



Dear Parish Family,

At our last Parish Council meeting we discussed how we may treasure and continue to develop our wonderful parish community. Today's Scriptures are so rich in answers to that question.

I think there are three key elements in keeping a parish vital and vibrant.

First, the Church must have a clear understanding of what it's about: its "Mission." We hear Jesus' clear mission in today's Gospel: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to bring good news...to proclaim liberty...recovery of sight...to free those oppressed!" Jesus understood what he was here for. Do we?

Second, the vital church must have a sense of unity and fellowship. St. Paul is wonderful in his letter to the Church at Corinth where there are Jews and Gentiles, former idol worshippers, slaves and free: the many must form one body, the Body of Christ. There is no room for cliques.

The third element in a growing and vibrant church is that every person knows that he or she has a ministry to fulfill. Again, read Paul's words about various gifts. Peter was the "Rock" of the early church, but there would have been no Peter if there wasn't a humble Andrew to bring him to Jesus. How effective would Paul have been without the marvelous gift of encouragement from Barnabas? This parish is no dead shrine: we are the Body of Christ; we all have a calling to fulfill.

My friends, I invite you, each of you, to embrace with your whole heart our parish "Mission statement": "Growing in Faith Together!"

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Gary

Sunday, January 24, 2010

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle

- 5:30 p.m. - Katherine DiProfio - Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gagliardi

Tuesday, January 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

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

Wednesday, January 27 - Weekday

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

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

Thursday, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

No Mass Today

Friday, January 29 - Weekday

- 9 a.m. - Dr. Wilfrid and Melba Anna - Estate

Saturday, January 30 - Weekday

- 4:30 p.m. - Joseph Ognibene - St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society

Sunday, January 31

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. - All Souls' Day Intentions
10 a.m. - Catherine Daniel - David, Barb and Alex Fischer

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10-WEEK SPLIT CLUB WILL BEGIN SOON!

Join the "Ticket Team" to help St. Mary's! If 100 parishioners could each sell just five \$20 Split Club tickets over the next six weeks, we could reach our goal! Tickets are now available to sell or purchase, with the first drawing to be held March 1. Three \$50 winners will be drawn weekly for ten weeks, and two \$500 winners will be drawn on May 3rd.

Tickets are available in back of church after Masses, in the rectory during the week, or from Chairman Joe and Donna Santarsiero (433-3002) and the "Ticket Team."

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This weekend begins the "Baby Bottle Campaign" for CareNet here at St. Mary's. You will find the bottles in a blue container at the back of church. Fill them with change or bills and return by Sunday, February 21. Thank you!

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Table with 2 columns: Collection Item and Amount. Title: Collection for January 16/17, 2010. Items include Regular Collection, Bldg. & Maintenance, Special Christmas Gift To Date, and Haiti Collection to Date.

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

- Monday - 7-8 p.m.** - Religious Education  
(Grades 6-10)  
**7 p.m.** - Parent Meeting for First  
Reconciliation in Parish Center
- Tuesday - 3-7 p.m.** - Eucharistic Adoration  
**7 p.m.** - Baptismal Class in Parish Center
- Wednesday - 7 p.m.** - Choir
- Thursday - 7 p.m.** - Folk Choir  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** - Girl Scouts  
**7 p.m.** - Children's Consignment Sale Mtg.

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

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**Remember this Sunday:** Beginning at 11:30 a.m.  
Pasta Dinner in Parish Center, eat-in or take-out.

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**HELP!** Your help is needed to make St. Mary's  
Consignment Sale a success. There will be an  
organizational meeting on **Thursday, January 28, at 7  
p.m. in the Parish Center.** We need help setting up,  
checking in consignors' items, cashiers the day of the sale -  
lots of opportunities to help. Come and sign up to be a part  
of our great Children's Consignment sale. **Sale dates are  
March 12 and 13. For more information call: Sherry  
Allen at 625-9715 or Carol Costello at 433-0340.**

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**First Reconciliation Parents: Monday, January 25,  
at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.** This meeting is for all  
parents of children who plan on making their first  
reconciliation in March. Children should **not** attend this  
meeting.

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**Confirmation Parents and Candidates Meeting:  
Monday, February 1, in the Parish Center.** This meeting  
is for all candidates for confirmation **and** their parents.  
Candidates must be in 9th grade or above and a registered  
member of St. Mary's.

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**First Communion Parents: Monday, February 22,  
at 7 p.m. in church.** Fr. Gary will do a Teaching Mass for  
the parents of children preparing to receive their First  
Communion this May, for the R.C.I.A. candidates, and for  
any interested parishioners. Children should **not** attend.

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**Anointing Masses will be held on the following  
Mondays at 5:30 p.m.: February 1, March 1, and April  
5. No Saturday Anointing Masses.**



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, and pray for our Armed Forces here and abroad.

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**Weekend of January 30/31, 2010**  
**Lectors' Schedule**

**Saturday, January 30:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Valerie Steltzer, Heidi Sutt  
**Sunday, January 31:**  
**8 a.m.** Jerry Tomaino, Walter Dlugosz  
**10 a.m.** Gary and Judy Rodriguez

**Extraordinary Ministers' Schedule**

**Saturday, January 30:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Martha Chilcott  
**Sunday, January 31:**  
**8 a.m.** Bob Cramer  
**10 a.m.** Joan Howells (Mike Howells-Choir Loft)

**Altar Servers' Schedule**

**Saturday, January 30:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Normand Provost, Megan Preisch, Paige and  
Megan Currie  
**Sunday, January 31:**  
**10 a.m.** Patrick Quinn, Caitlin Quinn, Jake Burandt,  
Michele Sutton

**Greeters' Schedule**

**Saturday, January 30:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Mary Nevins, Mary Alice Stroehlein  
**Sunday, January 31:**  
**8 a.m.** Barbara Buczkowski, Florence Claude  
**10 a.m.** Terry and Gerry Dembrowicz

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**Mary's Little Lambs Nursery**

**Saturday, January 30:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Mary Umera, Laura Tschaepé  
**Sunday, January 31:**  
**10 a.m.** - Diane Quinn, Karen Mrowka

**"Scrip" Volunteers**

**Saturday, January 30:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Becky Scott, Mary Lou Flanders  
**Sunday, January 31:**  
**8 a.m.** Ken Carter  
**10 a.m.** Nancy Eglin

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

## REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

**Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10** The Book of Nehemiah is a memoir of Nehemiah, an official of the Persian court. He was moved by what he had heard of the devastation in Jerusalem and, when the Israelites returned there from their captivity, Nehemiah traveled to the city to help rebuild it with the willing labor of its citizens. However, more than just the walls needed rebuilding. The people had become lax in their observance of the Law, and their recommitment to it needed rebuilding as well. In today's reading we hear of the liturgical service in which Ezra, a contemporary of Nehemiah, reads the Law aloud. All three readings today tell us of the effect that the proclamation of God's Word can have on our lives, calling us to prayer, to celebration, and to concern for the poor.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-30** When we wear the robe of Christianity, beginning with our baptism, we become one people belonging to Christ. Beneath that communal robe, however, lies a diversity of ethnic origins, social backgrounds, and gifts. We become blended, yet unique in what we can offer for the good of all. Not one of us should exalt because of the gifts given, nor should any think themselves less because they received a gift some view as less significant. The Church at Corinth gathered to hear Paul's letter which sought to rectify the growing exclusivity some held because of their particular gift. Our task in accomplishing God's work is to give of ourselves to others so that if any part of the body is hurting, we seek to minister and heal that part.

**Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21** Luke writes for the Gentile Christians of his time and assures Theophilus ("friend of God") and others of the certainty of the teachings they received about Jesus. Luke then transports us to the beginning of Jesus' ministry in his hometown of Nazareth. In the temple, Jesus reads from Isaiah 61. Throughout his gospel, Luke seeks to demonstrate Jesus' fulfillment of the Old Testament promise. By citing Isaiah, Jesus was claiming to be a royal figure and to have a prophetic mission. Jesus' proclamation of fulfilling this prophecy "today" is, indeed, fulfilled this very day and every day.

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### Readings for the week of January 24, 2010

**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

**Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a; 13-17/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31--13:13

**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  
Finance & Administration ..... Jim Smigelski 433-0849  
Greeters .....Mary 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 Comfort .....Donna Santarsiero 433-3002  
Music Minister.....Melissa Coleman 778-9461  
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Sacramental Arrangements..... Carol Costello 433-0340  
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Split Club.....Joe Santarsiero 433-3002  
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