



# Saint Mary's Parish

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

The Exultation of the Cross

September 14, 2008

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## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Life at the  
Poverty Line  
Every day is  
about hanging on



What is the  
Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development?

**It is the Catholic Church's anti-poverty program** aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty.

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line and 13 million of these are children. The CCHD works to create lasting solutions to the problems of poverty through real community change

What should you do?

You can help in three ways  
**Donate** - Your generous and prayerful donations to the Collection are vital to the anti-poverty mission of CCHD

**Learn** - You can learn more about poverty, those affected by it and your responsibilities as members of the church

**Pray** - Pray for the mission of CCHD and an end to the harsh cycle of poverty



## Story for Today **FOOTBALL SPIRITUALITY**



Brock was the "cheerful, bubbly eight-year-old" friend of John. When John's mom, Karen Muensterman, learned of Brock's illness-"acute myelogenous leukemia"-she began what came to be known as "Brock's File." His new address was St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, a five-hour drive from where Karen and John lived, so she started a folder with notes and cards she wanted to send and any information received about his progress.

Gradually, she reports in her St. Anthony Messenger article, Brock's File began to cure her of the common parental malady of asking her kids how they did rather than how they were. Seeing Brock's File became a reminder that "grades were only tools to measure educational progress and not to measure children." She began to pray not only for Brock but for her own kids-not necessarily to get the best test score or be the most popular but just "to be there for all those years of victories and failures, lessons and laughter."

Brock was gone all summer and missed the beginning of third grade but around Thanksgiving, he joined his class. However, shortly after fourth grade started, Brock needed to return to St. Jude's. Brock's mother called Karen, asking if she would help get Brock's friends together for a football game before he left.

"They ran, passed and tackled. They bickered, squabbled and wrestled. They were acting so normal that, one by one, we parents forgot to be sad" and instead stood watching the "undaunted and inimitable spirit of 10-year-old boys," Karen wrote.

Brock received a bone marrow transplant, but two years after his original diagnosis he succumbed to respiratory problems and passed away on Easter Sunday, 2001. Brock might well have asked God, "Why have you brought me to die in this desert?" But he didn't, perhaps because he did not believe it was a desert in which he lived, but a backyard football game with friends

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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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

### Weekday Communion Services

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday - 5:00 p.m.



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** Sept. 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Alice Opila Roosma  
 By Helen Opila

**MONDAY** Sept. 15, Monday  
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**TUESDAY** Sept. 16, Tuesday  
 5:00 p.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY** Sept. 17, Wednesday  
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**THURSDAY** Sept. 18, Thursday  
 7:00 p.m. Healing Mass  
 In Mem. of Joe Kashmer  
 By Gen Kashmer

**FRIDAY** Sept. 19, Friday

**SATURDAY** Sept. 20, Saturday  
 4:00 p.m. In Mem. Of Mary Lou & Alex  
 Cornaire  
 By Lee Cornaire

Note: Fr. Jim has military duty on weekdays during the last three weeks of September. On these days we will gather for Scripture/Communion Services as noted above.

Beginning in January 2009, a weekend 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 parish ministries and capital projects.



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** Sept 14  
 8:15 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
 10:15 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church  
 3:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, Hall  
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

**MONDAY** Sept 15

**TUESDAY** Sept 16  
 7:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Rectory

**WEDNESDAY** Sept 17  
 8:00a.m. Proaction Bone Builders  
 5:00 p.m. Quota Dinner

**THURSDAY** Sept 18  
 5:30p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall

**FRIDAY** Sept 19

**SATURDAY** Sept 20  
 1:00 p.m. NA - Hall

**SUNDAY** Sept 21  
 8:15 a.m. Pre Mass Choir Practice, Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
 10:15 a.m. Post Choir Practice, Church  
 3:00p.m. Sunday Supper, Hall  
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101



## Happy Birthday To You!

09/14 Judith Hunter	09/18 Jim Murray
09/14 Emily Jessup	09/18 Rick Czajkowski
09/15 Kevin McLaughlin	09/18 Jill McConnell
09/15 Patricia Bell	09/19 Marcia Hokula
09/15 Garrison Kohler	09/20 Betsy Sheehan
09/15 Franklin Kohler	09/20 Katherine Matoon
09/15 Thelma Rusak	09/20 Alex Watches
09/18 John Ambrosone	



## Healing Mass

Sept. 18 at 7:00p.m.

**St Mary's Church, Bath**

with Father Boniface Ewah



## Prayer List

Bruce Ayers, Fran Cummings, Bob Denno, Mary Fisher, Glenn French, Mary and Jack Giblin, Nancy Holzer, John Hurley, Jim Lamprecht, Logan Manciocchi, Deacon John Prave, Theresa Rodbourn, and Stan Wraight.



## Assembly Schedule

September 20 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.  
 Willing Hearts  
 September 21 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.  
 Precious Blood 11

To join an assembly call 776-3327

## Pictorial Directory



Olan Mills will be taking pictures from October 7-11 for St. Mary's

If you have your picture taken, you will receive a FREE 8x10 and St Mary's will receive \$4.00 for each setting, so invite your families and friends to come and have their pictures taken

Signups will take place the next three weekends

If you cannot sign up on the weekend, Please call the office and make an appointment



## Blessing of the Animals

Saturday,  
 October 4, 2008  
 3:00p.m.

**St Mary's Church**  
 Front Steps



## SAINT MARY'S PARISH "A Parish of Good Stewards"

Thank you for Making  
 Parish a Priority!

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$4568.70  
 Air Conditioning \$269.67

**Today's 2nd Collection:** Maintenance  
**Next Week's 2nd Collection:** Can & Quarter

In addition to helping us meet our payroll expenses, your stewardship gifts will help us replace the gutter on the East side of the church -\$680..



The Sanctuary Light is burning in memory of Natalie Giordano by Carmen Rola

Turning Point  
 September Need

Canned  
 Meat/Tuna



Welcome to our  
**Parish Family**



## Healing Prayer after Mass

If you are in need of prayer Father Jaeger will have the anointing of the sick directly after Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month in front of the Tabernacle

The date for this month will be September 28



## SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

### Deacons are Sent to Serve and call others to do the same.

For a little over seven years now I have written this weekly column under the banner "Sent to Serve." The origins of this title is the understanding that permanent deacons, and by Baptism, all of us, are indeed called and sent to a life of service. Jesus told us that anyone who wished to be first in the kingdom must be first in their service to others.

Because permanent deacons, although by virtue of their ordination are in fact members of the "clergy", they are not typically "professional clergy." The vast majority of deacons hold full time positions in the secular world. They are teachers, social workers, car mechanics, farmers, physicians, lawyers, and even judges. But in addition to these secular professions, most permanent deacons also donate (without salary) ten to twelve hours per week in service to their church and community.

As ministers of service, deacons typically are assigned by their bishop to work with people who are most in need of the care and compassion of Christ. In addition to the "liturgical ministries" that place the deacon in front of the congregation (e.g. proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, officiating at weddings, baptisms and funerals), deacons are assigned first and foremost to a ministry of service. Deacons work in jail ministry, food pantries, and nursing homes. When assigned to a parish, they concentrate on helping people who my for one reason or another fall through the cracks. They help people who are sick or grieving the loss of a loved one or the dissolution of a marriage. Some are spiritual counselors or specialize in youth ministry, all without financial remuneration.

In walking the tightrope between, family, work and diaconal commitments, deacons invite lay people to join them in some ministry of service. They call forth the unique gifts of their fellow parishioners and help inspire and prepare them to use these gifts in some form of ministry within their parish, their family or a com-



Deacon David Hudzinski returned to the parish of his youth to proclaim the Word, homilize and deacon at last Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Mass. Pictured above are Joanne and Joe Hudzinski, Dave's spouse Amy, Deacon Hudzinski, Deacon Ray, Father Jim, Deacon Mike Donovan of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Tioga County and Bob and Pam Colomaio. Deacon Dave and Mike were ordained in May. Bob recently was installed as Acolyte (Ordinary Minister of Communion), the final step before his ordination to the permanent diaconate in May 2009.

munity organization such as Catholic Charities, the Red Cross, United Way, Health Ministry, Scouting, Food Pantries, etc.

This was how I spent the first 17 years of my life as an ordained permanent deacon. Following ordination in 1982, I continued to work full time at Corning Hospital. I also partnered with my wife Pat to raise our three children to become caring people. As a deacon, I also donated twelve or more hours per week as a youth minister, RCIA team member, nursing home visitor, pre-cana team member, United Way volunteer, and regular preacher at weekly Mass within the Corning-Painted Post Roman Catholic Community.

It was not until 1996 that I applied for and accepted a paid pastoral associate position with at St. Patrick's Church in Corning. While, I no longer donated an additional 10-12 hours per week to diaconal ministry, accepting a paid church ministry position reduced our family income by about 25%. Five years later, when Bishop Clark invited me to become a pastoral administrator in Tioga County, I accepted this call with enthusiasm and trusted that, in spite of yet another salary cut, God would continue to provide all that our family really needed.

My intent in sharing the above ministry resume is not to elicit your admiration, gratitude or sympathy. Instead, I hope that you will understand the challenges that are own parishioners Bob and Pam Colomaio and their daughters are accepting as Bob prepares for his ordination to the permanent diaconate in May 2009.

For the past three years, Bob has made weekly trips to St. Bernard's classes in Rochester and Watkins Glen. One weekend each month, the Colomaio family travels to Rochester for two days of classes and formation. Bob also volunteers weekly at the Bath VA and the Chaplain's officer at St. James Hospital in Hornell.

Recently, Bob has received from Bishop Clark, the order of Acolyte, the final step before his diaconal ordination. I urge you to keep the Colomaio's in your daily prayer and watch for Bob in a variety of liturgical ministries over the upcoming months.

#### Welcome Back Deb

Deb Griffin has returned to her ministry as cantor and choir member following surgery. Pictured with Deb is my spouse Pat.



Have a good week. *Deacon Ray* Serve one another well!

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