

# Saint Mary's Parish

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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2007



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This weekend, along with the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate Mothers' Day. We thank all of those of you who are mother-figures in our lives! You have been there when we've needed you most and we don't always stop to tell you just what gift you are to us. We hope you feel very celebrated on this occasion!

On your special day, here are some quotes from second grade students about the nature of being a mother.

### *Why did God make mothers?*

"Mostly to clean up the house"

"To help us out when we're getting born"

"She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is."

### *Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?*

"God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms do."

### *What's the difference between moms and dads?*

"Moms work at work and work at home. Dads just work at work."

"Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them."

"Dads are taller and stronger, but Moms are the ones with the real power 'cause that's who you gotta ask if you want to sleep over at a friend's"

"Moms have magic. They make you feel better without medicine."

### *Why did your mom marry your dad?*

"My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world, and my mom eats a lot"

"She got too old to do anything else with him"

"My grandma says that Mom didn't have her thinking cap on."

### *What did your mom needed to know before agreeing to marry your dad?*

"Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?"



### *What does your mom do in her spare time?*

"Mothers don't do spare time"

"To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long."

### *If you could change one thing about your Mom, what would it be?*

"She has this weird thing about keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that."

"I'd make her smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me."

"I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on her back of her head."

### *What would it take to make your mom perfect?*

"On the inside, she's already perfect. Outside, I think some plastic surgery."

"Diet. You know...her hair. I'd diet maybe blue."

Mothers, I hope this has been helpful - or at the very least, given you a smile this Mothers' Day.



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>9:00 a.m.                | <b>May 13, Sixth Sunday of Easter</b><br>In Memory, Louise Ouimet<br>By Kathleen, Jim & The Bous |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>9:00 a.m.                | <b>May 14, Easter Weekday</b><br>Communion Service   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>9:00 a.m.               | <b>May 15, Easter Weekday</b><br>Special Intentions<br>By Geri & Jim Galvin                      |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>7:00 p.m.             | <b>May 16, Easter Weekday</b><br>Healing Mass - In Memory of Jeannine Anderson<br>By Nancy Jones |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>9:00 a.m.              | <b>May 17, Easter Weekday</b><br>In Memory, Virginia Walker<br>By Rosa & Freida                  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>9:00 a.m.                | <b>May 18, Easter Weekday</b><br>In Memory, Eugene & Korstatine Frank<br>By Hilda Volz           |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>3:30 p.m.<br>4:00 p.m. | <b>May 19, Easter Weekday</b><br>Reconciliation<br>In Memory, Dorothy Murphy by Her Family       |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>9:00 a.m.                | <b>May 20, Solemnity of the Ascension</b><br>In Memory, Dick Perry by Barb Perry                 |

There are many Mass intentions available in the up coming months (Stipend \$10). Please call the office to schedule.

*Weekday Mass/Communion in our New Visitation Chapel*



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning in memory of Helen Kolo by her sister, Joan



### Assembly Schedule

May 19th - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts  
May 20th - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Heavenly Hash  
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



### SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!  
May 5/6

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: 4,661.61 THANK YOU!  
Next week's Second Collection - Can & Quarter

## Calendar Game Tickets Available

Alice's Rest Comfort Home in Avoca invites you to participate in a Six Month Dailey Number Calendar Game. Each \$15 calendar is numbered between 001 and 1000. Daily winners of \$30 to \$100 will be determined by the three numbers of the Evening Daily NYS Lottery. Official rules and prize amounts are listed in each calendar.

Calendars are available at the parish office. Sellers are also needed to assist with this fundraiser. Calendar Game begins on June 1st. For info call the office.



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>                         | <b>May 13</b><br>No Coffee Hour<br>No Religious Education                              |
| 7:00 p.m.                             | AA, Room 101   |
| <b>MONDAY</b>                         | <b>May 14</b>  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                        | <b>May 15</b><br>Boy Scouts, Room 202  |
| 6:30 p.m.                             |  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                      | <b>May 16</b>  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                       | <b>May 17</b><br>Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall<br>Boy Scouts, Rooms 202 / 203         |
| 5:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.                |  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                         | <b>May 18</b><br>Ultreya   |
| 7:00 p.m.                             |  |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                       | <b>May 19</b><br>NA, Room 101  |
| 1:00 p.m.                             |  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                         | <b>May 20</b><br>Pancake Breakfast<br>Religious Education - Last Class<br>AA, Room 101 |
| 10:00 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.<br>7:00 p.m. |  |



## Happy Birthday To You

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 05/14 Bethany Alderman | 05/16 Mary Carol Wall       |
| 05/14 Sylvia Cummings  | 05/17 Katelyn Baroody       |
| 05/14 Elizabeth Ryan   | 05/18 Robin Kelley Schuster |
| 05/15 Peter Ezzo       | 05/18 AnneMarie Grimmer     |
| 05/15 Alicia Patterson | 05/18 Lawrence Murray       |
| 05/16 Kathryn Martin   | 05/19 Julie Dieg            |
| 05/16 Janet Madigan    | 05/19 Chauncey Watches      |



**St. Mary's Annual Women's Retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua will be held the weekend of May 18 - 20.** This weekend has been reserved for all the women of our five parish cluster. For information contact Kathy Donnelly at 566-2617.



Our annual International Food Festival along with the Trash & Treasure sale is coming up on June 2nd! We need used items in good condition for the sale. We are accepting items such as bed linens, pillows, drapes, kids toys, books, dishes and furniture, but please NO CLOTHES! The rectory garage is open during the day to drop off any items that you wish to donate. If you have any questions, or need items picked up please call the church office.

We are also looking for good cooks to help with the high demand for cabbage rolls at the festival. Anyone who would be willing to donate a pot, please call the office or contact Betty or Donna Gerych.



## SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

This weekend, as we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter, and Mother's Day, we'll also include a remembrance of our Blessed Mother at our Sunday Mass. May "Crownings" have been part of our Roman Catholic Tradition for centuries. As a second grader at Holy Redeemer School in Rochester, I recall dressing in a powder blue "Page" outfit complete with feathered cap. My job was to hold in procession the cape of the female classmate chosen to place a crown of flowers on a statue of the Blessed Mother. This weekend we'll continue this tradition during the month of May when we especially honor the example Mary gave us in saying "Yes" to God's sacred plan for her.

Last weekend, many of you affirmed your "Yes" to God by committing a portion of your Time and Talent to the Lord's service. I apologize that some received the letter from Jim Gallagher, Rosemary States and me so late. We had not used our "Bulk Mail" permit in some months and inadvertently erred in preparing the mailing. I am grateful to Barb Bailey and Michelle Ferrara for getting this mailing to the Post Office on Friday morning so some of you could hopefully receive it before the weekend Masses. If you have not yet completed your Stewardship Commitment Card, you can bring it forth during the next two weekends. Additional copies of the Card will once again be available in the pews.

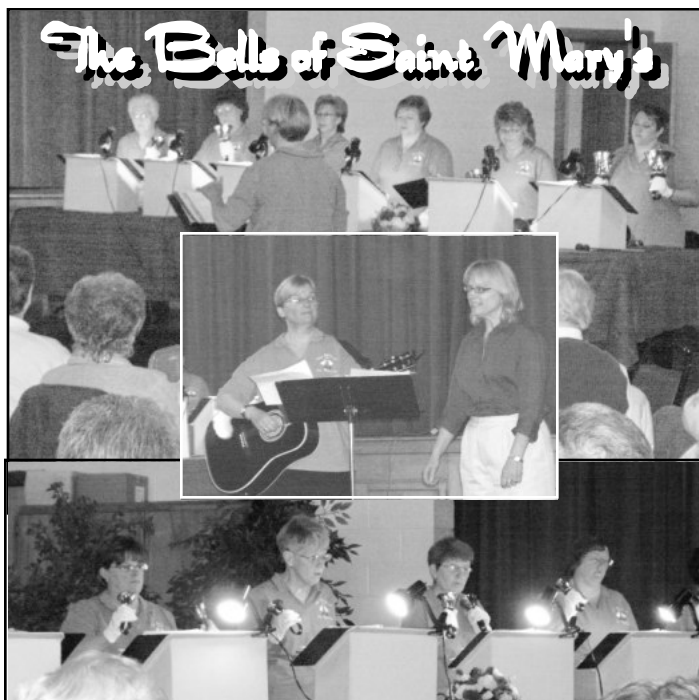
### Church Renovation Update

Last week, I included an insert in the bulletin to up-date you on the recommendations of the parish council concerning our Church renovation. So far, I've received some very positive comments on how the Church is looking. Much of the credit goes to Mike Ormsby a very talented parishioner and carpenter/craftsman we've hired on a short term basis to do several jobs including the resizing of pews in the choir area and to the sides of the altar. Last week Mike, with help from our custodian George Hoffman completed work on a new platform that raised to altar one step higher and on a series of smaller platforms that elevate the back row of the choir area. Mike also installed the new banner holders that now adorn the back walls of the sanctuary. The banner holders originally were built for St. Patrick's Church in Corning which has since closed. Recently, I was able to purchase them for St. Mary's. Next we'll address improvements to the spot lighting on the altar, ambo and presider's chair.

### May Dinner and Discussion, to feature Fr. Peter

Our next Dinner and Discussion will take place on Wednesday, May 23rd. Fr. Peter will speak on his personal efforts to help children in his village get a high school education. In Ghana, only an elementary school education is provided by the government. Children wishing to attend high school must pay tuition, room and board, an impossibility for many families. Father Peter currently sponsors the high school education of twenty four young people. We'll find out how he does it and how we might help.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.



Saint Mary's Bell Choir presented their annual concert on Tuesday March 1st in O'Malley Hall. Betty and Donna Gerych, Brad Ordway and other Singers entertained between Bell tunes.



## Scripture REFLECTIONS

A popular nationally-syndicated radio talk show host has adopted the line "Let not your hearts be troubled" when discussing politics on his show. He professes to be a faithful Catholic, and perhaps feels he is exhibiting his faith by quoting Jesus in his daily discussions. Unfortunately, most of the content of his show is spent criticizing others for their political opinions. Is he being selective in his faith? What does he say of the new commandment to love one another?

Today's Gospel reading from John allows us to remember Jesus' declaration of love for us and his promise that if we love him, he and God will "make our house with" us. But he also tells us that we will receive the Holy Spirit, whom he refers to as counselor and teacher. When Jesus says "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you," he wants us to have the peace of knowledge that having the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in our lives, we will need nothing else.

The ability to believe, the very concept of faith, is not knowledge that has been passed on by word of mouth like a radio talk show. The knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be in touch with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit (CCC 683). Today, give thanks for the peace in our lives, peace that originated with God, is offered to us in Jesus, and is taught through the Holy Spirit.

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