

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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DIOCESAN MISSIONS APPEAL



My dear Friends:

With this letter, I am happy to proclaim the weekend of May 19th and 20th as the thirty-ninth observance of Diocesan Mission Sunday.

Missionary activity is necessary as a living sign of our faith. Through it we not only give but receive; we not only share, but are enriched.

"If God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another." John 4:11

The celebration this weekend gives us the opportunity to offer our prayers and to share a portion of our material gifts to assist the Sister of St. Joseph in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile to bring the truth of the Gospel to God's beautiful people.

With grateful appreciation for your cooperation and every prayerful best wish, I remain

Your brother in Christ,

Matthew H. Clark
+Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester



May Crowning

On Mother's Day at the 9 a.m. Mass, children placed a floral Crown on the statue of the Blessed Mother.

Come Walk With Us

Members of **THE FLAME** are preparing for the 2007 Relay for Life to be held Friday evening, July 13th into Saturday A.M., July 14th. If you have been or are interested in becoming a member of the team, please contact: Deb Griffin at 607 292-3227, Marcia Wolfe at 607 292-3093, or Betsy Carisetti at 607 776-2894 - or, see one of us at a coffee hour after Sunday Mass.



DINNER & DISCUSSIONS

EDUCATION IN GHANA

Speaker: Fr. Peter Anglaere
Wednesday, May 23 ♦ Mass 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:15 p.m. ♦ Program 6:45 p.m.

Our monthly Dinner and Discussion will take place on this Wednesday, May 23rd. Fr. Peter will preside at a special 5:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. in O'Malley Hall.

Following dinner, Fr. Peter will speak on his personal efforts to help children in his village get a high school education.



In Ghana, only an elementary and middle 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 can help.



ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE

By now, you should have received a packet of tickets for our Annual Parish Raffle. We urge you to purchase these tickets and sell additional tickets to friends and co-workers. Need more tickets? Stop by or call (776-3327) the parish office and we will mail them to you.

Winning tickets will be drawn at our International Food Festival on Saturday, June 2.



ALLELUIA



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	May 20, Solemnity of the Ascension In Memory, Dick Perry By Barb Perry
MONDAY 9:00 a.m.	May 21, Easter Weekday Communion Service
TUESDAY 9:00 a.m.	May 22, Easter Weekday Irene Wilcox By Betty & Larry Ryan
WEDNESDAY 5:00 p.m.	May 23, Easter Weekday In Memory, Elizabeth & Sebastian Volz By Walter & Hilda Volz
THURSDAY 9:00 a.m.	May 24, Easter Weekday In Memory, Nick Bottori By Armand & Lorraine St. Pierre
FRIDAY 9:00 a.m.	May 25, Easter Weekday In Memory, David Friedland By Rita Dwyer
2:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Taylor's - For the residents of Taylor's Lakeview - For the residents of Lakeview
SATURDAY 4:00 p.m.	May 26, Philip Neri, priest In Memory, Delores Kennedy By John & Suzanne Walsh & Family
SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.	May 27, Pentecost In Memory, Pedro F. Gepi By Charles & Carmen Rola

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

Weekday Mass/Communion in our New Visitation Chapel



Parish Council Election

Election of Parish Council members will take place at Mass this weekend. Thanks to the following parishioners who have allowed their names to be placed on our ballot:
Bill MacNamara ♦ Mary McConnell



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!
May 12/13

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,529.70 **THANK YOU!**
Next weeks second collection will be for insurance.

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

SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	May 20 Pancake Breakfast Religious Education - Last Class AA, Room 101
MONDAY 6:30 p.m.	May 21 First Eucharist Group Meeting, Room 205
TUESDAY 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	May 22 Boy Scouts, Room 202 Charismatic Prayer Group
WEDNESDAY 6:00 p.m.	May 23 Dinner & Discussion, O'Malley Hall
THURSDAY 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	May 24 Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall Boy Scouts, Rooms 202/ 203
FRIDAY SATURDAY	May 25 May 26
1:00 p.m.	NA, Room 101
SUNDAY 7:00 p.m.	May 27 AA, Room 101



Happy Birthday To You

05/21 Mary Bonarski	05/25 Brenda Beyler
05/23 Betty Orcutt	05/26 Bryan Hultzman
05/23 Grace Lynne Stuart	05/26 Alex Gregory Beyler
05/23 James Kennedy	05/26 Suzanne Brink
05/23 George McKinley	05/26 Eileen Wayne
05/24 Kar in Machuga	



Assembly Schedule

May 26th- Sat. 4:00p.m. - LakeCountry Disciples
May 27th- Sun. 9:30 a.m. - Luminaries
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



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

A Lesson in Generous Giving

Some months ago, I found an article in a parish bulletin and have wanted to share it with you for some time. Now that we have celebrated our Parish Stewardship and Committed ourselves to continued stewardship of our Time and Talents, here's a lesson for us from Warren Buffett, the second richest (financially at least) man in the world.

Last year, Warren Buffett, announced that he was giving \$31 billion dollars to the foundation established by Bill Gates, the richest man in the world. The foundation, established by Bill and Melinda Gates, focuses on combating disease in developing nations and improving education. The Gates Foundation is the biggest charity of its kind in the world.

What was most surprising about Mr. Buffett's gift was the factor that he was giving away the bulk of his sizable fortune and not getting a single thing named for himself.

The following is an excerpt from a *New York Times* article by columnist David Leonhardt:

"Some people write a \$10,000 check to their alma mater and expect to get a plaque celebrating their generosity, and here is Mr. Buffett making a gift that will effectively send \$10,000 to the Gates Foundation ever three minutes for decades on end. For that amount of money, he could have founded Buffett University in his native Nebraska, with an endowment larger than Harvard's, or he could have set up the world's largest foundation, the Buffett Foundation, and engaged in a little competitive philanthropy with his fellow bridge player, Mr. Gates."

"Instead, by announcing that he would more than double the holdings of the Gates Foundation, Mr. Buffett made the point that giving money away should be more results than ego..."

"In making his gift to an established charity, Mr. Buffett was adhering to the same philosophy and business approach that has made him such a rich man: invest in basic un-appreciated companies that hire good, talented people to run them. Mr. Buffett has said that whether you're making money or getting rid of it, a little humility goes a long way"

In announcing his gift, Mr. Buffett wasn't worried whether Americans would be speaking his name a century from now, the way we say Carnegie or Rockefeller today. "Just as other people give money to me so that I can invest it," Mr. Buffett said to the Gateses, "You can give it away better than I can."

According to one of his biographers, the great novelist Ernest Hemmingway, on the first day of each new year, would give away some of his most treasured possessions. Asked how he could do this, Hemmingway stated, "If I can give them away, then I own them. But if I can't give them away, they own me."

This week, let's all try doing something for someone else without them ever knowing it – no acknowledgement, no gratitude, no credit. Then we will be on our way to becoming "all that we can be" and serving God and one another very well!

THE SENIOR SCENE

BY MARY CAROL WALL

Bishop Matthew Clark has always taken a special, personal interest in the youth of the Diocese. He has been very much present over the years at the annual Jr. Hi Youth Rallies and Diocesan High School Conventions and empowered the development of Diocesan Retreats. He has also required training for youth ministers and catechetical leaders in order to attain a professional level of ministry.

This year is the third year of a new initiative. Working with the Department of Vocations, Bishop Clark spends a day each May with graduating seniors. This past Friday included time with our Bishop, the incomparable Steve Angrisano who was our keynote speaker/musician, prayer, laughter, lunch, discussion, music, and more. The goal is to help our teens discern over the course of their lives the actual, unique path that God has in mind for each one of them, out of the many options available. Two of our Seniors decided to accept the invitation: Christina Cardona, and Jaimie Wall. Both students have been blessed with many faith-affirming experiences, many of which have included Bishop Clark, as well as Steve Angrisano. Please grab an opportunity to speak to them about their day at the Cathedral, with many other seniors, Bishop Clark, and Steve Angrisano.



ROOLES

Deacon Ray



Scripture

REFLECTIONS

Today's Gospel reading from John is one of Jesus' most powerful prayers. He had begun by proclaiming "the hour has come." And now, his concern is not for his impending persecution, but for the 11 seated around him and the ministry they were to carry on without him. The peace Jesus feels, he wishes for his disciples; "I wish that where I am, they also may be with me." Not where he is going, where he is - at peace.

Jesus wishes for us a perfect life. This perfect - the communion of life and love with the Holy Trinity, the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed - is called "heaven" (CCC 1024). How selfless that in what Jesus must have known to be his final few hours with his disciples, he would ask for nothing for himself, only that his disciples and all of us who hear their words find the grace and peace of God's love, and that from then on we would know that heaven is both a destination and the journey.

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