



Letter From the Bishop

Sunday, October 4, 2009

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

Monday, October 5 - Weekday

5:30 p.m. - Stephanie Rose - Mother, Laura

Tuesday, October 6 - Weekday

St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin

9 a.m. - Mildred L. Skeets

- Carol Riddle and Vickie Richardson

Wednesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

9 a.m. - Marcia Geckler - Keith and Carole Anterline

Thursday, October 8 - Weekday

No Mass Today

Friday, October 9

St. Denis, Bishop and Martyr, and his Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

9 a.m. - Dick Blackley - Jim and Lorraine Sparks

Saturday, October 10 - Weekday

4:30 p.m. - Stella T. Pratt (Birthday Remembrance)

- Martha and Family

Sunday, October 11

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. - Janelle A. Raskopf (Anniversary of Death)

- Emmett J. Raskopf, Linda and Dick Groves, Wendon and Ann Raskopf

10 a.m. - Alfred Steffens - His Children

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This Week's Split-Club Winners are:

1. M. Ruggiero
2. Marie Dougherty
3. Markus Wolcott

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The Sanctuary Lamp of the Blessed Sacrament will burn during the month of October to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John States and the Destito Family, requested by Rose and Katherine.

Dear Diocesan Family,

"Every Child Brings Us God's Smile" is this year's theme for the USCCB Respect Life Program. During October Respect Life month, this program will be implemented throughout our diocese by our Office of Pro-Life Activities with the assistance of 160 Respect Life Coordinators at the parish level, keeping the pro-life issues visible in order to promote a Culture of Life in our Diocese.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI affirms the reality in his latest writings, *Dignitas Personae*, and *Caritas in Veritate*, that "the human person has been endowed with a very exalted dignity, which is rooted in the intimate bond that unites him with his Creator: a reflection of God's own reality whatever the age, stage or condition of life."

We live by a human life ethic; social justice cannot advance unless the right to life is protected.

Today's cultural campaign against human dignity and the struggle to defend life has polarized our society. The antidote to violence is not more violence. I recommend that spiritual works continue in addition to pastoral services and corporal works of mercy. We should offer special prayers for our nation and her leaders at every Mass in order that the culture of death may be overcome and a civilization of love may be advanced. I encourage all to take part in Eucharistic adoration and the praying of the rosary for the restoration of respect for human life, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of our Lady of Guadalupe.

Be assured of my grateful and prayerful best wishes as together we work to promote the Culture of Life in our diocese and in our world!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Edward U. Kmiec  
Bishop of Buffalo

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Collection for September 19-20, 2009

Regular Collection	\$5,204.26
Bldg. & Maintenance	28.00
Fuel	145.00
Total	\$5,377.26

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

**Monday - 7 - 8 p.m.** - Religious Education for Grades 6 - 10

**Tuesday - 3 - 7 p.m.** - Eucharistic Adoration  
**7 p.m.** - Worship/Liturgy Meeting  
**7 p.m.** - Baptismal Class in Parish Center

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

**Thursday - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** - Girl Scouts  
**7 p.m.** - Folk Choir

**Saturday - NO** Religious Education for (Grades K-5)  
**5:30 p.m.** - R.C.I.A.

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

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

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

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**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).

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**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.

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**Lockport's 28th CROPWalk** takes place on Sunday, October 18. Please stop at the CROP table in the back of church to sign up to walk or to make a contribution. Or put yours in an envelope marked "CROPWalk" to drop into the collection basket. Remember, 25% of CROP donations go to local groups: Lockport Meals on Wheels, Brother's Keepers Outreach, and Niagara Migrant Workers' Food Pantry, located in Newfane's First Baptist Church. Seventy-five percent of CROP donations are used worldwide in hunger prevention and emergency relief programs, especially urgent during these times of conflict and natural disasters.

 **PRAY FOR . . .**

John Scott, Katherine DiProfio, 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, 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.

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**Weekend of October 10-11, 2009**

**Lectors' Schedule**

Saturday, October 10:

**4:30 p.m.** Paula Provost, Tim Wolcott

Sunday, October 11:

**8 a.m.** Diane Campbell

**10 a.m.** Monica and Mike Pullano

**Extraordinary Ministers' Schedule**

Saturday, October 10:

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

Sunday, October 11:

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

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

**Altar Servers' Schedule**

Saturday, October 10:

**4:30 p.m.** Emily Stoll, Thomas Stoll, Mary Claire Haseley, Dylan Robb

Sunday, October 11:

**10 a.m.** Cory Beightol, Breanne and Lacey Beightol, Clara Mrowka

**Greeters' Schedule**

Saturday, October 10:

**4:30 p.m.** Mary Nevins, Janet Schiffert

Sunday, October 11:

**8 a.m.** Florence Claude, Barbara Buczkowski  
**10 a.m.** Tim Wolcott, Ed Benzing

**NURSERY  SCHEDULE**

**Mary's Little Lambs Nursery**

Saturday, October 10:

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

Sunday, October 11:

**10 a.m.** - Sherry Allen, Kelly Hinchy

**"Scrip" Volunteers**

Saturday, October 10:

**4:30 p.m.** Mary Lou Flanders

Sunday, October 11:

**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**

**Genesis 2:18-24** The first story of creation in Genesis reveals a God of awesome power. With a mere word, God spoke the entire universe into existence. Today's reading is a part of the second creation story as told in Genesis. Here we see a more personal God who, with His hands, forms and shapes the first human being and then breathes life into him. God's concern for this human creation leads to the further creation of a "suitable partner" for the man. It is not from clay that woman is created but from man itself - a distinct part of and partner to him. By using a part of Adam, the identification of Adam with his partner would be ensured. The symbolism of the rib signifies the equality of woman and man. To become "one flesh" suggests both a physical bonding and a lifelong relationship.

**Hebrews 2:9-11** For the author of Hebrews, Jesus the man is superior to the angels but was made "for a little while...lower" than them in that he suffered death. The author makes clear that Jesus shares in a true humanity with all God's children. In order that Jesus' death would liberate all from the slavery of sin and the power of death, he had to share our human nature fully. His solidarity with humanity is brought out in their common origin in the Father, their sharing in flesh and blood, and above all their sharing in death itself.

**Mark 10:2-12** Today's gospel presents two themes: the sacred dimension to marriage and the attitude with which to approach the Kingdom. To test Jesus, the Pharisees question him about the lawfulness of divorce, an accepted practice and regulated by the Law of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis: God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees that permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women: Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. The final part of today's Gospel, although initially appearing to be unconnected, emphasizes Jesus' instruction on the importance of family. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God. Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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### **Readings for the week of October 4, 2009**

**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12  
**Monday:** Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30  
or 10:17-27

## **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.....Marcia Seibel 688-0772  
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  
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Bernie Mosher.....433-0565  
Joe Santarsiero.....433-3002  
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