



Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach



The Solemnity of Pentecost

May 11, 2008

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A Day of Celebrations

Today is a day of celebrations for our parish family here at St. Mary's. We join the Church in the celebration of Pentecost, its birthday. We join families everywhere in celebrating the special gifts of mothers. And we celebrate the First Eucharist of Margaret and Michael Badding, Matthew Binkowski, Evan Czajkowski, Hailey Gaudino, Gabriella King, Emily and Gabriell Ormsby, Cloe Quick, Grace Truth. We are also delighted that Margaret has agreed to play a reflective violin piece during the reception of gifts and Gabriella will cantor the Responsorial Psalm.

Following today's homily, you are invited to join Catholics throughout the Diocese of Rochester who will recommit themselves to seeking a closer personal relationship with Christ during our Spirit Alive journey with Bishop Matthew Clark. Then, on Thursday, evening, join us at a special Service of Healing and Hope. (See information at right.)



Scripture REFLECTIONS

Today the Church sings, "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." All the stories of the Vigil and of Pentecost Day tell us that the Lord has already done that. The Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and they lost their fear and found their voices. End of story, right?

Wrong. This is the beginning of the story, and we're in the middle of it now. So we can celebrate that the Spirit has already come, but just as sincerely we can beg the Spirit to come now, to renew the face of the earth today. The earth and all its inhabitants need renewal again and again. As the disciples did then, we need must do now: lose our fear and find our voices. Only in this way will the Spirit be able to renew us and our world.

Father John Leaves for New VA Chaplaincy



Laverne Gove (l) and Dorothy Sincerbox were among the many parishioners who bid farewell to Fr. John Wydeven Saturday night following the 4 p.m. Mass. Fr. John left Friday morning for his new chaplaincy appointment at the VA Medical Center in Providence, Rhode Island.

Spirit ALIVE! You're Invited!
www.RochesterSpiritAlive.org

Perhaps you've seen these billboards and wondered . . .

"What have I been invited to?"

The answer is . . . A Journey of Spiritual Renewal.

Bishop Matthew Clark and the parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, invite you to join us in a three year journey during which we will commit ourselves to personal spiritual growth.

In recent years, there have been many events and circumstances that have hurt and divided us; the abuse scandal, the pastoral planning process which has

resulted in consolidations, mergers and closing of churches, and polarization between people who hold vastly different opinions about what constitutes renewal.

Spiritual Renewal provides us with an opportunity to mend relationships, both with each other and with Jesus, to strengthen our communities, and to become revitalized in faith and mission.



Begin your personal journey at this very special
Service of Healing and Hope

Thursday May 15th + 7:00pm

St Mary's Church

32 East Morris Street + Bath, NY

For information or to speak to someone about returning to active membership in the Roman Catholic Church, please call:

Maureen O'Neill, Pastoral Administrator - St. Gabriel's Church - 607-589-3501
Deacon Ray Defendorf, Pastoral Administrator - St. Mary's Church - 607-776-3327

Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

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

Weekday Masses: **Tuesday, Wednesday**

and Thursday - 5:00 p.m. ♦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Scripture/Communion Services
Monday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



A member of the
Central Steuben
Catholic Parishes



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	May 11, Pentecost Sunday
9:00 a.m.	In Honor of the First Communicants & their families by St Mary's Parish
MONDAY	May 12 Monday
9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
TUESDAY	May 13, Tuesday
5:00 p.m.	In Mem. O Baldwin Paredes By Jim & carol Lamprecht
WEDNESDAY	May 14, Wednesday
5:00 p.m.	In Mem. of By
THURSDAY	May 15, Thursday
5:00 p.m.	In Mem. of Jane Porcin By Her Husband Larry
FRIDAY	May 16, Friday
9:00a.m.	In By
SATURDAY	May 17, Saturday
4:00 p.m.	In Memory of Dorothy Murphy By her family
SUNDAY	May 18, Most Holy Trinity
9:00a.m.	In By

There are many weekday Masses available in the upcoming weeks (stipend \$10). To schedule a Mass, please call 776-3327 or come to the Parish Office.



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	May 11
8:00a.m.	Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
10:00a.m.	Coffee Hour
10:30a.m.	Post Choir Practice, Church
3:00p.m.	Sunday Supper
7:00 p.m.	AA, Room 101
MONDAY	May 12
6:00 p.m.	Tae Kwon Do
6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Meeting -204A
TUESDAY	May 13
6:00p.m.	Weight Loss Challenge, - Hall
7:30 p.m.	Prayer Group, Chapel
WEDNESDAY	May 14
6:00 p.m.	Tae Kwon Do - Room 204
THURSDAY	May 15
5:30p.m.	Weight Watchers - Hall
FRIDAY	May 16
SATURDAY	May 17
SUNDAY	May 18
8:00a.m.	Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
10:00a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
10:30 a.m.	Religious Education
10:30a.m.	Post Choir Practice, Church
11:45 a.m.	Catechist Training - Room 101
7:00 p.m.	AA, Room 101



Knights of Columbus Memorial Scholarship

The Bath Area Knights of Columbus Precious Blood Council #5147 is offering ONE memorial scholarship to the son or daughter of a Bath K of C member or a **member of St Mary's Parish.**

The grant is in memory of all deceased Bath Knights of Columbus members – those who have had a profound influence in our communities. It is hoped that through this giving, we can inspire a graduating senior to live a life of faith and patriotism set down by the many examples of the knights of Columbus members in our communities.

Pick up an application from Mary Carol Wall, Bob Colomaio or at the Parish Office. Applications must be submitted by May 20.



Happy Birthday

05/11 Tom Musso	05/15 Alicia Patterson
05/12 John Pronko	05/16 Janet Madigan
05/14 Sylvia Cummings	05/ 16 Kathryn Martin
05/14 Bethany Alderman	05/16 Mary Carol Wall
05/14 Elizabeth Ryan	



Prayer List

Bruce Ayers, Fran Cummings, Mary and Jack Giblin, Esther Gerhart, Betty Hand, John Hurley, Joseph Kish, Logan Manchockee, **Ed Mancini, Art Moran, Fr. Gerald O'Connor,** Deacon John Prave, Theresa Rodbourn, Bill and Eileen Wayne, Adam Weaver, and Stan Wraight.

Help Us Raise the Roof

Beginning tomorrow and continuing through this week of May 12 - 16 we will be replacing the rubber roof over the Zimmer Center Lobby which leads into O'Malley Hall. If you have expertise in roofing or would like to learn on the job, Mike Ormsby is assembling a team of volunteers to help with this project. To volunteer, please call the office, speak to Building and Grounds Chair Charlie Langendorfer or just report for work as your time allows. We will be working Monday - Friday throughout the day and early evening.



SAINT MARY'S PARISH "A Parish of Good Steward"

Thank you for Making
Parish a Priority!
May 3/4, 2008

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$
Catholic Home Missions: \$

Today's 2nd Collection: Insurance

Next Week's 2nd Collection:: Can & Quarter



Assembly Schedule

May 10 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.
Willing Hearts
May 11 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.

To join an assembly call 776-3327



Autumn 2008 Confirmations

We will be having the Sacrament of Confirmation next autumn for children, teens and adults who wish to receive this sacrament. If you wish to be among those to be confirmed this Fall, please contact Mary Carol Wall.

Trash & Treasure

We are looking for people to serve on a committee to help organize our annual Trash and Treasure Sale which will take place June 6/7 on the Rectory lawn. If you can help, please contact Barb or Paula at the Parish Office.



SENT TO SERVE *The Spirit of Discipleship*
Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf *is Stewardship*

This weekend we conclude the fifty days of Easter with the celebration of Pentecost, **Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit** to the church. This is the day that the Church also celebrates as its birthday. For it was on this day that the disciples left the upper room where they had gathered in fear and, reborn with the Holy Spirit, burst forth to confidently and courageously share the Good News of **Jesus Christ with "all nations."**

Two weeks ago, parish council members Jim Gallagher and Bill MacNamara, parish council nominee Denise Crossett and I attended the Diocesan Stewardship Day. The event reinforced the understanding of Stewardship that we have been presenting over the past few years. That is that Stewardship and discipleship go hand in hand.

Stewardship is a true disciple's response, born out of gratitude, in thanksgiving for the blessings one has received. It is not motivated by what the church needs. Rather, it is a way of living, gratefully aware of all that God has done for us. **In return for God's overflowing love and care for us,** we give back to God a pre-determined share of our time, talent and treasure. We do this *first*, trusting that God will truly provide for our needs as he promised us in scripture. **"God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."** (Phil: 4:19).

As you continue to pray and reflect on these thoughts and our shared responsibility as Christian stewards, consider also this Stewardship prayer:

"My church is composed of people like me.

I help to make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be. Amen."

This week I mailed you information about the fundraiser that will replace our International Food Fair for at least this year. **If you've not yet read about the Saint Mary's UNFAIR,** please take a few moments to do so. We depend on making about \$10,000 each year through a major fundraiser like a Fair or Festival. If the UNFAIR is as successful as we hope it will be, we can meet that goal and perhaps exceed it. Only you can make this happen.



A few months ago, I invited parishioners to consider serving on our Parish Council. So far, two candidates, Denise Crossett and Don Young have volunteered to fill the two openings that will occur when terms end in June. **Next week-end we'll print their biographies and give you an opportunity to affirm them as members of the Council.**

We still need a parishioner or two to represent us on the Central Steuben Catholic Parishes Implementation Committee which meets six times a year. This committee, which includes representatives and alternates from **three parishes of our region (At. Mary's, St. Gabriel's, and the three ABC parishes)** will soon begin work on our next pastoral plan. Without exaggeration, this committee will be instrumental in shaping the future of the parishes of our region for years to come. It will recommend to Bishop Clark ways in which the parishes of our region can meet the challenges of surviving (and hopefully growing in vitality) when perhaps only one priest is available to serve our region. If you have both a deep love for the Church and the vision to help guide our parish and region in preparing for the distinct challenges ahead, we need you to step forward now. Have a good week. Serve one another well!

Deacon Ray

FR. PETER'S FAREWELL DINNER
Father Peter will be leaving us for a one month visit with his family in Ghana before assuming his new pastorate in Hornell.




Join us at a dinner in Father's Honor!

Sunday, May 25, 2008
O'Malley Hall
Social at 12:30 p.m.
Served Dinner at 1:00 p.m.
Tickets \$10 pp*
Entrée Choices:
Prime Rib or Baked Ham
With Potato, Salad, Beverage

Purchase Tickets following Mass or throughout the week at the St. Mary's Parish Office

*Parish gift to Fr. Peter. Basket will also be available for personal cards. Complementary tickets available by contacting Deacon Ray 776-3327

Building Faithful Citizenship 
A Reflection for May 11, 2008

Fear is a powerful human emotion - sometimes leading us to act contrary to the way of **Jesus. In today's Gospel Jesus finds the disciples gathered in fear behind locked doors. His presence and his words, "Peace be with you,"** calm their fears. The gift of the Holy Spirit makes grace available - they experience joy and hope that enables them to open the doors.

Our U.S. Catholic Bishops teach in their pastoral statement, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, **"A more just world will likely be a more peaceful world, a world less vulnerable to terrorism and other violence;"** and, the Bishops recall the words of Pope Benedict XVI, **"...the redeeming love we encounter in the Eucharist should shape our thoughts, our words, our decisions, including those that pertain to the social order."**

Reflection: Celebrate Pentecost! - reflect on how love for God and neighbor can help us overcome fear.

 **Welcome to our Parish Family**

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