



# Saint Mary's Parish

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

The Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 5, 2008

## Our Parish Office

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## St. Mary's Choir

Aubri Ordway, Director  
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Saturday Mass Organists

## Our Parish Council

William MacNamara  
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Jim Gallagher  
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Kathy Warren - 776-4074

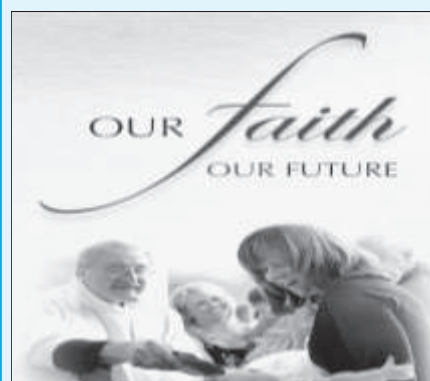


## Sunday Supper Ministry Completes Six Months at St. Mary's O'Malley Hall

For the past six months, St. Mary's O'Malley Hall has been home to the weekly Sunday Supper Ministry. This weekend, Sunday Suppers move to St. Thomas Episcopal. This ecumenical ministry which provides a delicious dinner to about 50 Bath individuals and families each week circulates among several area churches who host the meal for three to six months. Sunday Suppers are prepared and served by teams of volunteers from each of these churches.

Two teams of St. Mary's volunteers each prepare and serve Sunday Supper three or four times each year under the leadership of Team captains Geri Galvin and Frieda Fiordo. Geri's team includes: **Jim Galvin, Marcia and Paul Wolfe, Betty Langendorfer, Henrietta Powell, Mary Ellen Haff, Bunny Jacobs and Pam Southard.** Frieda's team includes: **Deb and Bill Brinkhus, Mary Faucett, Al Hall, Ken Hopkins, Helen and Arnie Kish, Gail and Jack Lyle, Marcia Shaver and Dorothy Sincerbox,** Until her recent death, **Rosa Fiordo** was also an active member of her daughter's team.

Deb Brinkhus, who represents St. Mary's of the Sunday Supper organizing Committee hopes to add two additional teams during the coming year. She will provide training to new team members and fit them into the new Sunday Supper schedule. This is a wonderful family ministry which requires a commitment of only a few Sunday afternoons a year.



**Catholic Ministry Appeal 2008 - 2009**

### St. Mary's CMA

Goal is \$23,449

Suggested Gift is  
\$150 or 1% of household income.

Pledges are payable  
in monthly installments through May  
2009. Please help us  
reach our goal.

## Deacon Ed Wight Celebrates 25 Years of Diaconal Service

Last Friday, Deacon Ed Wight celebrated his 25th of his ordination to the permanent diaconate. St. Mary's continue to be blessed by Deacon Ed's service to our parish.



Deacon Ed was ordained on by Bishop Stanislaus Brzana of the Diocese of Ogdensburg October 3, 1983. Following his ordination, Deacon Ed served as parish deacon and then pastoral administrator of St. Henry's Church in Long Lake, New York.

Since moving to Bath in 1997, Deacon Ed has served as parish deacon here at St. Mary's. We congratulate Deacon Ed on this important ministry milestone and express our gratitude for his dedication to St. Mary's.



"At last the owner sent to them his son, saying, 'They will respect my son.'"

Matthew 21:37

## Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

### Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. <sup>2</sup> Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

### Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday and 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** Oct 5, Twenty-Seventh  
Sunday of Ordinary Time  
9:00 a.m. In Mem. Of Helen Opila  
By Bud & Dot

**MONDAY** Oct 6, Monday  
9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**TUESDAY** Oct 7, Tuesday  
5:00 p.m. In Mem. of Mary Saxe  
By Joan Buck

**WEDNESDAY** Oct 8, Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. For the intentions of  
Father Richard Shatzel  
By Marie Benishin

**THURSDAY** Oct 9, Thursday  
9:00 a.m. In Mem. Of Art Moran  
By Mary Eaton

**FRIDAY** Oct 10, Friday  
(Mass at St. Gabriel's at 8:30a.m.)

**SATURDAY** Oct 11, Saturday  
4:00 p.m. In Mem. of Rosa Fiordo  
By Catherine Tetor

**SUNDAY** Oct 12, Twenty-Eighth  
Sunday of Ordinary Time  
9:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus & Ladies  
Aux Memorial Mass  
By Ladies Auxiliary

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

## MY SAINT MARY'S



Where Caring Reaches  
Beyond our Doors

Thank you for Making  
Parish - a Priority!

September 27/28, 2008

Attendance: 279

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2411.27

Faith Formation \$304.32

**Today's 2nd Collection: Cemetery Upkeep**  
**Next Week's 2nd Collection: Heating**

In addition to helping us meet our payroll expenses, your stewardship gifts last week helped us pay

Photo: Deacon Ray at Taylor Health Center



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** Oct 5  
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** Oct 6  
**TUESDAY** Oct 7  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 203  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204A  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204B  
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Rectory

**WEDNESDAY** Oct 8  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 203  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204B  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 201  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204A

**THURSDAY** Oct 9  
5:30p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 203  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 204A  
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 205

**FRIDAY** Oct 10  
**SATURDAY** Oct 11  
1:00 p.m. NA - Hall

**SUNDAY** Oct 12  
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



The Sanctuary Light is burning in memory of Coleman Glenn by his wife Evelyn Glenn.



Happy Birthday  
To You!

10/05 Julie Squires	10/09 Judy Harris
10/05 Maureen Johnson	10/09 Nica Baliguin
10/06 Josephine Musso	10/10 Harold Rodbourn
10/06 Gail Lyle	10/10 Walt Zydanic
10/07 Evelyn Glenn	10/10 Emily Ormsby
10/08 Theresa Hughes	10/11 Jeannine Leger
10/08 James Desrosiers	10/11 Mary Ordway
10/09 Molly Gronski	10/11 Neil Fagan



## Prayer List

Bruce Ayers, Bonnie Baron,  
Fran Cummings, Bob Denno,  
Margaret Emmick, Peggy Evans,  
Mary Fisher, Glenn French, Mary and Jack  
Giblin, Ester Gerhart, Joey Kish,  
**Jim Murray, Fr Gerald O'Conner,**  
Deacon John Prave, Theresa Rodbourn,  
Jerry Rumsey and Stan Wraight.



## Pictorial Directory

We ask all parishioners to be part of our new directory.

This week, Olan Mills will call parishioners that did not yet make an appointment to have a portrait taken.

You will receive a FREE 8x10 and **St. Mary's will receive \$4.00** for each setting. Invite your family and friends to also have their portraits taken.



## BATH COMMUNITY

# CROP WALK

Sunday, October 19, 2008

Mary Ellen Haff is the contact person this year at St Mary's. She or her representative will be in the back of the church every weekend to sign up walkers or accept donations to the CROP Walk. 25% goes to our local food pantries



## Assembly Schedule

October 10 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.  
Precious Blood 1

October 11 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.  
Knights of Columbus

To join an assembly call 776-3327

## Sewing Seeds of Sustainability

### Ecumenical Forum

The annual Ecumenical Forum will take place on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Centenary UMC.

Featured speakers will be : Dr. Jason Hamilton, Associate Professor of Biology at Ithaca College and Fr. George Heyman, Director of Continuing Education and Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. Lunch will feature locally grown foods.



# Why You Should Elect Me President

By Father Jim Jaeger



Dear Friends,  
Deacon Ray and Pat are in Chicago this weekend visiting their daughter Monica. He's invited me to share with you an essay that I wrote recently concerning the upcoming elections.

In just five more weeks the Election will be over. I for one can't wait. I just can't catch the excitement this time around. I am tired of listening to the hype, rhetoric, mudslinging, and promises in this campaign year. I have not watched one debate or one convention. I have relied only on newspaper headlines and what I hear on TV.

I started wondering what is wrong with me? It seems that most people around me are talking constantly about one candidate or the other. I am now anxious that I may be depressed since I am complacent.

Then the thought came to me, why don't I run for high office? Why not? I could do a better job than all the rest. I have been a spiritual leader for over 22 years. Let me put myself in their place. I challenge you readers to do the same. If I were running for this fantasy position what would my promises and platform be???? What would yours be??

Well, Jim the candidate came up with these first responses.

First I would abolish the antismoking ban so I could enjoy a big ole cigar in public anywhere and at anytime. I am sick of these health nuts telling me what and what I cannot do. Did they forget that George Burns lived to be a 100 years old while smoking and chewing cigars? After all I am an educated person. I just read that tobacco is a good cure for hemorrhoids. This is yet another discovery to overturn our current law. These fanatics ought to put that tobacco up their %!#\_ and smoke it. This may help them to not be so uptight about things in the end. Let those who don't like smoke go outside and enjoy the fresh air until the smoke clears. Lets see how they like the shoe being on the other foot.

Then next thing I would do is repeal the drinking age. I could have a drink when I was 18, then why isn't it good enough for them today? Haven't these health fanatics heard that red wine is good for lowering



cholesterol, good for the heart, and is full of antioxidants? Why keep this miracle fruit from the populace? Plus we need to do more to promote New York State Wines and help out our local economy! France, Italy, and Australia should be afraid! There is so much pleasure and nirvana and bonding that goes on over a glass of red grapes.

We should never let big interest groups and lobbyists take the peace and tranquility such activities gives us and instill fear and lawsuits instead. I think that they should go after terrorists, and people with guns on our city streets.

The next thing I think is crazy is the leash law. My boxer Gracie loves to go out and follow me on a walk. She doesn't need a leash and isn't a threat to anyone. It is another example of big interest putting all of us on a short leash in life. Insurance groups have too much control and people are afraid of being sued. Maybe we should change those laws too.

If I need a Treasury Chief then I would pick Susie Orman and for diplomatic dinners I would pick Rachel Ray to put a dish for \$40 a meal on the menu.

These were my first thoughts. What were yours? I guess my life is pretty tame and good. I found out that these things were about me and my self interests. Not about what I would do for my fellow Americans. I am ashamed. How selfish of me to think of me and what would bring me happiness.

This reflection got me thinking about other things on the flip side such as what are we doing for others? Are we any different than the candidates? They are really doing some-

thing good for others even if it doesn't touch us here and now. They are looking at the whole big picture. I was not at first. I have learned a lesson.

Our candidates aren't about themselves but for the good of our country and allies and the global world. That is where we should be. We should reflect on what are we doing for our country? My buddies and I here at the 107<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard unit in Niagara Falls are serving our country in uniform. We do lots of charity causes for those neighbors in need such as the city mission.

Lastly what are we doing for God? How is our world better off from our service?

When I told another about my promises they thought I was crazy. Some were angry at me for my positions. It is hard to be a leader. I was told I would never be elected. I am happy with that now. I am glad that others are running for election. I will pray for them and all the good they can do.

That is one thing we need - more faith, hope and prayer. On Election night I will try to be interested and I promise to light a cigar in the confines of my home and toast those who have accomplished so much. May we couch potatoes do as much for others as our elected officials do for us. Maybe that is all I will be able to peel back as your candidate.

But Lord I am here to love and serve you. Don't ever let me forget that. That is what we all have in common elected or not. as our elected officials undertake their new duties.

**Toddler Care Available**  
 We welcome toddlers at our Sunday Eucharist. But some parents may prefer to take advantage of this new service during the Sunday 9 a.m. Mass.

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