

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 28, 2011

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. - Bob Ross - Mike and Monica Pullano

10 a.m. - Rosa Destito (Birthday remembrance) - Rose States

Monday, August 29 - Weekday

The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

5:30 p.m. - Evelyn Schilling - David and Rita Pope

Tuesday, August 30 - Weekday

9 a.m. - Evelyn Schilling - Bill and Judy Gorman

Wednesday, August 31 - Weekday

9 a.m. - Evelyn Schilling - Bill and Judy Gorman

St. Mary's Renaissance: "Renaissance" has scheduled two September spiritual gatherings, September 10 and 24 at 4:30 p.m. at Lockport United Church of Christ, 98 East Avenue, in the city.

All are invited for an hour of music (with St. Mary's Folk Choir), scripture readings, meditation and a guest homilist. The faith community is invited to keep the spirit of St. Mary's alive during the appeal process.

If you have not picked up your "St. Mary's" poster, they are now with Donna Dye-Sholk at 439-9192. Please call Donna to schedule a time for pick up.



Patrick Mahoney, Sheila Winter, Joe Baschnagel, Agnes Getz, Ruby Flick, Donna Spencer, Ruth Clark, Mark Christie, Bob Cramer, Michael Tomaino, Marcia Bucolo, 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.

The St. Mary's Prayer Circle will continue to pray and pass on your spiritual requests. You may call Eleanor Wascovich at 434-3451 or any other member of the prayer circle:

- Cathy Bowler - 433-6820 Caroline Dye - 433-1581
Jean Skop - 438-7843 Betty Garlock - 434-8184
Barbara Pool - 201-1488 Mary Nevins - 433-1423
Chris Bugl - 434-9715 Rose States - 434-1122
Laura Tschaepe - 940-4247

The Prayer Circle will remain committed to your special needs and prayer requests.

"Nunset Boulevard" presented by Lake Plains Players will perform at delFuego Restaurant, 2990 Lockport-Olcott Road in Newfane. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. followed by the play on Saturday, October 1. On Sunday, October 2, dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. followed by the play at 2 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person; checks payable to Lake Plains Players. Half of the proceeds will go to St. Mary's Appeal. Please contact Julie Brounscheidel at 434-4517.



Last weekend we welcomed Charlotte Ann and Avery Laura Farrell, daughters of Eric and Amanda Farrell; Lily Kathleen Kipp, daughter of Jonathan and Tamara Kipp; and Brayden Mathew Daniels, son of Joseph and Tiffany Daniels into St. Mary's faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to all three families!



Dear Parish Family,

As we grow up, we discover the heroes of our lives. For me, in sports it was the God-touched play of Mickey Mantle; in literature, I found Harper Lee's Atticus Finch, the man of character who chose to do the difficult but right thing. In church and government I met two men named John: Pope John XXIII and President John Kennedy. Neither man was perfect, for none of us are, but each was a gifted dreamer who offered the possibility of a whole new vision or way of seeing things.

John XXIII, a rotund, elderly Italian cardinal, was elected pope in his 80's. He was expected to be a temporary, caretaker pope; however, he threw open the windows of the church he was called to lead and let in the fresh air of the Holy Spirit. We were challenged to a whole new vision. The stuffiness, the dryness that can set into even the most treasured corners of our lives, was freshened and the Spirit moved powerfully in our Church. It felt like crisp bed linens allowed to dry in the sunshine.

John Kennedy was born to wealth and power. He could easily have relaxed into the country club life and no one would have known the difference. Kennedy dared to dream. Born to privilege, he sought a better world where justice and equality could become real. Blessed with a poet's soul, he visited upon us a goodness that challenged us to be more than we ever thought we could be. He dared to dream.

In the Kennedy era, there was a great play based upon the "Once and Future King" by Theodore White: Camelot. It's the story of a young boy named Arthur, destined to be king of England. Drawing the sword "Excalibur" from a rock, he set out to create a society where "right makes might"; where chivalry and justice, care for those in need, and common decency would be hallmarks. We all seek that kind of kingdom. Some of us become jaded along the way and cynicism dilutes the broth of our dreams.

I have found here, with you, the possibility of the same dreams that Jesus offered to us all: Dreams that informed John XXIII, John Kennedy, Martin Luther King; dreams we all so desperately need for the very color of our human souls. I thank each of you for the gifted way you have shared your faith and life and created this wonder-filled place we have called St. Mary's.

It will always have a resonance in the echoes of our hearts. I find the same passion for this dream of ours with those who are life-long members as well as those who have joined us on the way, for a few years, months, even weeks. We have met the dream of Christ in the embrace of each other as we listened together to the soul-searing Word of God and gathered at the Father's Table. The loving fellowship that has brought us together for so many experiences has left us changed: we have truly become Church!

In the last scene of Camelot, on the battlefield, Arthur calls over a young boy and speaks these words: "Each evening from December to December, before you drift to sleep upon your cot, think back on all the tales that you remember of Camelot. Ask every person if he's heard the story and tell it strong and clear if he has not: that once there was this fleeting wisp of glory called Camelot." My friends, we have been blessed by God's grace to have known this dream up close and personal; we carry this light now to a new place, continuing the dream.

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Gary

Readings for the Week of August 28, 2011

Sunday	Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday	1 Thes 4:13-18/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday	Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday	Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Fr. Gary's new address is:

Fr. Gary R. Kibler
39 Cimarand Drive
Williamsville, NY 14221

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Jeremiah prophesied just prior to the Babylonian exile and railed against the actions of Judah's kings who played their enemies against each other. Because of his outcries, his critics arrested and slandered him. In his sensitive nature, Jeremiah complained that his proclamations led directly to his shame and loss of reputation. Yet, he felt compelled to preach, even though this caused his shame. There was something stronger at work here, stronger than the self-pity Jeremiah directed at himself, stronger than the pain of his humiliation. Jeremiah realized the inescapable truth of serving as one of God's prophets: serving so included hardship and suffering. The burning desire to speak on behalf of God's will far exceeded the desire for worldly contentment and acceptance.

Romans 12:1-2 In the first eleven chapters of his letter to the Romans, Paul expounded upon the theology of Christian faith. Starting in chapter 12, he now spells out the ways our daily lives can reflect that theology. Paul's words are a call to action and are based on the "mercies of God" that offered salvation and hope. The goal of the Christian's life should be to please God through worship in thanksgiving for God's mercy. In becoming a "living sacrifice," the Christian makes a commitment to being changed – turning away from the world and giving our lives to God, responding to Him in grateful worship and expressed in service.

Matthew 16:21-27 In last week's gospel, Peter was chosen to be the "rock," the foundation, of the church Jesus would build. Moments later, in this gospel passage, Peter is denounced by Jesus as "Satan." What had happened? Peter had just acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah and, as such, expected Jesus to enter Jerusalem and overpower the enemies of the Jewish people. That was the mind of man thinking, unable or unwilling to accept the mind of God. Hearing Jesus proclaim his impending suffering and death led Peter to "rebuke" the Lord, protesting the struggle, pain, failure, and rejection that Jesus foretold. Jesus had just announced God's honorable will, and Peter sought to divert Jesus from fulfilling it. To follow Jesus is to do as he did – renouncing the world and its possessions – giving up what the disciples considered a part of their lives in exchange for new life – eternal life.

The years of my faith formation were, in many ways, a personal journey. However, the spirit of community so powerfully and courageously demonstrated by my fellow parishioners over those years was to become a pillar of my faith. There are so many aspects to what we profess to believe, and one of them is embracing and being embraced by the Word of God. It has been a blessing to me to be able to share with all of you the reflections on God's holy Word. The words of the prophets and the teachings of Jesus Christ, while written centuries ago, are as real, encouraging, insightful, and enlightening as when they were written and spoken. I pray that the life-giving power of the Word will continue to nourish and flourish in you. "Though the grass withers and the flower wilts, the word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8).

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