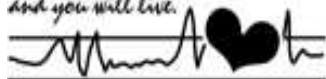


15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 2010

Return to God with all your heart
and you will live.



SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2010

5:00 p.m. Katherine and Theodore Geiselhart

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010

7:30 a.m. Marc DiNardo

9:00 a.m. Carol Froehlich

10:30 a.m. Helen Black

Dr. Reynaldo Rivera

Vincent Marino

12:00 noon Mary P. Sullivan

MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010

7:00 a.m. Mary Frances Gentile - 1st Anniversary
Mary and Walter Tokarz

12:00 noon Prayer Service

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010

8:30 a.m. Mary Tomczak

Ann Dolan

12:00 noon Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2010

7:00 a.m. Frank P. Sorbera, Sr. - Anniversary

12:00 noon Prayer Service

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2010

8:30 a.m. Kenneth M. Kiselick

Pons and Archer Families

12:00 noon Prayer Service

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2010

7:00 a.m. Michael F. O'Keefe, Sr.

12:00 noon Prayer Service

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2010

9:00 a.m. James Fallon

5:00 p.m. Richard McGrath

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2010

7:30 a.m. Claire Suraci

9:00 a.m. Edward Sr., Edward Jr., & Gerard Lamparello

10:30 a.m. Spright D. Baker

12:00 noon Pauline Rimar

Carol Negrete

PLEASE NOTE SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

There is **ONE daily weekday Mass**

7:00 a.m.: Monday - Wednesday - Friday

8:30 a.m.: Tuesday and Thursday

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Genesis 18:1-10a (108C)

Psalms 15:2-3, 4-4, 5

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

SANCTUARY OFFERINGS

The **Sanctuary Lamp** which burns near the Tabernacle in Church, the reminder of our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist will burn in memory of **WALTER E. and MICHAEL SAKOWSKI**. Requested by Dorothy Sakowski.

The **Altar Wine** which will become the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at the Masses celebrated in Church during the week will be offered for **ALL AUTISTIC CHILDREN - LET'S DEFEAT AUTISM!** Requested by Larry and Liz Forte.

Please keep Walter, Michael, All Autistic Children and their families in your prayers.

Sanctuary Offerings are available through the Parish Office located in the basement of the Church

Celebrate the Birth - Baptism - Graduation - Wedding - Anniversary of someone you love **OR** remember those in the Military - those who are deceased through these offerings!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Anyone interested in becoming a fully initiated Roman Catholic - one who has received Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist - the RCIA is for you! The RCIA is ideally for non-baptized [Jews, Moslems, Hindus, the unchurched] and for baptized Protestants who wish to become Catholic. It is also for adult Catholics who never received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Please share this invite with anyone who might be interested. Speak to a priest, deacon or call Mary Lanni - [201] 933-1056 for further information.

SUMMER SCHEDULE CONFESSIONS

Beginning **July 3rd**, through Saturday, September 4th, confessions will be heard at 4:00 p.m. NOT 11:00 a.m. This change is for our SUMMER months ONLY.



From the Pastor

July 11, 2010
15th Sunday in Ordinary
Time



Here's Part 2 of my '*she sells sea shells by the seashore*' tongue twisting ***Sacred Sign & Symbol Summer Study Series***. Last week I gave the meaning and origin of one of the most common ancient Christian symbols: '*The Fish*' or '*ICHTHYS*,' pronounced *ick-thiss*. [above] It is an acronym in Greek for "*Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior*." I gave some biblical references to 'fish' in salvation history and offered reasons why the first Christians might have adopted this pagan symbol for themselves. [For past articles go to our parish website and click on bulletins: www.stmaryrutherford.org]

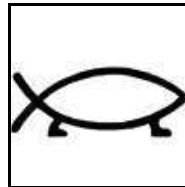
Today we consider the post-biblical history of this ancient symbol - and some of the very fishy issues raised by its existence and its usage over the centuries, even in our own time! While its usual form [above] is a simple 'stick-figure' fish, a dolphin has been used, presumably since dolphins are held in high esteem and are particularly friendly to human beings, as is God!

In his writings, Clement of Alexandria [150-215] encouraged Christians to have things like tombs and holy items engraved with a dove or a fish. Since Clement did not give any reason for his directive, we assume the dove and fish were already accepted symbols of Christianity. Ancient Christian monuments attest to its widespread usage by the late 100's. Pope St. Callistus I, our 16th Pope, [his reign: 217-222] asked that two fish symbols be put on his tomb to show he was a Christian and that he took part in the Eucharistic Banquet, often symbolized by Our Lord's miraculous feeding of thousands with just a few loaves and a couple of fish. This also contradicts Protestant claims that the Eucharist and Papacy were much later developments in Church history.

An ancient historian, Tertullian, who lived around the same time as Pope Callistus, said in his writing entitled '*On Baptism*': "... we, little fishes, after the image of our Ichthys, Jesus Christ, are born in the water." '*The Fish*' not only represented Baptism, it was a symbol for the Eucharist - as were the many other symbols which will be explained in the weeks to come: the dove, the pelican, the anchor, the '*IHS*' monogram for Christ, etc. And there were other Church officials who also spoke of '*The Fish*' in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Centuries. However, by the 4th Century '*The Fish*' symbol all but disappeared until recent times, which we will get to later ...

The most debated issue over '*The Fish*' or '*ICHTHYS*' is: was it a secret symbol used by early Christians who had to have clandestine meeting places, subtly marked with covert emblems so as to avoid being discovered, persecuted and executed - or was it a blatantly public profession of the Christian faith? It is commonly thought of as a secret symbol, though there is no historical basis to prove it. While we do not know if our ancestors-in-faith nonchalantly made a crescent with their foot - and waited to see if the other person recognized the symbol and completed the other half of '*The Fish*' so that Christians could safely 'find' each other.

However, we do know the early Christians eagerly sought to share their faith in Jesus Christ and did not hide it "*under a bushel basket*." [Matthew 5:15] The Bible attests to how they courageously proclaimed the Gospel despite difficulties, brutal persecutions and even martyrdom. Non-biblical Church historians agree that they were not ashamed of the Faith.



"The Fish" Wars. In modern times some modified this Christian symbol to dismiss what they erroneously think is Church teaching. The so-called "*Darwin Fish*" is used to counter the fundamentalist view of the

Genesis creation myth. To show that humans evolved from lower life forms, evolutionists put feet on "*The Fish*." While some Christians do interpret every word of the Bible as factual truth, that is NOT the Catholic position. Since we see the first chapters of the Bible as more theology than science or history, Catholic teaching has no problem with evolution ... as long as God is seen as the One who started the process and whose providential plan governs the course of human history. In more recent years many have had their fun with this sacred symbol; there are bumper stickers galore with variations of "*The Fish*." There was even a Far Side cartoon that showed an alien spaceship with a bumper sticker that had a fish ... with a dozen eyes! Oy Vey!

Of course, the most important Christian symbol is us, not our bumper stickers or jewelry!

With God's love and my prayers,

Father Mike

Reverend Michael J. Kreder

**HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE REVISED
ROMAN MISSAL?
PART 2**

What is the Roman Missal (Missale Romanum)?

The Roman Missal is the ritual text which contains all the prayers, chants and instructions for the celebration of Mass for the entire Roman Catholic Church. Since Jesus offered the first Eucharist at the Last Supper, the liturgy has evolved and developed over time with changes introduced at certain critical moments in the history of the Church. One such moment was the major reform after Vatican Council II which gave us, among many other changes, the Mass in the vernacular languages. The Missal reflecting all these changes was promulgated by Pope Paul VI and was first issued in Latin in 1970 called the editio typica (typical edition). A revised text, the editio typica altera was subsequently issued by the Holy See in 1975. In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II promulgated a third edition (editio typica tertio) which contained, among other things, some additional prayers for recently canonized saints, some additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of Mass which we have already been using since 2002. Always introduced in Latin, each of these editions must then be translated into the vernacular languages. The introduction of the English translation of this third edition is what we await from Rome and will bring changes to many of the Mass texts as we know them today. To learn more about it, please visit the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org/romanmissal.

INCLUSIVE FAMILY MASS

Monday, July 26th - 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows - 217 Prospect Street - South Orange, NJ will be hosting an Inclusive Family Mass on Monday, July 26th at 7:00 PM, celebrating the life of St. Christina the Astonishing. St Christina lived during the 12th century. Although she was known to exhibit some different behaviors, her contemporaries perceived her as someone God worked through. She has the ability to speak to anyone who struggles with a behavioral disorder, and to all of us as a reminder that the face of God is in all people. This is the fifth year we are celebrating her life. All are welcome, but people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families are especially invited. We will celebrate the diversity of gifts of all of God's people at the Mass. After Mass there will be the opportunity to talk about inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in the sacramental life of the church. Questions: contact Anne Masters at 973-497-4309 or masteran@rcan.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer at this year's Vacation Bible School. I am looking forward to working with you all for a successful week of faith, fun and friendship. A reminder that this program will run from **Monday, August 16 - 20th from 9am - 12noon**. You will be asked to spend some extra time preparing, setting up and cleaning up each day. I would like to hold brief volunteer meeting on **Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center**. (Please ENTER through the doors by the flagpole). All of you are strongly encouraged to attend. If you cannot attend, please reply with an email as soon as possible.

I hope that this meeting will last about a half hour. It will provide an overview of the program as well as determine an area you may be interested in volunteering for. The list below simply describes some of the areas for volunteerism. Please begin thinking about how you may want to help.

Craft Leaders - You will lead the children through daily craft activities. All supplies and activities will be given. You will be asked to prepare some materials before, after and during camp times. You will also be responsible for cleanliness of this area.

Skits and Bible Stories - You will be given a simple script to read from. You will also be encouraged to wear a simple costume. You will teach the bible story to the children daily through these simple stories. All information will be given to you - you simply have to smile and read!

Music Assistance - If you have musical talents, please consider helping in this area. All songs are prepared and can be practiced before, after and during VBS.

Recreation Leaders - Daily games will be played in the gym or outside on the grass. These games are already prepared, and supplies will be provided. You will set up the game each morning and lead the children through the activity. At the end, you will be asked to clean up. If you like sports or have lots of energy - this is for you!

Last Call for Children in

Kindergarten through 4th grade!

This weekend is the last opportunity to register for this year's

Journey through Egypt

at Church of Saint Mary Vacation Bible School
This promises to be an exciting Bible times adventure filled with crafts, games, snacks and music under the guidance of Andrea Covais. Adult and Youth Volunteers are still needed! We are also looking for: - an actor/actress to play the role of "Joseph" in short, pre-written daily skits - a multicolored coat for Joseph - anyone interested in sewing or donating? **Email ErinRose53@hotmail.com or call Erin at 201-440-8691 for more information.**

Our Lady's Monthly
Prayer Vigil for Life
Tuesday, July 13th, 2010
Our Lady of the Valley
518 Valley Street, Orange
Time: 7:30pm

Women, men, families, health care providers and all of us, directly or indirectly, have been impacted by abortion. We gather to pray and to seek healing and forgiveness. The evening will begin with a Pro-Life Holy Hour, Eucharistic adoration & the Rosary, with an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The evening will conclude with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. For more information, contact Elizabeth Duely at 973 762 5430 or Chinna Iheakaram at ciheakaram@gmail.com

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses petitions the people to follow the commandments God has set before them. He reminds them that the laws are not in the sky or far away at sea, but are accessible to them and meant to be followed if they wish to prosper.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Paul discusses the divine nature of Jesus, and explains that Jesus was created before anything else. Everything else was "created through him, and for him."

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

While discussing everlasting life, a lawyer mentions loving one's neighbor as oneself. The lawyer then asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus tells him about a man beaten by robbers, who was ignored by both a priest and a Levite before a Samaritan stopped and offered him aid. Jesus asks the lawyer who was neighbor to the injured man. The lawyer says "the one who treated him with compassion." Jesus encourages him to go and do the same.

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PAPAL BLESSING REQUESTS

Papal Blessings can be obtained from the Vatican Office in Rome or from the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, DC. Individuals named in the blessing must be practicing Catholics. In general, a Papal blessing is customarily sought on the following occasions: Priests' First Mass, parish Religious events, e.g., foundings, anniversaries, etc.; Religious Profession or Entrance into Consecrated Life, Anniversaries of Priestly Ordination, Religious Profession; Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Wedding Anniversary, Birthday, or a General Blessing. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please **PRAY** in the name of **JESUS**, the healer, that the **SICK** of **SAINT MARY PARISH** may be restored to health and all those who **ASSIST** and **CARE** for the sick will be given the **STRENGTH** to continue **GOD'S** good **WILL**:

*Thomas Barrows, Michael Francis, Loreen Clavin,
Carole Danza, Gilda Danza, Domingo Delacruz, Angelina
DiNoto, Steven Monahan, Joanne Natoli and Jim Neville*

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend - July 10/11

Our Church is a missionary Church. From the beginning, it has obeyed the commission Christ gave it to go out and preach the gospel to everyone in the world. This missionary work involves recruiting missionaries, training and equipping them for their task, maintaining them and supporting the new young churches until they are established. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is established in every diocese to organize support for the missions. Each year it appeals for funds on Mission Sunday. Also, every year it brings to each parish one of the groups working in the missions, to speak about their particular work. This year, the Director of the Society for the Propagation of the faith has assigned the **SAINT PATRICK FATHERS - Reverend Michael Morris** to speak at our parish. We will have a second collection to support.

SOLES FOR SOULS

5k RUN

FUN FOR YOU, RUN FOR US!

Soles for Souls 5k Run/Walk. Fun for the whole family! 5k run, 3K walk, Kids' dashes, prizes, children's activities; awards, food and fellowship! Saturday, October 2, 2010 - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Branch Brook Park, Newark, NJ. To benefit the Scholarship Fund for Inner City Children and the Office for Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Newark. For more information and to register, go to: www.rcan.org/evangelation. Click on Soles for Souls or call [973] 497-4353. Parishes/Schools: run as a Parish or School Team!



BAPTISMS by Immersion

If you are an expectant parent thinking about your child's baptism, why not consider this! We are looking for 1 baby approximately 3 months of age or younger to **be baptized at 10:30 Mass on October 17th, 2010**. **Rich and Rory Doyle** will have their '**soon to be baby**' baptized during the **5:00 p.m. Mass**. The babies will be baptized by full immersion with Father Mike, presider. If you would like more information, kindly call the Parish Office.

SAINT MARY PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

October 3, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

"Mark your Calendars"

Your eligibility to give blood depends, among other factors, on your medical condition and past behaviors. Any person in general good health who is at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to give blood. Whole blood donors can safely donate blood every 56 days. Double red cell donors can safely donate blood every 112 days.



Mount Saint Alphonsus, located on the Hudson River in Esopus, NY, announces two upcoming programs.

FESTIVAL OF FAITH 2010: Friday-Sunday, August 6-8, 2010. An outdoor festival of camping, music and presentations. Begins with camping Friday afternoon and opening ceremonies Friday evening. Saturday includes prayer time in the morning and 12 hours of music and talks. Saturday evening will have a nighttime musical service and a bonfire. Concludes Sunday morning with Mass. Bring an entire family for only \$60 for the entire weekend! Reservations required.

SENIOR CITIZEN RETREAT: Monday-Thursday, September 13-16, 2010. Also known as our GLEAM Retreat, this 4 day program is for seniors 55 and older. The program offers presentations, entertainment, activities and time for solitude, prayer and socializing. Cost \$225 includes accommodations and meals. Space is limited so please reserve early.

Reservations are required for both programs. For more info, please visit MountSaintAlphonsus.org, or call 845.384.8000.

IMPORTANT

RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE!

The Next **Board of Adjustment Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00 p.m.** Saint Mary is back on the agenda! Rutherford Residents can speak in favor of our Renovation Project but we want all parishioners to attend this important meeting. **COME** - show your support of our great parish as we seek the towns approval which is necessary in order for us to "Recapture the Dream" and renovate our Worship Space once again!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Yesterday, the Officers of the *State Council of the Knights of Columbus* were installed at the 9:45 morning Mass. *Bishop Charles McDonnell*, State Chaplain for the *Knights* con-celebrated the *Mass* with *Father Mike* and other clergy. Among those officers to be installed is *State Deputy Herb Meyer* who is a parishioner of Saint Mary and a member of Regina Council in Rutherford. The *State Deputy* is the **HIGHEST RANK** in the *New Jersey Knights!*



The *Knights of Columbus* is a *Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization* and is the largest Fraternal Organization in the world with a total membership of 1.8 million members and over 64,000 members in New Jersey.

From the moment of their founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. They are men of faith and men of action. Last year alone, in addition to raising and donating more than \$151 million to charitable needs and projects, Knights volunteered more than 69 million hours of their time to charitable causes. They undertake these acts of charity because they see those in need through the eyes of faith. Moreover, in the Knights of Columbus, they approach these acts of charity together. Pope Benedict XVI calls this the "practice of love...as a community." Let's keep and **Congratulate Herb Meyer** and **ALL** our Knights of Columbus in our prayers as they continue to do so many good deeds for so many!

CLEANING POSITION NEEDED!



The *Parish* is looking for a hard working - **RELIABLE** - person to help with keeping good order of the *parish buildings*. Please fax resume to: [201] 438-1098; email: rcansmr@aol.com or call the Main Office at [201] 438-2200.

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE BANKING PROGRAM

If you already have an existing account with Boiling Springs, just visit one of their branches to fill out an enrollment form designating the accounts to be included in the *Community Alliance Program* for Saint Mary. It is important to note that all account information is kept strictly confidential with Boiling Springs and no one from St. Mary has, or will have any knowledge of any member's account information. We encourage all parish members, teachers and parents to enroll because the more members we have the larger the quarterly bank donation becomes. For more information contact the Parish Office.

VOLUNTEER WANTED!

Academy at Saint Mary

Are you looking to get out of the house a few hours in the morning? We are looking for a volunteer to help in the *Academy* with making copies and light office work. Please call Mrs. Elena Simmons at [201] 933-8410 or email her at principal.smes@gmail.com We are grateful for your help!

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