



Growing in Faith Together - RCIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sunday, February 7, 2010

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. - All Souls' Day Intentions

10 a.m. - Msgr. Walter Kern - Estate

Monday, February 8 - Weekday

St. Jerome Emiliani, Priest; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

2 p.m. Briarwood Mass - Msgr. Walter Kern - Estate

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

Tuesday, February 9 - Weekday

9 a.m. - Margaret Ruhlmann

- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Riley

Wednesday, February 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

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

Thursday, February 11 - Weekday

Our Lady of Lourdes

No Mass Today

Friday, February 12 - Weekday

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

Saturday, February 13 - Weekday

4:30 p.m. - Benedict Samulski

- Altar and Rosary Society

Sunday, February 14

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. - All Souls' Day Intentions

10 a.m. - Catherine Daniel - St. Mary's Choir

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The red rose on the altar is given in celebration of Goldie Dean's 90th birthday, requested by her daughter, Jane Cutter.

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For the catechumens involved in the RCIA process at St. Mary's, the past several months have been a period filled with prayer, questioning, learning, and reflection. Heather Christie and Gil Pease, our catechumens, have journeyed with determination and sincerity on their paths to becoming members of the Catholic Church. They are about to cross a bridge from the catechumenate to a period of the RCIA process called the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, wherein they will experience a time for deeper reflection and prayer, coinciding with the season of Lent.

This transition will begin on Saturday, February 20, during the 4:30 p.m. Mass, when we will celebrate the Rite of Sending. During this Rite, our parish will prepare to send Heather and Gil to meet with Bishop Kmiec on Sunday, February 21, when he will receive them at the Rite of Election at St. Amelia's Church. At that time, in company with assemblies from across the diocese, the godparents and the RCIA team will accompany the catechumens and affirm that Heather and Gil are ready to continue their passage to full communion with the Catholic community.

As a companion on this journey, Renee Currie, during our RCIA gatherings, has reflected on our weekly Scripture readings, she has prayed, and she has shared her spiritual experience. Renee will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil and we continue to keep her in our prayers.

As a loving community, we offer our prayers and support for Heather and Gil as they prepare for the joyful celebration of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Blessings,

The RCIA Team

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<u>Collection for January 30/31 2010</u>	
Regular Collection	\$5,993.00
Bldg. & Maintenance	<u>197.00</u>
	\$6,190.00 Total
Catholic Relief	\$1,022.35



Last weekend we welcomed Camren James Driscoll into St. Mary's faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to his parents, James and Angela!

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

- Monday - 7-8 p.m.** - Religious Education  
(Grades 6-10)
- Tuesday - 3-7 p.m.** - Eucharistic Adoration  
**5 p.m.** - Ministry Fair Subcommittee Mtg.  
**7 p.m.** - Stewardship Mtg.
- Wednesday - 7 p.m.** - Choir
- Thursday - 7 p.m.** - Folk Choir  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** - Girl Scouts
- Saturday - 10 - 11:30 a.m.** Religious Education  
(Grades K-5)

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**First Communion Parents** will meet **Monday, February 22, at 7 p.m.** in the church. Fr. Gary will celebrate 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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**This weekend we join our friends at All Saints** and throughout the community in joy and prayer as Fr. Frank Schimscheiner, OSFS, celebrates his 45th anniversary of Ordination.

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**Eucharistic ministers** are needed to fill out our schedule. We need at least three additional ministers at each of the Masses. If you have been thinking about becoming a Minister of Holy Communion, or if you are willing to get involved in this parish ministry, now is a great time. Please call the rectory, 434-6316, and let us know so we can add your name to the schedule.

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**Singles' Valentine's Day Dance Friday, February 13, at the Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road in Depew.** A fun evening of dancing and meeting new friends! \$9 admission at the door. The music is by DJ Rick Mann of Jukebox Tonight! The dance is from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Call 633-5413 for more information.

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**Family Lenten/Easter Packet Available at the Office of Family Life Ministries (716-847-2210).** If you are looking for ways to keep your children interested and have a positive experience of the Church's annual retreat, please call. It is free and with a little creativity and time you can provide your family with a unique journey together with Jesus.



Mike Mahoney, 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 Nemeec, 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 February 13/14, 2010**

**Lectors' Schedule**

Saturday, February 13:

**4:30 p.m.** Bill Roussie, Dave Tobin

Sunday, February 14:

**8 a.m.** Esther Owens, Aimee Bell

**10 a.m.** Renee Locke, Ray Schilling

**Extraordinary Ministers' Schedule**

Saturday, February 13:

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

Sunday, February 14:

**8 a.m.** Mary Lewis, Berny Fischer, Mariann Angelo  
**10 a.m.** Mary DeFlippo, Kathy Destito, Jean and Fran Skop, Frances Staszak, Rose States, Choir Member

**Altar Servers' Schedule**

Saturday, February 13:

**4:30 p.m.** **Emily Stoll**, Thomas Stoll, Nina Pica, Mary Claire Haseley

Sunday, February 14:

**10 a.m.** **Christopher Sharkey**, Emily and Adam Cavallari, Kelsey Wohleben

**Greeters' Schedule**

Saturday, February 13:

**4:30 p.m.** Martha Chilcott, Janet Schiffert

Sunday, February 14:

**8 a.m.** Barbara Buczkowski, Florence Claude  
**10 a.m.** Chris and Kathy Prucha



**Mary's Little Lambs Nursery**

Saturday, February 13:

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

Sunday, February 14:

**10 a.m.** Kelly Preisch, Traci Meagley

**"Scrip" Volunteers**

Saturday, February 13:

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

Sunday, February 14:

**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**

All three of today's readings strikingly and dramatically confirm a truth - God does not expect a perfect messenger for His message. Embracing rather than denying our flaws is more a liberating act than a humiliating one. To Isaiah's dread, Paul's painful memories, Peter's fears, and to our own insecurities, God whispers to us what Jesus said to Peter, "Don't be afraid."

**Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8** Although the description of Isaiah's vision is powerful, it is the call that is central to this reading. The vision of God's holiness leads Isaiah to confess his sense of utter unworthiness. His call comes to him as a sheer miracle of grace. Isaiah's response characterizes a human encounter with the divine: he is filled with fear and with an overwhelming recognition of his sinfulness in the presence of the all-holy God. The prophet first receives forgiveness for his sin, is then called to "go for us," and responds by accepting the call. There is a noteworthy contrast between Isaiah's initial hesitancy in reaction to the vision and the confidence with which he finally accepts the call.

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11** Paul has a huge boulder to push in correcting the Corinthians' thinking on the resurrection. They did not believe in bodily resurrection, believing instead that resurrection was a purely spiritual experience already achieved through baptism and the forgiveness of sins. Paul's method of instruction begins with a wakeup call to the traditions handed down to them and to him. He then recalls Jesus' death and resurrection witnessed by Peter, the apostles, then to the five hundred including himself. Paul confesses his unworthiness as a persecutor of the faith and, like Isaiah, credits the grace of God for his selection as a prophet. Paul holds high the hope of our own resurrection when Christ and we will enjoy a transformed community, together held in the heart of God.

**Luke 5:1-11** Peter and his fellow fishermen had called it a day after an unsuccessful night of fishing. Imagine their surprise when the known carpenter tries to instruct these experienced fishermen on their trade. More surprising are the circumstances of God's moments of revelation to us. Peter recognized the presence of more than luck in his unexpected haul. The recognition of the presence of God leads to a profound sense of unworthiness, as in Peter's, Paul's and Isaiah's declaration of sinfulness. This recognition, confession, and the acceptance of God's grace will finally lead to true discipleship.

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### **Readings for the week of February 7, 2010**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Ks 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26

**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  
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  
Chaplain.....Sr. Carissima Ogbu 948-8553  
Worship/Liturgy Planning..... Marcia Seibel 688-0772

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Mariann Angelo - Chairperson.....434-5719  
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Jerry DeFlippo.....434-4609  
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