



Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 9, 2008

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Story for Today



Faulty Foundation

By Dr. Constance M. Popp

On December 10, 1996, brain scientist Jill Bolte Taylor experienced a massive stroke when a blood vessel exploded in the left side of her brain.

Within four hours she lost her ability to walk, talk, read, write or recall any of her life.

Through eight years of struggle and support, she was able to regain all functions and chronicle her amazing journey in the book *My Stroke of Insight*. Thirty-seven at the time of her stroke, this brain anatomist watched the linear, logical left side of her brain deteriorate but also experienced the creative and intuitive right side of her brain make a euphoric connection with a peaceful and loving universe.

Jill believes this conscious awareness of connectedness with all life is present and available to everyone, and speaks of her experiences to help people access this world without having a stroke. When Jill's right brain became dominant, she discovered that differences disappeared and a euphoric oneness with humanity was experienced.

"I view the garden in my mind as a sacred patch of cosmic real estate that the universe has entrusted me to tend over the years of my lifetime," she states. Biologically our systems have built upon one another and created a foundation from which we operate in the world. Spiritually, an identical process occurs as each one lays down a foundation upon which others build.

"Brothers and sisters, you are God's building." Like a wise master builder, God laid a foundation on which each of us builds. "But each one must be careful how he/she builds upon it."

Paul states, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" The money changers did not realize that their actions built a structure of decay on top of the temple's foundation which would weaken and destroy it. But under Jesus' construction, "the temple of God" - which each of us is - remains holy.

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Scripture REFLECTIONS

Why set aside the liturgical readings in ordinary time to think about a church in Rome?

If you have been to Rome and visited the Basilica of St. John Lateran, you might wonder why the dedication of this particular church building is commemorated all over the world. It's a beautiful church, yes, but it is only one of many, many beautiful churches in Rome. And if you haven't been to Rome, this celebration might seem even more unlikely and obscure.

Even when you learn that the Lateran Basilica was one of the first churches dedicated by Emperor Constantine as an official site for Christian worship-public worship after years of secret meetings for Mass-you might question making its dedication of such importance.

You will find the answer in today's Scripture readings. This is a feast to celebrate the endurance of the holy Catholic Church. It isn't about a building. It is about us, the people of God, the church. We are God's building, built on the foundation of Jesus Christ.



Saint Mary's Christmas Craft Fair

Sunday, November 16
9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

- ★ Donations of new or handmade Raffle items are still needed.
- ★ Donations of home-made Chili are needed for the food concession. Contact the church office.

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

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

MONDAY Nov 10, Monday
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

TUESDAY Nov 11, Tuesday
 5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Allen & Freida Cole
 By Bob & Mary Finney

WEDNESDAY Nov 12, Wednesday
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Ernest & Winnie McCullough
 By Bob & Mary Finney

THURSDAY Nov 13, Thursday
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Dick Perry
 By wife, Barb

FRIDAY Nov 14, Friday
 (Mass at St. Gabriel's at 8:30a.m.)

SATURDAY Nov 15, Saturday
 4:00 p.m. In Mem. of Curtis Murphy
 By his family

SUNDAY Nov 9, Thirty - Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Art Moran
 By Knights of Columbus

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 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

MONDAY Nov 10
TUESDAY Nov 11
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Room 203
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Rooms 204A, 204B
 7:00 p.m. Parish Council - Room 205
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Rectory

WEDNESDAY Nov 12
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 201, 203, 204B
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204B, 205
 7:00p.m. Diabetes on Target - Hall
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Informational Mtg.-Rectory

THURSDAY Nov 13
 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 14
SATURDAY Nov 15
 9:00a.m. Bazaar Setup - Hall
 1:00 p.m. NA - 204

SUNDAY Nov 16
 8:15 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel
 9:00 a.m. Bazaar - Hall
 10:15 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101



Happy Birthday To You!

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| 11/09 Patricia Alger | 11/15 Erlinda Putnam |
| 11/10 Patrick Monahan | 11/15 Jennifer Patterson |
| 11/10 John Hultzman | 11/15 Gabriell Ormsby |
| 11/10 Thomas Becken | 11/15 Don Mills |
| 11/12 Lauren Yochum | 11/15 James Johnson |
| 11/14 Alyssa Carpenter | |



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, Gerry Rumsey, Elizabeth Smalt and Rob Wilson.



Assembly Schedule

November 15 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.
 Willing Hearts
 November 16 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.
 Knights of Columbus

To join an assembly call 776-3327

OUR *Faith* OUR FUTURE

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

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| M/M Elton Badeau | M/M Allan Johnson |
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| M/M Daniel H. Hutcheson | Mrs. Elizabeth White |
| Mrs. Mary Jane Jaeger | Mr. Walter Zydnowicz |

Donors 87 / Pledged to Date \$12,056 / Percent of Goal 51.29%

MY SAINT MARY'S



Where Young families
 Celebrate New Life

Thank you for Making
 Our Parish - a Priority!

November 1/2, 2008

Attendance: 450
 Missions \$331.75 ♦ Maint.: 255.06
 All Souls: 574.00 ♦ All Saints: 279.00

Today's 2nd Collection: Heating
Next Week's 2nd Collect: Can & Quarter

In addition to helping us meet our payroll expenses, your stewardship gifts last week helped us pay for the roofing materials that were used to install roof top heaters on O'Malley Hall

Spirit ALIVE St. Mary's Parish presents
 A An Adult Faith Formation Series

The Gospel Of Mark

An Advent Bible Study Series

Sunday, November 30, 2008

December 7, 14, 21, 2008

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join us as we study and discuss the Gospel that will form our lectionary during the new liturgical year.

Sessions are open to people of all faiths who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

For more information call: 776-3327.



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

As I Turn 65... Some Thoughts on the New President and How to Stay Young

On Tuesday, as the country selected its new president, I celebrated my 65th birthday. Because our bulletin deadline is Tuesday morning, as I write this column I do not know if my choice for president was elected or not. But regardless, of who moves into the White House on **January 20, he'll find a barrage of challenges** awaiting him and will need our prayers to assure that the solutions to these challenges:

- Respect Life from conception to natural death,
- Give a preferential option to the poor,
- Steward and preserve our environment and
- Promote justice, peace and understanding throughout the world.

My prayer for our country and its newly elected president is that the disgraceful partisan name calling and negative spirit that has marked much of this election and divided our country over the past sixteen or so years - would end. Even when we disagree on solutions, the politics of demonizing each other is neither civil or helpful to the nation. Both John McCain and Barack Obama are decent men who love our country and have made enormous personal sacrifices to serve it. The back biting nastiness that has marked both the Clinton and Bush eras has done tremendous damage to this nation. It is time for vision to replace division. And those of us who wish to live as patriotic Americans and true disciples of Christ, should lead the way.

Before I finish pontificating, I want to share with you some personal improvement options I'll be considering as I celebrate the next 25 years or so of my life. If the internet source that provided them is correct (and it often isn't) these thoughts came from wit and wisdom of recently deceased comedian George Carlin. While some people including myself have occasionally been put off with Carlin's irreverence, he was a wordsmith whose humor often captured some very powerful insights.

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

- ☆ Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay "them."
- ☆ Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

☆ Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. Remember: "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.

☆ Enjoy the simple things.

☆ Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.

☆ Let tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.

☆ Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

☆ Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

☆ Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.

☆ Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

☆ And always remember: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Not bad words to live by and they reflect some significant Gospel values.

Congratulations Deacon Ed

On Friday night we celebrated the 25 years that Deacon Ed Wight has devoted to God's service. As I've mentioned in a recent Sent to Serve column, balancing the ups and downs of family life with the challenges of ordained ministry - can take a lot out of even the most dedicated deacon. In the five years that I have worked with Deacon Ed, I've been touched by his unflinching devotion to the Lord even in very difficult times. He is an example to me and all of us of the power of faith and the fidelity of God. I hope to have pictures of the celebration in next week's bulletin.

Have a good week. Serve one another well!

Deacon Ray

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

Is Your Voice Being Heard?



As we begin another school year, we'd like to encourage anyone interested in joining the St. Mary's Choir to feel welcome. The choir is directed by myself. I work closely with my father, Brad Ordway. We are always open to new voices. Our group shares a love of music and we always make worship a fun experience! If you feel called, join us, just see me after Mass.
Aubri Ordway

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