

# St. Mary's Parish

*Growing in Faith Together*

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## **SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES**

### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

*"Do this in memory of me..."*

**Saturday** 4:30 PM  
**Sunday** 8 AM and 10 AM  
**Weekdays** Consult schedule inside this bulletin

### **TELEPHONES**

DeSales Catholic School..... 433-6422  
Religious Education.....433-0340  
E-mail.....stmarylk@localnet.com  
Web site.....stmaryslockport.org

## **RECONCILIATION**

*"Peace is my gift to you..."*

Confession - Saturday at 3:30 PM or by arrangement with the pastor

## **CARE OF THE SICK**

*"Come to me you who are weary..."*

Please notify the rectory office for a pastoral visit to any family member who is sick, confined at home, hospitalized or in a nursing home. Arrangements for the reception of the sacrament of the Eucharist can be made through the rectory office. Ministers of the sick are available to bring communion to shut-ins on a weekly basis. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered the first Monday of each month after the 5:30 PM Mass and upon request.

## **ADULT INSTRUCTION AND RCIA**

*"Go and teach all nations..."*

Adults interested in the Catholic faith are cordially invited to contact the rectory office for information about Adult Inquiry Classes, the Catechumenate, and preparation for adult reception of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (RCIA).

## **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

*"By their fruits you will know them..."*

For those who have been asked to be sponsors at Baptism or Confirmation, we gladly issue letters of recommendation for parishioners who:

- are baptized and confirmed;
- are at least 16 years old;
- are registered for at least 6 months;
- attend Mass regularly;
- if married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church;
- if they are parents, are sharing their faith and enriching their children's lives by sending their children to Catholic school or religious instructions;
- if they are students, are attending Catholic school or religious instructions.

## **PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

*"That they may all be one..."*

We always welcome new members to our parish family. Please contact the pastor or the rectory office.

## **BAPTISM**

*"Unless you are born again..."*

Parents are asked to contact the Director of Religious Education at (716) 433-0340 to make arrangements for preparation sessions.

## **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

*"What God has joined..."*

Engaged couples should phone the rectory to make an appointment with the pastor to set the date and time for their wedding at least six months in advance.

**Welcome!** We extend our hearts to you here, celebrating with us at St. Mary's, whether longtime parishioners or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God you are with us! If you are not registered, please fill out this form and bring or mail it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket. We will make arrangements for your registration. New phone numbers and address change information are also appreciated.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioners     New Phone     New Address     Moving, please remove from mailing list



**Sunday, August 21, 2011**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8 a.m. - Vittorio (John) Santangelo  
- Mr. and Mrs. Americo Varallo
- 10 a.m. - Janelle Raskopf (Birthday Remembrance)  
- Emmett Raskopf, Linda and Dick Groves,  
Wendon and Ann Raskopf

**Monday, August 22 - Weekday**

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 5:30 p.m. - Agnes VanBuren - Patti Nodine

**Tuesday, August 23 - Weekday**

**St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**

- 9 a.m. - Katherine DiProfio - Mary Wheeler

**Wednesday, August 24**

**St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

- 9 a.m. - Ann Pitzonka - Diane and Dennis Farley

**Thursday, August 25 - Weekday**

**St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest**

No Mass

**Friday, August 26 - Weekday**

- 9 a.m. - Evelyn Schilling - Connie McCracken

**Saturday, August 27**

**St. Monica**

- 4:30 p.m. - Ralph Antoinette and Juliet Capiello  
- The Capiello Family

**Sunday, August 28**

**Twenty-Second in Ordinary Time**

- 8 a.m. - Bob Ross - Mike and Monica Pullano
- 10 a.m. - Rosa Destito (Birthday Remembrance)  
- Rose States

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<u>Weekly Financial Report</u>		
<u>Collections</u>	<u>August 14, 2011</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Actual	\$ 1,586.00	\$ 299,772.69
Budget	\$ 5,523.89	\$ 325,327.23
Difference	\$ (3,937.89)	\$ (25,554.54)
Sum. Coll. Actual	\$ --	\$ 2,318.00
Sum. Coll. Budget	\$ --	\$ 5,000.00
Difference	\$ --	\$ (2,682.00)
Appeal/SVDP Coll.	\$ 2,976.34	\$ 11,645.34

Dear Parish Family,

Today Simon confesses that Jesus Christ is his Lord and Savior! Peter, a simple fisherman, recognizes who Christ is for him personally and doesn't care who knows it. Even Jesus is amazed. He calls him: PETER: "ROCKY"; and on the rockiness of his faith he will build a "Church"!

There is no such thing as a perfect Church or perfect pastor. As I've said so many times: "If you find a perfect church, join it! But it's not perfect anymore, because you're in it and none of us is perfect." Sometimes we do great things for God; sometimes we spend endless hours arguing over matters of no consequence at all. Churches are as apt to take sides as to take up a cross. I remember reading once the verse from Matthew: "Where two or three gather in my name, I am there with them!" I read also a paraphrase of this quote: "If two or three of you ever get together on anything, I'll show up to see it for myself!" Sometimes that's sad, but true.

We are all too aware that people can be terribly hurt by the Church. Sometimes the Church becomes the only army in the world that shoots its wounded. The Nazis, the Communists, no one can destroy the Church from the outside; most of the damage comes from within. People, even church people, can say and do the most cruel things.

If I asked you why Jesus came to be among us, you may answer: "To die for our sins" or "To show us what God is like," or "To teach us a better way." All true! I believe the primary reason, though, was to build the Church. Think of it: after his baptism in the Jordan and the desert experience, HE CALLED DISCIPLES; in other words, he started a church. He spent three years training them...no easy task! He devoted a major part of his ministry to building a church...not a church building but a church community. He could have built a building, of course. After all, he was a carpenter.

Jesus wants us to provide real witness to God's awesome love in this world. We can be a cruise ship or a battleship: On a cruise ship everyone expects to be waited on and served; on a battleship, everyone is trained for a specific job and works with others as a team.

As we begin to close St. Mary's, please know how much I have admired and how much I thank God for the way you have so beautifully embraced so many ministries and have worked with each other as a grace-filled team in creating here in this little corner of God's world, CHURCH.

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Gary

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

- Tuesday** 4 - 7 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration
- Wednesday** 7 p.m. - Choir
- Thursday** 7 p.m. - Folk Choir (Open rehearsal)

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The orange rose on the altar is given in loving memory of Janelle Raskopf (Birthday Remembrance) requested by Emmmett Raskopf, Linda and Dick Groves, and Wendon and Ann Raskopf.

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**St. Mary's Folk Group** will hold an open rehearsal this **Thursday, August 25, at 7 p.m.** We plan to sing many of our favorite songs and thought it would be a great opportunity to give you a chance to sing along or simply listen. This will be completely informal rehearsal style. All are welcome to come and sing!

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If you have not picked up your **St. Mary's poster**, they are available in the rectory office between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm, Monday thru Friday. Or you can call Donna Dye -Sholk at 439-9192 and pick them up at her home.

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St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul will remain open!  
 For future contributions mail to:  
 Fred Wascovich  
 6365 O'Connor Drive  
 Lockport, NY 14094

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**Congratulations to the following children who received their First Communion last weekend:**

- Elizabeth Bolt*
- Brysen Bailey*
- Abbie Burandt*
- Emma Rose Evereth*
- Risa Gasser*
- Ronan Gasser*
- Arianna Hayes*
- Jenna Lederhouse*
- Emma Madore*
- Alexander Maldiner*
- Kyra Meagley*
- Ryan Nicosia*
- Justin Robb*
- Andrew Watz*

 **PRAY FOR . . .**

Patrick Mahoney, Sheila Winter, Joe Baschnagel, Agnes Getz, Ruby Flick, Donna Spencer, Ruth Clark, Marsha Bucolo, Mark Christie, Bob Cramer, Michael Tomaino, John B. Gagliardi III, Joanne Gajewski, Mary Pepe, Zackie Berger, Mary DeFlippo, Josephine De Fabbio, Kay Hammond, Doris Stump, Jeff Gailor, Brandon Nemece, and pray for our Armed Forces here and abroad.

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**Weekend of August 27-28, 2011**  
**Lectors' Schedule**

Saturday, August 27:

**4:30 p.m.** Carol Milazzo, Dave Tobin

Sunday, August 28:

**8 a.m.** Ray Schilling

**10 a.m.** Heidi Sutt, Gary Rodriguez

**Ministers of Holy Communion Schedule**

Saturday, August 27:

**4:30 p.m.** Marcia Seibel, Vickie Richardson, Merida Pinzon, Lynn Ann Kowalski, Paula Provost

Sunday, August 28:

**8 a.m.** Aimee Bell, Larry Hanel

**10 a.m.**

Mary Dunn, Peggy Gennaro, Cathy Bowler, Patricia Ossont, Robert Sharkey, Becki Dlugoz, Choir Member

**Altar Servers' Schedule**

Saturday, August 27:

**4:30 p.m.** **Paige Currie**, Megan Currie, Mary Claire Haseley, Sarah Haseley

Sunday, August 28:

**10 a.m.** **Santo St. Vincent**, Emily and Adam Cavallari, Alexandra Sholk

**Greeters' Schedule**

Saturday, August 27:

**4:30 p.m.** Mary Alice Stroehlein, Martha Chilcott

Sunday, August 28:

**8 a.m.** Barbara Buczkowski, Florence Claude  
**10 a.m.** Fran and Jean Skop

**NURSERY  SCHEDULE**

**Mary's Little Lambs Nursery**

Saturday, August 27:

**4:30 p.m.** Carla Flatau, Deanna Nestoros

Sunday, August 28:

**10 a.m.** Diane Quinn, Karen Mrowka

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## **REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD**

**Isaiah 22:19-23** The transgressions of Shebna, "the master of the palace," the keeper of the keys, did not escape God's eyes. Shebna had a rather lofty image of himself, but the prophet sought to frustrate the official's attempt to control his fate. In this oracle, God not only took away Shebna's symbols of domination, but also called someone from a different family to bless God's people. Eliakim would be a "father" to the people of Jerusalem and all the people would be his family under God. Instead of wielding power based on family of origin, Eliakim would be steadfast and use his authority for peace. *The power in these verses was not so much in the people mentioned, but that power remained in God's judgment. The truly faithful would receive their reward, while the devious and two-faced would suffer condemnation.*

**Romans 11:33-36** Throughout Chapter 11 of his exploration of how Israel fits into God's plans for salvation, Paul concludes with a brief but marvelous hymn of praise to the all-merciful God. Paul had no doubt that God has complete control over history and human life: He knows its design, purpose, and fulfillment. No one can understand or explain this – no one has advised Him, nor is He in debt to anyone. Paul knows well the purpose of God to gather an elect people, saved by grace through faith. Now, through the rejection of Christ by the people of Israel, the elect line can include the Gentiles. This was always God's intention. So, as Paul watches his own nation reject their Messiah, he sees the mysterious hand of God at work. He sees the promised blessing for the world, the promise given to Abraham 2,000 years before. Paul can burst out in praise for the wonder he sees, even in the rejection of Christ by Israel.

**Matthew 16:13-20** When Jesus asked the question, "Who do you say I am?", he wanted to know how his followers identified him, and also how they identified themselves. Some may have wanted Jesus to continue the ministry of John the Baptist, others wanted a prophet to announce the coming of God's kingdom. But Simon had a different idea. In his proclamation, Simon defined the community and its leader. Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, the long-awaited Savior of Israel, the builder of the church. Given the power to loose and bind, Peter was named the chief scribe that made judgments of the Law within the Jewish-Christian community. As Simon identified Jesus, Jesus now returned the compliment. Simon was to be called Peter, the "Rock," a leader in the community of God's eternal kingdom that not even "the gates of hell" could touch. *As the community of the Messiah, we have the power to build up or tear down, depending on our words and actions.*

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## **Readings for the week of August 21, 2011**

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
<b>Monday</b>	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
<b>Thursday</b>	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
<b>Friday</b>	1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

**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 .....	Martha Chilcott	433-4931
Altar Servers.....	Paula Provost	438-0943
Catholic Charities .....	Brenda and Mike Ulrich	433-6467
	Fred and Eleanor Wascovich	434-3451
	Ed Forness	433-8242
DeSales Catholic School Office.....		433-6422
Greeters .....	Mary Alice Stroehlein	433-6106
Knights of Columbus.....	Joseph Rodriguez	912-0592
Martha-Mary Church Care..	Mary Rose Hufnagel	439-8981
Ministers of Holy Communion.....	Burt Marshall	434-3899
Ministers of Hospitality		
4:30 p.m.....	Ed Forness	433-8242
8 a.m.....	Mary Lewis	531-0319
10 a.m.....	Gerry Dembrowicz	692-8394
Ministers of the Word.....	Heidi Sutt	438-7175
Ministry of Comfort .....	Donna Santarsiero	433-3002
Music Minister.....	Melissa Coleman	778-9461
	Kathy Pease	433-8419
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

St. Mary’s Mission Statement is supported by and reflected in the ministerial services of all of our parish organizations coordinated by the following umbrella committees:

***Growing in Faith Together...***

Christian Formation.....	Sharon Roussie	439-0228
<i>...by passing on our beliefs and traditions.</i>		
Evangelization Committee.....	Bernie Winter	433-4071
<i>...by bringing God’s children together.</i>		
Justice and Service.....	Chris Halvorson	625-9420
<i>...by reaching out to those in most need.</i>		
Stewardship.....	Jim Smigelski	433-0849
<i>...as we shepherd our fiscal resources.</i>		
Worship/Liturgy Planning.....	Marcia Seibel	688-0772
<i>...through Word and Sacrament.</i>		

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Bernie Winter - Chairperson.....	433-4071
Mark Brounscheidel - Co-Chairperson.....	523-7130
Judith Arlington - Secretary.....	434-3112
Gerry Dembrowicz.....	692-8394
Kathy DiMillo.....	439-9104
Dick Galligan.....	353-1472
Mary Rose Hufnagel.....	439-8981
Dan Napoleone.....	433-4276
James Reineke.....	946-1972
Joe Santarsiero.....	433-3002
Mark Siuta.....	628-6795
Michael Sutt.....	940-7170
Carol Costello - Pastoral Associate; DRE.....	433-0340
Marcia Seibel - Trustee.....	688-0772
Mike Ulrich - Trustee.....	433-6467