



# Saint Mary's Parish

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

The Feasts of All Saints and All Souls

November 1 and 2, 2008

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## Our Parish Council

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## Scripture REFLECTIONS

Why the "Poor Souls" are really not "poor" at all.



For many years, and sometimes even now, people have called this the feast of the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Nothing wrong with the word purgatory - it is a church doctrine that souls of the dead who are not yet ready for heaven, but are not condemned to hell, experience a time of purgation before they reach heaven. Emphasizing purgatory as a place of punishment and deprivation led us to call the souls waiting there "poor."

But these faithful departed souls are not poor at all! Read the Scriptures for this feast day! The faithful departed are "in the hand of God . . . they are in peace." Jesus himself assures us, "I will not reject anyone who comes to me."

Today we rejoice with these faithful departed and continue to pray that they will soon complete their journey to heaven!



**Celebrate Deacon Ed Wight's 25 years as a Permanent Deacon.**

Friday, November 7, 2008

Social at 6 PM + Supper at 6:30 PM

O'Malley Hall + RSVP 776-3327

Please bring a Dish to Pass

## Story for Today

## We Remember

By Dr. Constance M. Popp

One week before All Saints' Day, an e-mail was sent to college alumnae asking for names of their beloved departed relatives and friends, which we promised to read aloud on November 1. In less than a week over three hundred e-mails were received, with a collective total of 1,655 names. Some responses came with messages.

"Please read my son's name. He died December 5, 2003. He was 17 years old."

"Please include my sweet baby girl who died this summer. She lived for nine days and will always be our angel."

"My 22-month old grandson just died in August. His name is Ethan."

"I lost my grandmother Harriett three months ago. She died two months shy of her 94th birthday."

One woman wrote of her sister who suffered from depression and took her own life at the age of thirty-nine. It was then I realized we were providing a service deeper than we'd imagined, one that dignified a memory and affirmed an individual's unique personhood.

The binder of collected names was left at the podium throughout the day. My office, located in the sacristy behind the chapel, afforded me the opportunity to hear a variety of student and employee voices reading the names aloud.

As it neared 5:00 PM and several pages of names remained, a student worker came for her shift. I instructed her that "work" that day would be to read the final names with the utmost respect, as if she were reading names of her own relatives. Indeed, on this day we remembered our collective ancestors who influenced us by their life journey. As one woman wrote of her grandparents and mother, "They were the embodiment of Christian example through the loving way they lived and inspired others." They "dart[ed] about as sparks through the stubble" (*Wisdom 3:7*), and were now at peace in the hand of God.

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## 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**



A member of the Central Steuben Catholic Parishes Diocese of Rochester



## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** **Nov 2, All Soul's Day**  
9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Antonio Fiordo  
By daughter, Freida

**MONDAY** Nov 3, Monday  
9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**TUESDAY** Nov 4, Tuesday  
5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Frederico Friedo  
By sister Freida

**WEDNESDAY** Nov 5, Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Art Moran  
By Terry Hochreiter

**THURSDAY** Nov 6, Thursday  
9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Peter Luta  
By Janice & children

**FRIDAY** Nov 7, Friday  
(Mass at St. Gabriel's at 8:30a.m.)

**SATURDAY** Nov 8, Saturday  
4:00 p.m. In Mem. of Helen & Larry Lang  
By Dorothy Hulstman

**SUNDAY** Nov 9, Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica in Rome  
9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Art Moran  
By Bob & Mary Finney

Beginning in January 2009, a week-end 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 parish ministries and capital projects.



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** Nov 2  
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

**MONDAY** Nov 3  
**TUESDAY** Nov 4 - Election Day  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 203  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204A, 204B  
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Rectory

**WEDNESDAY** Nov 5  
6:00 p.m. Ladies' Aux Dinner Hall  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 201, 203, 204B  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204B, 205

**THURSDAY** Nov 6  
12:00p.m. Daycare Family Diner - Hall  
5:30p.m. Weight Watchers - 101  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 203  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204A  
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 205

**FRIDAY** Nov 7  
6:00p.m. **Deacon Ed's Party, Hall**

**SATURDAY** Nov 8  
1:00 p.m. NA - Hall  
4:00 p.m. K of C End of Year Dinner, Hall

**SUNDAY** Nov 9  
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 Daniel H. Hutcheson	Mrs. Elizabeth White
M/M Allan Johnson	Mr. Walter Zydnowicz

Donors 75 / Pledged to Date \$10,596 / Percent of Goal 45.19%

## MY SAINT MARY'S



Where I Prepare to  
Receive the Sacraments  
*Thank you for Making  
Parish - a Priority!*

October 26/27, 2008

Attendance: 292  
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2423.00  
Can & Quarter \$331.75

**Today's 2nd Collection: Maintenance**  
**Next Week's 2nd Collection: Heating**

In addition to helping us meet our payroll expenses, your stewardship gifts last week help us pay toward supplies for refinishing floor in O'Malley Hall



## Happy Birthday To You!

11/02 Connor G. Bell	11/04 Ray Defendorf
11/03 Eli Truth	11/04 Violet Koehler
11/03 Toni Basile	11/07 Susan Oleson
11/03 Karen Binkowski	11/08 Connor Oksinski



## Prayer List

Bruce Ayers, Bonnie Baran,  
Marie Benishin, Fran Cummings,  
Bob Denno, 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,  
and Gerry Rumsey



## Assembly Schedule

November 8 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.  
Precious Blood 1  
October 27 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.  
Precious Blood 2

To join an assembly call 776-3327



## Saint Mary's

The Craft Fair is Sunday, November 16.  
Al & Evie Hanning are looking for  
donations of new or handmade items  
that will be used for the raffle.  
Contact Paula in the church office.



The Sanctuary Light is  
burning in memory of all  
deceased family members  
by Charles & Carmen Rola.



## SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf



The voter registration deadline has passed, the presidential candidates have staged their final debate, and only a few days are left before this most exciting national election comes to a close. The political ads have intensified over the past few weeks, and finally on Tuesday, the decision will be made.

I am sure that most of you already know which party and candidate best speaks to your issues, but if you are still in the undecided column, perhaps it is time that you look at the U.S. Catholic Bishops' document, "Faithful Citizenship" for some direction: [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

As Catholic Americans, it is our civic duty and religious responsibility to exercise our vote on November 4th. It is also a privilege of a democratic society; do not take it for granted.

In "Faithful Citizenship", our bishops acknowledge that no political party or candidate will perfectly line up with our Catholic social teachings. This voter guide recognizes the difficulty of applying moral absolutes to civic life. "Sometimes morally flawed laws already exist", the document states. "In this situation, the process of framing legislation to protect life is subject to prudential judgment and the art of the possible." At times this process may restore justice only partially or gradually".

That reasoning stems from Pope John Paul II, who wrote in his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*, that when a government official who fully opposes abortion cannot succeed in completely overturning a pro-abortion law, he or she may work to approve protection for unborn life, "limiting the harm done by such a law" and lessening its negative impact as much as possible. Such language is meant to protect the political process from the paralyzing effects of extremists.

As we all know our democracy is a great blessing, but with this freedom comes the reality that we are seldom able to live or vote as purists. There are simply too many competing values at play.

This year its notable that both Senators Obama and McCain support expanded stem cell research, one of the Catholic "non-negotiables". While the bishops fear that stem cell research may result in even more abortions, they acknowledge that taking the most extreme view – that Catholics could never vote for someone who held such a position – would require Catholics to refrain from voting for either major party. That is simply irresponsible. The issues in this election are far too important.

Besides abortion and stem cell research, "Respecting Life" issues also include capital punishment, war, economic injustice, and treatment of the poor and most vulnerable among us. In order to make the best decision in the voting booth this year, we need to be informed. Rather than be distracted by rhetoric, we must instead examine the facts and familiarize ourselves with the party platforms and the candidates' true positions on moral issues. Then vote our conscience. Cultivating an informed conscience is a life-long effort, anchored in prayerful reflection, and nourished in our faith community.

It is for this reason that I'm including with today's bulletin an insert from the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) - *The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*.

Please join me in prayerfully reading this document, then make an informed, good-conscience decision about our options at the polls this year.

### Bishop Clark to Undergo Knee Replacement Surgery

Bishop Matthew H. Clark is scheduled to undergo replacement of his right knee on Tuesday. The surgery will be performed at Highland Hospital in Rochester. The surgical team is the same that replaced Bishop Clark's left hip in the spring of this year. After a brief hospital stay and initial rehabilitative therapy, which is common in such procedures, the Bishop hopes to return to work as soon as his doctor allows. Here's an address for those wishing to send a card.

Bishop Matthew Clark  
1150 Buffalo Road  
Rochester, NY 14624

### Celebrate Deacon Ed's 25th

Next Friday night, I hope you will join us in celebrating Deacon Ed Wight's 25 Years as a Permanent Deacon. The parish will gather for a dish to pass supper at 6:00 p.m. in O'Malley Hall.

Have a good week. Serve one another well!

## How Do I Become a Roman Catholic?

The journey toward baptism (if you have not previously been baptized) or full communion in the Roman Catholic Church takes place through a process called the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA.

During your RCIA journey, you will meet weekly with St. Mary's parishioners to grow in your understanding of God's call to discipleship. Some have walked the same RCIA path as you will be walking.

The journey begins when you let us know that you might be interested. We'll explain the process, answer your questions and welcome you into our community. Then, at Easter, or perhaps earlier if you are already baptized and regularly worship with us, you will be ready to share in the sacraments and full membership in the Roman Catholic Church.

### INFORMATIONAL MEETING

For those seeking information about joining the Roman Catholic Church  
Wednesday, November 12  
at 7:00 p.m.

### St. Mary's Rectory Dining Room

For information or to RSVP - Contact  
Deacon Ray - 776-3327



### Toddler Care Available

We welcome toddlers at Eucharist. But some parents may prefer to take advantage of this new service during our Sunday 9 a.m. Mass.

## Joseph's Hammer

"Neighbor Helping Neighbor"



Joseph's Hammer is a ministry of St Gabriel's in Hammondsport and volunteers from other area churches that completes construction projects for needy neighbors throughout the area.

Joseph's Hammer is seeking funds and new volunteers. Place donations in the little house that is located in the back of the church.

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