



**Sunday, August 30, 2009**

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 a.m. - Richard Petti - Lynn Cummings

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

**Monday, August 31 - Weekday**

5:30 p.m. - Special Intentions

**Tuesday, September 1, 2009 - Weekday**

9 a.m. - Dick Blackley - Bob Cramer

**Wednesday, September 2 - Weekday**

9 a.m. - Helen Quarantillo - Jim and Lorraine Sparks

**Thursday, September 3**

**St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

No Mass Today

**Friday, September 4 - Weekday**

9 a.m. - Mildred Skeets - Paul and Loretta Layer

**Saturday, September 5 - Weekday**

No Anointing Mass Today

4:30 p.m. - Dennis Sonnenmeier -  
The Sonnenmeier Family

**Sunday, September 6**

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 a.m. - Mildred L. Skeets -  
Carol Riddle and Vickie Richardson

10 a.m. - Nellie and Guido DiTullio (Wedding  
Anniversary Remembrance) -  
Jim and Lorraine Sparks and Family

**Monday, September 7 - Labor Day - No Mass**

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Last weekend we welcomed Leah Rose Mulvey, daughter of Ryan Mulvey and Josephine Brooks; and Kyle Nathan Kuhns, son of Scott and Alexandra Kuhns into St. Mary's faith community through the sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to both families!

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*Recently, Carol Costello and I attended an institute facilitated by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and experienced several days of enlightening instruction in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Those in attendance were of one mind – to understand and to be able to celebrate this sacrament with all of its beauty and ritual within their own parish communities. Their passion for their Church gave powerful testament to their faith in Jesus Christ and the important role of the Church in today's world.*

*One of the most significant topics was the involvement of the entire parish community in the RCIA, through prayer, example, and fellowship. An individual who seeks initiation into the Church needs the support of all those with whom he seeks to call "family."*

*This year, Gil Pease has expressed a desire to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Renee Currie is asking for full communion with the Church through Confirmation. Both have been engaged in what is referred to as the inquiry period in which they will reflect on their decision, and then partake in several months of introspection and instruction. A wonderful team has been assembled to walk with them in this journey, but all of St. Mary's parish family is invited to accompany them through prayerful support and hospitality.*

*The period of inquiry is ongoing; those who feel called to seek a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith are not put on a "waiting list!" If you, or someone you know, would like to talk about this journey, please feel free to give me a call (688-0772).*

*Through this joyful expectation and participation we can be the fulfillment of St. Luke's description of the early Church: "The community of believers was of one heart and mind..." (Acts 4:32a)*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Marcia Seibel*

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St. Mary's plates to commemorate our 150th Anniversary are available in the rectory. They are \$10 each.

**Collection for August 22-23, 2009**

Regular Collection	\$4,740.00
Bldg. & Maintenance	<u>77.00</u>
Total	\$4,817.00

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

- Monday - 7 p.m. - S.V.D.P**  
**7 p.m. - Catechist Meeting**
- Tuesday - 3 - 7 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration**  
**6 p.m. - Executive Parish Council Meeting**  
**7 p.m - Worship/Liturgy Meeting**
- Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Choir**
- Thursday - 7 p.m. - Folk Choir**

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

- Sunday, September 20: 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Pig Roast**
- Sat. & Sunday October 2 and 3:**  
Children's Consignment Sale (Parish Center)
- October 25: Ladies' Tea in Parish Center**

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**SCRIP/Gift Card News:** We're happy to include two more local restaurants to our list of gift certificates. Both Wagner's and Cammarata's are available at \$25 each at the SCRIP table in the back of the church.

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**"Split Club" first drawing will be Monday, August 31.** Will your name be in the drawing? Tickets can be purchased after Masses this weekend or in the rectory.

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**Bishop Kmiec will celebrate a special Mass in St. Joseph's Cathedral** for those couples who will celebrate their 50th, 60th or 70th wedding anniversary this year. The Mass will be held October 18 at 3 p.m., with a reception to follow at the Buffalo Convention Center. Couples interested in attending please call the parish office at 434-6316. Please submit your names by September 11.

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**Holiday Bazaar!**

On November 14 & 15, the Altar Rosary Society of St. Mary's is sponsoring a Holiday Bazaar which will feature a beef on 'weck take-out-luncheon, crafts and Christmas items, flea-market items, baked goods, free-magazine tables, and raffles. Would you be able to make something for the craft table or save some good usable flea-market items? And please save your magazines for our give-away tables. If you would like to donate a basket for the basket raffle or some articles that could be put together, we would really appreciate it!

All proceeds will go to St. Mary's. We really appreciate your help in making our Holiday Bazaar a big success, and look forward to seeing you! Any questions, please call June at 434-8828 or Mary Rose at 439-8981.



**PRAY FOR** those of our parish community who are sick:  
Heather Christie, Merida Pinzon, Katherine DiProffio, Kay Hammond, Jason Pawlowski, Katherine Limardi, Tricia Denhoff, Connie Andrews, Kurt Von Voetsch, Kathleen Anderson, Connie McCracken, John Gagliari III, 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.

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**Weekend of September 5-6, 2009**  
**Lectors' Schedule**

- Saturday, September 5:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Ann Marie Przybysz, David Tobin
- Sunday, September 6:**  
**8 a.m.** Diane Campbell  
**10 a.m.** Kendzie Wohleben, Carol Milazzo

**Extraordinary Ministers' Schedule**

- Saturday, September 5:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Martha Chilcott, Fred Wascovich, Peg Bosseler, Mary Alice Stroehlein, Burt Marshall
- Sunday, September 6:**  
**8 a.m.** Ken Carter, Sr. Carissima  
**10 a.m.** Dave and Mary Wohleben, Angela Beightol, Joan and Mike Howells, Gil Weber, Choir Member

**Altar Servers' Schedule**

- Saturday, September 5:**  
**4:30 p.m.** **Zachary Costello**, Alexander Fischer, Michael Hart, Nina Pica
- Sunday, September 6:**  
**10 a.m.** **Cory Beightol**, Danny DiMillo, Mackenzie and Alexis Guilo

**Greeters' Schedule**

- Saturday, September 5:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Mary Alice Stroehlein, Lynn Kowalski
- Sunday, September 6:**  
**8 a.m.** Florence Claude, Barbara Buczkowski  
**10 a.m.** Mary Nevins, Janet Schiffert

**NURSERY  SCHEDULE**

**Mary's Little Lambs Nursery**

- Saturday, September 5:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Darlene, Miranda and Brandi Snyder
- Sunday, September 6:**  
**10 a.m. -** Diane Quinn, Karen Mrowka

**"Scrip" Volunteers**

- Saturday, September 5:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Mary Alice Stroehlein, Mary Lou Flanders
- Sunday, September 6:**  
**8 a.m.** Kathy and Dave Greenfield  
**10 a.m.** Nancy Eglin, Marianne Angelo

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

## REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8** Hebrew faith centers around the relation between the mystery of God and the concrete daily practice of obedience. We find Moses instructing the Israelites on how they are to live once they enter the Promised Land. In this book, over and over again, Moses reminds the people of who they are, of where they have been and to what they are called. Repeatedly and with great precision, Moses details covenant obligations. Commandment defines the Hebrew people. It is the medium by which God is present, yet not seen. This confidence in a God who is close at hand through His commandments reshapes the Hebrews' lives as a community, creating an intimacy with Yahweh who demands to be heard and obeyed.

**James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27** James, writing late in the First Century and echoing both Moses and Jesus, speaks of God's word as preceding action of any kind. Believers have to live in practice the call received through Baptism, an attitude that is receptive to the Word of God because a listening that is merely superficial is not enough. The Christian, by keeping herself in a state of meekness, of openness towards others, will then be able to receive the Word of God that comes to be planted within her, as it is the seed deposited within the heart and will then bear fruit. James' point is that a thoughtless and damaging manner of speaking would render one's religion vain because the worship that is always pleasing to God is an active love towards others.

**Mark 7:1-8; 14-15, 21-23** In this story, the hypocritical Pharisees and scribes who oppose Jesus serve as negative models for what it means to follow the true way and will of God in order to worship God authentically. Jesus draws us away from an excessive preoccupation with unessential external concerns in our worship of God, and calls us rather to cultivate a clean and open heart within our inner selves in order to sustain a proper and wholesome relationship not only with God but also with our fellow human beings. Jesus asserts that God's living Word is concerned not with ritual or ceremonial cleanness, but with ethical behavior. What affirms God's reign is the way that people relate to one another. Jesus has no problem actually with the purification of hands and foods before eating, but does have a problem with the failure of religious leaders to purify their hearts.

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### Readings for the week of August 30, 2009

<b>Sunday:</b>	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 /Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
<b>Thursday:</b>	Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
<b>Friday:</b>	Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
<b>Saturday:</b>	Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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**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  
Ladies of Charity .....Peg Smith 434-3706  
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  
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Judith Arlington.....434-3112  
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Kathy DiMillo..... 439-9104  
Berny Fischer.....433-2098  
Dick Galligan.....353-1472  
Bernie Mosher.....433-0565  
Joe Santarsiero.....433-3002  
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