

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2008



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Scripture REFLECTIONS

Entertaining Angels is the film version of Dorothy Day's early years. Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin are recognized as co-founders of the Catholic Worker Movement in New York City on May 1, 1933.

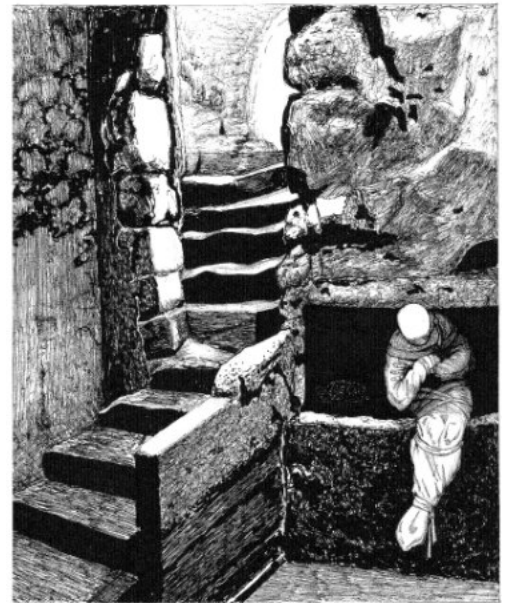
Following the depression, cities were filled with destitute people - hungry, homeless, needy. Dorothy, wanting to address these needs, originally joined the communist party believing their support of the common worker would alleviate pain and suffering. Following the birth of a daughter, however, she experienced a conversion to Catholicism and focused on the "mystery of the poor - that they are Jesus, and what you do for them you do to him."

Near the end of the film as Dorothy comes to realize the full import of what the Catholic Worker could be, she comes home to find a friend stealing their meager savings for alcohol. Dorothy bars the door with her body as her friend grabs a cane and begins striking her. Dorothy wrestles the cane away, pushes her friend to the ground and is about to retaliate when she stops suddenly. The friend on the ground taunts her, "Go ahead, hit me, hit me," but Dorothy replies, "I can see the light in you - and the love - you're very beautiful - I love you." "No you can't," the friend protests, "I stole from you." Dorothy sits on the floor cradling the friend in her arms.

By seeing the light, Dorothy was able to bring her friend back to life. We cannot know the relationship Jesus had with Lazarus before his death or after his healing, but we do know that Jesus loved Lazarus. Love enabled him to see the light in Lazarus as love enabled Dorothy Day to see the light in her friend. Love allows us to "entertain angels" by revealing the light shining through in one another.

Dr. Constance M. Popp

"I CAN SEE THE LIGHT IN YOU!"
On the Raising of Lazarus and Each Other



Lazarus, Come Forth! John 11: 93-99 April, 2000
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Spirit ALIVE! LENTEN DINNER & FILM PRESENTATION

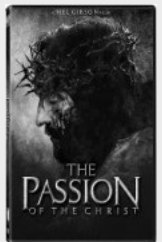
THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Wednesday, March 12

Mass: 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Film: 6:30 pm - 9:15 pm



LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Saint Mary's

Saturday, March 15 ☩ 2:30 pm

Individual Reconciliation: Saturdays ☩ 3:30 pm

Saint Gabriel's

Saturday, March 17 ☩ 7:00 pm

Lenten Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

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

Weekday Masses: Tuesday & Thursday - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. ☩ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

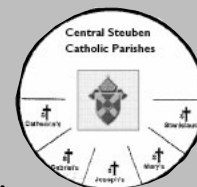
Scripture/Communion Services

Monday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.



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Central Steuben
Catholic Parishes

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

PARISH LIFE CALENDAR



Shining Light on Governor Spitzer's Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act

SUNDAY March 9, 5th Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Carlo Marano
By Bob & Jean Cuffney

MONDAY March 10, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY March 11, Lenten Weekday
4:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
5:00 p.m. In Memory of Gail Goodrich
By Rosemary Clairemont

WEDNESDAY March 12, Lenten Weekday
5:30 p.m. Communion service only

THURSDAY March 13, Lenten Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory of Charles Murray
By The Wall Family

FRIDAY March 14, Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Gblin
By her family

SATURDAY March 15, Lenten Weekday
4:00 p.m. In Memory of Stella Leedeckee
By the Laux family

SUNDAY March 16, Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Father O'Connor
by Veronica Cummings

SUNDAY March 9
8:00 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Religious Education
10:30 a.m. Post Mass Choir Practice, Church
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

MONDAY March 10
6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

TUESDAY March 11
6:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary - Hall
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group, Chapel

WEDNESDAY March 12
6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Room 204
6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner and "The Passion"

THURSDAY March 13
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall

FRIDAY March 14
SATURDAY March 15
Noon - 2 p.m. Mini-Retreat w/ Bishop Clark - Church
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
2:30 p.m. Lenten Reconciliation - Church

SUNDAY March 16
8:00 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Religious Education
10:30 a.m. Post Mass Choir Practice, Church
3:00 p.m. Ecumenical Seder Meal - Fire Hall
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101


St. Mary's Parishioners

If RHAPP were to pass, Catholic hospitals and other religious facilities in New York State could lose their licenses to operate if they did not provide abortions.

RHAPP supporters want complete freedom to abort the unborn. The bill, however, takes away healthcare providers' rights to refuse to perform abortions on moral grounds. For these and many more reasons, RHAPP must be opposed.

Please contact State Senator George Winner at Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12247 and Assembly Member James Bacalles at Legislative Office Building, Albany, 12248 or at their local offices. You can also follow the link and hit the Take Action Now button: <http://www.nyscatholic.org/pages/home/home.asp> For information on health care providers' concerns go to www.dor.org.

There are many weekday Masses available in the upcoming weeks (stipend \$10). To schedule a Mass



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Good Steward"

Thank you for Making Parish a Priority!

March 2 & 3, 2008

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$4,092.71
Youth Ministry: \$225.
Ghanaian Fund: \$383.75
Today's 2nd Collection: Maintenance




Happy Birthday To You!

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| 03/09 Brian Gennelo | 03/12 Hilary Haff |
| 03/10 Hollie Baldwin | 03/13 Joy Palmer |
| 03/10 Barbara Perry | 03/13 Allison Merry |
| 03/11 Sally Hillegas | 03/14 Chauncy Watches |
| 03/11 Georgia Squires | 03/15 Madelyn Czajkowski |
| 03/11 John Cardona | 03/16 Tim Muller |




Assembly Schedule

March 1 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.
Willing Hearts
March 2 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Willing Hearts




Prayer List

Bruce Ayers, Joe Clancy,
Bob Denno, Fr. Frank Erb,
Esther Gerhart, Mary and Jack Gblin,
Betty Hand, Joseph Kish, Merva Lekinger,
Logan Manchodkee, Fr. Gerald O'Connor,
Deacon John Prave, Theresa Rodbourn, and
Stan Wraight.

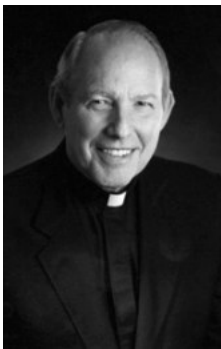


STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Lenten Tuesdays at 4:30



On Palm Sunday our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Nearly half the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day. For Catholics, these are not just statistics but brothers and sisters who need our help. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports church agencies that provide emergency relief in times of crisis, support long-term development programs, offer assistance to immigrants and refugees, and advocate for a more just and peaceful world. Please give generously.



A Mini-Retreat with Bishop Matthew Clark

Saturday, March 15 † Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Bishop Clark recorded this 90 minute video retreat for use by parishes throughout the Diocese. We will experience this mini-retreat from noon- 2:00 p.m. Then, after a short break, those who wish may stay to attend the Lenten Reconciliation Service at 2:30 p.m. Our Retreat will end with Mass at 4:00 p.m.

CAR DONATIONS NEEDED

Do you have a car to donate to a parishioner in need? Currently two parishioners are in need of reliable transportation to get to work and school. Donate your car to the parish and receive a letter crediting you with a tax deductible gift for the vehicles full value. Please call the parish office for details.



At the beginning of Advent, Bishop Clark announced a new diocesan initiative that would begin with Lent, 2008. ***Spirit Alive!*** is a three year program of spiritual renewal for the entire Diocese of Rochester. The focus during the first phase is the deepening of our personal relationships with Jesus. Of course, deepening any relationship involves taking time, and time is a commodity that many people feel they have less and less of! So, what's busy person to do?

The organizers of *Spirit Alive!* have several suggestions to offer us.

- * If you feel you have no time, perhaps you can simply start each day with a prayer on your lips: "Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of this day!"
- * If you have young children, bless them before they run through the door to their next activity, or as you say goodnight.
- * Before you gobble up a meal – even a meal on the run – take a moment to say grace, alone or aloud with your dining companions.

If you do have a little time to give to the effort of deepening your relationship with the Lord, and have become lax in the practice of your faith . . .

- * Make the commitment to attend Sunday Eucharist every week throughout the Lenten and Easter seasons, even if you have to do quite a bit of juggling to open a regular slot in your schedule.
- * If that is already your routine, maybe for the season, you can make it a point to attend one of our weekday Masses or Communion Services. A little effort can go a long way!
- * In the car on the way home from church, start a discussion about what insight you may have gained from the homily or our gathering that day. Give each family member the opportunity to share what they particularly struck them at Mass.
- * If you are fortunate enough to have the luxury of time, make daily scripture reading your goal for the remainder of Lent.
- * Or consider making a weekend retreat – I'll be glad to provide you with some options for such. Just call or e-mail me (rdefendorf@dor.org)

* Begin to keep a prayer journal where you can write your reflections about how you are growing in relationship to God.

Other ideas can be found on the *Spirit Alive!* website, where you may also read more about the three-year initiative. www.rochesterspiritallive.org

Lenten Reconciliation

During Lent, we have added several opportunities for you to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation both individually and communally. Individual confessions are heard on Lenten Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. (except on March 15 and Holy Saturday). Our first Communal Reconciliation Service took place on Friday evening. But, for your convenience, another Lenten Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 at 2:30 p.m.

Lenten Mini-Retreat

Next Saturday, March 15 from noon to 2 p.m. our parish will hold a mini-retreat featuring a video recorded recently by Bishop Matthew Clark. If you wish, finish the retreat with Reconciliation at 2:30 p.m. and the Palm Sunday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Ecumenical Seder Supper

For many years, St. Mary's has bi-annually celebrated Palm Sunday with a traditional Jewish Seder Supper. At this ritual meal families gather around the table on the night of Passover to read the Haggadah, the story of the Israelite exodus from Egypt. Seder customs include drinking of four cups of wine, eating matza and partaking of symbolic foods placed on the Passover Seder Plate.

In the Christian tradition, the Seder recalls Jesus' last Passover meal during which he took the matza and wine, blessed it and told them that this was His "body and blood" and that whenever we "eat this bread and drink this cup" we should remember Him.

This Palm Sunday afternoon, we will celebrate the Seder with Christians of several area churches at the new Bath Fire Hall. The ritual Seder with samplings of the symbolic foods, scripture and songs used at the traditional Jewish Passover meal will begin at 3:00 p.m. Following the Seder, we will enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread prepared by our own Mary Fawcett and served by young people from St. Mary's and other churches. While there is no charge for the Seder, a love offering will be received to cover expenses. Please call the office by Friday to reserve a place for you and your family.

Youth on Retreat this Weekend

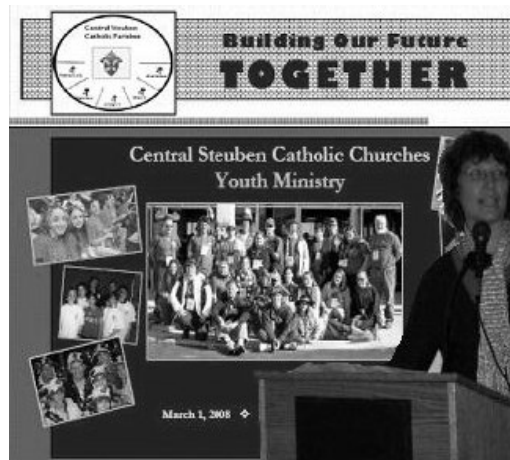
This was a busy weekend for parish young people. On Saturday morning ten children gathered with their parents for a First Reconciliation Retreat and the reception of the Sacrament.

Then, on Saturday afternoon, our Junior and Senior High youth arrived for an overnight retreat which includes prayer, sharing and a viewing and discussion of the film *Evan Almighty*. The Teen retreat will conclude with the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

So, we've tried to start the Spirit Alive journey with something to help every age group grow spiritually during Lent 2008.

Have a good Lenten Week. Serve one another well.

Deacon Ray



Five Parish Event

About 75 people from the five Central Steuben Catholic Churches met last weekend for dinner and program at the Campbell American Legion. During the program, members of the CSC Implementation Team reviewed the history of the planning group and its current pastoral plan. At left, St. Mary's Youth Minister Mary Carol Wall speaks of the opportunities available to young people within our diocese.

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