



Sunday, September 27, 2009

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. - Helen Harrison - Nellie Leap, Sister

10 a.m. - Mary Beth Johnston (Anniversary of Death) - Forbes and Family

Monday, September 28 -

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz, Martyr, and his Companions, Martyrs

No Mass Today

Tuesday, September 29 - Weekday

No Mass Today

Wednesday, September 30

St. Jerome, Priest and doctor of the Church

No Mass Today

Thursday, October 1

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

No Mass Today

Friday, October 2

The Guardian Angels

No Mass Today

Saturday, October 3 - Weekday

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

4:30 p.m. - Carl Trebb - Marcia and Family

Sunday, October 4

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. - Helen Harrison - Fred and Eleanor Wascovich

10 a.m. - Yolanne Cavallari - Albert J. Cavallari and Family

This Week's Split-Club Winners are:

1. Deloris Panek
2. Janet Kipfer
3. Brenda Ulrich



Saturday, October 3, at 9 a.m. we will have an Anointing Mass. We will celebrate the healing of heart and soul through the Sacrament of the Sick. We come with our own special needs and turn to Christ for the loving touch that strengthens us.

Dear Parish Family,

As you read this letter, God willing, I am visiting all my favorite places in Cape Cod and on the Islands. I hope to return next weekend. I'm most grateful to Fr. Marty Moleski who pulls himself away from the academic world of Canisius College to celebrate the Eucharist with you. Thanks to all who keep the parish working so smoothly while I'm away.

I was so moved and grateful at our recent Parish Council meeting to see so many wonderful things happening in the parish.

- *We have so many social events to bring us together, to get us to know each other better even before we gather at the Lord's Table.*
- *The warmth of our liturgies is enhanced by the dedication of so many; the warm, loving welcome you have offered to our 3 new RCIA folks reveals the warm hearts that beat within our parish.*
- *The pantry we maintain for those who struggle with challenges in their lives is stocked and available because you know the Lord calls us to be present to one another.*
- *As we begin the school year, we see our children returning to our Religious Education Formation opportunities. I am grateful for the interest of so many to begin a careful study of how we can offer exciting opportunities for youth ministry for our young people.*
- *The excitement of the Evangelization folks flows from your love of our faith family and the call of Jesus to bring the Gospel of hope to our broken world.*
- *The generosity in sharing your time, talent and treasure ensures a lively parish life; these gifts you carefully shepherd through our Stewardship & Finance Committee, making resources available for all those efforts at building up the Body of Christ here at St. Mary's.*

I look forward to seeing you all next week.

*Love and Prayers,
Fr. Gary*

RCIA

Next Sunday, October 4, at the 8 a.m. Mass we will welcome Heather Christie as a catechumenate in the RCIA. Heather has heard the call to become a full member of the Catholic Church and we ask for your prayers for her and for Gil Pease and Renee Currie as they travel this life-changing journey.

Collection for September 19-20, 2009

Regular Collection	\$5,139.00
Bldg. & Maintenance	<u>53.00</u>
Total	\$5,192.00

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

- Monday - 7 p.m. - S.V.D.P.**
7 - 8 P.M. - Religious Education for Grades 6 - 10
- Tuesday - 3 - 7 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration**
- Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Choir**
- Thursday - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts**
7 p.m. - Folk Choir

Saturday - 10 - 11:30 a.m. - Religious Education for (Grades K-5)

Upcoming Events at St. Mary's

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

Sunday, October 4, Noon: Blessing of animals in parking lot

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

The Ladies "themed" Tea will be held Sunday, October 25, from 1-4 p.m. in the Parish Center. Get your friends together for an afternoon of great food, friendship and fun. Tickets are \$10 . Donations to our basket raffle are gladly accepted. Contact Carol Costello (433-0340) or Sharon Roussie (439-0228).

St. Francis of Assisi, lover of all creation, champion of justice, patron saint of animals and the environment, founded the Franciscan Order. His feast day is **October 4, and on that Sunday, as part of a long-standing tradition within the Church, Father Gary will bless our beloved pets at noon in the church parking lot.** We will have treats for all the pets AND their owners!



Lockport's 28th CROPWalk takes place on Sunday, October 18. this is your chance to turn good intentions into action: 1) Ecumenism - walk with members of many of Lockport's congregations 2) Social Justice - it isn't right that people should suffer from hunger in a world full of plenty 3) Community spirit - this is Lockport's 28th CROPWalk, a tradition of working and walking together that makes our community strong and friendly. Sign up volunteers in back of church to walk or pledge today and for the next two weeks.



PRAY FOR . . .

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 Serriane, Mary Reitz, Jeffrey Gailor, Nathan Gailor, Jim McCullough, Barbara Kress, Christina Bugl, Brandon Nemece, Leslie Degnan, Donna and Robert Spencer Sr., June Groff, Ann Marie Micoli, Jim Fiegel, and pray for our Armed Forces here and abroad.

Weekend of October 3-4, 2009

Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, October 3:

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

Sunday, October 4:

8 a.m. Aimee Bell

10 a.m. Gary and Judy Rodriguez

Extraordinary Ministers' Schedule

Saturday, October 3:

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

Sunday, October 4:

8 a.m. Ken Carter, Sr. Carissima, Aimee Bell

10 a.m. Dave and Mary Wohleben, Angela Beightol, Joan and Mike Howells, Gil Weber, Choir Member

Altar Servers' Schedule

Saturday, October 3:

4:30 p.m. Michael Campbell, Alexander Fischer, Christopher and Jonathan Bolt

Sunday, October 4:

10 a.m. Santo St. Vincent, Emily and Adam Cavallari, Kelsey Wohleben

Greeters' Schedule

Saturday, October 3:

4:30 p.m. Agnes Getz, Lynn Ann Kowalski

Sunday, October 4:

8 a.m. Florence Claude, Barbara Buczkowski

10 a.m. Terry and Jerry Dembrowicz

NURSERY  SCHEDULE

Mary's Little Lambs Nursery

Saturday, October 3:

4:30 p.m. Darlene, Miranda and Brandi Snyder

Sunday, October 4:

10 a.m. Kelly Preisch, Traci Meagley

"Scrip" Volunteers

Saturday, October 3:

4:30 p.m. Mary Alice Stroehlein

Sunday, October 4:

8 a.m. Dave and Kathy Greenfield

10 a.m. Nancy Eglin

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

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Numbers 11:25-29 When God's people leave Egypt, they become totally dependent on God. Their needs are basic: water, food, and leadership, and God provides all three. God's gifts are bestowed without prejudice, given freely, even to those we might perceive as unworthy. When the absent elders, Eldad and Medad, receive God's Spirit, Joshua fears their influence might detract from Moses' authority. Moses, however, proclaims his wish that all God's people would be Spirit-empowered. That Spirit finds even those who we might claim are "out of the circle." God's will, through the ages, has been enacted by the most unlikely of followers, including Moses himself. It does not matter where we are or how we have been called. What matters is that when the call comes, we respond.

James 5:1-6 When James blasts the rich, is he condemning the possession of wealth? Is wealth inherently evil? No, but he is clearly warning those who gain their wealth unjustly and live lavishly while ignoring their neighbors. Such malevolence cries for vengeance before God and James expresses this theme by taking up a recurrent refrain in the Old Testament: the cry of the oppressed, especially of the workers who are not paid, reaches God. And God, who is all-powerful, will not remain unmoved or passive; He will act on His day that, for the rich, will be a day of slaughter as for animals that are fattened for their day of butchery.

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 This passage echoes today's first reading from Numbers. God's work is not necessarily restricted to a small group. And, that work can include the most trivial of service – a cup of water to drink. Children were the symbol Jesus used for the poor in spirit, the lowly, in the Christian community. Although the measures Jesus describes are to be taken figuratively, we are called to take whatever action is necessary to avoid sin. Jesus uses hyperbole to emphasize the seriousness of causing spiritual injury to others: a millstone, losing an eye or a limb. Gehenna is a valley which divides ancient Jerusalem from the hills to the south and west. It had an unholy reputation because cultic rituals of human sacrifice took place there. Jesus uses Isaiah's condemnation of Gehenna as a place where the rebels of Yahweh should lie: "Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched."

Readings for the week of September 27, 2009

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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 & RosaryFran Staszak 434-1461
Altar Servers..... Paula Provost 438-0943
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Fred Wascovich 434-3451
Christian Formation..... Sharon Roussie 439-0228
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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
GreetersMary 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.....Marcia Seibel 688-0772
Sacramental Arrangements..... Carol Costello 433-0340
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Small Faith Communities..... 434-6316
Split Club.....Joe Santarsiero 433-3002
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Worship/Liturgy Planning..... Marcia Seibel 688-0772

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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