

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach



Third Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2007

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Scripture
REFLECTIONS

God Waits for us to Bloom



The hurricanes of 2005 will be remembered as some of the most devastating of all time. Lives were lost and property was destroyed. In the aftermath, much discussion and heated debate was centered on who was responsible for providing help and how quickly that help arrived. But seemingly lost in the discussion was the reality that no one in the path of the terrible storms was spared at least some destruction; how each person prepared for the coming storm made the most difference.

In today's Gospel reading from Luke, Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree. A man had been waiting three years for the fig tree to bear fruit; when it seemed that the tree would never bloom, the man ordered it cut down. But his worker asked for an opportunity to try and help the tree with some attentive gardening.

Each day, we are given a fresh opportunity to bloom, to bear witness to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Like a barren fig tree, God is waiting for us to bloom. He sent his only Son, the Suffering Servant, to proclaim his love for us. We also know suffering in our lives, whether it be an illness or a devastating storm. But if we are truly united as one with the Body of Christ, we all suffer when only one of us suffers (CCC 791). It is only when we have bloomed that we will be able to show true compassion for those in need.

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Stewardship *Lenten Spiritual Enrichment Series asks...*
"What Does it Mean to be a Disciple of Christ?"

Our Lenten Series continues on Wednesday evening with a presentation by **Deacon Dean Condon**, pastoral administrator of All Saints Parish, Corning. Deacon Condon, will speak on the topic: "What Does it Mean to be a Disciple of Christ?"



Deacon Dean, was among the first to serve as a pastoral administrator in the Diocese of Rochester, previously serving eleven years at Guardian Angels Church, Henrietta, NY. He has also served on the *National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal*.

Join us for Stations of the Cross at 5:00 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m. and a Lasagna Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Musical prayer and Deacon Condon's presentation will begin at 6:45 p.m. Dinner will be hosted by **Kathy and Mike Warren**.

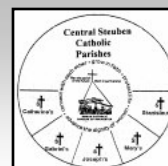
Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

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

Lenten Weekday Masses:
Tuesday, through Friday at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening at 5:30 p.m.

Scripture/Communion Service
Monday Morning - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. during Lent



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY March 11, Third Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Lottie Helfrick
By Helen Opila

MONDAY March 12, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY March 13, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Albert D'Angelo
By Andrew & Susan DeSorbo

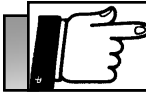
WEDNESDAY March 14, Lenten Weekday
12:10 p.m. In Memory, Irene Wilcox
By Terry Hochreiter
5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
5:30 p.m. Special Intention
By Jim & Geri Galvin

THURSDAY March 15, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Francis T. Cuffney
By Mary Eaton

FRIDAY March 16, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Camille Caron
By Mary Faucett

SATURDAY March 17, Lenten Weekday
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Bernard Kennett
By Sharon Nestleroad

SUNDAY March 18, Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Joyce Walsh
By Bob & Audrey McGunnigle



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY March 11
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Barb Ezzo & Janet Madigan
10:30 a.m. Religious Education
1:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, O'Malley Hall
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

MONDAY March 12
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

TUESDAY March 13
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, Rectory
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY March 14
6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner - Lasagna
Hosted by Mike & Kathy Warren
6:45 p.m. Lenten Program: Speaker - Deacon Dean Condon
"What Does it Mean to be a Disciple of Christ?"

THURSDAY March 15
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202/203

FRIDAY March 16
7:00 p.m. Ultreya

SATURDAY March 17
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
5:30 p.m. St. Patty's Day Social and Dinner, O'Malley Hall

SUNDAY March 18
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Jerry & Jill Gaudino



Liturgical Assembly Schedule

March 17 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts
March 18 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Heavenly Hash
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning in memory of Dr. Coleman Glenn by his wife, Evelyn.



Happy Birthday To You!

03/11 Georgia Squires	03/13 Joy Palmer
03/11 Josephine Lewis	03/13 Alison Elizabeth Merry
03/11 Sally Hillegas	03/14 Chauncey Watches
03/11 John Car dona	03/15 Madelyn Czajkowski
03/12 Hillary Haff	03/16 Timothy Muller
03/12 Seth Skelly	03/17 Patricia Murphy



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!
February 24/25 2007

Sacrificial Gifts Totaled:



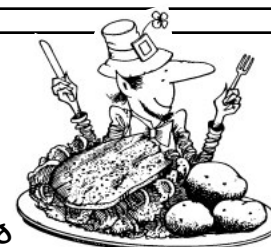
YOUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

Upcoming Second Collections

March 10/11 - Heating
March 17/18 - Can & Quarter
March 24/25 - Insurance



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 17
SOCIAL AT 5:30 P.M. DINNER AT 6:00 P.M.
FREE WILL DONATION
FEATURING SLIDES OF MIKE CROTTY'S TRIP TO IRELAND





SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Meet Our Elect

Catechumens and Candidates for full communion with the Roman Catholic Church gathered last Sunday at St. Mary's Church in Corning for the Rite of Election. All had been "Sent" to Bishop Matthew Clark by their home parishes earlier in the day at a Rite of Sending.

Six members of the RCIA process at St. Mary's, Bath attended the hour long ceremony which included scripture, a homily by Bishop Clark and recognition of their continuing conversion. Those who will complete their initiation into the Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil are David and Joshua DuBois and Wayne Patterson. Willard Hughes and Paula Gardner were accepted into full communion earlier in the year but will be confirmed in their faith at the Vigil Mass along with baptized Catholic adults Denise Crossett and Stephanie DuBois.

Marilyn Hultzman, a Catechumen will be baptized, confirmed and receive her First Eucharist at the 4 p.m. Mass during the Easter Season.

Parish Council to Make Final Church Renovation Recommendations

On Tuesday evening our parish Council will gather for their monthly meeting. They are expected to make a final recommendation to me concerning our Church Renovations including the placement of the parish choir.

On Ash Wednesday and on the First Sunday of Lent, the Choir sang from the left of the altar facing the congregation. Some choir members, certainly not all, commented that they really liked this placement. Last Monday evening, I asked the choir to discuss and reach consensus on which area they would prefer. Two proposals were provided for them—one placing them behind the altar and one to the side. Both options included pew seating which I believe will give the choir area a "finished look" —not only on Sundays when the choir is present, but on weekdays and Saturday night, when the choir is not present.

This Sunday, following Mass, the choir to meet with members of the Parish Council to share their consensus. The Council will then make its final recommendation to me at our March 13 meeting. My plan is to accept their recommendations with an eye toward completing pew renovations by Easter.



Pictured following the Rite of Election are (from left): Deacon Ray, Stephanie DuBois, Joshua DuBois, Willard Hughes, David DuBois, Wayne Patterson, Paula Gardner, and Fr. Peter Anglaere. Not pictured are Catechumen Marilyn Hultzman, Adult Confirmation candidate Denise Crossett and Catechists Bill Grimmer and Barb Perry.

I am aware that this process has taken much longer than anyone originally envisioned and am grateful to all who have offered input—positive or negative. I am also thankful to the choir which has demonstrated considerable flexibility as various options have been tried.

Daily Mass Chapel Work Continues

Meanwhile work on our Daily Mass Chapel continues. Our Custodian George Hoffman has constructed the wall which will divide the classroom nearest the parking lot door into the Daily Mass Chapel and a new Bath Community Child Day Care Administrative Office. Mike Crotty has selected a color and lighting scheme for the carpeted Chapel. When completed the Chapel will hold about twenty worshipers for Mass and will include a tabernacle and storage space for candles, vestments, etc. Because the Chapel is air conditioned, it may be used throughout the year.

Have a blessed Lenten week. Serve one another well. *Deacon Ray*



Faith Formation Notes from Mary Carol Wall Call to Protect

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) has required all parishes to institute certain practices to keep our youth safe. Among these practices are: criminal background checks, employee and volunteer training, and standardized safety guidelines. We are now required to bring information and safety training directly to our youth. They will be taught how to recognize signs of danger, how to avoid risky situations, and how to extract themselves from risky situations they may encounter.

Recognizing that some may have concerns about the program and its content, the videos will be previewed for all interested adults on Thursday, March 15th at 7 PM, here in church. More information will be in the bulletin next week. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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