



# Saint Mary's Parish

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

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2009

## Our Parish Office

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## St. Mary's Choir

Aubri Ordway, Director  
Assisted by Brad Ordway  
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Ellie Boutwell/Carl Johengen  
Saturday Mass Organists

## Our Parish Council

William MacNamara  
Chairperson - 566-3690  
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Mary McConnell  
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## Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

## Qualities of an Effective Pastoral Leader

There is a story that a church once had an opening for a new pastor. The parishioners listed the qualities that they believed to be essential for their new pastor. When the position was posted, not even Jesus could meet their requirements.

A few weeks ago, I asked parishioners at a Sunday Coffee Hour to take part in a similar exercise. About 40 responses were given. Each reflected the unique and diverse opinions that make up our parish family. One person wanted their new leader to be a great liturgist and homilist. Some wanted shorter Masses. A couple **wanted someone who didn't mix politics with religion.** (I assume the later was a response to my bulletin column on my hope for our new president.). The comments were included in the parish profile that will be available to interested candidates.

A few months ago at a meeting of pastoral administrators, someone offered for our reflection **their notes from a talk given by Albany's Bishop Howard Hubbard.** Bishop Howard was speaking to priests and pastoral leaders on the qualities needed by effective contemporary pastoral leaders in the Church today. Here's the qualities that he listed:

1. A Visionary Leader
2. With a deep and abiding trust in God.
3. A person willing to embrace the cross (for leaders must surely struggle with of their responsibility and the inevitable failures.)
4. A person of joy. (The leader must possess a **sense of humor and a "ruthless sense of personal humility."**)
5. A person of evangelical daring. (No cowardly spirits need apply.)
6. Flexibility and openness to change. (A person who views with wonder and awe - the unfolding of the new.)

7. A Collegial and collaborative leader (able to bridge the tension that arises between institution and community. The ideal and the pastoral reality.)
8. A healer and reconciler. (We are a pluralistic church and as such will constantly be in need of healing and reconciliation.)
9. Willing to adapt a simple lifestyle. Few get rich from giving their lives to ministry. The effective leader models the joy living with the expectation that God will meet their needs if they keep up with Jesus and not the Joneses.)
10. A person of prayer. (One of the crisis of our age is lost spirituality.)

How do these attributes stack up to your expectations of your new pastoral leader?

Have a good week. Serve one another well.



**Saint Mary's Lenten Series**  
**LECTIO DIVINA**  
*God Speaks to Us through the Scriptures*

Each Wednesday of Lent, all are invited to join us for  
**Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the Church**  
**Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in O'Malley Hall**  
**Lenten Program at 6:45 p.m. in O'Malley Hall**

**March 4 - CSCP Adult Ed. Lenten Program**  
**"History and Traditions of Lent"**  
**March 11 and 18 - "Lectio Divina Prayer"**  
**Guest Presenters: Deacon George and Paula Welch**  
**March 25 and April 1**

## Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

### Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

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

### Weekday Mass/Communion Service

Monday ♦ Wednesday ♦ Thursday - 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:30 a.m. ♦ **St. Gabriel's, Hammondspport**



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** Mar. 1 First Sunday of Lent  
9:00 a.m. Members of the Memorial Society

**MONDAY** Mar. 2  
9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**TUESDAY** Mar. 3  
5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Virginia Mitchell  
By Rita Dwyer

**WEDNESDAY** Mar. 4  
5:30 p.m. In Mem. of Mary Giblin  
By Jim & Geri Galvin

**THURSDAY** Mar. 5  
9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Al Gallagher  
By Marj Thornbloom

**FRIDAY** Mar. 6  
(Mass at St. Gabriel's at 8:30a.m.)  
10:30 p.m. Steuben Healthcare  
In Mem. of Bob & Lou Craig  
By Agnes Harvey

**SATURDAY** Mar. 7  
4:00 p.m. In Mem. of Gerard Saur  
By Margaret Saur

**SUNDAY** Mar. 8 Second Sunday of Lent  
9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Mary Giblin  
By Mark Fiordo & family

One weekend Mass each month is offered for the "Members of the St. Mary's Memorial Fund." Your gift to our Memorial Fund will support many parish ministries and capital projects. Your loved one will be remembered monthly at a scheduled Mass. Please consider this option. when requesting a Mass Card. Suggested minimum gift is \$10.



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** Mar. 1  
8:15 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
10:15 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church  
10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 101  
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

**MONDAY** Mar. 2  
**TUESDAY** Mar. 3  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Room 203  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Rooms 204A/B  
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee, Rectory  
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group, Rectory

**WEDNESDAY** Mar. 4  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner and Program, Hall  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, 201,203, 204A  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, 204B, 205

**THURSDAY** Mar. 5  
5:30p.m. Weight Watchers, 101  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, 203  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, 204A  
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, 205

**FRIDAY** Mar. 6  
5:00p.m. Rotary Dinner

**SATURDAY** Mar. 7  
9:00a.m. CSCP Meeting  
1:00 p.m. NA - 204

**SUNDAY** Mar. 8  
8:15 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
10:00a.m. Coffee Hour, Hall  
10:15 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church  
10:30 a.m. Bible Basics, Room 101  
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101



## Building our Future TOGETHER

### Parish Councils to Meet with CSCP Implementation Committee

The Parish Councils and Forums of St. Gabriel's, St. Mary's and the ABC Parishes of St. Catherine's, Addison, St. Stanislaus, Bradford and St. Joseph's, Campbell, of the Central Steuben Catholic Parishes will gather on Saturday, March 7, 2009 to discuss the process and timetable for transitions schedule to begin in July 2009. The process will include a timetable of specific activities to be accomplished within the parishes and a communications plan to assure that parishioners understand the reasons behind this decision and the long term benefits to Catholics throughout the region. The meeting is sponsored by the CSCP Planning Group Implementation Committee.

On February 7, the councils reached consensus on a pastoral plan recommendation that will be submitted to Bishop Clark. The plan, which is aimed at assuring the availability of the Eucharist to all Catholics in our region for years to come, includes beginning work at St. Gabriel's and St. Mary's to become a parish "Cluster" administered by one pastoral leader by July 2010 with a vision of becoming a new parish with two worship sites in July 2012.

The ABC Parishes, already clustered under a single pastoral leader Fr. Patrick Connor, will commence a legal process that will result in the three parishes becoming new parish with three worship sites in July 2010.



## MY SAINT MARY'S



Because I Love My Parish I Support It!

Marcia Shaver

February 21/22 ♦ Attendance: 240  
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$ 2084.85  
Can and Quarter: \$229.84

### Children's Collection: \$8.20

In addition to helping us meet our payroll expenses, your stewardship gifts helped us pay our utility bill of \$5,246.45

**Thank you for Making Parish - a Priority!**



## Happy Birthday To You!

3/1 Lorraine Fiedler	3/4 Don Masti
3/1 Ann Lakota	3/4 Geri Galvin
3/2 Tim McLaughlin	3/5 Kathryn Clancy
3/2 Josh Harris	3/5 Grace Truth
3/2 Rachel Crocker	3/6 Noah Schuster
3/3 Coreena Kalish	3/7 Bob Colomaio
3/4 Wayne Patterson	3/7 Angela Beyer



## Prayer List

Bob and Fran Abbey,  
Bonnie Baran, Marie Benishin,  
Ruth Cochran, Henry Cullen,  
Fran Cummings, Marjorie Dillon,  
Margaret Emmick, Peggy Evans,  
Mary Fisher, Glenn French, Paula Gardner,  
Jack Giblin, Esther Gerhart, Nancy Holzer,  
Margaret Anne Jenkins, Joey Kish,  
Carlo and Lila Marano,  
Fr. Gerald O'Connor, Theresa Rodbourn,  
Diana Sermonis, Betsy Sheehan,  
and Rob Wilson



## Sanctuary Light

burning in memory of Rosalie Glosick by her sister Evelyn Glenn

St. Mary's Parish presents  
A Sunday Morning ♦ Adult Faith Formation Series



## Bible Basics

Instructor: Deborah Brinkhus

Session 3 ♦ Sunday, March 8

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Zimmer Center ♦ Room 101

Deb Brinkhus, a life-long learner, earned a Master of Arts Degree in Theological Studies from St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry

This three-session series will offer a basic overview of the Old and New Testament. Sessions are open to people of all faiths who wish to learn more about the Bible.



# Scripture REFLECTIONS



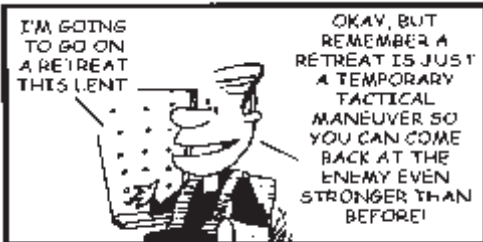
First Sunday of Lent  
"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert to be tempted by Satan."  
Mark 1:12-13

Mark's Gospel tells of Jesus' forty days in the desert in two verses (Mk 1:12-13), while Matthew takes eleven verses (Mt 4:1-11) and Luke tells it in thirteen (Lk 4:1-13). We do not read of any conversation with Satan in today's Gospel, yet the Gospel verse and the Communion song both hearken back to a reply Jesus made when Satan tempted him to change some stones into bread: "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

As we begin this Lenten season of fasting, we are supposed to feel some physical hunger. We join in our small way with the sufferings of Jesus. We give from our abundance to help feed those who are poor. We come face to face with our own human need and frailty.

We must take care not to miss the second half of the reply Jesus made to Satan. We do not live on bread or any other food

### 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



## Story for Today **DON'T MISS THE BOAT** By Dr. Constance M. Popp

The e-mail from "Captain Vegetable" listed five points under the heading "All I Need to Know, I Learned from Noah's Ark."

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Stay fit. Like Noah, when you're six hundred years old, someone might ask you to do something really big.
3. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
4. Remember that the ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic was built by professionals.
5. Don't forget that we are all in the same boat.

God's covenant with Noah, along with these five points, may help us consider the covenant we wish to make on this year's Lenten journey.

- 1) Don't miss the boat. It's Lent-show up for it. Don't let this opportunity pass by to do that which you did not think you could do.
- 2) Stay fit during Lent. Exercise your body

through fasting. Instead of giving it more, give it less. Exercise your spirit by praying for those you do not want to pray for. This requires a great deal of strength and develops spiritual muscles. Exercise your emotions by giving to others instead of spending on yourself. It only has to last six weeks and you might enjoy it.

3) Travel with someone during Lent. Share what you want to do and what you don't want to do. Hold each other accountable or at least remind each other of what your intentions were on this First Sunday of Lent.

4) Lent brings out the amateur in everyone. There are no professionals at fasting, praying or almsgiving. Everyone is on an equal playing field. The potential for success exists in us all.

5) We are all in the same boat; we need each other. We need to struggle with each other and for each other. As T. S. Eliot wrote, "For us, there is only the trying. The rest is not our business."

Bon voyage!

**Spirit ALIVE!** **This Week's Study of The Gospel of Mark**  
 Week of March 1, 2009  
 Suggested Scripture Reading:  
 Chapter of Mark to be read: 12  
 Reflection Question: [Mk 12: 28-34]  
 What subject is guaranteed to spark a debate in your house? Sports? Politics? Religion? Other \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 Why are these two commandments the greatest? In the three possibilities of love relationships (with God, neighbors, and self), where are you the strongest? The weakest?

**Notre Dame Retreats**  
**Women's Retreat May 15**  
 Contact: Paula Gardner- 776-3327

**HOPE CONFERENCE**  
 for those who are Separated, Divorced, or Widowed.  
**:'COME TO THE WATER'**  
 Saturday, March 28, 2009  
 8:30am – 4:30pm  
 followed by Mass and a pizza dinner.  
 St John of Rochester Church,  
 8 Wickford Way, Fairport, NY 14450.  
 This one-day conference is devoted to a holistic approach covering the journey through the process of grief and the renewing of hope within oneself. Dennis Boike, Ph.D. will be the keynote speaker. Workshops include grief, rebuilding and moving on. All are welcome!  
 For more information or to register, call Deacon John and Peggy Cunningham at 585-617- 4614 or email: [peggymcunningham@yahoo.com](mailto:peggymcunningham@yahoo.com).

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