

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach



Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 4, 2007

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World Youth Sunday

This weekend we give thanks for our youth and the many gifts and blessings they bring to our parish as we celebrate **World Youth Sunday**. We ask for your ongoing prayers of support for our young people, their families, and those who minister to and with them along their journey of faith.

What is World Youth Day?

In 1985, Pope John Paul II initiated World Youth Day - a day to celebrate youth (younger and older teens), in all of their diversity and goodness, and to encourage these young people to lead the church both now and into the future. On World Youth Day parishes are invited to bless their young people, involve them in all aspects of the Mass, affirm their leadership, and invite them to use their gifts in service to the church and the world.

The bishops of the United States, wanting

to place full attention on the youth of our nation, voted to move the celebration in the United States from Palm Sunday to the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our parish is celebrating today, the 31st Sunday, so that our celebration will coincide with a special "Sending Off Blessing of this year's pilgrims to next weekend's National Catholic Youth Convention (NCYC) in Columbus, Ohio.

Following Communion, Deacon Ray will present plaques to high school seniors who were honored at the annual Hands of Christ Award ceremony earlier this month. St. Mary's young people who received the Hands of Christ award this year are: **Cory Badeau, Jessica Harris and Jessica Sokolowski**. A special certificate from the parish will also be presented to **Francesca "Fran" Koehler** in recognition of the wonderful contributions she has made to our parish. **Bath Rotary** past president **Al Johnson** will also present a special recognition to Fran and Cory for their work on the Lakeview Walkway.



This Thursday, November 8th, twenty three of our parish youth and their chaperones will leave for the **National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)** in Columbus, Ohio. The NCYC is the single largest event organized by the Catholic Church in the United States.

This event will bring together over 20,000 Catholic teenagers from throughout the United States to the city of Columbus. Accompanying these young people will be thousands of lay youth ministers and chaperones, hundreds of clergy and dozens of bishops including our own **Bishop Matthew Clark** who will lead a delegation of 800 from the Rochester diocese.

Participation at the NCYC is marked by a contagious enthusiasm and joy that enriches all who attend. Young people from throughout the nation will return home renewed in their Catholic faith and ready to share many happy memories of their visit to Columbus.

Today we offer a special blessing to St. Mary's NCYC pilgrims: **Mary Carol Wall, Deacon Ray Defendorf, Amy Badeau, Michele Ferrara, Anthony Ferrara, Andrew Ferrara, Julia Gennello, Jessica Harris, Justin Harris, Judy Harris, Jerry Harris, Bill MacNamara, John Pronko, Katlyn Rumsey, Jake Snell, Jordan Snell, Jessica Sokolowski, Emily Sokolowski, Vivian Strache, Elijah Truth, Livvy Truth, Teresa Young, and Don Young.**

Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

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

Weekday Masses: Tuesday & Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday & Thursday - 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.



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** November 4, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Deanna Geyer
By Sharon Perkins, Johnna Folts
& Berney Cummings
- MONDAY** November 5, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
- TUESDAY** November 6, Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Antonio Fiordo
By Rosa & Freida
- WEDNESDAY** November 7, Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Peter Luta
By his wife & children
- THURSDAY** November 8, Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Julie & Mike Manuella & family
By The Wall family
- FRIDAY** November 9, Dedication of Lateran Basilica
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Marcie Malonn
By The Wall family
- SATURDAY** November 10, Leo the Great, pope
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Mary Quinn
By Jim & Ginny Gallagher
- SUNDAY** November 11, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Edith & Michael Yedinak
By Dick & Donna Pruner

To schedule a weekday Mass in our Visitation Chapel,
please call the office 776-3327. (Suggested stipend is \$10)



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** November 4
8:30 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by The Youth Group
10:30 a.m. Religious Education and Adult Education
10:30 a.m. Post Mass Choir Practice, Church
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101
- MONDAY** November 5
6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, O'Malley Hall
- TUESDAY** November 6
6:00 p.m. Relay for Life meeting, Room 101
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Parish Office
- WEDNESDAY** November 7
6:00 p.m. K of C Ladies Auxiliary, O'Malley Hall
6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Room 101
7:00 p.m. RCIA - Liturgy and the Liturgical Year
- THURSDAY** November 8
8:00 a.m. NCYC Pilgrims leave for Ohio
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, Room 101
- FRIDAY** November 9
SATURDAY November 10
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
- SUNDAY** November 11
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Warren & Loretta Tetor
10:30 a.m. Religious Education
10:30 a.m. Post Mass Choir Practice, Church
7:00 p.m. CSCP, O'Malley Hall



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"
Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

October 27/28 2007

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2682.00 **THANK YOU!**
Second Collection for Insurance: \$142.00
Today's Second Collection: Ghanaian Scholarships
Next weeks second collection: Heating



Assembly Schedule

November 10 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Precious Blood I
November 11 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Holy Patrol
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



The Sanctuary Light is burning this week in
memory of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fogarty & chil-
dren and family by Carmen Rola

Learn More About the Catholic Faith
Join our RCIA Inquirers as they learn about

Liturgy and the Liturgical year

Wednesday, November 7 - 8:30 PM
Saint Mary's Visitation Chapel



Happy Birthday To You

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| 11/04 | Violet Koehler | 11/09 | Patricia Alger |
| 11/04 | Ray Defendorf | 11/10 | John Hultzman |
| 11/06 | Cheryl Mills | 11/10 | Thomas Becken |
| 11/07 | Susan Olesen | 11/10 | Patrick Monahan |
| 11/08 | Connor Oksinski | | |

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Healing the trauma of abortion . . .
one weekend at a time

"I always believed that I would be a great father and even as a teenager I looked forward to the day when I would have my own family. Yet when my girlfriend became pregnant I got scared. I did not want to have an abortion but I did nothing to stop it! Everyday I have thought about my baby - our baby. My heart ached and I never thought I would be worthy to be a dad until I went to Rachel's Vineyard. It was amazing."

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend will take place in Rochester, on Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2007. You may contact us for more information at www.rachelsvineyard.org/ or by contacting Betsy at 585-328 - 0648 or by e-mail emac@frontiernet.net. Everything will be kept confidential. God's healing is waiting for you.



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

On Retreat with Bishop Clark

Patty and I spent last weekend in the beautiful (if rainy) setting of Stella Maris Retreat Center on Skaneateles Lake. Bishop Matthew Clark led about 110 deacons and spouses in our annual retreat. It is always a great blessing to be in the presence of this holy and gentle apostle. But this occasion was indeed special. Over two days, three sessions and two Eucharistic liturgies, the bishop demonstrated the wisdom and prayerful countenance that have endeared him to this diocese.

People today can be vicious in their treatment of their leaders and sometimes "religious" people can act in very unchristian ways. Over the years Bishop Clark has been targeted by some for his very pastoral approach in shepherding this diocese. But throughout his 25 years as the spiritual head of this diocese Bishop Matthew has been a Christ figure to me and all who really know him - engaging the joys and sufferings that come with leadership with grace, humility, prayerfulness and faith.

In one of his talks, Bishop Clark invited us to consider the ways that God's fidelity to us during the challenges of our own lives and ministry has helped us to carry on. Today, November 4th, as I celebrate 64 years of life, I can share with you that God has remained faithful to me throughout these years - most often working through the faithfulness of my spouse, my family, friends and co-ministers here at St. Mary's. "I will not leave you as orphans," promised Christ to his disciples. "I will send my Spirit to dwell within you." That same Spirit promised to Christ's disciples two millennium ago, continues to grace us today with gifts of wisdom, consolation and strength. Thanksgiving and Praise to God.

This past week in the parish we celebrated two of my favorite Feasts - All Saints and All Souls. On Friday evening, we held our annual All Souls Day Memorial Mass. Again this year, we sent special invitations to family members of those whose loved ones have gone to the Lord during the past year. As the names of the deceased are read, they were invited to come forward to light a candle in remembrance. Then, each family gathered with Fr. Peter or Deacon Ray for a brief prayer of blessing and support.

While our parish offers no formal bereavement support group, we are always available to meet with those who need a listening ear following the death of a loved one. If either Fr. Peter or I can be of help, please ask.

As you'll note from the cover story of today's bulletin, I'll be joining our young people on their pilgrimage to the NCYC in Columbus. Although a significant part of my life was spent in youth ministry, the years have taken their toll on my "coolness". (The very use of the term "cool" proves my point.) Never-the-less, I am delighted to be a part of this very exciting event and look forward to being present as the "Spirit of the Living God" descends upon 20,000 young hearts. Please keep these young folks, their equally energetic leaders and your soon to be completely "over the hill" deacon/ pastoral administrator in your prayers. Have a good week. Serve one another well!

Deacon Ray



ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Sunday, November 18
9 - 4 in O'Malley Hall

Many Vendors * Gift Ideas For All Occasions

Lunch Menu * Baked Goods * Raffles

Pictures With Santa IAM - IPM

Free Gift Wrapping

New and Handmade Items are still needed for
Craft Fair Raffles. Call Evie and Al Hanning: 776-9269

CRAFTERS - Booths Still Available

Call Paula Gardner: 776-3327



2007-2008

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Parish Results as of Monday, Oct. 29, 2007

Goal: \$24,694

Pledges/Gifts 57

Pledged: \$6,495

Avg. Gift: \$114

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