

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 16, 2005



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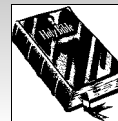
Kathy Warren

That darn Woodpecker has got to go!



Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark...

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.



Scripture REFLECTIONS

GUIDED BY OUR FAITH

Someday, just maybe, someone will invent a time machine so we can talk to the Founding Fathers of our country. Once and for all we could resolve the question of Church and state. What is the relationship between the two? Is one exclusive of the other? What did they intend? But for now, we will have to be satisfied with lots of debate and discussion.

Even Jesus had to face the question of religion and state. Taxes were a fact of life and at times caused the Jews some moral as well as social concerns. But Jesus was not drawn into it. His answer to give God what is God's and Caesar what is Caesar's sidesteps the dispute and puts things into perspective. The real power of both religion and state is seen when each fulfills its proper role in sustaining and supporting the dignity of every person, a way in which each can be judged as moral and good.

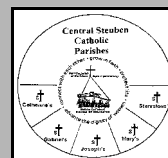
Faith trumps all we are and all we do and all we have. Both church and state can benefit from working together, but we can never compromise our core beliefs and values. Regardless of what the state deems legal and right, the Gospel is the final measure of what is moral and just. We answer to a higher authority than political leaders. Our faith must guide us in our political lives, choices and decisions.

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Mass/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Weekday Masses
♦ Tuesday and Thursday - 5:00 p.m.

Scripture/Communion Services
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 a.m.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation
1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** October 16, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Raymond Cummings
By Veronica Cummings
- MONDAY** October 17, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
- TUESDAY** October 18, Luke, evangelist
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Henry Adamowicz
By Pat Adamowicz
- WEDNESDAY** October 19, John de Brebeuf, Isaac Joques
and companions, martyrs
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
7:00 p.m. Praise and Healing Mass
In Memory, Josephine Warren
By Denise, Mary and Audrey
- THURSDAY** October 20, Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Ferdinand Stenta
By Anthony and Rebecca Versage
- FRIDAY** October 21, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion service
- SATURDAY** October 22
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Charles and Mary Murray Sr.
By Charles Murray
- SUNDAY** October 23, 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Raymond Cummings Jr.
By his mother, Veronica Cummings



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** October 16,
10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Religious Education K-12
10:30 a.m. Elementary Youth Group info meeting, Room 101
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion
- MONDAY** October 17,
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice, Church
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Church
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, Room 101
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Room 202
- TUES.** October 18,
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Rooms 202,203
- WED.** October 19,
7:00 p.m. Liturgy meeting, Parish Office dining room
- THURSDAY** October 20,
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Rooms 202, 203
- FRIDAY** October 21,
7:00 p.m. Bingo,
7:00 p.m. Ultreya, Parish Office dining room
7:30 p.m. NA, Room 101
- SATURDAY** October 22,
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
5-Midnight Hall rental
- SUNDAY** October 23,
10:00 a.m. Coffee hour hosted by Jim and Kathy Desrosiers
10:30 a.m. Religious Education, grades K-12
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101



Assembly Schedule

Oct. 22- Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Lake Country Disciples
Oct. 23 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - NCYC Pilgrims
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327

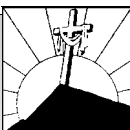


SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"Where Giving Is An Investment
In Our Faith and Our Future."

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

October 8/9, 2005
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$4,114.80
Second Collection for Catholic Courier totaled \$184.16
432 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



Annual Memorial Mass

Remembering Parishioners, Family Members and
Friends who have died since November 2004.

ALL SOULS DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 ✦ 7:00 P.M.

Please call the office with the names of loved ones that
you'd like us to remember at this special Mass



Happy Birthday To You

10/16	Ryan Burns	10/19	David Clark
10/16	Nancy Cardona	10/19	Tyler Brezinski
10/16	Elissa Maslyn	10/19	Makayla Brezinski
10/16	Liam Wall	10/20	Constance Hicks
10/16	Joyce Swackhammer	10/20	James Mulcahy
10/17	Whitney Dickinson	10/22	James Mack
10/17	Michael Janovec	10/22	Jeremy Snell
10/17	Carole Moulthrop	10/22	Richard DeSalvo
10/18	Sean Walsh		

ANNUAL PECAN SALE

Just in time for holiday baking,
it is time for the TWIGS annual
Pecan Sale to benefit Ira Davenport Hospital.
\$7.50 a pound for grade A pecan halves.
Contact Dot Cullen at 776-3496 to order.



We Are Family!

Saint Mary's Parish ✦ Bath, NY



Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL

Fall is the time of year in which Bishop Clark comes to us with an invitation and an appeal. His invitation is to share more fully in the spread of the Gospel of the Lord. The appeal is to be part of the annual Thanks Giving Appeal, the TGA, which this year is transforming in name into the **Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal**. The name change is being made to more fully reflect how our annual gifts are used in the spread of the Gospel.

The Diocese of Rochester has an annual operating budget for this fiscal year of \$10.7 Million. The TGA has a goal to \$5.3 million - about one half that figure. **Our own parish goal is the same as last year - 27,244.** The funds raised by the campaign are used to provide specific programs, services and ministries that meet real needs. We'll learn more about them next weekend in the video presentation at Mass. These programs, services and ministries are usually diocesan wide in scope and impact, and they are well beyond the ability of any one parish to fund. Not every parish receives equal benefits but we all benefit from the collective effort.

St. Mary's regularly relies on the expertise and support of our diocesan information technology and human resources departments and our Marriage Tribunal, Evangelization, Youth Ministry and Social Ministry staff provide important assistance to our staff throughout the year. For the past 25 years, the TGA has allowed our Diocese to grow and expand to meet the challenges and opportunities of strengthening our faith.

By now everyone in our parish has received a letter from Bishop Clark and a brochure with an explanation about the need. The Bishop is asking each of us to consider giving just a little more so that the TGA will be able to respond to the needs of our diocese. Everyone has a different sense of charity and sacrifice, so each of our gifts to the TGA will be different. But I ask you to make your gift to the TGA this year be from your heart. Let be a sign of your commitment to the Gospel and your willingness to be a partner in spreading the Word of the Lord among us.

Pledge cards can be placed in the Sunday Collection or mailed to the diocese. Every gift is needed and important. Working together and giving together, we can accomplish so much for our parish and the larger church. Thank you in advance for your generous response. I know the Lord will bless your generous hearts.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.



If Christ was knocking on your door, would you let him in?

Life is filled with invitations! Sometimes, these can lead us to totally unexpected and exciting experiences. Our parish community would like to offer you an invitation that may help lead you (or re-energize you) on a life-long faith journey.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) sessions are for adults of all ages, and are for everyone (Catholics and non-Catholics alike):

- **Never been baptized and finding yourself attracted to the Roman Catholic Faith.**
- **Baptized Christians who are considering membership in the Roman Catholic Faith.**
- **Catholics who have been away from the Church, who want a refresher in our beliefs and practices**
- **Catholics who want to update their faith.**
- **Catholics who would like to sponsor a candidate in their own inquiry into the faith.**

Your invitation is to take a deeper look at the Catholic Church through the RCIA process.

Have you heard God calling YOU lately? If you feel this invitation may be intended for you, if you or someone you know might be interested in RCIA, or if you would like more information on RCIA, please call Deacon Ray at the Parish Office at 776-3327.

Our next RCIA session is November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 204 of the Zimmer Center.

St. Mary's Gift Cards



We need some help selling Tops, P & C and Qwik Fill Cards after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. It is simple to do and would only take 5 to 10 minutes of your time. The cards can be used to give away as gifts or for your own use. They are beneficial in two ways:

St. Mary's earns 5% of all purchases and they shorten your time waiting in line because you don't have to wait for change. Just one little card to carry! Please call the Parish Office at 776-3327 and volunteer to help.



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 13, 2005.

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