

# Saint Mary's Parish

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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2006



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## Our Parish Council

### Jo Slovák

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### Rosemary States

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### Mary McConnell

### Sean McKinley

### William MacNamara

### Kathy Warren

In Residence

### Fr. John Wydeven



## Scripture REFLECTIONS

### Christ is the Good Shepherd

The Gospel reading from John today tells of Jesus describing himself as the Good Shepherd. He teaches that a hired worker would abandon his flock of sheep should danger approach; they are not his sheep, he doesn't care for them and he fears only for himself. An owner who tends his own flock will stay and defend his sheep from all dangers. In that sense, Jesus considers us his own flock, one he would never abandon. Even greater, he vows to bring those sheep who are not in his sheepfold into his flock.



In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we are reminded that Jesus himself was first described as the Lamb of God by John the Baptist. At the same time, John is telling all that Jesus will be the Paschal Lamb, the suffering servant who will silently allow himself to be taken to slaughter for our sins. (CCC 608) The images of Jesus Christ as shepherd and lamb are comforting - representing both strength and innocence, we celebrate his resurrection today knowing that we are forever safe in his loving arms.

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Saturday, June 3, 2006 - Noon to 11 p.m.

Call the parish Office. Our Festival Chair people are looking for help

in their booths, please call one of them and volunteer a few hours of your time.

### ETHNIC FOOD BOOTHS AND CHAIRPERSONS:

Polish Booth - Betty and Donna Gerych 776-

Lebanese Booth - Karen Grimmer 776-4027

Fried Dough - Bill Grimmer 776-4027

Italian Booth - Freida Fiordo 776-6085 and

Domenic and Betsy Carisetti 776-2894

Cheese Cake - Tony Russo-776-776-9087

Mexican Booth - MaryAnn Aston-776-5609

American Booth - Carol Hall 776-2922 and

Mary McConnell - 776-3265

Steams Chicken Barbecue xxxxxxxx962-3268

Dutch Funnel Cake Booth - Mary Faucett 566-8552

### CHAIRPERSONS FOR ACTIVITIES

Trash and Treasure

Paul Tomes 776-3530

### Children's Games and Activities

Judy Harris 776-6576

### Money Wheel

Barb Bailey 776-3794

### Cake and Pie Wheel

Bill/Penny MacNamara 566-3690 & Bob/Pam Colomaio 776-7919

### Adult Casino and Games of Chance

Bob Sestak 776-6418 & Rod McConnell 776-3265

Sell and Purchase the Festival Raffle Tickets that you received in the mail.

### NEW WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON MASS

Beginning this week, Fr. John Wydeven will preside at Mass on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. There will no longer be a Communion Service on Wednesday morning and no 5 p.m. Mass on the Wednesday's that our Christ-matic Healing Mass is scheduled.

### 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 ♦ Thursday - 5:00 p.m.

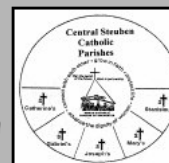
♦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Scripture/Communion Services

Monday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** May 7, Fourth Sunday of Easter  
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Shirley Baxter  
By St. Mary's Choir

**MONDAY** May 8, Easter Weekday  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

**TUESDAY** May 9, Easter Weekday  
5:00 p.m. In Memory of  
By

**WEDNESDAY** May 10, Easter Weekday  
5:00 p.m. In Memory of Agnes Defendorf  
By Deacon Ray and Pat Defendorf

**THURSDAY** May 11, Easter Weekday  
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Michael Versage  
By his parents, Anthony & Rebecca  
and his sister Teal Abel

**FRIDAY** May 12, Easter Weekday  
9:00 a.m. In Memory of Agnes Defendorf  
By St. Mary's Choir

**SATURDAY** May 13, Easter Weekday  
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Diane Simms Moore  
By The Gallagher Family

**SUNDAY** May 14, Fifth Sunday of Easter  
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Mary Astuck  
By her family

### Charismatic Mass for Healing

May 17 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's



Jesus loves you and wants you to be healed. Our monthly Charismatic Mass for Healing returns on Wednesday evening, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. with Father Philip Billotte as president. Individual prayers for healing will follow the Mass. The month Mass for healing is sponsored by St. Mary's Charismatic Prayer Group which meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Dick Perry Room. Note: There will be no 5 p.m. Mass on Wednesdays when Healing Masses are scheduled.



### Liturgical Assembly Schedule

May 13- Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Holy Patrol  
May 14- Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Precious Blood II  
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



### Second Collections

May 13/14 - Heating/Air Conditioning  
May 20/21 Diocesan Mission



### SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

April 22/23, 2006

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,372.00 THANK YOU!

Second Collection for Maintenance Expenses: \$58.00



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** May 7  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Lefonza and Jamie Carter  
10:30 a.m. Religious Education, K - 12

**MONDAY** May 8  
6:00 p.m. Bell Practice  
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Room 202

**TUESDAY** May 9  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202, 203  
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, DP room

**WEDNESDAY** May 10

**THURSDAY** May 11  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Rooms 202, 203

**FRIDAY** May 12

**SATURDAY** May 13  
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

**SUNDAY** May 14  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Lefonza and Jamie Carter  
10:30 a.m. Religious Education K - 12  
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101



## Happy Birthday To You

05/07	Liam Glover	05/10	Athalie Tomes
05/08	Mary Fisher	05/10	James Wall
05/09	Stella Leedecke	05/10	Jerry Harris
05/09	Michael Makitra	05/11	Tom Musso
05/09	Megan Johnson	05/12	John Pronko
05/10	Amy Gallagher	05/12	Eleanor Clark

## Wine Tasting and Benefit

Thursday, May 11th, 2006 5-8 p.m.

Complementary Hors D'oeuvres and over 100 Wines from around the World.

Guest merchants include:

Scarf-ology by Rita Reed, Class Art by C&E,  
Sweet Annie— Style for Life,  
Market Street Coffee and Tea and Wegmans

\$10 Donation per person benefits

Health Ministry of the Southern Tier

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Celebrating 25 years *tea*

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

Saint Mary's Diocesan Ministry Appeal Goal **\$27,244**  
To Date, 154 Parishioners have pledged ... **\$16,495**  
Needed to Reach our Quota ... **\$10,749\***

\* St. Mary's is required to make up the difference should we not reach our quota.

Please return your pledge card this week.



## Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

### CONVOCATION EXPLORED "LIFE" ISSUES

**O**n Monday through Wednesday of last week, I attended the annual convocation of priests and pastoral administrators with Bishop Clark. Of the six convocations I've attended since becoming a pastoral administrator, this was probably the best. Our topics involved the delicate and sometimes very complicated end of life issues of artificial nutrition and hydration and the related "life" issue of stem cell research.

Nearly a year after the Terri Shivo case drew daily coverage in the national media, the topic remains current and the Church's official teaching on the matter confusing at best to most Catholics. Our speakers, Dr. Robert McCann, chief of medicine at Highland Hospital and associate professor - University of Rochester School of Medicine and Catholic Bioethicist Thomas A. Shannon, P.H.D. explored the topics with clarity and sensitivity. Both agreed that the goal of artificial life support, including artificial hydration and nutrition cannot be merely to keep the patient clinically alive at all costs. For Christians, dying is a natural occurrence and certainly not the final chapter. ALS should rather be used as a bridge to allow physicians time to restore the quality of life of patients when there is a prospect of full recovery. Both speakers stressed that there is no moral difference between the decision to begin artificial respiration and ceasing the use of artificial life support. But the decision to discontinue artificial life support, even when there is no hope of recovery, is much harder for families to deal with. Thus, it is critical that: 1. we discuss with our families our wishes as they apply to artificial life support including artificial hydration and nutrition, and 2. designate someone knowledgeable of our wishes to serve as a health care proxy should we be unable to express our wishes at some later date.

As with many issues brought about by modern science and technology, answers are seldom black and white. Even Pope John Paul II 2004 address to a gathering of scientists and researchers on *Life-Sustaining Treatments and Vegetative State: Scientific Advances and Ethical Dilemmas* which appeared to differ from established Church teaching on the meaning of "extraordinary care" must be considered in its full context. Hopefully, as a result of this convocation, our diocesan priests and pastoral administrators will be better equipped to offer pastoral support and guidance to individuals and families as they face end of life issues.

Within the next week or so, I'll try to have materials available for those who wish to further explore this topic, prepare a "living will" and designate a health care proxy.

### DEACON CONVOCATION THIS WEEKEND

**T**his Saturday, May 6, Bishop Clark will host the annual convocation of permanent deacons. Like the priest/pastoral administrator convocation described above, dea-

cons from throughout the Diocese will gather for morning prayer, a message from Bishop Clark, an a presentation on the theme of "Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue."

### BOB COLOMAIO ACCEPTED FOR DEACON CANDIDACY

**A** highlight of the convocation for me is always the celebration of Eucharist which includes the acceptance of several diaconal "Aspirants" into formal acceptance as potential deacons through the "Rite of Candidacy" - the first formal "rite" on the four-year journey to ordination.

This year, one of our own will be formally accepted into diaconal formation through this "rite." Bob Colomaio actually began his journey to the diaconate two years ago when he attended an informational meeting here at St. Mary's. After I'm sure much prayer and discussion with wife Pam, and their daughters Teresa and Mary Catherine, Bob applied for admittance into the diaconal aspirant program. Following several interviews with diocesan officials and diaconal couples, Bob began a year long program of coursework and formation provided through St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in Rochester. His studies included monthly formation weekends (for aspirants and spouses) in Rochester and weekly coursework in scripture, pastoral ministry and theology via a video link from St. Bernard's to St. Mary of the Lake in Watkins Glen.

This summer, Bob will begin the first of his clinical experiences as part of the chaplaincy team at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira. In subsequent years, Bob will receive the Order of Lector and Acolyte before being ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in June 2009.

I know from personal experience the strains that this journey can have on marriage and family life and am sure that Bob and Pam would welcome your encouragement and prayer support as they answer God's call to ministry.

### NEW HEALTH MINISTRY FILLS "RESPECT LIFE" NEED

**O**n Thursday we held a grand opening for the new Health Ministry of the Southern Tier site on Liberty Street in Bath. The previous Saturday, Health Ministry volunteers from Corning, Elmira, Watkins Glen and Bath met for a working retreat at O'Malley Hall. I believe that caring for the health needs of the people with no insurance is another critical Respect life issue that needs to vigorously addressed by both church and governmental leaders. More on this in future columns.

### GOOD STEWARDS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

**I** hope that many of you will heed Karen Grimmer's call to participate in any way you can with our June 3 International Food Festival and donate furniture, toys, books, etc. for our annual Trash and Treasure Sale on June 2 and 3.

Because of the Diaconal Convocation and my daughter Monica's graduation from a Masters program at Nazareth College, I'll be away the next two weekends. But be assured of my love and prayers for you all.

Have a good week. Serve one another well"