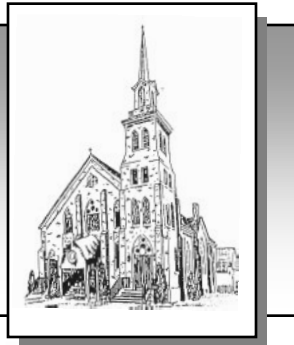


Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 8, 2006



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RESPECT LIFE

AN UPDATE

by Cardinal William H. Keeler

Each October, Catholic parishes across the United States acknowledge, with gratitude and a profound sense of wonder, the mystery of human life: Because each of us is created, loved and redeemed by God, every human life is priceless, deserving respect and protection.

We pause, too, to thank those who help foster respect for life - in pregnancy care centers, hospices, legislative assemblies, homes, schools and workplaces. Because of their efforts we can point to continuing signs of progress toward a culture in which human life is cherished. Young people are leading the way through their enthusiastic involvement in pro-life education and activism. Equally impressive is the growing number of youth committed to living chastely until marriage, a trend that has contributed substantially to the continuing decline in abortions.

Public sentiment overall is changing as well. Today only a small minority of Americans favors the policy of virtually unlimited abortion imposed on our nation by the U.S. Supreme Court's abortion decisions. Even laws to prevent the killing of children who are already four-fifths delivered have been ruled unconstitutional. The public debate on partial-birth abortion has awakened many Americans to the violence of abortion, and the Supreme Court itself will soon take another look at the issue when it re-



views a federal ban on this horrendous practice. Also encouraging for a culture of life is an increased opposition, particularly among committed Catholics, to the use of the death penalty.

These and other signs of progress are true advances. Other recent developments, though hailed as forms of technical progress, are regressive and harmful in their effects on human life.

The RU-486 abortion pill was hailed as a "safe" way to end a pregnancy. But for hundreds of American women, an abortion by this method has meant emergency room visits for blood transfusions, emergency surgery, or treatment for serious, sometimes lethal infections.

Another drug, called Plan B, has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for "emergency contraception." Yet the prescribing information for pharmacists and physicians admits that the drug may sometimes act by making it impossible for a newly conceived embryo to survive. The risks to women include a host of bleeding disorders and an increased risk of ectopic pregnancy.

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Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

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

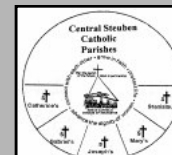
Weekday Masses:

Tuesday ♦ Wednesday ♦ Thursday ♦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday - 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 October 8, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary By the Ladies Auxiliary

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

TUESDAY October 10, Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Christine and John Minichello By Anne Stever

WEDNESDAY October 11, Weekday
9:00 a.m. For the intentions of all those who contributed to the Centennial Fund In Memory, Nicholas Minichello By Anne Stever

THURSDAY October 12, Weekday
9:00 p.m. In Memory, Marian Dugan By Edna Freidland

FRIDAY October 13, Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Agnes Defendorf By St. Mary's Choir

11:00 a.m. Infirmary - For the residents of the infirmary

SATURDAY October 14, Weekday
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Hank Adamowicz By his wife, Pat

SUNDAY October 15, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Bernard Brinkhus By Deb and Bill Brinkhus



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY October 8 - No Religious Education
10:00 a.m. Coffee hour hosted by K of C Ladies Auxiliary
1:00 p.m. Sunday Supper
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion

MONDAY October 9
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

TUESDAY October 10
9:30 a.m. Rosary with Fr. Peter (Following Mass)
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY October 11
9:30 a.m. Wellness Council, Room 201
5:30 p.m. Parish Dinner and discussion, O'Malley Hall

THURSDAY October 12
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall

FRIDAY October 13

SATURDAY October 14
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
5:00 p.m. Quota Club Spaghetti Dinner, O'Malley Hall

SUNDAY October 15
10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Religious Education, K - 12
1:00 p.m. CROP Walk - St. Thomas Episcopal
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

PARISH GOAL: \$26,971 PLEDGED: TBA
The first donor to St. Mary's 2006 CMA was . . .
Mrs. Patricia J. Murphy
THANK YOU!



Liturgical Assembly Schedule

October 14 Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts
October 15 Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Heavenly Hash
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

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

August 26/27, 2006

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3498.50 THANK YOU!
Second Collection for Maintenance: \$229.41



YOUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

Upcoming Second Collections

October 7/8 - Insurance
October 14/15 - Can & Quarter



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning in memory of William Miller at the request of his wife, Isabelle Miller.



Happy Birthday To You!

10/08	James Desrosiers	10/11	Mary Ordway
10/08	Theresa Hughes	10/11	Jeannine Leger
10/09	Billy Crowe	10/11	Jessica Stahr
10/09	Molly Gronski	10/12	Brian Schuster
10/09	Judith Harris	10/13	Joseph Clancy
10/10	Walter Zydanowicz	10/13	Ryan Thompson
10/10	Harold Rodbourn	10/14	George Muller
10/11	Neil Fagan	10/14	Stanley Skolny



Becoming a Roman Catholic

RCIA Sessions Begin - Wednesday, October 25

St. Mary's RCIA Inquiry Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 25 and continue through Easter. The RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation is for Adults and teens who have not been baptized and for baptized Christians who wish to become full members of the Catholic Church. This is also an opportunity for baptized Catholics who have not been catechized or Confirmed to learn about the faith and prepare for Confirmation. For more information, please contact Deacon Ray at the parish office: 776-3327.



St. Mary's Praise Ensemble, under the direction of Domenic Carisetti, invites singers and musicians of all ages to a practice session on Wednesday evening, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Dick Perry room.

St. Mary's Praise Ensemble provides faith-filled vibrant praise and worship music for our monthly healing mass held the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Especially needed are electric and acoustic guitarists, a bass player, and a drummer. If interested, but can't make practice, call Domenic at 607-738-5844.



Respect Life Update

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In the field of stem cell research, the genuine and growing promise of treatments using adult stem cells is often downplayed or ignored, while exaggerated or even fraudulent claims are made for avenues that require destroying early human lives. A "Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative" offered for the November ballot in Missouri makes the usual irresponsible claims for "miracle cures" from embryonic stem cells, and adds its own cynical twist: While claiming to ban human cloning, it would actually elevate the cloning of human embryos for destructive research to the status of a constitutional right.

In 1973 the Supreme Court ignored the facts of human life in the womb, as well as the facts about abortion's negative effects on women, to find a constitutional "right" to abortion. Today, in the same way, powerful groups in our society would ignore basic facts to promote a narrow and divisive view of the human person - a view in which human life is a mere problem, or even an object of research and exploitation, rather than the divine mystery it truly is. Let us educate and motivate ourselves to ensure that truth - the scientific and medical truth, and the profound truth about the dignity of each human person - will increasingly inform and guide our society's decisions about human life.

Cardinal Keeler is Archbishop of Baltimore, and Chairman of the Commit-



New York Catholic Conference

DARFUR UPDATE

By Kathy Dubel

There is some good news concerning Darfur. In his recent address to the U.N. President Bush appointed Andrew Natsios the U.S. Special Envoy for Sudan. He also called on the UN to act on the recent Security Council resolution authorizing a peacekeeping force in Darfur. This is an encouraging step. The appointment of a Special Envoy now means there is a coordinator at the highest levels of the Bush Administration to oversee U.S. policy on Darfur and ensure that the genocide remains a top priority.

Organizers estimate that there were over 30,000 people at the SAVE DARFUR rally in New York City last weekend, with thousands more attending events around the country.

Shortly before his speech, the New York State Conference of Catholic Bishops urged you to email President Bush concerning the plight of the residents of Darfur in the Sudan. Now we urge you to consider sending President Bush a thank you message: comments@whitehouse.gov

Despite those hopeful signs, we need to remain concerned about this crisis and about the innocent people in Darfur. We will keep you posted. Please keep the people of Darfur and Sudan in your prayers. Updates: www.crs.org

Dubel is Justice & Peace Coordinator of Catholic Charities of Chemung County



Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Our pastoral staff met on Tuesday evening to plan for the next few months. The meeting followed closely our annual Pet Blessing service. Add Wednesday evening's Confirmation at St. Catherine's and Thursday's RCIA Informational meeting and you'll see that its been another very full week. Also this week, several of our young people received the **Hands of Christ Award** for service to the parish and community. Some traveled to Rochester to receive their award. Most attended the Hands of Christ presentation in Ithaca Saturday morning. St. Mary's own **Christina Cardona** was chosen from hundreds of award recipients throughout the Diocese to speak at this ceremony. Hopefully, on World Youth Sunday (October 29), we'll hear Christina's witness at Mass.

Al Hanning is nearing completion of the painting of the church. That, along with the cleaning of the Stations, has restored the beauty of our church while saving us many thousands of dollars. Al's generous stewardship of time and talent is an inspiration.

We're well into our **Church Renovation** trial and so far I've heard nothing but positive comments. If you have comments (positive, negative or creative), please voice them to me during the trial. This will allow us to consider modifications that will hopefully allow us to reach consensus at our November 8th **Dinner & Discussion**.

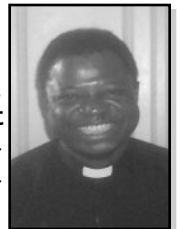
Have a good week. Serve one another well.

Deacon Ray



DINNER & DISCUSSIONS

Saint Mary's Parish Life Committee announces a series of Wednesday Evening **Parish Dinner and Discussions**. The first will take place on **Wednesday, October 11, at 5:30 p.m. in O'Malley Hall**. Parish Life Coordinator **Karen Grimmer** will prepare the dinner which will be followed by a presentation by **Fr. Peter Anglaaere** on the Church in Ghana. Following Fr. Peter's presentation, **Deacon Ray** will facilitate a question and answer discussion on the parish and its ministries. RSVP forms will be available in Church on this weekend. There will be no charge for the dinner but a free will offering will be received.



Ecumenical Community of the Southern Tier Fall Community Forum

An **Ecumenical Community Forum** is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Bath. The topic will be "**Living Poor in the Land of Plenty**" and the speakers will be **Dr. Thomas A. Hirschl** of the Department of Rural Sociology at Cornell University and **Rev. Gary McCaslin**, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Painted Post. Free. Donations accepted.

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