

MAY 31, 2009

### Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Thank you to all those who generously shared their stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure at the Fiesta this weekend!

*Stewardship . . . . Live It!*

#### FUNDRAISER FOR DENI MACK'S SON, STEVE

Many of you remember Deni Mack, our Pastoral Associate here at St. Rita's until the early 90's. Steve Mack, son of Deni and Ron, husband of Melissa, dad of Austin (17), Laura (16), Sarah (14), and Megan (12), suffered an anoxic brain injury caused by loss of blood flow & oxygen from several sudden heart arrhythmias on Feb 2, 2009. Melissa worked in Cardiac ICU for years and said, "I've never seen anyone so sick live!"

The benefit for Steve's needs is at McQuaid Jesuit on Sunday, May 31 from Noon to 4:00pm.

Come for live bands and silent auction (items include a week at Steamboat Springs, Colorado or gate passes to Chautauqua, or an overnight at a B&B and theater tickets at Niagara on the Lake, or a box seat for 12 at a Red Wings game, or a week at a cottage on a nearby lake and more). Suggested donation is \$10 per person or \$40 per family. **There will be fun for all ages.** We are all sustained by your prayers!

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#### WPCC Health Ministry's "Spotlight on Wellness" Eat Fiber for Health

Getting enough fiber in your diet can be a struggle for most people, but the health benefits of fiber make it worth the effort. Not only will fiber help keep you healthy, but it increases variety in your diet. An adequate daily amount of fiber is defined at 20 to 35 grams for adults. Americans average only 14 to 15 grams of fiber per day. To increase fiber in your diet, follow these tips:

- Gradually increase fiber intake to allow your digestive tract to adjust
- Focus on consuming more whole grains (wheat, barley, oats)
- Increase intake of fluids as you increase your fiber intake
- Include fresh fruits and vegetables at meals; beans are one of the best sources of fiber

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St. Rita's has a special blessing for expectant parents held on the first Sunday of each month. Our next **Expectant Parent Blessing** will take place during all of the Masses the weekend of June 6 & 7.

### PENTECOST

At our Pentecost Masses this weekend, the following parishioners proclaimed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Saint Paul to the Galatians (5:16-25) in their native language.

- 5:00 pm Steve DeLucia - Italian
- 7:30 am Renate Maciejewski - German
- 9:00 am Guillermo Cubillos - Spanish
- 10:30 am Hannah Zilliox - German

On this feast day we celebrate those early disciples in all the languages of humankind. It has been our custom to use multiple languages to reflect that experience as well as the rich diversity of the Church, which indeed extends to "the ends of the earth".

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#### COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

#### OFF-SITE POT LUCK PICNIC SUPPER!

Tuesday, June 9 at 6:00pm at the Webster Arboretum (1700 Schlegel Rd.)

All are welcome to join us ~ including past attendees. We will do a helium balloon release after our shared meal. All who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death are invited to attend this wonderful gathering of love and support.

**PLEASE RSVP** ~ and for more details call Bev Geier at 872-2933 or Margie Klehr at 671-4913

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#### The Diocese of Rochester Office of Vocation Awareness is hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> annual "24 HOURS WITH THE LORD" retreat on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

This mini retreat is for single Catholic men, 17-40, who are serious about their faith and would like to know more about the vocation to diocesan priesthood. It will begin Friday evening with dinner, prayer and conversation with Bishop Matthew Clark and some members of the Vocation Awareness Team, and will conclude Saturday morning following the priestly ordination of Brian Carpenter at Sacred Heart Cathedral. If you, or someone you know, would appreciate an opportunity to hear more about this unique life of service in the Catholic Church, please call 585-461-2890 or by e-mail to vocations@dor.org

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#### FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

On the first Sunday of each month, parishioners are asked to bring in food for the needy in our area. Food may be left in the greeting area of Church. Please remember to bring your nonperishable foods to church with you next weekend. Your Social Action Ministry Committee thanks you!



## EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

Among the intentions for those who gather for the Eucharist this week will be

### MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009

No Masses

### TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009

No Masses

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009

No Masses

### THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009

No Masses

### FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2009

No Masses

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2009

2:00PM Wedding: Lisa Johnson & Paul Sandolo

5:00PM MARY RANDAZZO – Joanne Carr & Family

### SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009

7:30AM BILL MYKINS, JR. – The Reinhardt Family

9:00AM DONALD EVANGELISTA – Wife & Family

10:30AM FRED GENTILE – The Manno Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn  
in loving memory of Dominic Capezuto**

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

**Readings for the Day:** Acts 2:1-11, Psalms 104:1,24,29-31,34 First Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 John 20:19-23

*After the resurrection, in this week's gospel Jesus appears to the apostles and breathes the Holy Spirit on them. He offers them peace and sends them as the Father sent him. He also tells them that whose sins they forgive are forgiven and those they retain are retained.*

This Pentecost Sunday we are challenged to consider whose sins I have forgiven, and whose I have retained. Jesus reminds us in this week's gospel that those sins we retain are retained – in me! We are called to release those who have sinned against us, and in doing so release us from the anger and pain we hold onto. Allow the Holy Spirit to heal us and heal those who have hurt us, and to heal those we have hurt. In doing so we can become part of the gift of life offered by God.

Whose sins have I retained? How can I come to a place of forgiveness for them? For myself?

## Pastor's Perspective

The Feast of Pentecost has always held a special place in my heart. My Ordination and first Mass were on Pentecost weekend. I came to experience the Spirit in Ordination and in that very special time in the life of our Church as the Second Vatican Council drew to a close and now we were called to make its documents part of our lived experience. Still today, it is the Holy Spirit who enkindles the life of the church and transforms us all.



Cardinal Hume expressed this thought eloquently in his Pentecost Sunday homily back in 1992:

*It makes me think, on this Pentecost Sunday, that we are badly in need of a new beginning in our society, a new Pentecost, a change in each one of us, and a change in our society. I often think of those apostles, after the ascension of our Lord, waiting in that upper room prior to the descending of the Holy Spirit; their sense of emptiness, their sense of poverty, deprivation, uncertainty, frailty. And then the Holy Spirit came down upon them and the remarkable transformation took place in them.*

*Where before they were empty, now they were filled with new zest for the gospel of Christ. Where before they were poor, now they were rich. Where before they were frail, now they were strong. I believe that in our society today the starting point that we need to acknowledge is that we are spiritually poor, by and large. There is a fundamental emptiness. We need to go with great humility and pray that our emptiness be filled, our poverty reversed, and that we be strengthened in our faith.*

*The Holy Spirit gave the apostles a greater understanding of their faith, and enabled them to commit themselves to do something about it, and the necessary courage to do so. Those are the gifts we need in our day, a deepening of our faith, the commitment to Christ and his gospel, and the courage to witness.*

On my Ordination prayer card I expressed enthusiasm at all the Spirit was working then and now:

*"The Spirit works in turmoil, in driving winds, in tongues of fire, in turbulent waters. In the Church today, there are everywhere astounding outpourings of the Spirit."*

Happy Pentecost,  
**Fr. Chuck**

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK**

**MAY 31, 2009**

**TUESDAY 6/2**

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3  
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3  
 3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

**WEDNESDAY 6/3**

7:00-9:00pm Scripture Study Group 1 – Rm 1

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<b>PARISH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>For Last Weekend May 23 &amp; 24</b>		
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<small>for May, 2009</small>	
\$11,966	\$14,000	-\$2,034
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Year to Date Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$699,097	\$715,200	-\$16,103
<b>(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)</b>		
Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment	\$2,725	
Mortgage Balance as of May 1, 2009	\$183,866	
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!</b>		
<b>ACT Now ~ Automatic Contribution Transfer</b>		
<b>NO CHARGE TO YOU!</b>		
It is easy to make your financial contribution to Saint Rita Church by automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account. Cards are available in the back of Church or please call the parish office at 671-1100 x 12 for more information.		

**SACRISTAN:** Week of May 31 Mary Ann Beikirch

**LINENS:** Week of June 7 Jacqueline Volo

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**WPCC Seniors and others: CANAL BOAT CRUISE**  
 Join us for a Canal Boat Cruise on Thursday, July 16. We will carpool from St. Paul's parking lot, ride the Rose Lummis canal boat from Spencerport and stop for lunch and a tour at the historic Adams Basin Inn. The Inn is the oldest continuously operating tavern on the Erie Canal. Lunch choices include roasted chicken salad or tuna salad croissant sandwiches served with potato salad, fresh greens salad, cookies and beverage. The cost is \$29 and includes the cruise, lunch, tax and gratuity. For more information contact **Rosemary Pavia** at **217-9068**. Seating is limited. Registration and payments are due by July 6.

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**Did You Know?** Our bulletin is available each week on-line at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) – check it out!

We welcome the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:

*James Arthur Tolleson*  
*Rowan Ann Hennessy*



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**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 31 Sun **Pentecost Sunday** Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24,29-32,34 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23
- 1 Mon **St. Justin** Tb 1:3;2:1a-8 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 12:1-12
- 2 Tue Tb 2:9-14 Ps 112:1-2,7-9 Mk 12:13-17
- 3 Wed **St. Charles Lwanga and Companions** Tb 3:1-11a,16-17a Ps 25:2-9 Mk 12:18-27
- 4 Thu Tb 6:10-11;7:1,9-17;8:4-9a Ps 128:1-5 Mk 12:28-34
- 5 Fri **St. Boniface** Tb 11:5-17 Ps 146:1-2,6-10 Mk 12:35-37
- 6 Sat Tb 12:1,5-15,20 Tb 13:2,6-8 Mk 12:38-44
- 7 Sun **The Most Holy Trinity** Dt 4:32-34,39-40 Ps 33:4-6,9,18-20,22 Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED**  
 Next Weekend ~ **JUNE 6 & 7**

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**  
 Bryan Meisenzahl, Eileen Meisenzahl, Jack Meisenzahl
- Sunday, 7:30am:**  
 Susan Loeb, Sandy Loeb, Olivia Zucaro
- Sunday, 9:00am:**  
 Tim Bruno, Tyler Kohrt, Noah Ritzel
- Sunday, 10:30am:**  
 Jimmy Marton, Brandon Fersaci, Nick Gaglio

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**MARRIED COUPLES** ~ Great marriages are blessed by God in Heaven, but they are made here on the Earth. There is a wonderful opportunity to make your good marriage great, to reignite the romance in your relationship, to place God fully in your marriage. Come to the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, held on June 19-21 weekend at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua. To sign-up for the Weekend or for more information call Robert and Beth Knopf at 877 NYS-WWME or Karl and Piroaska Mersich at 739-5913.

<b>ATTENTION CLASS OF 2009 SENIORS</b>
If you would like your picture posted on the "2009 Wall of Seniors" to be displayed on the Stewardship Center for the month of June, please send it to the Parish Office Attn: Mary Jo as soon as possible. Please submit a wallet size, 3x5 or 4x6. These pictures will be displayed in the greeting area for the month of June. At the end of June you can take your picture or we will return it to you. Make sure your name is on it.