



Sunday, September 6, 2009

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 - Week Day

Labor Day

No Mass Today

Tuesday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9 a.m. - For the Blessed Mother's Intentions
- Bessie Provenzano

Wednesday, September 9

St Peter Claver, Priest

- 9 a.m. - All Souls' Day Intentions

Thursday, September 10 - Weekday

No Mass Today

Friday, September 11 - Weekday

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

Saturday, September 12 - Weekday

The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 4:30 p.m. - Sherry Ann Emrich - Olivia Emrich

Sunday, September 13

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. - Bernice Bernard - Marcia Seibel
10 a.m. - Joan Ryan - Sister, Elaine

Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up this weekend. Please be as generous as you are able. The proceeds of this collection are used to provide emergency funds to those who suffer from oppression, disease, war or natural disasters.

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we see Jesus doing what he did so well: reaching out to people who were physically, emotionally or spiritually challenged and calling them to a whole new way of healthy life. He couldn't say no to those who called to him. He has truly offered us that same health even as he calls us to be wounded healers for one another.

I am really blessed to be called to be Pastor for such a wonderful parish family that reflects in so many ways Jesus' call to be present to one another. Last Tuesday I began my tenth year with you; they have been years of great blessing for me and I thank God for all of you. Thanks for all the beautiful cards, gifts, remembrances and letters I have received for my birthday; please know I am most grateful!

Before the Journey in Faith and Grace began a few years ago, we as a parish had started to plan for an exciting Youth Ministry Outreach and an enhancement of our Parish Stewardship Committee to include creative approaches to development to provide viable revenue sources for all the ministries we treasure here. We put these efforts on hold. At the June retreat for the Parish Council, it was strongly suggested that we have been "treading water" long enough and that it's time to get going! I will share with you in November our parish financial report and some of the changes that have been suggested. Don't tell anybody, but because of your extraordinary generosity, contributed services and creative fundraisers, we have ended the fiscal year with a balanced budget and a small surplus of almost \$2200. This is amazing in the present financial climate. Thank you and God bless you all!

Peace and Love,

Fr. Gary

THESE OUR GIFTS OF LOVE

The Sanctuary Lamp of the Blessed Sacrament will burn during the month of September to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marion Ryzner, requested by her daughter, Lynn Ann Kowalski.

The yellow rose on the altar is in remembrance of Nellie and Guido DiTullio's wedding, requested by Jim and Lorraine Sparks and Family.



Collection for August 29-30, 2009

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name and Amount. Rows include Regular Collection (\$4,892.10), Bldg. & Maintenance (20.00), and Total (\$4,912.10).

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

**Tuesday - 3 - 7 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration
7 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting**

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Choir

Thursday - 7 p.m. - Folk Choir

Upcoming Events at St. Mary's

**Sunday, September 20: 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Pig Roast**

**Saturday & Sunday, October 2 and 3:
Children's Consignment Sale (Parish Center)**

October 25: 1 p.m. - Ladies Tea in Parish Center

IRA Charitable Contributions: IRA owners who are 70 1/2 years of age and have a required IRA minimum distribution are permitted under current IRS regulations to transfer all or part of their distribution to a qualifying charity such as St. Mary's. Distributions are transferred directly to the charity, do not have to be taken as income on your personal income tax return, and may qualify as a charitable contribution. If you are interested, contact your investment and tax advisors for the details. Please keep in mind this special IRS provision for charitable contributions will expire on 12/31/09.

The Ladies of Charity Fresh Start Program would like to have your dishes, pots, pans, towels, sheets, blankets and long draperies that you no longer use. Donations may be dropped off at the rectory between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Any questions, call Peg Smith at 434-3706.

The Lockport Family YMCA operates School Age Child Care programs in ten elementary schools in our community. We employ responsible, honest, caring staff who have experience and education in working with children, planning and leading activities, and having fun. They are hiring Site Leaders and Child Care Aids: **Work Hours: Before School: 6:45 - 9 a.m.** and/or **After school 3-6 p.m.** M-F school days. Apply in person at the Lockport Family YMCA, 19 East Avenue.

This week's Split Club Winners are:

- \$50 - Linda Austin
- \$50 - Roberta Visger
- \$50 - Cassidy & Noah Schilling

Congratulations to the winners!



PRAY FOR those of our parish community who are sick: Katherine DiProffio, Kay Hammond, Jason Pawlowski, Katherine Limardi, Tricia Denhoff, Connie Andrews, Kathleen Anderson, Connie McCracken, John Gagliari III, Doris Stump, 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, Brandon Nemece, 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 September 12-13, 2009

Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, September 12:

4:30 p.m. Mike Howells, Brian Costello

Sunday, September 13:

8 a.m. Esther Owens

10 a.m. Mary Wohleben, Angela Beightol

Extraordinary Ministers' Schedule

Saturday, September 12:

4:30 p.m. Sharon Roussie, Judy Volland, Paula Provost, Mary Nevins, Bruce Steltzer

Sunday, September 13:

8 a.m. Marcia Seibel, Mary Lewis, Berny Fischer

10 a.m. Mary DeFlippo, Kathy Destito, Fran and Jean Skop, Frances Staszak, Rose States, Choir Member

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, September 12:

4:30 p.m. Michael Campbell, Christopher and Jonathan Bolt, Elizabeth Eckert

Sunday, September 13:

10 a.m. Patrick Quinn, Caitlin Quinn, Jake Burandt, Elizabeth Powers

Greeters' Schedule

Saturday, September 12:

4:30 p.m. Martha Chilcott, Ann Bruski

Sunday, September 13:

8 a.m. Barbara Buczkowski, Florence Claude

10 a.m. Ed Benzing, Ken Carter

NURSERY  SCHEDULE

Mary's Little Lambs Nursery

Saturday, September 12:

4:30 p.m. Ele Eckert, Amy Waters

Sunday, September 13:

10 a.m. - Bernadette Frank, Emily Cavallari

"Scrip" Volunteers

Saturday, September 12:

4:30 p.m. Mary Ann Walker, Mary Lou Flanders

Sunday, September 13:

8 a.m. Ken Carter

10 a.m. Kate and Dave Wehrmeyer

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

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 35:4-7a So often, we view the God of the Old Testament as distant and vengeful, forgetting that He is the God who lovingly called creation into being and offered a covenant with a stubborn and recalcitrant people. Isaiah reminds the nation, and us, of the compassionate God who looks with mercy upon His people. The frightened hearts belong to a nation held in exile, with fading hope and growing doubt. Isaiah, ever the champion of his people, poetically confirms what Israel had already known but had sometimes forgotten: God is faithful, redemptive, forgiving and loving. God especially blesses the afflicted and chooses them as the first beneficiaries of His mercy.

James 2:1-5 We know that it is Christ who saves us, not our works. But this does not mean that all our actions count for nothing. The authenticity of our faith is tested out by the fruit it bears, particularly in our relations with each other and, more particularly, with the poor. The Letter of James makes it even more clear, speaking of our ritual assemblies. Do we give more attention to the well dressed and wealthy and shun the shabbily dressed and poor? James reminds us that God chose the poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom. Our attentiveness and care for each other and especially for the poor is not a maneuver to win us paradise. It is rather our grateful response to God's promised love for us in our own poverty and disability.

Mark 7:31-37 Jesus stretches his ministry beyond the boundaries of his fellow Jews and interacts with foreign women and men, signaling his desire that his ministry should embrace both Jews and Gentiles. In this story of healing, Jesus exercises the power reserved to God in the Old Testament, fulfilling Isaiah's proclamation, "Here is your God...He comes to save you" (Isaiah 35:4). The passage from Isaiah identifies these healing acts as saving acts. What Jesus does for people is far more than a restoration of physical wholeness and well being. His healing activity is an offer of salvation, a tangible experience of divine power used to redeem people from the bondage of illness and rescue them from the margins of life.

Readings for the week of September 6, 2009

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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 CharitiesBrenda 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 CharityPeg 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 ComfortDonna 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
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