



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 16 – Weekday/Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

12:00 p.m. (Chapel) John F. Flanigan (Estate)

Tuesday, July 17 – Weekday

8:30 a.m. (Chapel) Ray Drewniak (St. Barnabas Seniors)

Wednesday, July 18 – Weekday/Camillus de Lellis, priest (USA)

12:00 p.m. (Chapel) George L. Hess (John & Barb Schrader)

Thursday, July 19 – Weekday

8:30 a.m. (Chapel) Mary Machnica (Family)

Friday, July 20 – Weekday

12:00 p.m. (Chapel) For All Souls

Saturday, July 21 – Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30 p.m. (Church) Steven & Dolores Hudack (Estate)

7:00 p.m. (Church / Outdoors) Otto, Winifred, & Ethel Martzloff (Estate)

Sunday, July 22 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. (Church) Henrietta Campbell (Estate)

10:00 a.m. (Church) Carol Cudeck (Dutro Family)

12:00 p.m. (Church) Thaddeus Piwoworski (Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Pomietlarz)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember, Leonard Huber, John Burger, Rita Ferguson, Mary Kavanagh, George Hess, and James R. Groh, Sr. and their families in your prayers.

MORTGAGE FUND DONATIONS

With the fewer number of Masses here at St. Mary's as compared to past years as well as the increasing demands on the number of priests in the Diocese, we have established a new policy for scheduling Masses in memory of a loved one. You may have read about this in the bulletin. It states: In light of the fact that more than 60 deaths occur in our parish each year (this year it was over 80!), the following policy is necessarily established. In the first year after their death, up to 5 Masses may be offered for the deceased person. Subsequently, 3 Masses each year may be offered for the deceased person.

This does not mean that Masses cannot be scheduled in a timely manner; in fact, we even have some Masses available in August, 2007. It does mean that if you request a Mass for someone, it may not be said for **more than one or two years or even longer**, depending on how many other people request Masses for that same person. (Masses are scheduled for family members first, then in the order in which they are received).

Instead of requesting a Mass, why not donate money to the Mortgage Fund in memory of your loved one? We have a special card in the rectory office that you can send to the deceased person's family informing them of your donation. Also, once a month we will print in the bulletin a list of donors and the names of those who have been remembered.

June's donations were made in memory of:

- Leonard Huber
 - From Doris Huber
- John Burger
 - From Perry & Rita Hake
- Rita Ferguson
 - From Perry & Rita Hake
- Mary Kavanagh
 - From Jane & Bob Dutro and family
- George Hess
 - From The Kavanagh Family
- James R. Groh, Sr.
 - From the Geblein Family
 - From the Ruth L. Unger Family

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

Please remember in your daily prayers the following men and women who are in the armed services of our country who are serving in the Persian Gulf Area and also stateside:

Raymond Herr and Jeremiah Herr (Air Force), Robert Napper (Navy), Capt. Sean McManus (Army), James Meger (Air Force), Christopher Pfeil, Jr. (Air Force), Msgr. James McGreevy (Army), Fireman William Noll (Coast Guard), Capt. Kelly Lelito (Army), Patrick Brotka (Navy), Capt. Thomas Derion (Army), Lt. Col. David J. Roll (Air Force), Capt. Steven Naum (Army), Thomas White (Marines), CSM Shawn Browne, LCPL Anthony Celano (Marines), Capt. Evelyn Vento, M.D. (Army), OS2 Justin Blicharski (Navy), Anthony Celani, Jr., Paul Delano, Sgt. Dwayne Dunn (Marines), SR Erik Nowak (Navy).

FINANCIAL

Regular Collection:.....	\$13,053.75
Special School Support:.....	\$616.00
Hunger Bowl:.....	\$43.76
Total Collection:	\$13,713.51
Latin American Mission (May):	\$5.00
Christ the King Seminary Collection (July):	\$388.00
Assumption – August 15	\$21.00
Building / Mortgage Fund Collection:.....	\$603.00

PAPER RECYCLING UPDATE



Good news! If we don't lose any steam, we could make our weight goal to win the \$1,000 by August 31st. From now until then, don't miss your weekly drop-off, even if you can only make a one time drop-off, please do so. It may be that the extra pounds you contributed will be the ones to win the prize! Don't you want to get that stack of old magazines out of your basement and in the green bin at St. Mary's? Here's the countdown. **The bins will be collected three more times before the end of the contest: July 26, August 9, & August 23.** Call 683-2112 ext.123 with your questions. Thank you for your enthusiastic involvement.

5TH ANNUAL SAINT MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Monday, August 13th. Cost \$95/person includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, Chicken dinner and prizes. For further details, call Joanne Wojtkiewicz at 683-8757.

Where: at the Links at Ivy Ridge

Cost \$95/person - includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, Chicken dinner and prizes. For further details, call Joanne Wojtkiewicz at 683-8757.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Who: All parishioners and their families

When: August 12, 2007 after the 12:00 noon Mass

Where: Parish Center and Parish Grounds

What: Dinner, Prizes, Games, Pony Rides, **Win for Life Raffle Drawing**

REMINDER

If you haven't yet returned your Win 4 Life tickets – please send them into the rectory as soon as possible – Drawing to be held at the parish picnic on August 12th. Extra tickets are available in the rectory.

FOUNDATIONS IN MINISTRY

"Foundations in Ministry" is a basic initiation program offered to men and women who are seeking a greater appreciation of their role in the Church's ministry. It will provide a short but intensive overview of the Scriptural foundation of ministry, a theology of the Church, general ministerial skills, personal spirituality and discernment for ministry. The course will be held at Christ the King Seminary on Tuesday evenings beginning September 4 through December 11, 2007 from 7-9:30 p.m. A required Day of Reflection will be held at Christ the King Seminary from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 15th. Cost of the entire 15 week program is \$135. Endorsement and sponsorship by one's parish is encouraged.

For more information and an application, please call the Office of Church Ministry at 847-5531 or e-mail kheffern@buffalodiocese.org. Deadline for applications is Monday, August 20, 2007.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students attending St. Mary's High School:

Christina Bumbalo	Senior First Honors
Chelsey Kelchlin	Senior First Honors
Elizabeth Knittel	Senior First Honors
Nicholas Nicosia	Senior First Honors
Mitchell Schaefer	Senior First Honors
Ryan Schwartz	Senior First Honors
Rebecca Suchy	Senior First Honors
Kimberly Taberski	Senior First Honors
Zachary Weiss	Senior Second Honors
John Anstett	Junior First Honors
Michael Brown	Junior First Honors
Kaitlyn Dobmeier	Junior First Honors
Sarah Zureck	Junior First Honors
Mollie Greene	Sophomore First Honors
Christopher Horvatits	Sophomore First Honors
Sandra Jezuit	Sophomore First Honors
Sean Kavanagh	Sophomore First Honors
Kelsey Polanski	Sophomore First Honors
Victoria Retiz	Sophomore First Honors
Elyse Texido	Sophomore First Honors
Sarah Dutro	Sophomore Second Honors
Leonard Pfohl	Sophomore Second Honors
Joseph Barnhardt	Freshman First Honors
Mallory Cichocki	Freshman First Honors
Emma Concannon	Freshman First Honors
Casey Dudziak	Freshman First Honors
Jessica Warner	Freshman First Honors
Christopher Ploski	Freshman Second Honors
Jacob Weiss	Freshman Second Honors

ANNUAL ST. ANN TRIDUUM

The Jesuit Fathers and Historic St. Ann's Church and Shrine on Broadway and Emslie St. in Buffalo announce the upcoming annual triduum of celebrations for the feast of St. Ann, the parish patron saint. The three evening celebrations will take place at 7:00 p.m. starting on July 24 and culminating on July 26, the Feast of SS. Ann and Joachim. There will be veneration of the relic of St. Ann after the July 26 Mass. The great 7,800 pound bell dedicated to St. Ann will be rung for the feast. Church tours will follow the celebrations each day. All are welcome to join the celebrations. There will be secured parking.

JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY SAY THANKS!

Thank you! Thanks to everyone who supported the Junior Ladies of Charity Bake Sale by either supplying baked goods or making a purchase. The sale was a huge success and the profits will support our young ladies in their charitable activities throughout the next school year! The cake raffle was won by Sue Balthasar. Congratulations to Sue and her family!

ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE

Sunday, July 22nd, 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. or until sold out, at St. George's Parish, 74 Old Glenwood Road, West Falls, N.Y. Dinner includes Chicken by Chiavetta's, salads, roll, butter, dessert & beverage. Take-outs available, call 652-3153. Money and Theme Basket Raffles, Bounce House for the kids, cotton candy and snow cones too.

ANNUAL PICNIC

St. Mary's Church, 6919 Transit Rd., East Amherst (Swormville) announces their 158th Annual Picnic on Sunday, July 22 from 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. The day will include: children's games, along with a bounce house and other inflatables for all ages, refreshments, chicken barbecue dinners in our air-conditioned parish center, and our famous "Chicken-Clam Chowder. A fun-filled day for the whole family!



OLBS LAWN FETE 2007

July 27th, 28th & 29th

10 French Road (George Urban Blvd. and French Road), Depew, NY 14043, (716) 684-6342.

TIME:

Friday, July 27th

5:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight

Free Admission & Parking

Saturday, July 28th

1:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight

Large Midway & Food Menu

Sunday, July 29th

1:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight

Games of Skill & Chance

WHEELS OF LOVE

Do you know someone who has been deprived of their ability to walk due to illness or disease?

If so, "Wheels of Love" can help your loved ones regain confidence and their independence with a power wheelchair or scooter. "Wheels of Love" helps Medicare recipients who suffer from respiratory disorders, arthritis, cardiovascular disease, has a mobility limitation and difficulty in propelling a standard wheelchair, to receive a power wheelchair or scooter paid for with the assistance of Medicare. For eligibility information on "Wheels of Love," please call 1-866-631-3028.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

July 15 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

July 16 – Ordinary Weekday, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34-11:1

July 17 – Ordinary Weekday

Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

July 18 – Ordinary Weekday, Camillus de Lellis

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

July 19 – Ordinary Weekday

Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105: 1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

July 20 – Ordinary Weekday, Apollinarius

Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

July 21 – Ordinary Weekday, BVM, Lawrence of Brindisi

Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; Mt 12:14-21



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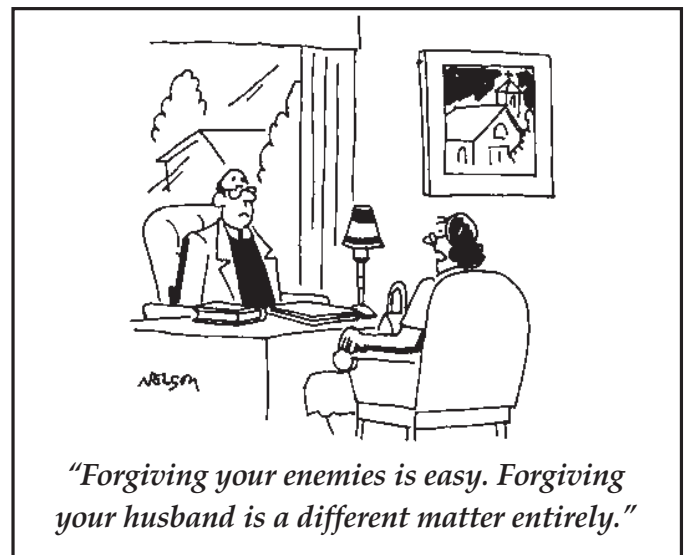
Lk 10:25-37

Tough love

We learn to barter as small children. Told to eat their vegetables a child replies, "Do I have to eat them *all*?" Many a parent has bargained through dinner. "Come on, three more bites." "Ok, you don't have to eat the crusts, but eat half the carrots." Wheedling our way out of unpleasant tasks, seems to be inherent in the human character. Loving, but firm parents need "tough love" to hold children to a higher standard, doing what's best for them no matter how hard it is for everyone concerned.

In today's gospel, Jesus gives the scholar a large, difficult task: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Instinctively, the scholar barter: "And *who* is my neighbor?" Faced with a plateful of spinach, peas and lima beans, the scholar hopes he only has to eat the peas to be excused. Jesus, like any good parent, shows the scholar the best kind of "tough love." He firmly holds up the higher standard. We are to love everyone, even the most "un-lovable" people we encounter. Those are the rules of God's table – no wheedling allowed. Just love, tough love, and God's Holy Spirit to enable us to live it.

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"Forgiving your enemies is easy. Forgiving your husband is a different matter entirely."

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Today's Gospel story, the Good Samaritan, is one of the most beloved. It is also one of those that most of us know by heart. Without a moment's hesitation we could launch into the retelling of this narrative. The concept of helping an unknown person has even entered into our legal parlance with the enactment of so-called "Good Samaritan" laws designed to protect those who aid others in good faith.

It might be good for us to look at this story from the other side for once. Recall that the Samaritans were despised by the Jews of Jesus' day. They were foreigners and outsiders. And yet one of "them" provided care for the man who fell in with robbers. Who are the many unknown (and maybe undesirable) who provide all types of care for us? In what ways are we the beneficiaries of countless good "Samaritans?"

DOUBLE VISION

The command to love God with our whole heart, our whole soul and our whole mind and our neighbor as ourselves might get a little blurry when Jesus couples it with the familiar story of the good Samaritan, but that's ok. It takes a bit of double vision to live out Jesus' words. With the first glance we see the Samaritans of our own society, who may not be victims of disease or financial ruin, but instead are silent victims of prejudice. Jesus calls us to welcome these shunned ones back firmly into our folds. Then we take our second glance, at the more obvious victims of life: the destitute, the ill, the orphaned. God gave us two hands, two feet and two eyes to love in both these directions, just as Jesus did. Do you have double vision today?

SUMMER PRAYER

Father we bring before You the joys of summer. We remember that all life comes from You and that the glory of summer is a reflection of You. In the midst of vacation plans and celebration may we always be thankful for the world You have created for us, with its beauty and bounty. May the coming months refresh our spirits and bring us closer to You. Amen.



THE GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE

Each year, the Gospel readings of the Sunday liturgies are dominated by a particular evangelist (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John). In Year A we predominately hear from the Gospel of Saint Matthew. In year B we primarily hear from the Gospels of Saint Mark and Saint John. In the current liturgical year, Year C, the Gospel is from Saint Luke. On Thursday of this week we celebrate the feast of Saint Luke.

Luke's Gospel is known by a number of specific characteristics: the author's emphasis on the Holy Spirit; Jesus' ultimate journey to Jerusalem as a context for the whole Gospel (chapters 19-21); an emphasis on the marginalized and the outcast; those who are poor; sinners (see Mary's Magnificat in ch. 1; Jesus' experience in the synagogue of Nazareth, ch. 4); and emphasis on Gentiles and others who were considered outsiders.

In the course of this liturgical year, we have Luke as a prominent companion. They are his eyes through which we see Jesus this year, his ears through which we hear Jesus' teaching and preaching. His accounts of Christ's mission on earth fuels our understanding of what we are called to as disciples. "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." (Luke 11:28)

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After an exceptionally long and boring sermon, the congregation filed out of the church not saying a word to the pastor. After a while, one man shook the pastor's hand and said, "Pastor, that sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God!" The pastor was ecstatic. "Tell me, how did it remind you of the peace and love of God?" "Well," said the man, "it reminded me of the peace of God because it passed all human understanding, and it reminded me of the love of God because it endured forever!"

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A preacher's little boy asked him, "Daddy, I notice every Sunday morning when you first come out to preach, you bow your head. What are you doing?" The father explained, "I'm asking the Lord to give me a good sermon." The little boy said, "Why don't he?"

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In a car in the middle of Colorado, a wife said to her husband, "Oh dear, I'm afraid the house is going to burn down! I'm sure I left the iron on." "The house will not burn down, Dear," he said. "Trust me." "How do you know that?" asked the wife. He replied, "Because I left the water running in the bathtub."

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Two snakes are slithering down the road. One turns to the other and asks, "Are we poisonous?"

The other snake replies, "I don't know. Why do you ask?" The first snake says, "Because I just bit my lip."

WHY NOT TAKE A SIESTA?

From time to time for two decades, *JN* has reported on the health benefits of regular naps and siestas. Now a study by the Harvard School of Public Health has found that a regular afternoon nap could reduce the risk of cardiac death by 37%.

The study followed the lifestyles of 23,681 Greek men and women for six years. Workers who napped regularly, for at least 30 minutes a day, at least three days a week, had the greatest health benefits. Their risk of cardiac death was 64% lower than for those who did not nap.

In Greece, as in other Mediterranean countries, businesses commonly close shop in mid-afternoon, and most people go home and take a siesta. The siesta, the study reported, renews their energy and gives people a healthier heart.

ST. MARY'S PARISH OUTREACH

Parish Outreach is formed by those who wish to share their faith to assist people who are in need. Their needs may be spiritual, physical, or material. No act of love is too small...it may be of great importance to one in need.

If you need help from a particular ministry, please call the person whose name is listed under that ministry. If you are unsure which ministry could assist you, please call the Outreach Coordinator.

We need new volunteers for all the Outreach ministries; please call the person whose name is listed under the ministry you would like to volunteer for. Please share your talents with us. You will benefit from these acts of charity as much as the people you help.

Outreach Coordinator

Ginny Loecher 683-2007

Prison Ministry

Helps prison inmates with prayers, reading the Bible, and making Rosaries.

Jack Thielmann..... 684-5777

Post Hospital Ministry

Contacts people who have been in the hospital to determine their needs.

Diane Stoiber 683-1252

Nursing Home Visiting

Visits parishioners who are residents of nearby nursing homes.

Mary Faulhaber..... 685-2347

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick and Homebound

Takes the sacrament to the elderly, the sick, or homebound.

Carol Giza..... 684-1284

Joe Wechter 683-2887

Bereavement Ministry

Assists families who have recently lost a loved one.

Marilyn Streit..... 684-9864

Transportation

Provides transportation to doctor, hospitals, physical therapy, and church. (24 hour notice, please.)

Mary Lippert..... 684-7355

Louise Hartman..... 683-4372

Hospital Visiting

Visits parishioners in the hospital, praying with them and helping with their needs. *Please notify the parish when you are in the hospital. The hospital does not release this information to the parish.*

Chairperson Needed

Greeting Card Ministry

Sends cards to the homebound, the bereaved, those in nursing homes, etc.

Bill & Marie Ausberger 685-4902

Hospitality Ministry

Welcomes new parishioners to the parish and helps young mothers in emergencies.

Patti Meyer..... 656-1871

Ministry of Praise

Prays for the intentions of the parish each month.

Ruth Wunner..... 683-9239

Circle of Friends

Social group that benefits the disabled members of our parish.

Josie Wienckowski..... 683-4749

Social Justice Ministry

Supports activities that promote social justice, and educates parishioners about related issues.

Holly Walter 656-9583

If you are unable to reach the above, please call the rectory at 683-6445 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. between Monday through Friday.