

July 20, 2008

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, small and later the largest of bushes.



St. Mary Parish Bulletin



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Masses: Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri. 6:30 & 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 6:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. (Vigil)

Confessions Saturday 4:30 to 5:10 p.m.
Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon

CCD 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday
Preschool kindergarten: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is all day, every day in our chapel.

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15 p.m. Pre-baptism classes are required. Godparents must be practicing Catholics and have a letter of good standing from their parish. Contact the Parish House.

Marriage Preparation Registered members must contact the parish house at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date. A pre-cana class must be attended.

PARISH PRAYER

Blessed Mary, patroness of our parish, hear all of these petitions and present them to your Son, Jesus Christ. Especially help our parish family respond to the Holy Spirit and the message of the Gospel as we apply it to the needs of our parish and to our daily lives. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ever Go To an Abortion Facility?

Through peaceful prayer in front of the place, people offer hope, assistance and life saving alternatives to those mothers who feel this act of violence is their only option.

They pray for all the victims of the sin of abortion: the mother, the father, the abortionist and staff, and all those who have assisted in some way to procure this abortion.

We realize that we can pray for all these victims at any time and any place, but our presence there shows everyone, especially our secular society that we will not be relegated to pray only in church (out of sight and out of mind).

We also know that all it takes is for some mothers to see just one person who cares, in prayer, in front of the abortion clinic and they will turn away and never come back. As Catholics we know that the bottom line is to save souls.

In recognition of 40 years since the prophetic encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, there will be prayer vigils at the infamous Planned Parenthood abortuary at 12th & Locust Sts. In Philadelphia, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm from July 19th to July 25th. Our parish has selected two one-hour time slots:

Sunday, July 20th 11:00 am to 12:00 noon

Thursday, July 24th 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

There will be police officers present at all times for your protection.

To coordinate transportation or to find out about other times and locations or general information, call Pat at 215-696-0084.

ST. MARY PARISH

Rev. Charles J. McElroy, Pastor
Rev. Thomas J. Furey, Parochial Vicar
Mr. Kevin Conwell, Principal of St. Mary School
Mrs. Theresa Leichner, Coordinator of Religious Education
Mrs. Kathleen Wasniewski, Coordinator of CCD
Sr. Marie Rose Gibson, RSM, Parish Outreach

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| SATURDAY July 19 | 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass Celebrant: Father Furey Intention: People of Saint Mary Parish Lector: Erin Leone Eucharistic Min: Allen, Corley, Freed, Hinson, Murdoch | Servers: Blundi, N. & K. Ragsdale Music: Spirit |
| SUNDAY July 20 | 7:30 a.m. Mass Celebrant: Father McElroy Intention: Lena Cianci—Ron & Marge Nosek Lector: Joan Grega Eucharistic Mins: Frias, Kirby, Makoid, Moyer, Shofran 9:00 a.m. Mass Celebrant: Father O'Connor, OSFS Intention: Agnes Whitehead—Catherine Whitehead Lector: Joe Cahill Eucharistic Mins: M. Bickel, Brady, Dewees, Forsyth, Nichols 10:30 a.m. Mass Celebrant: Father Furey Intention: Robert Burns—The Geller Family Lector: Joe Ardizzi Eucharistic Min: Kling, Leichner, McHugh, Snyder, Stiles 12:00 Noon Mass Celebrant: Father McElroy Intention: Marie Cimino—Sally Ann Harris Lector: Margaret Murphy Eucharistic Mins: Bushey, Myers, Schnaubelt, Smart, Uhl | Servers: Malecki, E. & E. Stierle Music: Quiet Servers: Stiles, K. & C. Menges Music: Folk Servers: Janis, Mazzio, Schulingkamp Music: Acclaim Servers: Bethel, Monzo, Schoen Music: Organ/Cantor |
| MONDAY July 21 | 6:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass Intention: Helen Eileen Schweitzer—Anita Intention: Mary Heller—The Saxon Family | Lawrence of Brindisi |
| TUESDAY July 22 | 6:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass Intention: Savannah Moyer—Lauren Bolognese Intention: Mary Heller—Mary Beth & Fin | Mary Magdalene |
| WEDNESDAY July 23 | 6:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass Intention: Florence Fitzsimmons—The Heacock Family Intention: Mary Heller—The Myers Family | Bridget of Sweden |
| THURSDAY July 24 | 6:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Intention: Elizabeth Baines—Pat & Jane Delaney & Family Intention: Mitchell Koronkiewicz—Catherine Whitehead | Sharbel Makhluf |
| FRIDAY July 25 | 6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Intention: Charles (Chucky) Angelina—Monica Capobiancki & Family Intention: Edward Wysock—Connie Wysock | James, apostle |
| SATURDAY July 26 | 9:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass Intention: Catherine Mishanski—The Everhart Family Celebrant: Father McElroy Intention: People of Saint Mary Parish Lector: Tony Rhuberg Eucharistic Min: Erwin, Hines, Kunz, Matthews, Terpeluk | Servers: Heller, McCloskey, Verbeke Music: Organ/Cantor |
| SUNDAY JULY 27 | 7:30 a.m. Mass Celebrant: Father Furey Intention: Leonard Kuras—Family Lector: Barry Georgetti Eucharistic Mins: Bette, Bolognese, Coneghen, Kosiorek, McCloskey 9:00 a.m. Mass Celebrant: Father O'Connor, OSFS Intention: Catherine Michalak—Nancy & Ed Sweeney Lector: Dave Holva Eucharistic Mins: Cutillo, Daly, Dyson, O'Donnell, Weatherbee 10:30 a.m. Mass Celebrant: Father McElroy Intention: Paul R. Long, Jr.—Philomena Long Lector: Dave Kolesky Eucharistic Min: J. Bickel, Chalmers, Kelly, McCarron, Mudalel 12:00 Noon Mass Celebrant: Father Furey Intention: Elaine Davies—Richard & Virginia Pierotti Lector: Aubrey DeLong Eucharistic Mins: Klisch, Longua, Micsko, Schoen, Watt | Servers: Perkins, Rodzewich, Saxon Music: Quiet Servers: Harriger, Stanton, Weidemoyer Music: Spirit Servers: Conte, H. & K. Egges Music: Youth Choir Servers: Olzinski, J. & A. Seiler Music: Organ/Cantor |

***WEATHER IT IS DAY OR NIGHT, VISIT JESUS ONE HOUR A WEEK
IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION.***

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fred Aiello, Alexa Bailey, Barbara Baird, Jean Bruno, Janelle Bergandino, Francis Boyle, Catherine Blinebury, Jim Bondi, James Bodkin, Leona Borzok, Allen Brough, William Burns, Bob Bradbury, Anne Boyer, William Brown, Mark Cackovic, Donna Carter, Art Chandler, Denise Conley, Brian Craig, Daniel Craig, Denise Colonna, John Cuddy, Nicholas DiAnnibella, Leslie DeFrancesco, Ruth DeMichael, Michael Elia, Ted Fenno, Lee Fenno, Connie Fox, Helen Fealy, Joe Francese, Cameron Fromm, Mary Rose Giambrone, Karen Giannini, Debbie Gustafson, Karen Hill, Eileen Hines, Kevin Hofmockel, Maria Houser, Chuck Hurst, Ryan Thomas Husbands, Tom Kane, Peg Kane, Eileen Koch, Helene Kozel, Carol Lippy, Roy Love, George Magill, Fr. Frank Maguire, James McGee, Jane Madan, Edith Manning, Margaret McDermott, Bob McNellis, Shirley McGinley, Daniel A. Milliam, William Murray, Gerald Murphy, Frank Musacchio, Theresa McFadden, Joe Nash, Shawn Nolan, Rita North, Etta Natalie, Kevin O'Connell, AJ O'Donnell, Harold Oelschlager, Frank Ponzio, Christopher Pettine, John Richardson, Tony Rezza, Diana Rogers, Robert Scotti, Michael Sinclair, Helen Shortall, Jennifer Stern, Mark Schroeder, Rick Shoemaker, Lorraine Tausz, Judy Toone, Sandy Trama, Cheryl Valentine, Nancy Wilz, Earl Youse, Blaine Zandier, Walter Zimski

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Ellen Brett Richard Cunningham

ROSE FOR LIFE

In Memory of Marie Cimino



**God's Plan for Giving
Tithing and Stewardship**

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| July 13, 2008 | \$16,557.00 |
| Mission Co-Op (Additional) | \$959.00 |
| Human Development | \$712.00 |
| Children | \$41.00 |
| July 15, 2007 | \$27,005.00 |
| Children | \$68.00 |

Thanks to all who remain faithful to giving the Lord a tenth of their income—a tithe. Focusing on God who in His goodness has given us all we have, we realize we can never match His generosity and also that what we do own is ours only for a while. The things of this earth, as beautiful and amazing as they are, besides being a hint of His own glory, are also a mere hint of what lies ahead in heaven. We take nothing of our own. We receive everything new, and all focuses on God.

From the pews, here & elsewhere: "Generosity in our hearts is a sign of the presence of God within us. That is part of the light that the Lord asks us to let shine into the darkness around us. Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing."

SAINT MARGARET (OR MARINA)

Feast Day—July 20

Margaret (know as Marina in the East) was a young Christian martyred for the Faith. However, both the time and the place of her martyrdom are unknown. She went on to become one of the most popular Saints of the Middle Ages and was numbered among the Fourteen Holy Helpers.

Her legendary Acts state that she was a convert to Christianity. As a result, her father, a pagan priest of Antioch in Pisidia, cast her out of the family home. Later, she tended sheep and caught the eye of the prefect Olybrius, who became infatuated with her. However, when she spurned his advances, he charged her with being a Christian.

In prison, Margaret had an encounter with the devil in the form of a dragon. Supposedly, he swallowed Margaret, but the cross she carried irritated his throat, and Margaret was regurgitated. She became venerated as the Patroness of Women in Childbirth.

When attempts at execution failed, many who witnessed what took place were converted. Eventually, Margaret was beheaded, probably during the persecution of Diocletian around 304.

It is said that one of the voices St. Joan of Arc heard was that of St. Margaret.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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| Tim Fitzgerald | Steven Muir |
| Matthew Foley | Jennifer Foley |
| Yaphet Blair | Gerard Pettine |
| John Weaver | Richard Granozio |
| Brian Smith | Michael Hood |
| Matthew Grimes | Geoffrey Grimes |
| Brett R. Karkheck | David Sinnk |
| Michael Boehret | Jacob McLendon |
| Michael E. Ingram | Joseph Wolf |
| Kenneth Mason, Jr. | Wayne Cherry, Jr. |
| Samuel Crino | Daniel Winton |
| Luke Robert Allison | Kyra Chamberlain |
| Collin Hamel | Robert Petersen |
| Ryan Decker | Lauren Shaw |
| Ian Keyser | Justin Michael Johnson |
| Jonathan Minkler | Charles Joseph Moloney III |
| Jim Gotlewski | William Ian Holdsworth |
| Kevin Matthews | |

From the Pastor

Of course a mother will warn her child about touching a hot stove when she is preparing dinner. Certainly a father will impose rules on his teenager before they will be allowed to drive the family car.

God, our Father, has given us rules and guidelines to bring us through the dangers and challenges of this world to prepare us for the next. A warning – and announcing the penalties when we do wrong – is what a loving Father does.

Look back on your own childhood and teen years and even adult wrongdoing. I remember scoldings, detentions, and fines. Never mind what for. We all have a history of misbehavior and suffering the results.

However, if we are honest, we will admit that we did get away with some things. Sometimes the stories are funny – when told many years later. Some we will never mention, because we are embarrassed and are grateful no one knows about what happened. On reflection the Lord is good to us. We learned our lesson well enough by being guilty and embarrassed. We never want to do that again.

Actually that is the best way to grow from our mistakes and sins. Realizing afterward the wrong we have done can bring us to the strong feelings of guilt and shame (even if no one else knows) that we decide then and there to avoid what led us to do it in the first place. God is good. He has given us that sense of understanding, based on both knowledge and feelings, that form our consciences well.

It also helps if we sometimes do have to face others with the responsibility for our actions. This is both good and bad. The glory and praise we receive for any job well done, like a successful school project or work presentation, spurs us on the even better work and enjoyment. The shame of doing something sinful can make such a powerful impression that we wise up on the spot. Parents, spouses and friends can help us too. Their support, without excuses we hope, can help us through the painful results. Love and wisdom, a warm hug and a shoulder to cry on are really necessary when we do wrong and have to pay the price.

What the Lord does then in one of today's several parables, the one about the weeds and the wheat

growing together until harvest, is to let us know that He is warning us that in the end we will have to face the consequences of our choices: heaven, if grow to be like Jesus, or hell, if we ruin our lives by sin.

Realize that the weeds thrown into the fire are described by the lord Himself. These are all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. Pastors and parents, teachers and judges, and anyone indeed who guides others, have a serious and awesome responsibility to see to it that people know what is good and right and beautiful and just, and also what is evil and wrong and ugly and unjust. Indeed every single person is to some extent, his brother's keeper. Many and varied are the opportunities to guide another to what is true and good and just. It could be simple directions to someone looking for his destination.

No one is thrown into hell fire unwillingly, actually. The problem for evildoers is that when face to face with the all-loving God and Father, they realize that their whole way of thinking and acting would have to change in heaven. Anyone, for example, who thinks everyone owes him whatever he wants and when he wants it, and there are many in prison who got there for this attitude (and their crimes as a result), will see God in His total generosity and concern for others and see that He expects this of us and will simply turn away. The motto in hell is "I will not serve" or in other words "I did it my way."

We have a choice. Goodness, truth, beauty, love and justice are what will satisfy forever. That is God's way. That is heaven. *Fr. McElroy*

SAVE THE DAY—AUGUST 7TH, 2008

St. Mary's Parish will be having a day of reflection, meditation, and learning on Thursday, August 7th, 2008, at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Our visit will include a tour of the Shrine and lower Chapel, the celebration of Mass for our group said by Father Furey, a movie about the Shrine, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at noon. There will be time to be on your own and grow closer to Our Lady and her Son. We will bring our own lunch and eat in the cafeteria. We should meet at 8:45 am at St. Mary's parking lot and carpool to the Shrine. We will be returning to St. Mary's around 3:30 pm. For more info please call Suzette Moyer at 484-680-0669.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"So when you go to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, ask Him to raise up your human logic and fill it with the logic of divine love. Ask Him to reveal Himself to you and listen for His still, small voice in your heart. After all, prayer is conversation with God—conversation with a God who loves to talk with us and to embrace us with His love." (Word Among Us)

Joanne Kunz can no longer serve as Evening division Leader. We would like to thank her for all she has done since Adoration began 11 years ago.

We are in need of an Evening Division Leader. The temporary Div. Leader is Karen Frias @610-329-0572.

We are still in need of schedules adorers and substitutes. Please call MaryKay @610-754-9003.

LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Those interested in the charism of Mother Teresa and living her 'Simple Path' are invited to 'Come and see'. For more information about the Lay Missionaries of Charity and when we meet, contact Mary Kay at 610-754-9003.

ARE YOU LOOKING TO GIVE A SPECIAL GIFT?

Is a family member celebrating a 50th Anniversary? Graduating? Getting married? In the military? Do you have a special message to share? Our **MEMORIAL WALKWAY** is currently being designed and will have your special messages permanently engraved in stone. The walkway will surround the flagpole on the parking island. These pavers are for sale in sizes 12" x 12"; 8" x 8" and 4" x 8". Please go to www.churchofsaintmary.org to download an order form or call Bill Cornell at 215-870-4051 for further information.

WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS?

Did you know that the Pastoral Council produces a newsletter four times a year? It is written and designed by parishioners, for parishioners, and is full of what is going on in the parish. News about organizations, social events, St. Mary School and Parish CCD news. It highlights parishioners who may be achieving a parish goal and occasionally offers ideas on deepening our faith and growing spiritually. The next issued will be coming in the mail to you very soon. Please be sure to read through it and give us your thoughts. If you have ideas, we may be able to incorporate them into a future issue. Feel free to write jnews@dejazzd.com or shredesign@aol.com if you have a thought.

PART TIME HELP NEEDED

A substitute is needed for the C.A.R.E.S. (Children are Receiving Extended Services) Program for this coming school year. The hours are from 3:25 to 6:00 pm. A high school student is also needed to assist. If interested, please call Elizabeth at 610-287-7757, ext. 1 to inquire about the pay scale. The students are a lot of fun to be with and you will really enjoy their company.

CLUSTER CORNER

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We have clients in need of boys clothes sizes 18/20, Girls clothes sizes 4t/5t & 6x/7, diapers sizes 1, 2, 3 & 5 diapers, Similac Advance with iron, baby food, Similac Sensitive. Food certificates, cash and checks are always appreciated.

St. Mary Society has a family in need of a car. If you or someone you know has a vehicle that is in good running condition and would like to donate it to the Society, please call Mary Cosgrove at 610-287-6552.

Next food drive is Sunday, August 3rd before the 12 noon Mass.

CHURCH MINISTRY INSTITUTE

Church Ministry Institute is now accepting applications for the Fall Session. Are you interested in learning more about your faith? Do you want to fill in some of those learning gaps or do you want to be able to volunteer with confidence? You might want to consider attending the Church Ministry Institute which is a 3 year certificate program offered by the Archdiocese. There are no papers to write or tests to take. The faith filled faculty is knowledgeable and supportive. The institute offers courses in Scripture, Sacraments, Prayer, and Spirituality as well as retreats, mentoring and ministry experience. Two locations that our parishioners have taken classes are Lansdale Catholic & St. Charles Seminary. The classes run from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. For more info call 215-578-0551 or email AVARANO@adphila.org or check out the website—just "Goggle" Church Ministry Institute.

PRE-CANA

St. Philip Neri Pre-Cana Team will be offering a Fall Workshop on the following five (5) Monday Evenings;

Monday—September 15th

Monday—September 29th

Monday—October 6th

Monday—October 13th

Monday—October 20th

You are required to attend all 5 Monday evenings to complete the Workshop. Each presentation begins at 7:30 pm. Please call St. Philip Neri Rectory in Pennsburg for a registration form at 215-679-9275. Space is limited!

WORKSHOP

St. Eleanor Parish, Collegeville, is hosting an Archdiocesan Evangelization Workshop entitled "**Make Good Parishes Vibrant Communities**". Part I will be held on Saturday September 20th and Part II on Saturday, October 18th. Both sessions are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. To register or for additional information, call 215-587-0504. Registration deadline is September 15th.

ATTENTION GENUARDI SHOPPERS

One more way to help St. Mary's earn "easy money" is to register your Genuardi Club Card on the internet or at the courtesy desk. Make sure you indicate St. Mary's School and ID#1025864. Each time you shop at Genuardi's using your card St. Mary's gets back cash. There is no charge to you.

SCHOOL NEWS

Graduate News!

Congratulations to Zachary Dombroski, St. Mary's Alumni class of 2005, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout on June 9, 2008.

Zak has been a member of St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 50 since 2002, during which time he acquired many leadership skills as a result of holding the positions of Patrol Leader and Sr. Patrol Leader.

Zak has a great interest in history, especially the Great Wars, and his time spent in Troop 50 allowed him to experience some of the discipline associated with the Military and helped him develop a stronger appreciation of our Armed Forces.

In the six years that Zak has been a member of Troop 50 he has gained many experiences and acquired many positive values, which he will carry with him on any career path that he chooses. They include being selected to the Boy Scout Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow and attending the 2005 National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort AP Hill in Bowling Green Virginia.

Zak's Eagle Scout Project benefited the Montgomery Cemetery in Norristown, where he led a project to construct and install a kiosk, which will display the cemetery site map, brochures and other information.

This fall Zak will be a senior at Kennedy-Kerrick High School, where he is an honors student and plans to go to college to study Criminal Justice with the intention of a career in law enforcement. He is a four-year starter on the Varsity Soccer Team and has made the All Catholic Team.

Thanks to all those who have helped guide Zak on his road to Eagle.

Congratulation Zak, we are very proud of you. Zak is helping out this summer for our parish, getting the school ready and doing odd jobs around the complex.

SPONSOR A STUDENT — PLEASE!

Please consider sponsoring a student at St. Mary Catholic School. Help make the dream of Catholic School Education a reality to a child. All you need to do is send your contribution to the Parish House and the money will be applied to the student's tuition. Either a full years tuition of \$3600.00 for grade 1 thru 8 or a partial payment, anything would be helpful. Please consider helping a family who is struggling to make ends meet. Call with questions, 610-287-7757—Elizabeth. All information is confidential.

Thank you to families who have contributed to the Sponsor a Student Program. Your thoughtful gift will make a difference in the lives of our students.

FLYNN & O'HARA UNIFORM COMPANY is offering a scholarship drawing to win 1 of 10 \$1,000 scholarships for all orders placed and paid for before August 1st. This offer is valid on all orders over \$100.00. Shopping may take place at all retail locations, order at school on July 24th, or on the web at fando.net or call 1-800-441-4122.

SCRIP SUMMER NEWS

Now available: Moccia's Main Street Eatery in \$10.00 denominations; Shop Rite in \$100.00 and Wawa in \$100.00. Scrip tuition credit letters will be mailed by July 15th for the period of April—June 2008. If you are able to help volunteer a few hours per month to keep our scrip program continuing, please contact Jackie Wagner at 215-234-4043. We will still be placing special orders throughout the summer. There will not be a schedule for placing orders but will be done when we receive enough orders to cover shipping costs. Special orders can be dropped off in the scrip office during sale hours. Call with any questions. Thanks.

PARK DAY FOR CHILDREN

Come join us for some summer fun at Upper Salford Park. The park is located on the corner of Salford Station Rd. & Schwenksville Rd. in Schwenksville. We will be meeting the morning of Wednesday, July 30th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, weather permitting. Be sure to bring your sand toys and sports equipment. Questions or for more info contact Gloria Quinn at 610-489-8836 or Cindy Rowland at 610-287-5863.

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