

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 4, 2005



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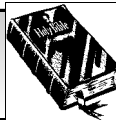
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Scripture REFLECTIONS

Journey of Faith

A local candy store has been owned and operated by the same family for several generations. During the weeks before each holiday, members of the family arrive. A doctor, a teacher, two homemakers, and an assortment of spouses, cousins and children come to help make the candy. When a local reporter asked why they come, the answer was simple. If you belong to this family, you make candy.



All communities have expectations of their members, including the Church. We are the Body of Christ and we gather to pray and worship. We share our faith with others and work to relieve human suffering and injustice. Most importantly, we help each other on our journey of faith, pointing out pitfalls and dangers, and offering support through our presence and our prayer. If you belong to this family, you pray and help each other.

Faith is often described in terms of a journey. We must choose which way to travel, how to live our faith, and what we must do in order to remain faithful to the Gospel. The task is made easier when we help each other, keeping our minds and hearts set on the goal of being one with God and with each other in Heaven.

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If God were knocking on your door right now, would you let him in??

*Do you feel something missing in your life?
Does your heart feel empty or longing for something you can't identify at times?
Do you ever feel lonely in life even if you are not alone?*

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):

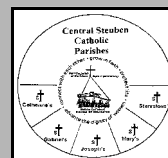
- *Never been baptized and finding yourself attracted to the Catholic Faith
 - *Non-Catholics who are considering the Catholic Faith
 - *Catholics who have drifted away from the Church, who want to learn more about our faith, or who want to know enough to answer their children's questions
 - *Catholics 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 Eileen Wayne at the Parish Office at 776-3327.

Mass/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:30 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 September 4, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Michael Cullen
By Henrietta and Sam Powell

MONDAY September 5, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY September 6, Weekday
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Sue Angus
By Marge Eichensehr

WEDNESDAY September 7, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

THURSDAY September 8, Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Mary Shear
By her sister Evelyn Glenn

FRIDAY September 9, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
11:00 a.m. Mass at the Infirmary
In Memory, Carmalena Minichello
By Anita Shick

SATURDAY September 10,
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Adelaide Merola
By Josephine Musso

SUNDAY September 11,
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Alice Opila Roosma
By Helen Opila



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY September 4,
3-6 p.m. O'Malley Hall rental
7:00 p.m. AA, pavilion

MONDAY September 5, Labor Day
The office will be closed for the Holiday

TUES. September 6,
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, rm. 202,203

THURSDAY September 8,
7:15 p.m. Choir practice, church
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Dick Perry Room

FRIDAY September 9,
7:30 p.m. NA, Room 101

SATURDAY September 10,
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

SUNDAY September 11,
10:30 a.m. Coffee hour
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion



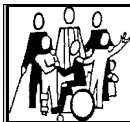
Happy Birthday To You

9/4 Bonnie Stitt	9/7 Tina McKinley
9/4 James DeSorbo	9/8 Emily Crocker
9/5 Patricia Baroody	9/8 Willard Hughes
9/5 Mackenzie Stratton	9/9 Ray Ducharme
9/5 Amy Matacale	9/10 Marge Eichensehr
9/6 John Giblin	9/10 John Walsh



Assembly Schedule

September 10- Saturday 4:00 p.m. - Precious Blood I
September 11- Sunday- 9:00 a.m. - Holy Patrol
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!

August 27/28, 2005

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,555.00

Second Collection totaled: \$129.14

307 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



Religious Education Registration

Registration for the 2005-2006 year of Religious Education will take place after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 11th and Sunday, September 18th.



Time
Change

Mass schedule Beginning September 11th

Saturday
St. Mary's, Bath: 4:00 p.m.
St. Gabriel's, Hammondsport: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday
St. Mary's, Bath 9:00 a.m.
St. Gabriel's, Hammondsport: 11:00 a.m.



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning this week in memory of Natalie Giordano, requested by her children Charles and Carmen Rola

SUMMERTIME SECOND COLLECTIONS

Thanks to all who contributed to last week's Second Collection for the Can and Quarter collection for the needy of our community. Gifts to this collection totaled \$228.05 Next week's second collection will be for the monthly Insurance bill which averages \$1,262.75 a month. Please be generous.





Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Where Did the Summer Go?

Can you believe it? Labor Day Weekend is upon us. Where did the Summer go? I hope that you've enjoyed some R & R this summer. The weather has certainly been great.

Pat and I returned from Chautauqua on Monday with an invitation from the **Chautauqua Catholic Community** to return next year. In spite of back problems, tooth problems and the sickness and death of my Mom, it has been a very memorable summer. We've met hundreds of new friends, worked with wonderful priest chaplains, listened to mind challenging speakers and enjoyed a wide variety of music ranging from the Chautauqua Symphony to Neil Sedaka. Last week's entertainment included a production of "The Music Man" and concerts by **America, Air Supply, the Letterman, Bob Newhart** and **Pat and Debbie Boone**. We have been so blest.

On our return from Chautauqua, Pat and I stopped at the Parish Office to pick up mail. Then, as we continued home to Corning, Pat opened a six inch stack of letters of sympathy and support. Our home mail contained even more. Over the next few weeks I'll be trying to find time to write thank you notes. **Words cannot fully express my gratitude for the prayers and thoughtfulness of parishioners and friends.**

While I was away, a newly registered parishioner, **Alice Armitage**, mother of **Beth Muller**, died in an automobile accident. I want to express my condolences to Alice's family and thanks to **Eileen Wayne** and **Carol Hall** who assisted family members in planning the Funeral Mass and to **Father Erb**, Cantor **Jo Slovak** and the **Resurrection Assembly** for their participation..

Our Parish Staff met on Thursday and Friday for our annual Planning Retreat. Many wonderful opportunities for prayer, life-long faith formation, youth ministry, and socialization are in the works.

Out custodian **George Hoffman** has returned to work after back surgery. During the past week **Alan Hall** has been volunteering his services in preparing additional storage space for the abundance of new tables, chairs and restaurant equipment that has collected in O'Malley Hall. Al and George have many short term projects on their calendars and would welcome extra hands. Call Al at 776-2922.

The **Youth Group's Annual Rummage Sale** is this weekend. A team of teens and parents led by Youth Minister **Mary Carol Wall** and **Amy Badeau** has been hard at work for weeks. The items they'll have for sale run the gamut of clothes to knick knacks to furniture. Proceeds will help

underwrite the Youth Group's trip to the **National Catholic Youth Conference** this October in Atlanta.

Soon we'll be beginning our RCIA Inquiry gatherings for anyone interested in finding out more about membership in the Catholic Church. Coincidentally, I received this Top Secret Document this week via email. Some will believe that I am wrong to divulge these Catholic Code Words to those who are not yet members of the Catholic faith. But, as you know, I'm transparent to a fault and try to not hold anything back. So here goes . . .

Catholic Code Words

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

BULLETIN: Your receipt for attending Mass.

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Parish to lip-sync.

HOLY WATER: A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at Mass often sung a little more quietly, since most have already left..

INCENSE: Holy Smoke!

JESUITS: An order of priests known for their ability to find colleges with good basketball teams.

JONAH: The original "Jaws" story.

JUSTICE: When kids have kids of their own.

KYRIE ELEISON: The only Greek words that most Catholics can recognize besides gyros and baklava.

MAGI: The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.

MANGER: Where Mary gave birth to Jesus because Joseph wasn't covered by an HMO. (The Bible's way of showing us that holiday travel has always been rough.)

PEW: A medieval torture device still found in churches.

PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

RECESSIONAL: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.

RELICS: People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

TEN COMMANDMENTS: The most important Top Ten list not given by David Letterman.

USHERS: The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.

Have a delightful Holiday. Serve one another well.