



Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 7, 2008

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St. Mary's Pavilion Mass and Parish Picnic



Last Sunday, about 100 parishioners gathered for a Pavilion Mass and Parish Picnic. Pictured clockwise from above are Gabriella King who participated in the offertory procession, Deacon Ray and Fr. Jim, Lector Eli Truth, Homilist Deacon Ray (as St. Peter), Liza, Stephanie and Chris Reneau; Tess and Sean McKinley;



Playful Judy Harris and Mary Faucett and Charlie Hero.



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.

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



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY Sept. 7, Twenty-third
Sunday of Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Joe & Joanne
Hudzinski By Deacon David
& Amy Hudzinski

MONDAY Sept. 8, Monday
9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

TUESDAY Sept. 9, Tuesday
5:00 p.m. Scripture/Communion Service

WEDNESDAY Sept. 10, Wednesday
9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

THURSDAY Sept. 11, Thursday
9:00 a.m. Scripture/Communion Service

FRIDAY Sept. 12, Friday

SATURDAY Sept. 13, Saturday
4:00 p.m. In Mem. Of Dorothy Murphy
By her family

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

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

MONDAY Sept 8

TUESDAY Sept 9
7:30 p.m. Prayer Group - Rectory

WEDNESDAY Sept 10
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus
Lady's Aux Meeting—Hall

THURSDAY Sept 11
5:30p.m. Weight Watchers - Hall

FRIDAY Sept 12

SATURDAY Sept 13
9:00a.m. Arbor Development Prom
1:00 p.m. NA - Hall

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

Story for Today

Triple-Braided Lessons

By Dr. Constance M. Popp

As he handed the cowhide torture whip to his daughter-in-law, Marie Wilkinson, he told her that she could "teach a lot of people not to hate" using the triple-braided instrument of pain, frayed from use. Her father-in-law had taken the whip with him when he escaped from slavery, fearful it would be used against his mother.

Marie Wilkinson has used the whip as a teaching tool throughout her life to remind people that justice is worth fighting for. At the age of ninety-one, Marie received the Lumen Christi Award for Catholic missionary work in the United States and, as reported in the St. Anthony Messenger cover story of 2002, Marie's work has included the opening of a child development center and homeless shelter. Far ahead of her time, she initiated work for fair housing. Watching Hispanic migrant factory workers living in box-cars in her hometown of Aurora, Ill., she challenged the factory owners that if the factories were open all year, why weren't the workers needed all year?

Originally from Louisiana, Marie moved to Illinois after marrying her husband, with whom she shared more than sixty years of volunteerism. "Thousands know how to find what has simply become known as 'Marie's house' where the poor, the hungry, the displaced, the unemployed, the sick and the mistreated have wandered for decades. And they always found the door open," writer Carrie Swearingen noted in the article.

When Marie was told that she could not change people, she diligently stated, "I can't, but God can." When warned she might get hurt she responded, "Then it would be for a good reason." Believing in the power of prayer, Marie has taught the triple-braided lessons heard in these readings for most of her adult life—one will be held responsible if one does not speak out to dissuade the wicked; one who loves another has fulfilled the law; and that which is prayed for together, "it shall be granted."

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Happy Birthday To You!

09/07 Tina McKinley	09/11 Braxton Frederick
09/08 Willard Hughes	09/11 Penny MacNamara
09/09 Tess McKinley	09/12 Aaron Ignatz
09/10 Marge Eichensehr	09/13 Lynne Snyder
09/10 John Walsh	09/13 Emily Martin
09/11 Janice Luta	09/13 Todd Martin
09/11 Ken Hopkins	09/13 Phyllis Crossett
09/11 Michele Machuga	09/13 Mary Ellen Little



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, Mary and Jack Giblin, Deb Griffin. Nancy Holzer, John Hurley, Jim Lamprecht, Logan Manciocchi, Deacon John Prave, Theresa Rodbourn, and Stan Wraight.



Assembly Schedule

September 13 - Sat. 4:00 p.m.
Precious Blood 1
September 14 - Sun. 9:30 a.m.
Willing Hearts

To join an assembly call 776-3327



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

Thank you for Making
Parish a Priority!

August 30/31, 2008

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$1616.84
Cemetery Upkeep \$255.16

Today's 2nd Collection: Air Conditioning
Next Week's 2nd Collection: Maintenance

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..

St. Mary's Youth Group



Thanks to all who volunteered or donated items to St. Mary's Youth Group's annual Rummage Sale. Thanks to you, \$2,511 was raised to support future youth projects and retreats.



SENT TO SERVE

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Labor Day Weekend Begins Very Busy Season

Without doubt, the relative Summer hiatus has given way to multi-tasking of September. Last weekend is an example that proves the point. As the weekend approached, teams of volunteers worked with custodian Dan Barefoot and his Kinship Volunteers Dave Kline, Marlin Blanchard and Chris Lombard to erect tents and set up tables in the rectory side yard. Mary Carol Wall was able to enlist several new volunteers to join her, Jim, Jamie and Liam and such stalwarts as Germain Allard, Barb Bailey, John and Nancy Cardona, Bob Colomaio, Paula Gardner, Bill and Penny MacNamara, Louise Martin, John Pronko and Vivian Strache and their kids Eli, Livvy, Leal and Grace Truth. Other young included Mary Catherine and Theresa Colomaio, Julia Genello, Jess Harris, Katelyn Rumsey, Jake Snell, Emily Sokolowski and Allison Warner. Among the new volunteer faces this year were Liza and Chris Reneau and their kids J.C., Nica, Lourenza and infant Stephanie and newcomers Rob Wilson and Tom and Philomena Jack. Then, early Friday morning, despite the rain, a steady stream of customers rummaged through the rummage and one person's trash became another's treasured "find".

The weekend Masses at both St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's attracted many of our parishioners who just couldn't find a way to wait until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday to worship. As the weekend preacher at both locations, I greeted these and numerous visitors enjoying the traditional last weekend of Summer in the Finger Lakes.

Although attendance at the 1 p.m. Mass in the Pavilion was down considerably from the typical Summer 9:30 a.m. Mass, the worship was lively and the picnic that followed most enjoyable. Special thanks to all who helped make this day possible including many pictured on the cover of this bulletin.

On Wednesday evening, we celebrated the success of our UNFAIR with a wine and cheese social for those who had contributed significantly to this success. The proceeds from the UNFAIR and its accompanying "Trash to Treasure Sale" totaled \$x,xxx, which pretty much matched the amount raised at last year's International Food Festival.

My schedule this weekend includes Michael Furlong's funeral (Friday) wedding rehearsals and/or weddings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (in Hammondsport and Penn Yan) and a very special Mass on Sunday morning which will feature a surprise guest preacher with very local ties.



"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20



Scripture REFLECTIONS

Love your neighbor. So says Paul in today's second reading, as he lists some of the Ten Commandments that deal with how we should treat one another.

The first reading and the Gospel each illustrate how interconnected we all are, and how responsible we are for each other. Both the prophet Ezekiel and Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, insist that we confront sinners and try to persuade them to turn from sin. Jesus also speaks of the power of two or more people to be witnesses, decision-makers and people of prayer.

These readings paint a picture of a world where people communicate-truly listening, truly responding to what they hear-and where they really care about each other and their lives in community. Can it ever happen, or is it just a dream?

Jesus promised he himself will be with us when two or more of us gather in his name. So the key is in the antiphon of today's responsorial psalm. If you hear his voice-and you certainly will if you are gathered with him among you-do not harden your hearts.

On Tuesday, September 9 at noon, a team from the Diocesan Planning Office will hold a working session on Rural Ministry at St. Joseph's Campbell. Our regular CSCP Implementation meeting will follow. Both meetings are open and I encourage you to attend.

Have a good week. Serve one another well!

Deacon Ray

Building Faithful Citizenship



A Reflection for September 7, 2008

Beware of the readings this week if you don't want the challenge to be a very active Christian. Each reading exhorts us to pay attention to God speaking in the world around us; acting on the invitation to love as God loves; and to nurture, care for and repair as necessary all the relationships and responsibilities we have towards others. This is no weak message. The readings give a call to purposeful living, speaking the truth and living by an active love, not passivity.

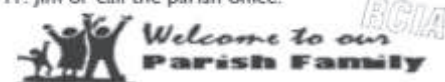
In this election year, these readings call us to our responsibility to listen to social analysis and weigh proposed solutions according to how they will affect our neighbors, especially the poor. These readings call us to listen for the truth and "speak that truth to power" as we build a future that leaves no one on the fringes.

Reflection: Do you know what the candidates are proposing in economics, health care, for the environment? Are you making decisions with your neighbors in mind and the call to "love your neighbor as yourself"?

How Do I Become a Roman Catholic?

Later in September, we will begin a series of Inquiry meetings for adults interested in knowing more about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church. These meetings are especially for adults who have not been baptized and baptized Christians of other faith denominations who might be interested in pursuing full sacramental membership in the Church.

If you, or someone you know might be interested in the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please contact Deacon Ray, Fr. Jim or call the parish office.



Is Your Voice Being Heard?

As we begin another school year, we'd like to encourage anyone interested in joining the St Mary's Choir to feel welcome. The choir is directed by myself. I work closely with my father, Brad Ordway. We are always open to new voices. Our group shares a love of music and we always make worship a fun experience! If you feel called, join us, just see me after Mass. Aubri Ordway

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