankful Hearts." Children soon learn that being thankful also has its rewards. A thankful response by phone or card to a grandparent's Christmas gift pays big dividends on our birthday. People appreciate being thanked. It is good to cultivate a "Thankful Heart", even for initially selfish reasons.

Heart #2 Age 11 - Teens: A Generous Heart

There was a time when all kids had chores to perform. But as families moved from the farm and two children rather than ten became the norm, less emphasis was placed on sharing our time and talents generously. But we need to help our children learn generosity. To be happy in life, a person must develop a "Generous Heart." Generous hearts know that it is in "giving that we receive" and that those who keep their gifts and talents for themselves alone, lose them. But those who are generous "preserve them to everlasting life."

Next week we'll further explore the types of hearts we need to grow at other stages of life.

Have a holy, blessed and very positive Lenten Week Two.

Deacon Ray



Transfiguration

A popular trend in television programs the past couple of years has been the makeover show. Whether it is a house, a garden, a car, or even a person, these shows always end with what is called "the big reveal." The anticipation grows as the transformation takes place, but the audience never knows what the final outcome will look like. Unfortunately these shows focus solely on external appearances. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a show's big reveal was internal beauty?



Barely a week had passed since Jesus had both praised and admonished Peter for his comments. When Peter proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, he took a special place in Jesus' heart. But Peter's admonition to Jesus not to speak of his death and resurrection brought a sharp but pointed rebuke. At this point, Jesus realized that his disciples needed a bit of a revelation. On a desolate mountain, Peter along with James and John witnessed the Transfiguration - Jesus Christ in his glory with Elijah and Moses.

Peter, James and John were given an immense gift, a foretaste of the Kingdom of God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains to us that in this revelation, we are to understand that Christ's Passion is the will of the Father. The Transfiguration displayed the presence of the Holy Trinity: God in voice proclaiming "This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to Him!," the Son of God in Jesus the man, and the Holy Spirit in a shining cloud which surrounded them on the mountain. (CCC 555)

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Parish Life Needs You! Planning our International Fair

There will be a Parish Life meeting held on **March 19th** after mass at **10:30 a.m.** in O'Malley Hall. Please bring your donut, coffee and, most importantly, your ideas. The main topic will be the **International Fair** to be held on **June 3rd**. If you have time or talent to offer, please plan on attending. I need your help, and the parish needs your **stewardship!** If you have any questions, please contact Karen Grimmer at 776-3327 (w) or 776-4027 (h).