



# Saint Mary's Parish

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

The Solemnity of Christ the King

November 23, 2008

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## St. Mary's Choir

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The celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King marks the final Sunday in ordinary time for the church year. This day honors Jesus Christ as lord and king of the universe.

Politics has certainly consumed a lot of our time and thought in the past year. We have seen the tyranny of some royalty in the world, and the ambition of those who would be leaders in democracies. So our images of Christ as a king could well be tinged with mistrust or indifference.

It is time to turn from the political images of a king to look to the images offered in today's Scripture readings.

- ✦ Our King is a Shepherd who tends us gently and carefully.
- ✦ Our King has identified himself with those who are hungry and thirsty and homeless.

Oh, it's true that our King has also come to conquer. All the power and authority of any other king or president or corporate head in this world comes from the authority of our God. All that authority will be conquered by our King.

And then, last of all, Christ the king will conquer sin and death.



## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Our parish Thanksgiving Mass will take place on Thursday morning at 9 a.m.

Please bring items of food for the Turning Point Food Pantry and an item of food to be blessed for your Thanksgiving table.



## Christmas Craft Fair

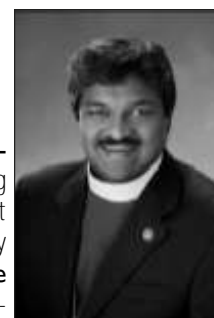
Last Sunday's Christmas Craft Fair was perhaps the most successful ever netting the parish over \$2100. Vendors and shoppers alike praised the Fair as being "the area's best." Parish Volunteer Paula Gardner (pictured right above with Paul Wolfe and Evie Hanning) organized the annual event which topped last year's Fair profits by over \$800. Paula thanks her volunteers and all who donated raffle items, cakes, chili etc.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

4 p.m. Today at St. Mary's

St. Mary's will host the annual Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service today (Sunday afternoon) at 4:00 p.m. The Service is sponsored by the Bath Minister's Association. The offering received at this Service supports the Association's "Itinerant Fund" which provides overnight accommodations to travelers who find themselves stranded in our community. Our guest preacher will be the Right Reverend Dr. Prince Singh, the recently installed bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester.

The Service will feature the combined gifts of area musicians and choir members and all present are invited to submit names of people and situations for which they are thankful which will then be read aloud.



In these trying times, come and give thanks.

## Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

### Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ✦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday ✦ Wednesday ✦ Thursday - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:30 a.m. ✦ St. Gabriel's, Hammondsport



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# LITURGICAL CALENDAR



# PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** Nov 23, Christ the King Sunday  
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Rosa Fiordo  
**By St. Mary's Choir**

**MONDAY** Nov 24, Monday  
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**TUESDAY** Nov 25, Tuesday  
 5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Dick Perry  
 By his wife, Barb

**WEDNESDAY** Nov 26, Wednesday  
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Art Moran  
 By Jean & Robert Cuffney

**THURSDAY** Nov 27, Thanksgiving Day  
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Raymond & Mildred Craig  
 By Agnes Harvey

**FRIDAY** Nov 28, Friday  
**(Mass at St. Gabriel's at 8:30a.m.)**  
 2:30p.m. Taylors Healthcare  
 In Mem. of Mary Giblin  
 By her family

**SATURDAY** Nov 29, Saturday  
 4:00 p.m. In Mem. of Barbara Farrell  
 By her husband Tim

**SUNDAY** Nov 30, First Sunday of Advent  
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Mary Giblin  
 By Allan & Carol Hall

**SUNDAY** Nov 23  
 8:15 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
 10:15 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church  
 4:00 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service  
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

**MONDAY** Nov 24  
**TUESDAY** Nov 25  
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Room 203  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Rooms 204A, 204B  
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Rectory

**WEDNESDAY** Nov 26  
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 201,203, 204A  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204B, 205

**THURSDAY** Nov 27 Office Closed

**FRIDAY** Nov 28 Office Closed

**SATURDAY** Nov 29  
 1:00 p.m. NA - 204

**SUNDAY** Nov 30  
 8:15 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
 10:15 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church  
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

# OUR Faith OUR FUTURE

## Please Help St. Mary's Reach our Catholic Ministry Appeal Goal of \$23,449

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| M/M Mark Alger             | M/M Donald Knowles Sr.      |
| M/M John Ambrosone         | Mr. Edward Kuhnen           |
| M/M Elton Badeau           | Mrs. Mary Kulikowski        |
| Mrs. Barbara Bailey        | Mrs. Mary Langendorfer      |
| M/M Joseph Barood          | Ms. Mary Latour             |
| Mrs. Sophia Baxter         | Mrs. Gertrude Laux          |
| Mrs. Marie Benishin        | M/M Douglas Little          |
| Ms. Kathryn Biehl          | Mrs. Janice Luta            |
| M/M Norbert Binkowski      | M/M Jack A. Lyle            |
| M/M William Brinkus        | Mrs. Bernice Lynch          |
| Mrs. Rosemary Bruce        | Mrs. Marian Lynch           |
| M/M Bruce Carey            | Ms. Karin Machuga           |
| M/M John Carpenter         | Mrs. Janet Madigan          |
| Mrs. Guy Castrilli         | M/M Carlo J. Marano         |
| Mrs. Rosemary Clairemont   | M/M Frederick Martin        |
| Mrs. Margaret Cogswell     | M/M Gene Matacale           |
| M/M Robert Colomaio        | Ms. Florence McBride        |
| M/M Lawrence Crossett      | Mrs. Cynthia McConnell      |
| Mrs. Sylvia Cummings       | M/M John H. McKinley        |
| Mrs. Veronica Cummings     | M/M Sean McKinley           |
| M/M Rick Czajkowski        | M/M John Miller             |
| Dcn/Mrs. Ray Defendorf     | Ms. Christine A. Minichello |
| M/M James DeSorbo          | M/M George Muller           |
| Mr. James Desrosiers       | Mrs. Patricia J. Murphy     |
| M/M William Dinehart       | Mr. Lawrence Murray         |
| M/M James Dudden           | Mrs. Betty Orcutt           |
| Mrs. Rita Dwyer            | Mr. David Parulski          |
| Ms. Mary Eaton             | Mrs. Barb Perry             |
| Mrs. Margaret Eichensehr   | Mrs. Henrietta Powell       |
| Mr. Timothy Farrell        | M/M John Pronko             |
| Ms. Mary Faucett           | Mr. Richard Pruner          |
| Ms. Frieda Fiordo          | Mrs. Tessie Rankin          |
| Mrs. Mary R. Fratarcangelo | M/M Harold Rodbourn         |
| Mrs. Edna Friedland        | M/M Richard Rohrbach        |
| M/M James Gallagher        | M/M Gerald Rumsey           |
| M/M James Galvin           | Mrs. Thelma Rusak           |
| M/M Alfred P. Gaudino      | Mr. Joseph G. Schuster      |
| Ms. Donna Gerych           | and Ms. Robin Kelley        |
| Mrs. Lois Geyer            | M/M Robert Sestak           |
| Mr. John Giblin, Sr.       | M/M Mark S. Shaw            |
| M/M Mike Glass             | M/M Lyman Sheils            |
| Mrs. Evelyn Glenn          | Mrs. Sharon Shelhamer       |
| M/M Walter L. Gronski Jr.  | Mrs. Dorothy Sincerbox      |
| Mrs. Mary Ellen Haff       | M/M Casimir Skrocki         |
| M/M Arland Hanning         | Mrs. Gertude Smith          |
| Mrs. Agnes Harvey          | Ms. Jordan Snell            |
| Ms. Terry Hochreiter       | Mrs. Pamela Southard - Park |
| M/M Eugene Hokula          | M/M Lance Squires           |
| Mrs. Nancy Holzer          | Mrs. Antoinette Stever      |
| Mr S. Holzer               | Mrs. Rita Sullivan          |
| M/M Richard Hopkins        | M/M Robert Swackhammer      |
| Mr. John Hultzman          | M/M Clyde G. Teifer         |
| M/M Daniel Hutcheson       | M/M Warren Tetor            |
| Mrs. Mary Jane Jaeger      | M/M Dale Thompson           |
| M/M Allan Johnson          | Mr. Joseph Valdora          |
| M/M Robert Jones           | M/M Walter Volz             |
| Mr. Robert J. Kalenak      | M/M James G. Wall           |
| Mrs. Marcella Karwoski     | Mrs. Evelyn Walsh           |
| Mrs. Genevieve Kashmer     | Mrs. Elizabeth White        |
| M/M David Kashorek         | Mr. Walter Zydnowicz        |
| M/M Arnold Kish            |                             |

Beginning in January 2009, a weekend Mass each month will be offered for the **"Members of the St. Mary's Memorial Fund."**

Donations to this fund will be used to support many parish ministries and capital projects.

## MY SAINT MARY'S



**Because I Love My Parish I Support it!**

*Thank you for Making Our Parish - a Priority!*

November 15/16, 2008  
 Attendance: 299  
 Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3095.60  
**Today's 2nd Collection: Faith Formation**  
**Next Week's 2nd Collection: Insurance**  
 In addition to helping us meet our payroll expenses, your stewardship gifts last week helped us pay our utility bills.



## Happy Birthday To You!

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| 11/23 Bernice Lynch | 11/25 Bob Roote    |
| 11/24 Elton Badeau  | 11/26 Paul Sparta  |
|                     | 11/28 Agnes Harvey |



## Prayer List

Bruce Ayers, Bonnie Baran, Marie Benishin, Fran Cummings, Margaret Emmick, Peggy Evans, Mary Fisher, Glenn French, Jack Giblin, Esther Gerhart, Joey Kish, David Lamphier, Jim Murray, **Fr Gerald O'Connor, Deacon John Prave,** Theresa Rodbourn, Gerry Rumsey, Dianne Simones, Elizabeth Smalt and Rob Wilson.



## Assembly Schedule

November 29 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.  
 Willing Hearts  
 November 30 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.  
 Bread of Life

To join an assembly call 776-3327



## Volunteer Opportunity for Families or Friends

Two - Three friend teams or families are needed to share the Sunday Scriptures and Holy Communion with the residents of Taylor Health Center. Commitment: One Sunday a month or less. Training provided. For information, contact Deb Brinkhus 725-0704.

**Donors 120 / Pledged to Date \$15,601 / Percent of Goal 66.53%**

*Pledges recorded by CMA through Nov. 16, 2008.*



## SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

# A New Hope. A New Vision!

Two weeks ago our country elected a new president. In doing so, Americans did something that as few as twenty years ago, many, perhaps most people would have thought possible. Americans, white, black, young, old elected an African American man to the presidency of the United States. In doing so, voters opened as never before the American Dream to millions of children and people of color throughout the world.

On election day, November 4, I was 65 years old. As I watched on TV the election night celebration from Grant Park in Chicago, memories flooded my mind and I became acutely aware that during my 65 years of life, I'd witnessed and been part of an evolution of heart and mind that made the once unthinkable - possible.

During my life, I have visited the segregated South, seen the white only colored only signs on restaurant and rest room doors, on benches and drinking fountains - and my vision was never again the same.

During my life, I've watched on television as police dogs were unleashed on civil rights marchers and the assassinations of John Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr, Malcolm X, Robert Kennedy, three young civil rights workers in Louisiana and four little black girls who died when the KKK blew up their classroom while they attended Sunday School in Birmingham. My eyes and ears witnessed these events - and my vision was never again the same.

During my life, I've volunteered as a "Big Brother" to children living in Rochester's black ghetto, reported as a radio announcer the destruction of that same ghetto during the Rochester race riots, and later taught sixth grade in Rochester's inner city schools. My eyes and ears witnessed poverty, racial despair and the struggle of black children to imagine a successful future - and my vision was never again the same.

During my life, I've seen our country, the "home of the free and the brave," torn apart by unpopular wars and generational upheavals, and the sexual revolution. I've seen our country segmented into black and white, liberal and conservative, straight and gay. I've witnessed (on TV at least) Apartheid in South Africa, genocide in Rowanda, Bosnia and Dar-

fur and on September 11, 2001 a horrific terrorist attack occur inside our country. My vision has never again been the same.

**But that's not the full story of what I've witnessed over my 65 years.**

During my life, I've also witnessed God's love reaching out through people of faith. I've seen courageous young men and women risking their lives so that others might be free. I've seen miracles of resurrection take place in the lives of people who overcome addictions, personal tragedies and seemingly impossible disabilities. I've witnessed ordinary people accomplishing extraordinary things - putting their faith into action and using their time, talent and treasure to change the world. And, I've seen the Church I love recognize God's presence in the "Modern World"

Yes, during my life, I've witness some very horrific and some very sacred events. I've witnessed human behavior at its worst and at its best.

And now I've seen an extremely gifted African American man elected president of the United States. And, in my heart I know that this was possible in part because my generation, the generation that witnessed bigotry and prejudice, unpopular wars and unfathomable atrocities - decided that "enough is enough." We decided to teach our children to see the world differently. By word and example we've raised our children to be colorblind.

Yes, we still have a long ways to go, and I among many in our Church laments that our new president doesn't fully pass the litmus test on some major life issues. But, Rome wasn't built in a day or even in a generation. Change is happening and with our prayers and persistence in personally respecting life in all its diversity - hope lives. The Holy Spirit is still at work through people of faith that envision not only financial security for themselves but a fair shake for all people. When the number of families living in poverty is reduced - just perhaps families will become more stable. And, when families are more stable - the number of abortion will decline.

That's my new dream. A dream that - like an end to racial bigotry - likely cannot be legislated - but never-the-less is possible. That's my new hope, Can you envision it?

Have a great week. Serve one another well!

*Deacon Ray*



## Blessing of Bibles to Begin Study of The Gospel of Mark

Beginning next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, join Catholics across the Diocese of Rochester in a study of the Gospel of Mark. We'll confirm our commitment to learn more about the Sacred Scriptures during 2009 by a Blessing of Bibles at weekend Masses next weekend. Then, each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. following Mass, we'll gather in Room 101 of the Zimmer Center for Bible Study.

Next Sunday, please bring a bible that you will be using to Mass. We also have a number of bibles for those who wish to join in our study but do not own or cannot afford to purchase a bible. Call the office.

The 1st Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year. Our lectionary readings will be from Cycle B of the three collections of scripture readings chosen by the Church for use at Sunday Mass. Cycle B readings include the Gospel of Mark.



## Our Giving Tree

Birgitt Wolf-King, her daughter Gabriella King and Judy Hunter choose ornaments from Saint Mary's Giving Tree.

Last Sunday, so many parishioners took ornaments from our Giving Tree that we were able to invite more families to request needed gifts of Christmas clothing for their children.

We've added new ornaments to our tree along with envelopes that you can use when you purchase Topps, P and C and Kwik-Fill gift cards which we'll secretly give to people that we know could use a little surprise at Christmas.

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