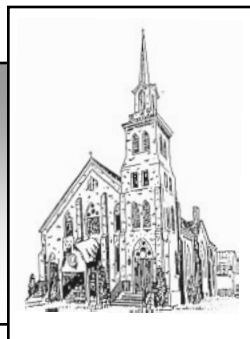


# Saint Mary's Parish

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

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 28, 2007



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## Scripture REFLECTIONS

### Pharisees and Tax Collectors

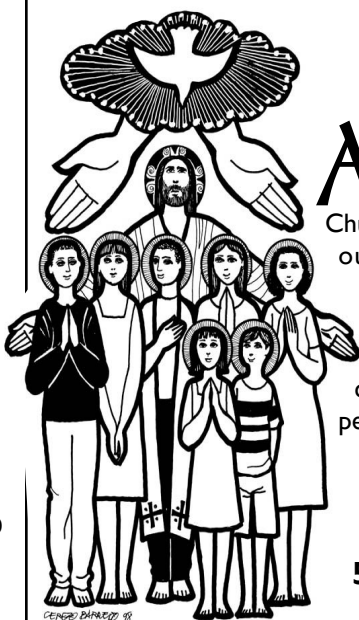
In this weekend's gospel, Jesus speaks this parable "to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else." He is also speaking to his disciples and to you and me about our attitudes.

Pharisees frequently get bad press in the Scriptures. But, they were not bad people. In fact, the Pharisees were a Jewish religious group who were centered on the strict observance of the Law. They interpreted the obligations of the Law in the most severe manner.

In our Church today, we sometimes encounter modern "Pharisees" who quote any number of "laws". But, like the Pharisees of old, many miss God's Spirit in the law. In today's gospel, the Pharisee also represents those of us who can only bolster our own self-image by cutting down those around us.



So this parable is about our overall attitude. The Pharisee is telling God how wonderful he (the Pharisee) is, there is no praise for God, and it is all self-praise. The Pharisee does not need God's free gift of love and justification as the Pharisee has justified himself. The Tax Collector has recognized his need for God's mercy and beats his breast as a sign of repentance and asks for God's help. So how are we measuring up? Honestly!



## The Feast of All Saints

*God's holy Church rejoices that her children are one with the saints in lasting peace.*

As we come to the end of the Church year we celebrate this great feast of All Saints. Normally we apply the word "saint" to people of extraordinary holiness who have been canonized or beatified by the Church, people like St. Francis of Assisi, St. Joseph, St. Anthony and, yes, our patroness St. Mary.

But today's feast also celebrates all those baptized Christians who have died and are now with God in glory. It also certainly includes all non-Christians who lived a good life sincerely in accordance with the convictions of their conscience. We simply do not know how many people we are talking about but it must be a very large number.

## HOLY DAY MASSES

**Thursday, November 1**

**5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's ♦ 7:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel's**

The Feast of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation.

## 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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Catholic Parishes**



## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** **October 28 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00 a.m. To congratulate Donald Croarkin  
 For his achievements

**MONDAY** **October 29, Weekday**  
 9:00 a.m. Communion Service

**TUESDAY** **October 30, Weekday**  
 9:00 a.m. In Memory, Bob Shaner  
 By Barb & Ted Bailey

**WEDNESDAY** **October 31, Weekday**  
 7:00 p.m. In Memory, Verona Kish  
 By K Of C Ladies Auxiliary

**THURSDAY** **November 1, All Saints**  
 5:30 p.m. In Memory, Zachary Wrobel  
 By Donald & Nancy Baker

**FRIDAY** **November 2, All Souls Day**  
 9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Geri & Jim Galvin  
 10:30 a.m. Infirmary - In Memory, Joseph John Calviello  
 By The Wall Family

7:00 p.m. All Souls Memorial Mass

**SATURDAY** **November 3, Weekday**  
 4:00 p.m. In Memory, Patricia Marie Reister  
 By her father, Charles Murray

**SUNDAY** **November 4, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00 a.m. In Memory, Deanna Geyer  
 By Sharon Perkins, Johnna Folts  
 & Berney Cummings

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



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** **October 28**  
 8:30 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Bill & Penny MadNamara  
 10:30 a.m. Religious Education  
 10:30 a.m. Post Mass Choir Practice, Church  
 10:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation - Chapel  
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

**MONDAY** **October 29**  
 6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, O'Malley Hall

**TUESDAY** **October 30**

**WEDNESDAY** **October 31**  
 6:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Hall  
 7:00 p.m. RCIA - Walk Through Mass, Chapel

**THURSDAY** **November 1**  
 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, Room 101  
 7:00 p.m. K of C meeting, Knight's Room

**FRIDAY** **November 2**  
 8:00 p.m. Reception following Memorial Mass

**SATURDAY** **November 3**  
 1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

**SUNDAY** **November 4**  
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Youth Group  
 10:30 a.m. Religious Education  
 Post Mass Choir Practice, Church  
 AA, Room 101

7:00 p.m.



## Happy Birthday To You

10/28	Charlotte Sestak	11/01	Sylvester Holzer
10/28	Kristopher Bly	11/01	Sharon McKinley
10/29	Christina Cardona	11/01	Kristine McKinley
10/30	Anita Jacobs	11/02	Connor Bell
10/30	Amy Badeau	11/03	Elijah Truth
10/31	Emily Sokolowski	11/03	Karen Binkowski
10/31	Denise Russell	11/03	Toni Basile
10/31	Josephine Skrocki		



### SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

**October 20/21, 2007**

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2924.10 **THANK YOU!**

World Mission Sunday: \$238.00

Can & Quarter Collection: \$327.31

Today's Second Collection: Insurance



### Assembly Schedule

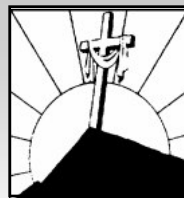
November 3 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Jordan's Cross  
 November 4 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Youth Assembly  
 To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



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



Next Sunday we will celebrate **World Youth Day** with the presentation of the **Hands of Christ Award** to several of our parish youth and bless the young people and adults who are about to begin their pilgrimage to the **National Catholic Youth Convention** in Columbus Ohio.



## memorial mass

Remembering Parishioners, Family Members and Friends who have died since November 2006.

### all souls day

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 † 7 P.M.**

Reception following Mass

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

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

## a walk through mass

**Wednesday, October 31st 7 - 8:30 PM**  
 Saint Mary's Visitation Chapel



## SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

### Prayers and Poems from Parishioners

Occasionally parishioners will send me prayers and poems that have touched them and suggest that I share them in this column.

This first one has taken several forms. **Gen Kashmer** sent it to me under the title **Christianity**, but I also found it on the internet with the title below.

#### My Idea of Good Religion...

In the home, it is kindness. In the business, it is honesty.

In the society it is courtesy. In work it is fairness.

Toward the unfortunate it is sympathy.

Toward the weak it is help.

Toward the wicked it is resistance. Toward the strong it is trust.

Toward the penitent it is forgiveness.

Toward the successful it is congratulations.

Toward God it is reverence and obedience.

**Shel Silverstein** has long been among my favorite storytellers. Over the years, I've used his delightful story **The Giving Tree** in homilies and have shared it with faith formation classes. This poem is a good example of his simple, yet insightful poetry.

#### The Little Boy and the Old Man

From *A Light in the Window* by Shel Silverstein (1932-1999)

Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon."

Said the little old man, "I do that too."

The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."

"I do that too," laughed the little old man.

Said the little boy, "I often cry." The old man nodded, "So do I."

"But worst of all," said the boy, "it seems

Grown-ups don't pay attention to me."

And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.

"I know what you mean," said the little old man.

Finally, a poem that the marvels of our changing seasons while giving credit to the Master painter whose grace colors our lives.

#### MASTERWORKS

By Henry W. Gurley

In Autumn when the leaves turn brown  
And red and gold, they all fall down.

To paint a picture, oh so rare! I know that God is there...

To mastermind His ebb and flow;

To stage His wondrous Autumn show,

To brush His skies with molten gold; I watch His art unfold.

No grander sight could I behold:

These leaves of brown and red and gold.

But Winter bodes its icy chills upon the snow-clad hills.

In time the land, a living scene,

Comes bursting forth in savage green;

And I confront the season's thieves that took my Autumn leaves.

But soon a softness in the air! God paints a picture, oh so rare

Of Autumn leaves that all turn brown

And red and gold as they fall down.

Have a beautiful Autumn week. Serve each other well.

## Building Peace with Justice

A Reflection for October 28, 2007



There is no way we can get comfortable with this week's readings. That is because they expose two key provocations to faithlessness: money and religion. Wealth can easily turn us into oppressors of the weak—this is the warning of Sirach. Luke's parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector reveals the way piety can make us smug and self satisfied.

Last week, President Bush vetoed legislation that would expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The House failed to override this veto.

#### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

"Access to adequate health care is a basic human right. Health care is necessary for the development and maintenance of human life and for the human person to realize the fullness of dignity. A just society protects and promotes the fundamental rights of the human person, with special attention to the needs of children and other vulnerable persons."

**Reflection: Do I have the courage to face up to Sirach's and Luke's challenges to our complacency? Did I contact my representative about this veto?**



### 2007-2008 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Parish Results as of Monday, Oct. 22, 2007

Goal: \$24,694

Pledges/Gifts 57

Pledged: \$6,495

Avg. Gift: \$114

Mrs. Patricia Adamowicz	Mr. Robert Kalenak
Mrs. Marie Benishin	Mrs. Genevieve Kashmer
Ms. Kathryn Biehl	Mrs. Mary Kulikowski
M/M Norbert Binkowski	Ms. Mary Latour
M/M William Brinkhus	Mrs. Gertrude Laux
M/M John Carpenter	Mrs. Frank Leckinger
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