

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2006



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St. Mary's 2006 Lenten Theme: "Living the Sacramental Life" Fr. Joe Catanise to Speak on Eucharist



Our Lenten Series, Living the Sacramental Life continues Wednesday evening with a presentation by Fr. Joseph Catanise, pastor of St. Leo's Church, Hilton, New York entitled "Eucharist - The Thanksgiving Table of Plenty."

Fr. Joe's story is without doubt a journey of Grace. Trained as a lawyer, God's continuing call soon led him to explore a call to the priesthood including a year of pre-ordination pastoral work at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Elmira. But shortly after his ordination, he was asked to further his studies, as a canon lawyer.

But Fr. Joe's most yearning call was not to canon law but to pastoral ministry. As parochial vicar in a succession of parishes and ministries to include, Holy Name of Jesus, Greece, NY, Rochester Institute of Technology and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), St. Rita's, West Webster, NY, and now St. Leo's, Fr. Joe has led hundreds of people to a closer relationship to Christ through his dynamic preaching, pastoral care and personal involvement in the Cursillo Retreat movement. Fr. Catanise serves as co-spiritual director of Cursillo and of late as host of a travel ministry. He will soon lead tours to Poland and a shorter visit to the King Tut exhibit in Chicago.

Among the reasons for the success of Fr. Joe's ministry is an infectious sense of hu-

mor and delight in the life-changing power of the Sacraments. His presentation on the Eucharist as the "Thanksgiving Table of Plenty" will surely fill you with awe at the wonder of this Sacrament, which because of its availability, often on a daily basis, can be too easily taken for granted.

Providing special music for this session will be our own Betty and Donna Gerych.

The Lenten Series begins with Mass at 5:30 p.m. with Fr. Catanise 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 Betty and Donna and Fr. Catanise's presentation on the Eucharist. 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 8 - Lenten Series
Living the Sacramental Life

"Eucharist - The Thanksgiving Table of Plenty"
Speaker: Fr. Joe Catanise

Pastor, St. Leo's Church, Hilton, New York

Special Music by: Betty and Donna Gerych

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. GABRIEL'S
Thursday, March 9 - 2006 Lenten Scripture Series
Presented by Fr. Sabastian Falcone, D.D.

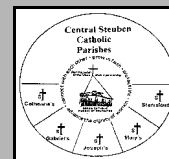
President Emeritus and Professor of Biblical Studies,
St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - St. Gabriel's Church Hall

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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Catholic Parishes**
Diocese of Rochester



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY March 5, First Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Richard Faucett
By, his wife, Mary

MONDAY March 6, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY March 7, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Yolanda Fiordo
By The Colomaio Family

WEDNESDAY March 8, Lenten Weekday
5:30 p.m. In Memory, George Lysyczyn
By Mike Bocek

THURSDAY March 9, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Yolanda Fiordo
By Mike Bocek

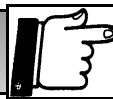
FRIDAY March 10, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Barbara Crowe
By Janet Beyea & Pam and Tom Park

11:00 a.m. Infirmary: In Memory, Mary A. Hauryski
By, Mary Z. Hauryski

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY March 11, Lenten Weekday
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Ginger Moran
By Shirley and Sophie Baxter

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



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY March 5
9:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, hosted by RCIA
10:30 a.m. Religious Education, K-12
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

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

TUESDAY March 7
6:00 p.m. Scrap booking, Room 201
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, DP room
7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202,203

WEDNESDAY March 8
6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal hosted by the staff
7:00 p.m. Lenten Series:
Eucharist-The Thanksgiving Table of Plenty

THURSDAY March 9
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Rooms 202, 203

FRIDAY March 10
7:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

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

SUNDAY March 12
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, hosted by Parish Council
10:30 a.m. Religious Education K-12
3:00 p.m. Family Mass and Activities, Rice Bowl Theme
7.00 p.m. AA, Room 101



THE FLAME IGNITES

St. Mary's Relay for Life team will host a kick off meeting on Sunday, March 19th following coffee hour in room 101. All those interested in being part of the team please plan on attending. For more information, contact Betsy Carisetti at 776-2894 or bcarisetti@cs.wnyric.org.



A "Black Hills" gold pendant was found in the church last weekend. To claim it, please call the rectory at 776-3327, Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning for the intentions of Richard Faucett by his wife, Mary.



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

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

February 18/19, 2006

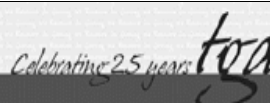
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,500.15 THANK YOU!

324 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



Happy Birthday To You

03/01 Ann Lakota	03/06 Noah Schuster
03/01 Christine Brinkhus	03/06 John Burns
03/01 Lorraine Fiedler	03/07 Robert Colomaio
03/02 Timothy McLaughlin	03/07 Angela Danielle Beyler
03/02 Charles Stitt	03/08 Matthew Dickinson
03/02 Joshua Harris	03/08 Kathy Warren
03/02 Rachel Crocker	03/08 Bob Rossi
03/04 Geraldine Galvin	03/09 David Masti
03/04 Donald Masti	03/09 Betty Hand
03/04 Wayne Patterson	03/10 Kathaleen Glosick
03/05 Darla Costa	03/10 Hollie Baldwin
03/05 Evelyn Burns	03/10 Barbara Perry
03/05 Kerry Slovak	03/11 Josephine Lewis
03/05 Kathryn Clancy	03/11 Georgia Squires
03/06 Melanie Koseba	03/11 John Cardona
03/06 Grace Truth	03/11 Sally Hillegas



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

LENT: LET'S ELIMINATE NEGATIVE THINKING.

Pat and I spent last week enjoying Florida sunshine. Our friends George and Jana Howell have a modest winter home in Debarry, a central Florida community located 20 miles or so from Sanford.

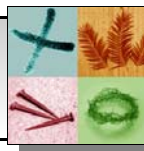
While there, Pat and I attended Sunday Mass at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Like St. Mary's, their Sunday liturgies benefit from talented music ministers and a warm welcoming community. St. Ann's pastor, Fr. Paige Blakely continues a three year battle with cancer with great faith and a marvelous sense of humor. On Sunday and Monday evenings, we attended a pre-Lenten parish mission led by Fr. Scott Seethaler, a Capuchin Franciscan priest from Pittsburgh, Pa. I was profoundly touched by Fr. Scott's messages and hope to share some of his main themes with you over the next few week's in this column.

One of Fr. Scott's themes was: **Lent: Let's Eliminate Negative Thinking.** Personally, I can't imagine a better Lenten goal for Christians than eliminating our negative thinking. A preeminent theme in Jesus' teaching is that we do not have to be afraid. Yet, worry and other negative thoughts seem at times to control our lives. Why is that? Why do we who have the gift of faith, still waste precious time on worry and negativity. Why, when we have been given so much, do we dwell on the little that seems just beyond our reach? Why do we judge ourselves and others so harshly?

As we enter these forty days of prayer, fasting and reflection, let's pray for the Grace to let go of our fears, and worries, and negative thoughts. Let us pray for the Grace to seek only the good in ourselves and others. This Lent, **Let's Eliminate Negative Thinking** and place anything that would cause us worry or bitterness or negative thoughts in God's hands - and move on with life unafraid.

Unfortunately, our Tuesday evening flight from Orlando did not arrive in time for us to enjoy even a portion of our parish **Mardi Gras Dinner**. At this event our parish recognized the generous people who serve in a variety of ministries throughout the year. Two very special couples, **Bob and Rita Denno** and **Jack and Mary Giblin** received framed pictures of St. Mary's. Bob and Rita recently retired from their leadership of our Resurrection Assembly. Jack and Mary have recently retired from their Communion Ministry to residents of the Avoca Nursing Home and also from St. Mary's Choir. All of us at St. Mary's have benefited from the dedicated ministry of these wonderful people. When you see them, please extend your congratulations and thanks.

Have a holy and blessed week One of Lent.
Serve one another well!



Scripture REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

Turn away from Sin
Turn to the Lord

Mark gets right to the point in today's gospel passage. In a few verses Mark recounts Jesus' temptation in the desert as well as John the Baptist's call to "repent, and believe in the gospel." Recalling that Jesus was tempted keeps us grounded in the reality that we will be tempted too. If we have given into temptation and have sinned, we are reminded to repent.



Sometimes Lent is viewed in a negative way. If Lent only consisted of a continual call to stop doing certain things, then it would be a rather gloomy time of the Church year. But the call to repentance contains two parts. One part is the "turning away." We turn away from sin and from those things that get in the way of our relationship with God.

The second part of repentance is the "turning to." Notice that Mark says, "repent, and *believe in the gospel.*" The word gospel means "good news." The good news for today is that Jesus wants us to turn away from sin *so that we can turn more fully to Him.* Our turning away from sin and selfishness has nothing to do with simply following rules or being disciplined. Those things don't matter if they aren't geared toward a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Repentance - a simple message for the first Sunday of Lent, but one we need to hear. Hopefully, our turning away from sin includes a turning toward the Lord.

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Central Steuben Catholic Parishes present the LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 10 7:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's
Saturday, March 11, 7:00 p.m. - St. Mary's

All youth (9-12) and young adults are invited to join cast.

One Rehearsal - TODAY, Sunday, March 5th,
From 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's.

Musicians and Readers are needed for both performances.

Attend today's practice of contact Paul Wolfe: 292-3093