



# Saint Mary's Parish

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

*The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ*

*May 25, 2008*

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## Goodbye Fr. Peter. Thank You.

**T**he day has arrived. This Sunday afternoon our parish will celebrate Fr. Peter Anglaere's two years as our priest with a dinner in his honor. Tomorrow, Fr. Peter will leave for his vacation home to Ghana and, when he returns, **he'll begin his new pastorate at Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Hornell.**

**Fr. Peter's ministry has impacted each of us** in a very personal way. Some will cherish the memory of his broad smile and infectious laughter. Some will especially recall how attentively he listened before humbly offering spiritual counsel. Some see the world with different eyes because they have met someone from a distant land whose love for Jesus matches our own. All will remember **that, when he preached, "It was like he was talking directly to me."**

**And so, as we say "Goodbye" -** know that your presence with us has been a great blessing. Know also that we will pray for you as you return home to family and friends and return to begin blessing the folks in Hornell. We love you Father. We thank God for you.



## Summer Schedule Begins Today

**O**ur summer weekend Mass schedule begins today (Sunday, May 25) and continues through Labor Day weekend. Beginning today, our Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m.



**St. Gabriel's summer Sunday Masses are at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Saturday Masses remain at 4:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel's and 5:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel's in Hammondspport.**

Beginning this week and continuing through May 25th we will not have a priest available to preside at daily Mass. During this period, we will offer scripture/Communion services on Monday, and Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

Fr. Dan Condon, the Chancellor and head of legal services for the Diocese will preside and preach at our weekend Masses until our new sacramental minister Fr. Jim Jaeger arrives during the last weekend of May.

## "Source and Summit"

**W**ith today's feast day the Church reminds us that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian Life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1324).



There was a time in church history when awe of the Eucharist turned to fear, and people rarely received holy Communion. Today, perhaps, is the polar opposite of that earlier time. We sometimes need to heighten our reverence and awe with regard to the Eucharist. This includes reviewing how we behave during Mass, and how we approach to receive holy Communion.

There was another time, referred to in today's second reading from 1 Corinthians, when people abused the Eucharist, not by lack of reverence for the sacrament, but by lack of reverence for each other. A meal accompanied the celebration at that time, and rich people were eating well while others went hungry. We too, need to remember Paul's admonition-we are all one body, the body of Christ.

## Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

### Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

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

### Scripture/Communion Services

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

Weekday Masses will resume May 26.



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** May 25, Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Sunday  
 9:30 a.m. In Mem. of Barbara Cullen  
 By Rita Dywer

**MONDAY** May 26 Monday  
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**TUESDAY** May 27, Tuesday  
 5:00 p.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY** May 28, Wednesday  
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**THURSDAY** May 29, Thursday  
 5:00 p.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**FRIDAY** May 30, Friday  
 9:00a.m. NO Scripture/Communion Service

**SATURDAY** May 31, Saturday  
 4:00 p.m. In Mem. of Barbara Farrell  
 By her husband Tim

**SUNDAY** June 1, Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 9:30a.m. In Mem. of  
 By

There will be NO weekday Masses during June - but July Mass Intentions are available. Please Call the Office. Mass Stipend \$10.



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** May 25  
 8:30a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
 11:00a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church  
 12:30p.m. **Father Peter's Party**  
 3:00p.m. Sunday Supper, Hall  
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

**MONDAY** May 26  
 6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

**TUESDAY** May 27  
 6:00p.m. Weight Loss Challenge, - Hall  
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group, Chapel

**WEDNESDAY** May 28  
 6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do - Room 204

**THURSDAY** May 29  
 5:30p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall

**FRIDAY** May 30

**SATURDAY** May 31

**SUNDAY** June 1  
 8:30a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
 11:00a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church  
 3:00p.m. Sunday Supper, Hall  
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

## Building Faithful Citizenship



A Reflection for May 25, 2008

In today's gospel, we are reminded that Jesus is the "living bread" who gives life to all. But the life we receive is not to be hoarded. It must be given away. Jesus also says "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

As a Eucharistic people, we are to be "living bread" by ministering to our brothers and sisters in a world hungry for compassion, justice, and peace. Accordingly, the US Bishops, in *Faithful Citizenship*, urge us to embrace our political responsibilities fully, advocating for the common good, and bringing moral vision to our system of governance.

Reflection: Would my political choices and policy preferences offer "living bread" for all, or would they nourish a privileged few? Will my political choices and actions bring life to those in need?



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

Thank you for Making Parish a Priority!  
 May 17/18, 2008

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3152.30  
 Insurance: \$310.75

**Today's 2nd Collection: Can & Quarter**  
**Next Week's 2nd Collection:: Air Conditioning**



### Happy Birthday To You!

05/25 Brenda Beyler	05/29 Brodyn Baldwin
05/26 Eileen Wayne	05/29 Melissa McElroy
05/26 Alex Beyler	05/ 30 Dorothy Dinehart
05/26 Bryan Hultzman	05/30 Jenna Gaudino
05/28 Patricia DeSorbo	05/31 Bob Sestak
05/28 Sarah Quick	



### Prayer List

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



### Assembly Schedule

May 17 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.  
 Willing Hearts  
 May 18 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.  
 First Communicants  
 To join an assembly call 776-3327



### Benefit for Stan Wraight

**Spaghetti Dinner**

**June 8, 2008**

**1:00pm— ?**

**Camper's Haven**

Knight Settlement Road ★Bath

Raffles ★Bands ★ DJ's

Door Prizes ★ **50/50's**

Advance Tickets \$5 ★ \$6 at Door

**Available at St. Mary's Office**

### Trash & Treasure

We are looking for people to volunteer to mark items for annual Trash and Treasure Sale which will take place June 6/7 on the Rectory lawn. If you can help, please contact Paula at the Parish Office.



### High School Retreat

Saturday May 31, 1:00pm  
 Sunday June 1, after Mass

For Grades 7-12

See Mary Carol for Details



### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School for grades Pre-K to 6 will be Monday July 14 -Saturday July 19 Mass followed by a dish to pass supper and entertainment .

If you are interested in helping with this, you can pick up a packet from Mary Carol



The UNFAIR has me jumping for Joy!

Have you entered the UnFair Raffle yet?

Hurry! the Early Bird Drawing is June 15.



## SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

## Service of Healing and Hope FINDS IT'S TARGET. EVERYONE!



## Retrouvaille

A Lifeline for Hurting Marriages

August 1-3, 2008

**O**n Thursday evening, May 15, St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's joined to present a "Service of Healing and Hope." Its goal was to welcome people who have felt estranged from the Church or angry with the Church to pray with us for reconciliation. Since January, as part of the "Spirit Alive" journey initiated by Bishop Clark, similar services have taken place in regions throughout the Diocese of Rochester.

On the surface, the eight or so people who attended did not include our "target" congregation. In fact, all of those who attended were regular church-goers. Nevertheless, in God's great providence, the Service turned out to be a beautiful moment of Grace.

One person who attended wrote me,

*"It was a beautiful service last night. Thank you. . . I decided that I was in need of healing. So I came to the service hoping there would be a word for me. And there was.*

*I know that there is a temptation to be discouraged with a turn out of 8 souls but remember that God doesn't ask us to be successful, only to be faithful. All the trouble that Obama has with his pastor is because that church is its pastor. And like all of the mega churches that thrive on the personality of its founder, it will one day be long gone. Our Church survives because of the strength of its founder, Jesus Christ and he wasn't slick and he didn't build any large buildings and was not admired by the "important" people of his day. He was a suffering servant."*

The person goes on to echo on some of the hurts that has barraged the Church since "... The army of mostly nuns and priests who served us in the 50's and 60's largely vanished in the 80's and 90's." In my homily I listed several of the traumatic changes that have affected our country, (e.g. Viet Nam) our Church (Vatican II) and family life (the sexual revolution) since the early 1960s. I noted that for some (myself included) much of the hope generated by inspiring vision of Vatican II has "dimmed if not disappeared."

The writer correctly suggested to me that perhaps it is time for Catholics to reread the Documents of Vatican II with "faith and in hope." "Maybe there will be a word for us. Maybe we can work to allow the Church with its now open windows, to breath a new breath of truth and light and hope for the world."

Do we not have an amazing God? We work to bring about the "healing and hope" what

we think others need (e.g. estranged Catholics), but, instead discover our own need for healing and hope.

**G**od-incidentally, (there are no coincidences) the very same day Amy Badeau emailed me a devotional message. It seemed relevant to at least one of the themes of this column.

### God Said "No!"

*I asked God to take away my habit.  
God said, "No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up."*

*I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, "No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary."*

*I asked God to grant me patience.  
God said, "No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned."*

*I asked God to give me happiness.  
God said, "No. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you."*

*I asked God to spare me pain.  
God said, "No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me."*

*I asked God to make my spirit grow.  
God said, "No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful."*

*I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, "No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things."*

*I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said..."Ahhhh, finally you have the idea."*

**I**t's Memorial Day weekend and the unofficial start of summer. This weekend there will be gatherings of family and friends; good food and good conversation. In its most basic sense, isn't this also what the Eucharist we celebrate today on this Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is about? We gather with those who share our lives and our faith. We tell the stories that are important to us, and eat together. Two thousand years of practice have not lessened the power of this prayer.

**I**n past columns I've spoken of my love and admiration for Fr. Peter Anglaaere. Now, on behalf of the parish, I ask God's continued blessings on this wonderful priest and friend.

Have a good week. Serve one another well!

*Deacon Ray*

**A**re you hurting in your marriage? If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but you want to try again - then the Retrouvaille program can help you.

Retrouvaille is an international Catholic organization that has helped thousands of hurting couples. There are six follow-up sessions to build upon what was learned on the weekend.

For information or to register for the August weekend, call Dave and Sherrie Thurkins who coordinate Retrouvaille of the Southern Tier at 607-962-6184. Please leave your first names and phone number and your call will be returned. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## Planners Needed



**T**wo parishioners are needed to represent St. Mary's Parish on the Central Steuben Catholic Parishes Implementation Committee which meets six times a year. This Committee, which includes representatives and alternates from the five parishes of our region will soon begin work on our next pastoral plan. This plan will shape the future of the parishes of our region for years to come.

The CSCP Committee 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.

The CSCP sub-committees on Rural Ministry and Adult Education are also in need of representatives from St. Mary's. To volunteer for the CSCP Planning Committee or either sub-committee, please contact Deacon Ray at the parish office.

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