



Sunday, January 17, 2010

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. - Fred Wascovich - Fred and Eleanor
- 10 a.m. - Gerald V. Smith (Anniversary of Death)
- The Smith Family

Monday, January 18- Weekday

- 5:30 p.m. - All Souls' Day Intentions

Tuesday, January 19 - Weekday

- 9 a.m. - Frances Provenzano-Behm - Bessie

Wednesday, January 20 - Weekday

St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

- 9 a.m. - Lorraine & Eugene Brady and Henry &
Margaret Manck - Estate

Thursday, January 21 - Weekday

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

No Mass Today

Friday, January 22 - Weekday

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

- 9 a.m. - Joseph Provenzano, Jr. - Bessie

Saturday, January 23 - Weekday

- 4:30 p.m. - Chuck Hinton - Patti Nodine

Sunday, January 24

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. - Msgr. Walter Kern - Estate
- 10 a.m. - Margaret Ruhlmann
- Larry and Sharon Freeman

The next meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society will take place on Monday, March 15, at noon in the Parish Center.

Annulment Writing Workshop: Here's a chance for anyone having trouble writing annulment papers to get it done in one weekend. The session will be held Friday, February 26, from 7-10 p.m. and Saturday, February 27, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the UB Newman Center, 495 Skinnersville Road (the traffic light just past Sweet Home High School) in Amherst. Cost is \$20 and includes snacks, lunch and supplies. Call 633-7786 to register.

Dear Parish Family,

As I was returning to sunny Western New York last week, I looked out the airplane window and saw what looked snowy and bleak; sometimes our lives can seem that way. It's then that we discover new and wonderful ways of finding the extraordinary in the most ordinary. This weekend we celebrate the "Second Sunday in Ordinary Time": not the most catchy of terms, is it? But, you know, there are such wonderful things that happen all the time. Here are some:

- *We have the most beautiful new altar cloths; they are simple in their elegance, carefully made and lovingly donated.*
- *The beautiful portrait of Mother Teresa we are dedicating this weekend will honor the memory of Msgr. Walter Kern and enhance our beautiful Eucharistic Chapel.*
- *We are making a beginning to our new Youth Ministry with our initial meeting on Thursday, February 4, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. The careful "seedwork" we do now will, with God's amazing grace, be a blessing.*
- *All the preparations are being carefully tended to for our annual Parish Pasta Supper on Sunday, January 24. Parents and kids are already planning their "special" cakes for the cake raffle. Jim Buczkowski is working on jokes.*

Actually, there is no ordinary time since God touches every minute of our lives; like the acorn growing to become the mighty oak, we grow in God's love, strengthened each moment, growing in the image of Jesus. In the ordinary we find the Extraordinary!

Peace and Love,

Fr. Gary

Collection for January 9/10, 2010

Regular Collection	\$6,455.50	
Bldg. & Maintenance	<u>532.00</u>	
	\$6,987.50	Total

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

- Monday - NO Religious Education (Grades 6-10)
7 p.m. - S.V.D.P. Mtg.**
- Tuesday - 3-7 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration**
- Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Choir**
- Thursday - 7 p.m. - Folk Choir
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts
7 p.m. - Evangelization Mtg.**
- Saturday - 10 - 11:30 a.m. Religious Education
(Grades K-5)**

Upcoming Events at St. Mary's

Next Sunday, January 24, beginning at 11:30 a.m. we will have St. Mary's Pasta Supper in the Parish Center. Eat-in or take-out is available. Along with the pasta dinner we will have our famous "Cake Auction." Be ready to bid on your favorite cakes the children have made. Tickets will be on sale at the back of church: \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 10 years of age.

American Red Cross Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ

will be held Thursday, January 2, from 3 p.m. until sold out. Drive-thru only. Cost is \$8 per dinner.

Next weekend will be the beginning of the annual "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign here at St. Mary's. Baby bottles will be available in the back of church in the blue container. Your donation of coins, bills, and checks will enable CareNet to continue to uphold the sanctity of human life.

Making a difference dinner - a celebration of Catholic Schools 2010!

You are invited to join WNY in celebrating Catholic education at an event which will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel on January 28, 2010. Rev. Msgr. Dino Lorenzetti and Mrs. Ann Swan will receive the Bishop's Medal for leadership in the support of Catholic education. Miss Denise Amato of SS. Peter & Paul School will receive the Tim Russert "Making a Difference" award. Please call the Diocesan Foundation Office at 847-8373 to purchase a table or seats. All proceeds raised will provide needs-based tuition assistance for Catholic students throughout the Diocese of Buffalo.



Joanne Gajewski, Kay Hammond, Jason Pawlowski, Katherine Limardi, Tricia Denhoff, Connie Andrews, Kathleen Anderson, Connie McCracken, John Gagliardi III, Doris Stump, 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 Nemec, Leslie Degnan, Donna and Robert Spencer Sr., June Groff, Jim Fiegel, Jean LaRocca, and pray for our Armed Forces here and abroad.

Weekend of January 23/24, 2010

Lectors' Schedule

- Saturday, January 23:**
4:30 p.m. Mike Howells, Paula Provost
- Sunday, January 24:**
8 a.m. Pierson Bell
10 a.m. Amy Cavallari, Mary Wohleben

Extraordinary Ministers' Schedule

- Saturday, January 23:**
4:30 p.m. Vickie Richardson
- Sunday, January 24:**
8 a.m. Larry Hanel
10 a.m. Becki Dlugosz, (Choir Loft - Robert Sharkey)

Altar Servers' Schedule

- Saturday, January 23:**
4:30 p.m. Emily Stoll, Thomas Stoll, Christopher Bolt, Jonathan Bolt
- Sunday, January 24:**
10 a.m. Cory Beightol, Breanne and Lacey Beightol, Erin Nicosia

Greeters' Schedule

- Saturday, January 23:**
4:30 p.m. Agnes Getz, Sandy Wilkolaski
- Sunday, January 24:**
8 a.m. Barbara Buczkowski, Florence Claude
10 a.m. Dave and Kathy Greenfield



Mary's Little Lambs Nursery

- Saturday, January 23:**
4:30 p.m. Carole Anterline, Margie Swan
- Sunday, January 24:**
10 a.m. - Heather and Bernie Mosher

"Scrip" Volunteers

- Saturday, January 23:**
4:30 p.m. Becky Scott, Mary Lou Flanders
- Sunday, January 24:**
8 a.m. Ken Carter
10 a.m. Donna Powers, Laura Tschaepe

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

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 62:1-5 This passage from Third Isaiah was written after the Israelites returned from exile - a time of readjustment and confusion. God Himself, through the prophet, speaks these words and offers hope and a confirmation of His love. The new "name" for Israel promises a new state of happiness - no longer "Forsaken" or "Desolate," but "My Delight" and "Espoused." The marital imagery between God and His people is found in earlier literature, but here it is taken to new heights. A young man, a builder, a bridegroom - all references to God and all rejoice in the union of love between the bridegroom and bride, between God and His people.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Paul writes this letter to the church at Corinth to forestall the growing concern over the competition among the people, some of whom felt that their gifts were more important than the gifts of others. The apostle aims to emphasize that God works His way through people in many ways. The particular gift a person has from the Spirit is not for individual advance; rather, it is for the building up of the church. God gives gifts in the Spirit so that everything can get done if everyone does what they have been gifted to do. This is as true of marriage as it is of the life of the parish, and it challenges us all to offer the gifts we have been given to the service of God and neighbor, to parish and family.

John 2:1-11 Following immediately our celebration of the Epiphany, we are given yet another revelatory event in Jesus' life that manifests his glory. His first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana holds a deeper meaning than would appear on the surface. In this simple Galilean home Jesus brought forth his best and in abundance. His response to Mary is indicative of his knowledge and acceptance of his purpose in life - to walk steadily towards that hour for which he knew he had come into the world. The Cana miracle holds forth a promise for us: that whenever Jesus comes into our lives, we celebrate the exhilaration of his presence and experience a change - like water into wine.

Readings for the week of January 17, 2010

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or
12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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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Christian Formation..... Sharon Roussie 439-0228
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GreetersMary 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 ComfortDonna Santarsiero 433-3002
Music Minister.....Melissa Coleman 778-9461
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