



Sunday, July 26, 2009

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. - Anna Moskel - The Gmerek Family

10 a.m. - William Anterline - James and Mary Jo Floyd

Monday, July 27 - Weekday

5:30 p.m. - Dr. Wilfrid and Melba Anna - Estate

Tuesday, July 28 - Weekday

9 a.m. - Robert Woock - Joan and Don

Wednesday, July 29

St. Martha

9 a.m. - All Souls' Day Intentions

Thursday, July 30 - Weekday

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
No Mass Today

Friday, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

9 a.m. - Richard Petti - Alice Insalaco

Saturday, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9 a.m. - Anointing Mass - Msgr. Walter Kern - Estate

4:30 p.m. - Marion Ryzner - Howard and Christina Bugl

Sunday, August 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. - Patricia Kurbs Bane (Anniversary of Death) - Mom and Dad

10 a.m. - Robert Woock - Joan and Don

\*\*\*\*\*

**Chiavetta's Chicken Barbecue, Thursday, August 6, from 4 - 6 p.m.** here at St. Mary's Church. Take-out only. Tickets will be on sale after Masses. They are also available in the rectory. Cost is \$8 per dinner.

Dear Parish Family,

*This week we begin a five-week reflection on the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. It is the clearest presentation on just what Jesus expected the Eucharist to be. He begins in a remarkable common way: he feeds them. After their bellies are full he tries to bring them lovingly to understand a holy food that will nourish them forever. As he starts rolling out the details, many begin to leave him.*

*During these five weeks I will try to reflect on aspects of the Eucharist as we celebrate the memory and presence of Jesus in our time. As folks gradually leave him because they can't get their minds or, even more, their hearts around his revolutionary teaching, he asks poor old Peter: "Are you going to leave me too?" Peter's answer: "Lord, to whom would we go; you have the words of everlasting life!" Join with me these weeks as we once again try to rediscover the beauty that is Jesus present in Word and Sacrament and in his Holy People.*

*I am excited to have representatives from our Parish Council present to you their recommendation for our new parish mission statement: "Growing In Faith Together" (GIFT). With your blessing, we will begin to roll out this short but powerful reminder of who we are and who we struggle to become.*

Peace and Love,

Fr. Gary

\*\*\*\*\*



An **Anointing Mass** will be held on **Saturday, August 1, at 9 a.m.** We will celebrate the healing of heart and soul through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We come with our own special needs and turn to Christ for the loving touch that strengthens us.

\*\*\*\*\*

*St. Mary's Plates to commemorate our 150th Anniversary are available in the rectory. Cost is \$10.*

<b><u>Collection for July 18-19, 2009</u></b>	
Regular Collection	\$4,352.85
Bldg. & Maintenance	235.00
Summer Collection	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$4,837.85

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**

**Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** - Vacation Bible School

**Tuesday - 3 - 7 p.m.** - Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday - 7 p.m.** - Choir

**Thursday - 7 p.m.** - Folk Choir

\*\*\*\*\*

**Upcoming Events at St. Mary's**

**Mon. July 27 - Fri. July 31, 9 a.m.- Noon** - V.B.S.

**Thursday, August 6 - 4- 6 p.m.** -Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Drive-thru only!

\*\*\*\*\*

**Molinaro's Restaurant** is once again hosting their annual Italian Festival. The Italian Festival will take place this year on **Sunday, August 9**. Join in the fun and experience traditional Italian food as well as partake in the games and activities such as the bocce tournament, magic show, The Veronica Bernardi Sauce Contest, basket raffle, and more! Entertainment will include Jim Sansone and band, Las Vegas' Carme Pitrello, and traditional Italian dancers from Club Italia. All proceeds are to benefit Roswell Park's Team Cure and the fight against breast cancer as well as Lockport's own Chet Secrist. The event will take place at the restaurant on 90 Walnut St. **beginning at 9 a.m.** We look forward to seeing you and your family there!

\*\*\*\*\*

**Autism:** Did you know this is the fastest growing developmental disability and occurs in one out of every 150 births? Learn how we can welcome and accommodate children with autism in our parishes. Enroll in a FREE webinar - August 20 at 3 p.m. [www.faithaliveresources.org/webinars](http://www.faithaliveresources.org/webinars).

\*\*\*\*\*

**Parenting Perspective.** Do summer days with kids wear you out? Even if your children are past the napping stage, consider an "after lunch quiet hour." Kids don't have to sleep, just spend some quiet time reading, drawing, or daydreaming. Having moments of quiet during the day gives God space to enter our lives. Remember to do the same thing. Your role-modeling tells them this is a priority. You'll see the difference.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Single Parent Family Camp** will be held August 23-29 at Camp Stella Maris, Livonia, NY, a place where single parents and their children can work at strengthening the family unit, find a place to heal in a safe, loving and fun atmosphere, and receive support from other single parents who have also suffered the pain of divorce, separation or death. Information: 585-346-2243 Ext. 104 or Tom Bardo at 716-631-8666.



**PRAY FOR** those of our parish community who are sick: Tricia Denhoff, Connie Andrews, Nancy Edmister, Helen Harrison, Kathleen Anderson, Connie McCracken, Dick Blackley, John Gagliari III, Patricia Devlin, Doris Stump, Margaret Kirsch, Marge Ruhlmann, Ellen Gardner, Mildred Delwardt, Voola Bartholomew, Jackie McLaughlin, Zackie Berger, Cecelia Reger, Isabella Serrienne, Cheryl Widmer, Mary Reitz, Jeffrey Gailor, Nathan Gailor, Jim McCullough, Barbara Kress, Christina Bugl, John Schaffert, Brandon Nemec, Leslie Degnan, Donna and Robert Spencer Sr., June Groff, Jim Fiegel, Ann Marie Micoli, and pray for our Armed Forces here and abroad.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Weekend of August 1-2, 2009**

**Lectors' Schedule**

**Saturday, Aug. 1:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Valerie Steltzer, Heidi Sutt

**Sunday, Aug. 2:**  
**8 a.m.** Diane Campbell  
**10 a.m.** Carol Milazzo, Amy Cavallari

**Extraordinary Ministers' Schedule**

**Saturday, Aug. 1:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Martha Chilcott, Fred Wascovich, Peg Bosseler, Mary Alice Stroehlein, Burt Marshall

**Sunday, Aug. 2:**  
**8 a.m.** Ken Carter, Sr. Carissima Ogbu  
**10 a.m.** Dave and Mary Wohleben, Angela Beightol, Mike and Joan Howells, Gil Weber, Choir Member

**Altar Servers' Schedule**

**Saturday, Aug. 1:**  
**4:30 p.m.** **Normand Provost**, Christopher and Jonathan Bolt, Megan Preisch

**Sunday, Aug. 2:**  
**10 a.m.** **Cory Beightol**, Breanne and Lacey Beightol, Alexandra Sholk

**Greeters' Schedule**

**Saturday, Aug. 1:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Ann Bruski, Diane Condren

**Sunday, Aug. 2:**  
**8 a.m.** Barbara Buczkowski, Florence Claude  
**10 a.m.** Lorraine and Jim Sparks



**Mary's Little Lambs Nursery**

**Saturday, Aug. 1:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Mary Umeora, Laura Tschaepe

**Sunday, Aug. 2:**  
**10 a.m.** - Diane Quinn, Karen Mrowka

**If you are unable to meet your commitment, please arrange for a substitute.**

## REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

**2 Kings 4:42-44** Prior to the events in this reading, an account was made of the existence of a famine in the land. The prophet Elisha is involved with God in satisfying the hunger brought about by the famine. We see God's desire to satisfy human hunger and, through His intervention, the seemingly impossible feeding of so many with so little authenticates that desire in abundance. This passage connects with the gospel reading from St. John concerning the miraculous feeding of other people with five barley loaves. As with Jesus' disciples, the prophets realize that they have been called to bring nourishment to a people hungering for hope.

**Ephesians 4:1-6** Today's reading urges the assembly at Ephesus to maintain unity and group solidarity. The community is conflicted over the contradictions between the message of freedom that came through so strongly in Paul's earlier letters and an unchanging social situation which increasingly led them to conclude that the end of the world was a long way away. Paul reminds them that their lives should reflect the hopeful attributes of the faith to which they were initially called. Unity and right living is required not as something we need to live in order to gain God's favor, but something we live because we have already been loved and called by God. The gift of God's love fills our lives, and so we respond by living in God.

**John 6:1-15** God fulfills His promise of an extraordinary banquet that awaits us in a unique and unexpected way through Jesus in today's gospel reading. Not only did the crowd have as much of the bread and fish that Jesus distributed to them as they wanted, but also there is an overabundance of leftovers. Whereas the prophet Elisha overabundantly fed one hundred with twenty barley loaves, Jesus overabundantly feeds five thousand with only five barley loaves and two fish. Throughout John's gospel, Jesus is portrayed as the source of an abundant life. The abundance Jesus offers flows from who he is. John presents Jesus as the promised "prophet like Moses," but Jesus is even greater because the "manna" he gives is in fact "living bread" that leads to eternal life. The multiplication of loaves points to the Eucharist. From one body, God fed many and an abundance remained. One small piece of bread was broken and the result was eternal life. From the flesh of one man, the world was fed.

---

### Readings for the week of July 26, 2009

**Sunday:** 2 Kgs: 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15  
**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35  
**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43  
**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53  
**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58  
**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12  
**Next Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

---

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Gary R. Kibler, Pastor  
Carol Costello, Pastoral Associate and D.R.E.  
Eleanor Wascovich, Parish Secretary  
Mickey Pils, Business Administrator  
Bessie Provenzano, Housekeeper  
Robin Ritz, Maintenance/Custodian

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

Altar & Rosary.....Fran Staszak 434-1461  
Altar Servers..... Paula Provost 438-0943  
Catholic Charities .....Brenda and Mike Ulrich 433-6467  
Fred Wascovich 434-3451  
Christian Formation..... Sharon Roussie 439-0228  
Christian Services ..... Chris Halvorson 625-9420  
DeSales Catholic School.....School Office 433-6422  
Evangelization Committee.....Bernie Winter 433-4071  
Extraordinary Ministers.....M/M Chris Prucha 439-0722  
Event Fundraising.....Julie Brounscheidel 434-4517  
Craig Haseley 438-9031  
Finance & Administration ..... Jim Smigelski 433-0849  
Greeters.....Mary Alice Stroehlein 433-6106  
Knights of Columbus.....Phil Chamot 434-7688  
Martha-Mary Church Care.....Sheila Winter 433-4071  
Ministers of Hospitality  
4:30 p.m.....Ed Forness 433-8242  
10 a.m.....Gerry Dembrowicz 692-8394  
Ministers of the Word..... Vickie Richardson 778-5668  
Ministry of Comfort .....Donna Santarsiero 433-3002  
Music Minister.....Melissa Coleman 778-9461  
R.C.I.A.....Sr. Carissima Ogbu 434-7276  
Sacramental Arrangements..... Carol Costello 433-0340  
Sacristan.....Doris Stump 731-5230  
Small Faith Communities..... 434-6316  
Split Club.....Joe Santarsiero 433-3002  
St. Vincent de Paul.....Mike Ulrich 433-6467  
Worship/Liturgy Planning..... Marcia Seibel 688-0772

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Mariann Angelo - Chairperson.....434-5719  
Bernie Winter Co-Chairperson.....433-4071  
Burt Marshall- Secretary.....434-3899  
Judith Arlington.....434-3112  
June Berardi.....434-8828  
Mark Brounscheidel.....795-0059  
Jerry DeFlippo.....434-4609  
Kathy DiMillo..... 439-9104  
Berny Fischer.....433-2098  
Dick Galligan.....353-1472  
Bernie Mosher.....433-0565  
Joe Santarsiero.....433-3002  
Michael Sutt.....940-7170  
Carol Costello - Pastoral Associate; DRE.....433-0340  
Marcia Seibel - Trustee.....688-0772  
Mike Ulrich - Trustee.....433-6467