

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 5, 2006



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DINNER & DISCUSSION

Church Renovations to be Topic on Wednesday Evening

The second in our monthly series of Parish Dinner and Discussions will take place on Wednesday evening. You are invited to join fellow parishioners at our 5:00 p.m. Mass before enjoying a dinner prepared by Parish Life Coordinator Karen Grimmer at 5:45 p.m.

Following dinner (about 6:30 p.m.) Deacon Ray and the members of our Church Renovation Committee will conduct an open discussion of issues and suggestions that have been received during the two month trial which commenced in mid September.

At its November 14th meeting, St. Mary's Parish Council will discuss the comments received from parishioners at Wednesday's Dinner & Discussion. If, following their own discussions, the Parish Council is able to reach consensus, it may recommend to our pastoral administrator Deacon Ray one of the following options. The Council may recommend:

- that the current renovations become permanent,
- that the trial be extended through Advent with further modifications,
- that another renovation proposal be explored. Any new proposal, would be required to address the safety and liturgical considerations that motivated the original renovation proposal.

These safety and liturgical considerations required that a way be found to move the choir from the choir loft to a position of liturgical leadership within the assembly.

The loft was not handicapped accessible and could only be reached through a steep and narrow staircase which had been deemed dangerous should an emergency arise.

In proposing the two month trial renovation, the Church Renovations Committee also cited the directives of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' *Built of Living Stones*, the definitive and most current document on arts and environment in Catholic worship space. As an official document of the American Bishops, *Built of Living Stones* expressed the directives of those entrusted by the Church Magisterium within the United States. The document had been submitted to and approved by the Holy See.

The Place for the Pastoral Musicians

"Music is integral to the liturgy. It unifies those gathered to worship, supports the song of the congregation, highlights significant parts of the liturgical action, and helps to set the tone for each celebration. Because the roles of the choirs and cantors are exercised within the liturgical community, the space chosen for the musicians should clearly express that they are part of the assembly of worshipers.

The placement and prayerful decorum of the choir members can help the rest of the community to focus on the liturgical action taking place at the ambo, the altar, and the chair.

Occasions or physical situations may necessitate that the choir be placed in or near the sanctuary. In such circumstances, the placement of the choir should never crowd or overshadow the other ministers in the sanctuary nor should it distract from the liturgical action." *Built on Living Stones* § 88 - 90

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 ♦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday - 5:00 p.m.

Scripture/Communion Services

Monday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



A member of the
Central Steuben
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Diocese of Rochester



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY November 5, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Anthony Fiardo
By Rosa and Freida Fiardo

MONDAY November 6, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY November 7, Weekday
5:00 p.m. *To schedule this Mass as a memorial for your loved one. Please call - 776-3327*

WEDNESDAY November 8, Weekday
9:00 a.m. *To schedule this Mass as a memorial for your loved one. Please call - 776-3327*

5:00 p.m. In Memory, Douglas Beyler
By his family

THURSDAY November 9, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
9:00 a.m. *To schedule this Mass as a memorial for your loved one. Please call - 776-3327*

FRIDAY November 10, Leo the Great, pope, doctor
9:00 a.m. *To schedule this Mass as a memorial for your loved one. Please call - 776-3327*

SATURDAY November 11, Martin of Tours, bishop
4:00 p.m. In Memory, John Hultzman
By Catherine Teter

SUNDAY November 12, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Dick Perry
By Deb and Bill Brinkhus

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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

PARISH GOAL: \$26,971 PLEDGED: \$8,013.88

70 Recorded Donations as of October 30 Avg. Gift is \$109

Patricia Adamowicz	LaVerne Gove	Patricia J. Murphy
Mark and Pat Alger	Allan and Carol Hall	James F. Murray
Marie Benishin	Tom and Jill Haynes	Henrietta Powell
Rosemary Bruce	Terry Hochreiter	Carl and Jeanette Robbins
Bruce and Betty Carey	Gene and Marcia Hokula	Wilbur and Ann Robbins
Domenic and Betsy Carisetti	Richard and Peg Hopkins	Thelma Rusak
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Margaret Cogswell	Joe and JoAnne Hudzinski	Betsy Sheehan
Bob and Pam Colomaio	John and Marilyn Hultzman	Gertrude T. Smith
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Veronica Cummings	Robert Kalenak	Charles G. Stitt
Dcn. Ray and Pat Defendorf	Marcella Karwoski	Rita Sullivan
Bob and Rita Denno	Genevieve Kashmer	Jerry and Miriam Teifer
James and Pat DeSorbo	Mary Kulikowski	Catherine Teter
Bill and Dorothy Dinehart	Mary Latour	Dale and Pam Thompson
Rita Dwyer	Merva Leckinger	Gary and Cynthia Thompson
Marge Eichensehr	Stella Leedecke	Walter and Hilda Volz
George and Barbara Ezzo	Jack and Gail lyle	Evelyn Walsh
Timothy Farrell	Bernice Lynch	Chauncey and Mary Watches
Mary Faucett	Karin Machuga	Elizabeth White
Jim and Geri Galvin	Carlo and Lila Marano	Paul and Marcia Wolfe
Lois Geyer	Gene and Bonnie Matacale	Florence Yarka
Evelyn Glenn	John and Tina McKinley	Walter Zydanowicz
	Christine A. Minichello	

PLEASE RETURN YOUR CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL PLEDGE OR GIFT BEFORE NOVEMBER 30



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY November 5
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by the Birkowski Family
10:30 a.m. Religious Ed. K - 12
1:00 p.m. Sunday Supper - O'Malley Hall (All are Welcome)
7:00 p.m. CSCP Adult Education, O'Malley Hall
7:00 p.m. AA, Dick Perry Room

MONDAY November 6
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir - Church
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice - Church

TUESDAY November 7
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group - Rectory
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202

WEDNESDAY November 8
5:45 p.m. Parish Dinner and Discussion - "Renovations"
7:00 p.m. Praise Ensemble, Dick Perry Room

THURSDAY November 9
7:00 p.m. Men's Cursillo #81 - Zimmer Center
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall

FRIDAY November 10
Men's Cursillo #81 - Zimmer Center

SATURDAY November 11
Men's Cursillo #81 - Zimmer Center

SUNDAY November 12
Men's Cursillo #81 - Zimmer Center
No Coffee Hour / No Religious Education
AA, O'Malley Hall

7:00 p.m.



Happy Birthday To You!

11/06 Cheryl Mills	11/10 John Hultzman
11/07 Susan Olesen	11/10 Patrick Monahan
11/08 Connor Oksinski	11/10 Thomas Becken
11/09 Patricia Alger	11/11 Kimberly Cook



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

October 21/22, 2006

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,013.48 THANK YOU!
Second Collection for Building Maintenance: \$163.88



Liturgical Assembly Schedule

Nov. 4 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Parish Council
Nov. 5 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Precious Blood II
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



YOUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

Upcoming Second Collections

November 4/5 - Insurance

November 11/12 - Heating

November 18/19 - Can and Quarter



Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

"Living Poor in the Land of Plenty"

Living Poor in the Land of Plenty was the title of the recent Ecumenical Forum sponsored by our local Bath Ministerium and Catholic Charities. Two excellent speakers **Dr. Thomas A. Hirschl** of the Department of Rural Sociology at Cornell University and **Rev. Gary McCaslin**, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Painted Post, brought attention to the reality that many people in our country and right here in Steuben County live well below the poverty level.

Did you know, for instance, that according to the US Census Bureau, children represent 35.2 percent of all the people in poverty - compared with 25.2 percent of the total population? Or, that children under the age of six have been particularly vulnerable to poverty? Of children under six living in families with only a female householder - with no father present - more than one out of two, or 52.6 percent, were in poverty, more than five times the rate of their counterparts in married-couple families. (U.S. Census Bureau, *Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2004*)

Throughout the 12 counties of the Diocese of Rochester, rural and urban poverty leave our children at risk. Using the federal government's definition of poverty (\$18,979 for a family of four), about 13 percent of New Yorkers live below the poverty level. Again using federal poverty guidelines, 7.5 percent of New York State's working families live below the poverty level, dispelling the myth that poor people do not work. In fact, two thirds of New York's poor families include at least one worker.

Over 1.1 million New Yorkers had incomes below 50 percent of the federal poverty level, that is, less than \$9,250 a year. Many analysts believe that the federal poverty level is too low. Another measure is the number of "low income" people living below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (about \$37,000 for a family of four.) Using this measure, 26.5 percent of New York working families would be considered "low income."

New York has the widest income gap between rich and poor people of all 50 states. More than 2 million non-elderly

adult New Yorkers (20 percent) have no health insurance, again higher than the average uninsured rate of 15 percent in four surrounding states.

You can see there is a lot to do to bring the light of the Gospel to the poor who live among us.

At the Ecumenical Forum, Rev. McCaslin presenting a brief but very eye-opening video produced by an organization called TrueMajority.org which demonstrated how the priorities set by our governmental leaders in our Federal Budget prevent us from doing all we can to address the systemic aspects of poverty in America and the world.

The video features a cartoon depiction of Ice Cream mogul and activist Ben Cohen using Oreo Cookies to explain the national budget. Each Oreo equals about 10 Billion dollars.

The film demonstrates how our national spending priorities (the Federal Budget) are skewed by an over the top defense budget. There are far too few Oreos spent on education, health care, head start and poverty programs because an inordinate portion of the package is being spent on defense. Our "enemies" now trading partners - China and Russia expend 5 and 7 Oreos on defense - We spend about 40. The "Axis of Evil" Countries spend less than 3/4 of one Oreo.

Definitely Food for thought. Perhaps had we bombed Iraq with Oreos instead of invading - well, who can say what the result might have been. Anyway, check out this website. <http://www.truemajority.org/Oreos/>

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

This weekend following Communion we've invited **Deb Brinkhus** to speak briefly on the **Sunday Suppers** ministry. Each week people of faith prepare a Free Community Diner which is open to all. Deb and her husband Bill coordinate St. Mary's Sunday Supper team which would welcome new members. Sign up information will be posted following Mass.

Have a good week. Serve one another well!

Deacon Ray



Becoming a Roman Catholic

RCIA Sessions Resume on November 15

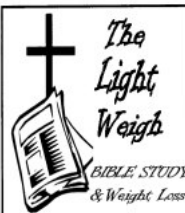
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) welcomes those who have not been baptized and baptized Christians who wish to become full members of the Catholic Church to a Journey of Faith. RCIA sessions also provide an opportunity for baptized Catholics who have not been catechized to learn about the faith and prepare for Confirmation.

Sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings through Easter. Our next Inquiry Session is Wednesday, November 15 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office. Our topic will be **Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist—the Sacraments** of our Initiation into the Catholic Christian family. Interested? Contact Deacon Ray at the parish office: 776-3327.

WANTED FOR CRAFT FAIR

Donations of purchased or homemade items are needed to be raffled at St. Mary's Booth at the Christmas Craft Show on Sunday, November 19, 2006.

Call Evie and Al Hanning at 776-9269 or drop your item off at the Parish Office.



The Light Weight Bible study and weight loss video series has been a blessing to many. An orientation will be held on Tuesday, November 14, at 6:30 pm at the home of Kathy Donnelly, 5223 County Rd. 8 just outside the village of Avoca.

Call for information and directions . . . (607) 382-3448.

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