

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Twenty - Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 24, 2006



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Scripture REFLECTIONS

Greatness Comes Through
Serving the Least Among Us

Jesus demonstrates incredible patience. Today worked the other way around. They we hear that the disciples are discussing wanted to be served. Jesus had to set amongst themselves about who is the greatest. them straight. He sat them down, and This passage comes at a point in Mark's gospel placed a child - the lowest member of

after which Jesus has been with the disciples for some time. He called them by name and sent them into service. He has gone to great lengths to teach them. He told them that He would suffer, die, and rise again.



And yet, after all this, the disciples still want to discuss who is the greatest. They just don't get it. They don't understand that what greatness means to God is very different from what greatness means to the world.

God wants us to serve one another. This is true greatness. The disciples thought it

Jesus sat them down, and placed a child - the lowest member of Judaic society - in their midst. He told them to serve the least.

Lord and allow Him to teach us the way again. The good news is that Jesus will be as patient with us as He was with His wayward disciples.

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

A TIME TO SHARE . . . FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

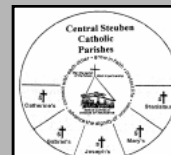
The Diocese of Rochester is about to launch the 2006-2007 Catholic Ministries Appeal. All registered parishioners should receive a letter from Bishop Clark, a CMA brochure, pledge card, and return envelope in the mail this week. Please read the material carefully and give consideration to your participation. Our parish goal is \$26,971. A letter from Deacon Ray concerning the CMA is on page 4 of today's expanded bulletin.

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 - 5:00 p.m.
✧ Friday - 9:00 a.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 September 24, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Ed Bartos and Albert Skalnican
By the Opila Family

Monday September 25, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday September 26, Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Dick Perry
By his wife, Barbara

Wednesday September 27, Vincent de Paul, priest
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Helen Kolo
By Sandy Rogers

5:00 p.m. In Memory, Christine and John Minichello
By Anne Stever

Thursday September 28, Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory,
By

Friday September 29, Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Geraldine Dean
By Geri and Jim Galvin

SATURDAY September 30, Jerome, priest, doctor
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Jim Harvey
By Agnes and Family

SUNDAY October 1, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Al Striano
By Pam Southard - Park and Tom Park



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY September 24
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Music Ministry
10:30 a.m. Religious Education K - 12
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting, O'Malley Hall
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion

MONDAY September 25
6:00 p.m. Bell Practice
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

TUESDAY September 26
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY September 27
7:00 p.m. Liturgy Training, Lector
8:00 p.m. Liturgy Training, Eucharistic Ministers

THURSDAY September 28
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall

FRIDAY September 29

SATURDAY September 30
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
4:00 p.m. Alice's Rest Pig Roast

SUNDAY October 1
10:30 a.m. Religious Education, K - 12
1:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, O'Malley Hall
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting, O'Malley Hall



Liturgical Assembly Schedule

Sept. 30 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Precious Blood I
Oct. 1 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Music Ministry
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



Happy Birthday To You!

09/24	Louise Martin	Muller
09/24	Antoinette Stever	09/26 Gregory Di-
09/24	Robert Jones	Pasquale
09/25	Joanne Sheehan	09/27 Mary Watches
	09/25 Patricia	09/27 Elizabeth Hutcheson



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

September 9/10, 2006

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,811.00 THANK YOU!

Second Collection for Human Development: \$250.00

Can and Quarter Collection: \$266.00



New York Catholic Conference

ACTION ALERT—DARFUR

Catholic Relief Services reports that the situation in Darfur is deteriorating. The African Union peacekeeping force will end its mission on September 30. A much stronger U.N. force should take over. Unfortunately, there are signs that the government of Sudan may not welcome the U.N. peacekeepers, and in fact may be preparing for a large military action. The innocent citizens (especially women and children) of Darfur will be most at risk.

Action Needed: Please contact President Bush

White House Comment line: 202-456-1111 Fax: 202-456-2461

Email: comments@whitehouse.gov

Urge the President to:

- 1) Push for immediate deployment of the already-authorized UN peacekeeping force.
- 2) Strengthen the understaffed African Union force already in Darfur until the UN force is deployed.
- 3) Implement a fair and lasting Peace Agreement.
- 4) Increase humanitarian aid and ensure access for delivery.

More background on the crisis: www.crs.org



YOUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

Upcoming Second Collections

September 23/24 - Heating

Sept. 30/Oct. 1 - Maintenance



Gift cards for Tops, P&C and Kwik Fill are sold after mass and throughout the week in the parish office. St. Mary's receives 5% of the face value for every card we sell. They are great for gifts or for your own use!



Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Jesus' Grandparents: Joachim and Anne

In the flurry of activity that occurred during the first week of September, many of us missed the celebration of "Grandparents Day." This week, I hope to make up for this omission with some information on two grandparents of special note, St. Joachim and St. Anne. In my youth, my parents erected a shrine in our back yard to St. Anne De Beaupre whose intercession is celebrated in a magnificent shrine in Quebec. St. Mary's western wall includes a statue of St. Anne and the young Mary. But relatively little is known of Jesus' grandfather, St. Joachim.

Tradition holds that Joachim and Anne were the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus. There is no reference to them on the pages of scripture. So where do we get there names and what is their story?

Their names are found in the apocryphal gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of Jesus". The Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were not excepted as inspired works and thus were not included in the official Canon of the Sacred Scriptures, the "Bible". However these apocryphal works reflect the Christian imagination of the time period and have resulted in wonderful, devotional and festive dimensions of our Christian community. Not long ago "the Gospel of Judas" created a bit of a stir that we all read about and heard on TV. It made big headlines the National Geographic Organization released its existence.

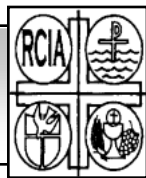
Long before grandparents' day was established on the first weekend of September, the church had a festival that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names and stories are not part of inspired Scripture, but rather from apocryphal legend, the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, indeed has dwelt among us, as a human being, like us in all things but sin. He was part of a family like all of us. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus, we are really proclaiming our faith in the mystery of the incarnation; that God has become one with us. So in a way, to see Jesus is to see Mary and to see Mary is to see her parents, Joachim and Anne. Thus, we celebrate their feast day to affirm a central mystery of our faith: that God has joined with our human experience in the person of Jesus Christ.

Church Renovations Going Well

By all comments I've heard, our first weekend of our Church Renovation trial went very well. I realize that not everyone with negative thoughts share them directly with me. If you have constructive thoughts on the renovations - please feel free to share them with me.

Meanwhile teams of volunteers have thoroughly cleaned and polished the Stations of the Cross and Al Hanning continues to wash and paint the church walls. Good Stewards All!

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



Becoming a Roman Catholic

Introductory Meeting - Thursday, October 5
Inquiry Classes to begin October 25.

Are you or a family member or friend interested in the possibility of becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church? St. Mary's will hold an informational meeting on Thursday, October 5 at the Parish Office. (Note: date change from September 27) At that meeting we will discuss the process called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults who have not been baptized and 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. RCIA Inquiry Classes will be scheduled for Wednesday evenings beginning on October 25 but special arrangements may be possible if necessary. For more information or to register for the introductory meeting, please contact Deacon Ray at the parish office: 776-3327.



Ecumenical Community of the Southern Tier

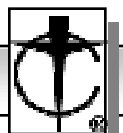
Fall Community Forum

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.



ALICE'S REST COMFORT HOME For those who choose Hospice Care

Alice's Rest Comfort Home in Avoca, a ministry which welcomes terminally ill patients to spend their remaining days will hold their third Annual Pig Roast and Gun Raffle in St. Mary's Pavilion this coming Saturday, September 30 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Only 750 tickets will be sold at \$10 each. Ticket includes a buffet Pig Roast and a chance to win hunting equipment or cash prizes. For more information or to buy or sell Pig Roast/Raffle Tickets, please Call 1-607-566-3420 or send a check or money order to Alice's Rest Comfort Home, 8904 Cook Rd., Avoca, NY 14809



Men's Cursillo is Coming to Bath

Cursillo is a "Short Course in Christian Living" that has brought vitality to thousands of people and parishes. Men's #81 Cursillo weekend will be conducted right here at St. Mary's from November 9th through 12th. Fr. John Wydeven, Al Hall and Bill Grimmer are part of the Diocesan Team staffing this weekend. The three days of your Cursillo will change how you look at life and faith. For information and an application, please contact those mentioned above or call the parish office.

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