



Sunday, March 7, 2010

Third Sunday of Lent

8 a.m. - Allen Schaffer - Shirley and Norm Prue

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

Monday, March 8 - Lenten Weekday

St. John of God, Religious

Noon - Bernard McGroarty - Ellen Gardner

2 p.m. - Briarwood Mass - All Souls' Day Intentions

Tuesday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Noon - Eugene & Lorraine Brady and Henry & Margaret Manck - Estate

Wednesday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday

Noon - Harry Jones (Anniversary of Death)

- Wife, Barbara

Thursday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday

Noon - Msgr. Walter Kern - Estate

Friday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday

Noon - Allen Schaffer - Annamargaret Keleher

12:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday

4:30 p.m. - Joseph Ognibene

- John and Mary Rose Hufnagel

Sunday, March 14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8 a.m. - All Souls' Day Intentions

10 a.m. - Mary Beth Johnston (Birthday

Remembrance) - Forbes and Family

Don't put it off any longer! You've wanted to experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend -- there's no time like the present, **March 19-21**, at the Quality Inn, 5440 Camp Road, Hamburg, NY 14074--the perfect spot to rediscover and deepen your love relationship. Information: Robert and Beth Knopf at 877-697-9963 or www.wwme-wny.org.

Dear Parish Family,

I'm so happy to welcome Steve Ulrich back home to St. Mary's; his folks are Mike and Brenda Ulrich. Steve is part of the new Catholic Charities team for 2010. I asked him to come and explain some of the changes that are part of this year's appeal. I think many people are doing their best to make this year's drive a great success and I know that with our own efforts and God's wonderful grace, we will be able to once again make Catholic Charities the Drive That Never Fails: never fails to see the eyes of those with broken lives who look to us for hope; the drive that never fails to gather the goodness of all of us and restore hope for damaged dreams and fractured souls. Please consider carefully how much your response means to so many.

Peace and Love,

Fr. Gary



The two red roses on the altar this weekend are given in thanksgiving for their twin grandsons who were prematurely born on December 5 and recently have come home, and also in thanksgiving for all the supporting thoughts and prayers of this community, requested by John and Clare Smith.

The pink rose is given in loving memory of Robert Clark, husband, and Joan Ryan, sister, requested by Elaine Clark.

One out of every three people will need blood in his or her lifetime. In response to this grim statistic, Niagara Catholic High School's Transplant Awareness Group (TAG) is sponsoring a UNYTS (Upstate New York Transplant Service) Blood drive on **Thursday, March 18**, in the school chapel. The drive will run between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. To make an appointment to donate, please call Ms. Moore at 283-8771. Walk-ins are also welcome! Your donation of one unit of blood can save the lives of three people!


Be a hero. Save a life. Donate blood.

Collection for February 27/28, 2010

Regular Collection	\$4,931.25
Bldg. & Maintenance	<u>101.00</u>
Total	\$5,032.25

**Special Collection this weekend is for
Black and Native Missions**

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

- Monday - 7-8 p.m.** - Religious Education
(Grades 6-10)
- Tuesday - 7 p.m.** - Parish Council
3-7 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration
7 p.m. - Musical Meditation in Chapel
- Wednesday - 7 p.m.** - Choir
- Thursday - 7 p.m.** - Folk Choir
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  Girl Scouts
- Friday, March 12, and Saturday, March 13,**
9 a.m.-6 p.m.: Consignment Sale

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

Upcoming Events Here at St. Mary's

- March 12/13** - Children's Consignment Sale
March 20 - St. Joseph's Table following 4:30 Mass
March 30 - Pizza Hut Family Night

MEN! Now being formed are inquiry classes for Permanent Deacons to begin in September. Did you know that there are 124 men serving as Permanent Deacons in the Diocese of Buffalo? Every one of these men felt the desire to serve the Church in ways beyond their current service. Are you a man between 30 and 55 with this same prompting? God may be calling you to find out more about the Permanent Diaconate! Three information sessions will be held at the following time and places:

East Aurora at Christ the King Seminary, 711 Knox Rd: Saturday, April 10, at 9 a.m. in St. John's Dormitory Conference Room.

Fredonia at St. Joseph's Church, 145 East Main St., Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

Batavia at Resurrection Parish, St. Mary's site, 18 Ellicott St., Saturday, April 17, at 9 a.m. in the Church Hall.

This week's Split Club winners of \$50 are:

1. Barry Griffith
2. George Kugler
3. Kathleen Knight

A family oriented St. Patrick's Day Party will be held at the South Lockport VFD on **March 13 at 7 p.m.** Music by Lochside Celtic Band, Irish stepdancers and a children's activity will be featured. Cost is \$8-ad, \$3-ch or \$20 family. Tickets sold at the door.



Christina and Howie Bugl, Mike Mahoney, Joanne Gajewski, Kay Hammond, Jason Pawlowski, Katherine Limardi, 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.

Weekend of February March 13/14, 2010

Lectors' Schedule

- Saturday, March 13:**
4:30 p.m. Bill Roussie, Pat Sonnenmeier
- Sunday, March 14:**
8 a.m. Aimee Bell
10 a.m. Judy and Gary Rodriguez

Extraordinary Ministers' Schedule

- Saturday, March 13:**
4:30 p.m. Sharon Roussie, Judy Volland, Paula Provost, Mary Nevins, Bruce Steltzer
- Sunday, March 14:**
8 a.m. Berny Fischer, Mary Lewis
10 a.m. Mary DeFlippo, Kathy Destito, Fran and Jean Skop, Frances Staszak, Rose States, Choir Member

Altar Servers' Schedule

- Saturday, March 13:**
4:30 p.m. **Normand Provost**, Nina Pica, Mary Claire Haseley, Dylan Robb
- Sunday, March 14:**
10 a.m. **Mark Wallace**, Alexandra Sholk, Erin Nicosia, Julianna Bonnette

Greeters' Schedule

- Saturday, March 13:**
4:30 p.m. Ann Bruski, Janet Schifffert
- Sunday, March 14:**
8 a.m. Barb Buczkowski, Florence Claude
10 a.m. Terry and Jerry Dembrowicz



Mary's Little Lambs Nursery

- Saturday, March 13:**
4:30 p.m. Ele Eckert, Amy Waters
- Sunday, March 14:**
10 a.m. - Heather and Bernie Mosher

"Scrip" Volunteers

- Saturday, March 13:**
4:30 p.m. Mary Ann Walker, Mary Lou Flanders
- Sunday, March 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

Exodus 17:3-7 The 40-year desert journey was, without doubt, a trying one for the Israelites. The elation over their freedom was soon overshadowed by not only a test of their bodies' endurance, but also of their faith. What their grumblings echoed was not just despair and doubt, but also a failure to remember the many blessings God had granted them. When life's circumstances produce contentment, we acknowledge God before us. It is in the desert of our lives – in rejection, despair, suffering – that we need to remember that God's promises are always kept: He gave to us His Son, the Living Rock from whom the water of life was poured forth.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 When we speak of boastful people, we usually expect someone who is self-centered and conceited. But when Paul writes of boasting of the glory of God, he means for us to be confident in the promises of God. Where better evidence of that promise and love than in the offering of His only Son? We certainly weren't deserving of the great Sacrifice, but by the very nature of our inheritance as children of God and, in spite of our sinfulness, the abundant and lavish outpouring of God's love washed over us – cleansing, renewing, reclaiming. A hero's sacrifice to save the life of another plays out if that person is at least "good." Jesus didn't need or ask for that condition – our hero scaled the hill and embraced the cross, knowing that every blinding moment of pain erupted from yet another of our sins. What wondrous love!

John 4:5-42 All of today's readings speak of water, life, pouring out, and acknowledgement of God's love and promise. The Israelites badgered water out of a rock, Paul reminds us of God's outpouring of love through the Holy Spirit, and the Samaritan woman gets another chance at a respectful life and meets the God-Son face to face. The nameless woman has become renowned in spite of her anonymity, partly because of the dialogue between her and the Lord. But the seemingly peaceful exchange that takes place belies the powerful disclosures that lie within. When redemption is at hand, long-time enemies and gender prejudice don't have a place in the heart of Jesus. The woman and the Lord both come to the well seeking refreshment and both found it – He, with a cooling drink and another disciple; she, with new hope and dignity. After this life-altering meeting, it is almost certain that she will never again sneak to the well. She confessed and was cleansed. A new life awaited her. Meeting with the Savior can do that.

Readings for the week of March 7, 2010

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14;
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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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Evangelization Committee.....Bernie Winter 433-4071
Extraordinary Ministers.....M/M Chris Prucha 439-0722
Finance & Administration Jim Smigelski 433-0849
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
R.C.I.A.....Marcia Seibel 688-0772
Sacramental Arrangements..... Carol Costello 433-0340
SacristanDoris Stump 731-5230
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Split Club.....Joe Santarsiero 433-3002
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