



# Saint Mary's Parish

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

The Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 28, 2008

## Our Parish Office

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## Our Parish Council

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**OUR Faith OUR FUTURE**

2008-2009 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Every year, the Diocese of Rochester looks to its people for generous support. The Catholic Ministries Appeal provides us with a special opportunity to live by our Christian stewardship values. We praise God by demonstrating our concern for the wider Church. Through the CMA, we support ministry and outreach programs that are vital to the future of our diocese in these challenging times.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal works in so many different ways: It provides guidance and training to our young people as they grow in faith and develop a loving relationship with God. It nurtures and supports our parish leaders in their vocation. And it assists the parish pastoral planning process, adult faith formation and new technology initiatives that allow us to carry out the work of our diocesan church. These are just a few examples of how the Catholic Ministries Appeal is working for our local parishes.

**PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR PARISH CMA GOAL OF \$23,449**

## 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 Communion Services

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

Tuesday - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - **8:30 a.m. (St. Gabriel's, Hammondspport)**



A member of the  
Central Steuben  
Catholic Parishes  
Diocese of Rochester



## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** Sept. 28, Twenty-Sixth  
 Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. Of Guy Castrilli  
 By Terry Hochreiter

**MONDAY** Sept. 29, Monday  
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**TUESDAY** Sept. 30, Tuesday  
 5:00 p.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY** Oct 1, Wednesday  
 7:00 p.m. In Honor of Confirmands  
**By St Mary's Parishioners**

**THURSDAY** Oct 2, Thursday  
 9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

**FRIDAY** Oct 3, Friday  
 Steuben Healthcare  
 In Mem. of James Harvey  
 By Aggie Harvey

**SATURDAY** Oct 4, Saturday  
 4:00 p.m. In Mem. of Dorothy & Curtis  
 Murphy by their family

**SUNDAY** Oct 5, Twenty-seventh  
 Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 9:00 a.m. In Mem. of Helen Opila  
 By Bud & Dot

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 28  
 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 29

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

**WEDNESDAY** Oct 1  
 6:00 p.m. **Lady's Auxiliary Meeting** - Hall  
 Confirmation Reception

**THURSDAY** Oct 2  
 5:30p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall

**FRIDAY** Oct 3

**SATURDAY** Oct 4  
 1:00 p.m. NA - Hall

**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  
 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice - Church  
 3:00p.m. Sunday Supper, Hall  
 7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101



## Pictorial Directory

If you did not sign up to have your picture taken, Olan Mills will be calling all parishioners that did not make an appointment.

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 portraits taken.

## Blessing of the Animals

Fr. Jim Jaeger and his Boxer Grace-Anne invite your pet to receive a special blessing on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. **Saturday, October 4 at 3:30 p.m.** St. Mary's Front Church Steps



## Happy Birthday To You!

09/28 Joseph Barody	10/02 Ray Karwoski
09/28 Eileen Sewell	10/03 Michael Carisetti
10/01 Andres Warren	10/03 Blake Palmer
10/01 Allison Warren	10/03 Dick Pruner
10/01 Elizabeth Muller	10/03 Alexis Russo
10/02 Kathleen Patterson	



## Assembly Schedule

October 4 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.  
 Willing Hearts  
 October 5 - Sun. 9:00 a.m.  
 Willing Hearts

To join an assembly call 776-3327



## Prayer List

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



The Sanctuary Light is burning in memory of Mary & Donald Shear by her sister, Evelyn Glenn

## SAINT MARY'S



Where Good Friends Help My Spirit Grow

*Thank you for Making Parish - a Priority!*

September 20/21, 2008  
 Attendance: 363  
 Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2972.51  
 Human Development \$260.00  
 Can & Quarter \$368.03

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

In addition to helping us meet our payroll expenses, your stewardship gifts last week help us pay our yearly Priest pension bill

## Joseph's Hammer

"Neighbor Helping Neighbor"



Joseph's Hammer is a ministry of St Gabriel's in Hammondsport and volunteers from other area churches that completes construction projects for needy neighbors throughout the area.

Joseph's Hammer is seeking funds and new volunteers. Place donations in the little house that is located in the back of the church.



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 take your donations for this important fundraiser.

25% of proceeds goes to our local food pantries



**SENT TO SERVE**  
Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

*Stewardship  
and the Catholic Ministry Appeal*

As a basic principle of our Catholic faith, we acknowledge God as the source of all we have and all we are. Stewardship challenges each of us to recognize our gifts of time, talent and treasure, to use them wisely and to share them generously.

During 2007 we focused much of our attention on the Stewardship of Time and Talent. Speakers from parish and community ministries spoke of how they gave back to God by using their time and talents in service to others. Throughout Lent, we used a *Little Burgundy Book* written by the late Saginaw Bishop Kenneth Unterer to discover the scriptural underpinnings of Stewardship and how it is an essential activity of every true disciple of Christ.

Now, we extend our focus to the third principal of stewardship - the stewardship of our financial resources - our "treasure." During Advent 2008, we will hear the witness of several St. Mary's parishioners who will speak to us of the importance of the financial stewardship of our parish ministries. But before we do this, we'll focus (as we do each October on the financial stewardship of our diocesan support ministries

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is a good example of the stewardship of treasure. This annual diocesan wide appeal challenges us to look beyond our own needs and offer a share of our personal blessings with our brothers and sisters. Through the CMA, we can show our thanks and joy for the gifts we have received and show our love for God and one another. Simply, we give as an act of thanksgiving and worship. And by doing so, we strengthen our local church and provide assistance to those who need it most.

A few days ago, Bishop Matthew Clark wrote to every registered St. Mary's parishioner, asking your financial support for the CMA. In many cases, the Bishop asked you to consider giving a specific amount - likely based on your past giving. Others, including those who have not previously supported the CMA, may wonder how much is an appropriate starter gift? Obviously, the amount you give will be determined by your income. We are aware that many of our parishioners are on a fixed income and

several find themselves in need of public assistance to survive.

Nevertheless, those who are able, are asked to consider the traditional tithe of returning 10% of their income to charitable causes. One scenario might be to donate 5% to your parish, 1% to the CMA with the remaining 4% contributed to community charitable organizations such as the United Way, the Red Cross, CROP or Catholic Charities. People who tithe in this way, almost universally report that the blessings they receive greatly outweigh the sacrifices made. As my song says:

**"If you only have a little,  
your gonna have a lot.  
If you give what you've got to Jesus -  
and put it in his hands.  
For the Lord takes your little,  
and uses it to make -  
a lot from a little  
when you put it in his hands."**

**FR. JIM TO ALSO SERVE AT BATH VA**

Since Fr. John Wydeven's departure in May, the over 400 residents of the Bath VA Medical Center have been without a Catholic chaplain. Fr. Jim and I have responded to frequent calls for vets needing the Sacrament of the Sick and Viaticum - the Church's "last rites". Last week, Fr. Jim received a letter from Bishop Clark granting him permission to serve the Bath VA on an "as needed basis." This permission was granted in addition to Father Jim's "primary responsibility of providing spiritual leadership and care to the Bath and Hammondsport parishioners."

Fr. Jim currently spends a portion of his day off serving veterans at the Canandaigua VA. Now, as the search for a full-time Catholic chaplain continues, Fr. Jim will be available a few hours each week to provide sacramental care to residents and patients at the local VA facility. We join Bishop Clark in assuring Fr. Jim our prayers as he undertakes these new duties.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.

*Deacon Ray*

**NEW MINISTRIES**

1. Anointing and Healing Prayers  
On the 4th Sunday of each month, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Sick from Fr. Jim and be prayed over by Deacon Ray, Deacon Ed and friends who will support you in prayer.

2. Adult Education/RCIA  
As our children gather for Faith Formation class, you are invited to grow in your understanding of your Catholic faith. Diaconal candidate Bob Colomaio, Deacon Ray, Mary Carol Wall and several guest presenters will lead discussions that will include scripture study, Catholic doctrine, moral and social theology. Participants will have a role in determining the topics to be covered.

We will be joined in these classes by adults and teens seeking baptism or full sacramental membership in the Roman Catholic Church through the RCIA - the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults.



**CONFIRMATION**

On Wednesday night, Bishop Matthew Clark will confirm several young people and adults for St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's. The Confirmations will take place at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Mary's. We welcome our bishop and congratulate our confirmands on this important step in their spiritual journey of faith.



**Sowing 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.

