

Dear Friends,

When I was first ordained, I was told that the pastors under whom I would serve would have a great influence on me, especially in terms of my style of leadership. My first pastor was an extremely intelligent fellow who taught me the value of pursuing truth. On occasion we would disagree on a particular matter, and he would pin me down with his incisive logic. I used to get angry when he got the best of me, but now I appreciate his determination, and try to make it a part of my leadership style.

My second pastor was a man with a tremendous amount of wisdom and even more humor. I remember the nights he would stand in a dark corner in the hall and scare the living daylights out of me when I came up the stairs to go to bed.

One night he and the other associate pastor who was living in the same rectory got under my bed. After I had brushed my teeth, spent a few minutes in prayer and then turned off the lamp next to my bed, I was pulling the blanket over my head when I felt a hand grab each leg. Do you know what it's like to have an imprint of your face imbedded in the ceiling? I checked under my bed each night for the next three months.

Yes, people do leave an impression on us, especially those whom we admire. They can become a part of us, and we tend to imitate them in some way. What is interesting is that we ourselves often don't recognize their influence on us, but others surely do. Most of the time the others won't mention the influence either.

I have noticed that this is true especially regarding the Christians around us. When was the last time that you told someone that you recognized that Christ must have had an influence on them because of their wholesome personality? It might seem strange at first, but I'll bet that other person would feel both humble and proud to hear it. Wasn't it in the early days of the Church that people went out of their way to be recognized as Christians? See how they love one another!

I'm proud to be like the former pastors under whom I ministered. You may want to tell Fr. Tim to look under his bed at night during the next few months.

Love,

Fr. Dave

Schedule of Liturgies

October 11- October 19, 2003

SATURDAY, October 11, Vigil: 28th Ordinary Sunday
 4:30 PM Norman & Jeanne Tackett - 50th Anniv.; Charles J. Smith; Michaelina Paulus; Ralph & Mary Frances Brown
 6:30 PM Howard & Victoria Hohman - 40th Anniv.; David & Hilda Tiell; Pauline Schumaker

SUNDAY, October 12, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM St. Mary Parish Family
 10:00 AM John Wilhelm; Dick Theis
 11:30 AM Special Intention H & K

MONDAY, October 13, Weekday
 7:00 AM **Mass at St. Francis Convent**
 8:30 AM Hubert & Dorothy Elchert

TUESDAY, October 14, Weekday
 6:30 AM Communion Service
 8:30 AM Anthony J. Dariano; Charlie Jr., Jane, Sarah Welly, Doug Reinhart, Barb Recker
 4:30 PM **Mass at St. Francis Convent**

WEDNESDAY, October 15, Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor
 7:00 AM **Mass at St. Francis Convent**
 8:30 AM Robert Keller; John P. Kesler

THURSDAY, October 16, Weekday
 6:30 AM Communion Service
 8:30 AM Mrs. Joseph Vassalle
 4:30 PM **Mass at St. Francis Convent**

FRIDAY, October 17, Ignatius of Antioch, bp., martyr
 7:00 AM **Mass at St. Francis Convent**
 8:30 AM Regina Bogner

SATURDAY, October 18, Vigil: 29th Ordinary Sunday
 4:30 PM Ursula Steinmetz, David & James Mann; Richard & Wilma Weinandy; James Jacob; Dan & Bambina & Zachary Iannantuono
 6:30 PM Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Downey Family; Neenan-Wolter Families; Keith Price; Jonathan B. Concepcion

SUNDAY, October 19, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM St. Mary Parish Family
 10:00 AM Michaelina Paulus; Charles Gerber; Evelyn Ward; Twila Falter
 11:30 AM Bob Gruss; Paul Haman; Dan Ruggiero; Lloyd Parkins

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTISED, *Nicholas Allen Fretz*. We pray that the parish family will assist his parents as they guide him along the path of faith.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS go out to the family and friends of *William Paulus (78)*, who died recently. We pray that the bereaved may find comfort as the soul of their loved one enters the peace of Eternal Life.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD, 10 a.m. Mass on the first three Sundays of the month.

ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE: Saturday, 9 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: St. Mary, midnight Monday through midnight Tuesday; St. Joseph, midnight Tuesday through midnight Wednesday.

TIFFIN PRAYER GROUP: Meets every Thursday at 7:45 p.m., in private homes. Call Walter Beat at 419-447-1174 for any prayer requests or for the location of the gathering.

BINGO WORKERS for today, October 12: Coordinator, Scott Swartz; Gate, Scott Swartz, Dick Gaietto; Instants, Franz Dutro, Dan Scherger, Art Gaietto; Floor, Tim Chaney, Jim Fate, Harold Bickley, Jim Buchman; Concessions, Chris Casale

ST. MARY SCHOOL REMINDERS:

- Oct. 13 thru 17 - Book Fair
- Oct. 16 - School picture day
- Oct. 23 - Teacher conferences, 3 - 7 p.m.
- Oct. 24 - No School, teacher conferences 8 a.m. - noon.



ST. MARY WEB SITE: Would you like to be a sponsor of the St. Mary Web Site? Contact Tom Fretz at the parish office or leave an email at the web site for more details. Your sponsorship of our web site will help defray it's cost as well as help the church.



ATTENTION LECTORS: The lector workbook for the upcoming new liturgical year is now available. This book contains the updated language of the readings and is a great resource for your ministry. This is a highly recommended book by our parish as well as the diocese. Please contact the parish office for your copy or order online at www.stmarychurch.com.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: 1 p.m., Mon., Oct. 13, room 22.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., Tues., Oct. 21, parish office.

SCAT DRIVERS for Oct. 19 are Dennis & Carol Scherger.

OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION: "Saints in the Church," 9:15 a.m. - 3 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 16, a day retreat for men and women. Fr. Ernie Waechter will present a study of the lives of numerous holy men and women who belong to the "Community of Saints." The cost of the retreat will be \$20.00 for meal and presentations.



THE JOSEPHINE'S will hold their 23rd annual bazaar on Sun., Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., in the gym of St. Joseph School, 36 Melmore St., Tiffin. A showcase of items for holidays other than Christmas will be for sale as well as tasty treats from the "Famous Cookie Corner."

Sacrificial Giving — October 5, 2003

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Env.</u>
Amt. Needed Each Sunday	\$ 13,000.00	
Sunday Offering	\$ 12,071.21	495
(Includes loose money/checks \$535.54)		
Difference	- \$ 928.79	
All Saints Day	\$ 35.00	5
All Souls Day	\$ 58.00	6
Assumption	\$ 5.00	1
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 479.00	25
Deposit	\$ 12,648.21	
High School Offering	\$ 13.35	15
Children's Offering	\$ 77.09	87
Tuition Assistance	\$ 63.00	6
Total Sunday	\$ 12,801.65	

"52" Club Winners

- 1) Trenton Cooper
 2) Larry Zimmer 4) Monica Schreiner
 3) Elizabeth Kaufman 5) Andrea Bernard

ST. MARY BOY SCOUTS will be collecting aluminum cans before Masses on the second full weekend of the month. Do your good deed for the month by bringing your cans to us. For large quantities, pickup or information call Roger Ardner at 419-447-5394.

ST. MARY CUB SCOUTS: It is not too late to join the Cub Scouts. Any boy grades 1-5 can join this exciting program. For more information call Tiffany Frey at 419-447-0106. You will be glad you did!!!

HOW DO I HOLD IT TOGETHER WHEN EVERYTHING AROUND ME IS FALLING APART? 6:30 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 23, "Sudden Change" presented by Jim & Ellen Beckley, accident victim from Tiffin and his wife speak about dealing with sudden change. In Jim's case, change that left him as a quadriplegic. "Dealing with Terminal Illness of a Child" presented by Karen Lampkin. Karen will speak about dealing with her child, Danny, who passed away a few years ago due to cancer. She will discuss dealing with it during and after his death. "World Events...How to Deal with Tragedy," presented by Rev. John Halstead, Chaplain, Mercy Hospital of Tiffin. Call 419-448-3124 to register.

CASA OF SENECA, SANDUSKY & WYANDOT COUNTIES: The next training class for CASA volunteers will begin on Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. The specially trained CASA volunteer is appointed by the court to represent the best interest of children who are victims of abuse or neglect. Call the main office in Tiffin at 419-448-1442 to request an application.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES will be completed and mailed next week. For next week schedules, please check the insert.



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SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER: Do you know a sign language interpreter who is willing to share their gifts with our Deaf parishioners? We are looking for someone to interpret our liturgies so the Good News can reach all God's people. For information, please call the parish office 447-2087.

ST. MARY SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB
Sunday Night BINGO
 ...in the Recreation Room of St. Mary School
 Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 p.m.
 Two Specials Two Jackpots
Handicapped Accessible * Snacks Available