

# Saint Mary's Parish

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

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2007



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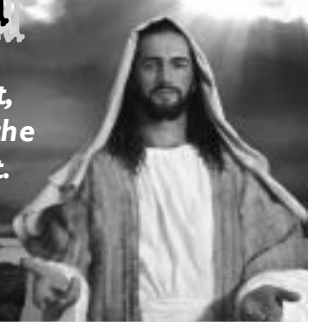
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## Stewardship Commitment Weekend

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the  
great and first commandment. And a second is like it.*

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

*On these two commandments depend  
all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22: 37-40*



Stewardship is a Christian's fulfillment of the Great Commandment. It is the recognition that there is spiritual value in a generous life. It is the joyful response to God's love for us, a means for us to both "love the Lord" and to love our neighbors as ourselves. It is both our responsibility and our privilege as disciples of Christ.

We recognize that God created this world and all that is in it. God created us and gave us our very lives and our every blessing. All that we have - our possessions, our abilities, our freedoms, our very time on this Earth - are God's gifts to us. We are managers, not owners, of our life's resources. The uses to which we devote those resources reflect our gratitude to, and our love for God.

Scripture tells us that "from everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. (Luke 12:48). The "rich in this present world" are commanded to "do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life." (1 Timothy 6:17-19). We recognize ourselves in these verses.

Thus, surely, Christian stewardship is a call for us to be generous in all ways, just one of which has to do with our finances. And it is because of the generosity of many that Saint Mary's is able to minister to young and old, to men and women, to those of both new and mature faith.

This week, a letter was sent by our Stewardship Committee to all registered parishioners. The letter invited and encouraged you to commit or recommit yourself to faithful Stewardship of God's gifts of Time and Talent in your family, your parish and community. The letter included a Commitment Card for you to return during this weekend's Mass. Additional Cards will be available in the pews for those who forget to bring the card with them to Mass. You may also return the card on an upcoming weekend by placing it in the collection basket or mailing it to the parish office.

You will make your commitment by processing forward with your card during the time typically set aside for the second collection. Then, your commitment of time and talent will be blessed and offered to God along with your monetary offering.

### Stewardship Prayer

My church is composed of people like me. I help 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 that I want my church to be. Amen



ALLELUIA



## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- SUNDAY**  
9:00 a.m. **May 6, Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
In Memory, Rita Zegler  
By Helen Opila & Family
- MONDAY**  
9:00 a.m. **May 7, Easter Weekday**  
Communion Service
- TUESDAY**  
9:00 a.m. **May 8, Easter Weekday**  
In Memory, Fr. Andrew Kalafsky  
By Kathy Donnelly
- WEDNESDAY**  
9:00 a.m. **May 9, Easter Weekday**  
In Memory, Fr. Andrew Kalafsky  
By Don & Nancy Baker
- THURSDAY**  
9:00 a.m. **May 10, Easter Weekday**  
To schedule this Mass for your loved one  
Please call the rector's office—776-3327
- FRIDAY**  
9:00 a.m. **May 11, Easter Weekday**  
Special Intentions  
By Geri & Jim Galvin
- SATURDAY**  
3:30 p.m. **May 12, Easter Weekday**  
Reconciliation  
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Norman J. Glover  
By Madelyn & Liam Glover
- SUNDAY**  
9:00 a.m. **May 13, Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
In Memory, Leslie Oumet  
By Kathleen, Jim and the Boys

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



### Assembly Schedule

May 12th- Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Precious Blood  
May 13th- Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Willing Hearts  
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!  
April 28/29

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3,341.00 THANK YOU!  
Catholic Home Missions Appeal: \$318.00  
Next weekend's Second Collection - Insurance

### Parish Council Election

Election of Parish Council members will take place at Mass on May 19th & 20th 2007. The council is requesting that any eligible member of St. Mary's Parish submit their name to Rosemary States by calling 776-7520 no later than May 7th.

According to the Parish Council Covenant, membership on Parish Council is open to all registered, confirmed and practicing parishioners at least 18 years of age. Members should be actively involved in the ministries of the parish and attend and participate in parish-wide events. Please hear God's call and commit to this very important ministry.



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY**  
10:00 a.m. **May 6**  
Coffee hour hosted by Sheri Neu" 5th & 6th  
Grade Faith Formation Class  
Religious Education  
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101
- MONDAY**  
6:30 p.m. **May 7**  
First Eucharist Group Meeting, Room 205
- TUESDAY**  
6:30 p.m. **May 8**  
Boy Scouts, Room 202  
7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group - Rectory
- WEDNESDAY**  
6:30 p.m. **May 9**  
Girl Scout Team Meeting, Room 101
- THURSDAY**  
5:30 p.m. **May 10**  
7:00 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall  
Boy Scouts, Rooms 202/ 203
- FRIDAY**  
**May 11**
- SATURDAY**  
1:00 p.m. **May 12**  
NA, Room 101
- SUNDAY**  
7:00 p.m. **May 13 Mothers Day**  
No Coffee Hour/No Religious Education  
AA, Room 101



## Happy Birthday To You

05/06 Ellen Gronski	05/09 Michael Makitra
05/06 Nancy Holzer	05/09 Stella Leedecke
05/07 Liam Glover	05/10 Jerry Harris
05/08 Mary Fisher	05/10 Athalie Tomes
05/09 Megan Johnson	05/10 James G. Wall



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning in memory of Anna Jean Sobel & deceased family members by Carmen Rola.



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.

## International Food Festival!

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 will be opened during the day starting Monday 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

On Tuesday evening, The Bells of St. Mary's presented a delightful concert of religious and popular favorites. Over the years our parish has been blessed by the stewardship of talented musicians who have led us in song and inspired us with beautiful music. The Bells of St. Mary's are part of that musical tradition. Thanks to Bell Choir Director Betty Gerych and all who helped create this wonderful evening of music.

Sunday afternoon Fr. Peter, Genevieve Kashmer, Pat and I attended a presentation on Contemplative Prayer at Mount Savior Monastery near Elmira. If you have never visited Mount Savior, I urge you to do so - especially at this time of year when the monastery's sheep have given birth to their young. Visit Mount Savior's website for directions and prayer-times. <http://www.msaviour.org/>



Have a blessed week. Serve one another well.

*Deacon Ray*

## Afternoon Tea & Chamber Music

St. Thomas Episcopal Church's Concert Series ends its 2007 season with an afternoon of music and refreshments featuring the Klenke Winds and Elizebeth Munch, harpist. This afternoon, (Sunday May 6th) at 4:00 PM, you are invited to enjoy the artistry of five Eastman School of Music students in a potpourri of music by French composers, while sipping tea and partaking of homemade treats in the baronial grandeur of St. Thomas' Great Hall.



Appearing together since 2004, Klenke Winds have been guest artists at Elmira College, the University at Buffalo, and the Rochester Public Library, in addition to regularly performing concerts at the Eastman School of Music.

Admission is \$15 for adults or \$5 for children under age 16. St. Thomas' Episcopal Church is located at 122 Liberty Street in Bath, NY.

## Calendar Game Tickets Available

Alice's Rest Comfort Home in Avoca invites you to participate in a Six Month Daily 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 Sue Dominic at 566-3420.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Eleven parish young people pose before leaving for the annual Diocesan Jr. High Youth Rally which took place on Saturday, April 29 in Seneca Falls. Joining the kids were Mary Carol Wall, Krista Armentano and Bob Colomaio.



## Scripture REFLECTIONS

### Love One Another



At some point in our lives, we have all experienced what we might refer to as our "darkest hour." A job loss, the death of a very close friend or family member, the grip of an evil addiction that refuses to let go - just a few of the many things that may have led us to feel hopeless or abandoned. How did you respond in such a situation? Did you wait for it to pass, or were you led out of that darkness by someone else?

Imagine the pain Jesus must have felt, having to identify one of his 12 as the one who would betray him. Imagine the shock felt by the other disciples as Judas ran from the room and the Last Supper. How did Jesus respond? In today's Gospel reading from John, he turns to the other disciples and calmly gives them the answer, the hope, the light that will help them enter the kingdom of heaven. "Love one another," he says.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that to follow Jesus is to live in the Spirit of truth (CCC 2466). In what could have been one of Jesus' darkest hours, he instead gave his disciples - and subsequently all of us - what he called the new commandment. The love of the Father would lead Jesus out of his darkness, and it will lead us, too, as long as we love one another.

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