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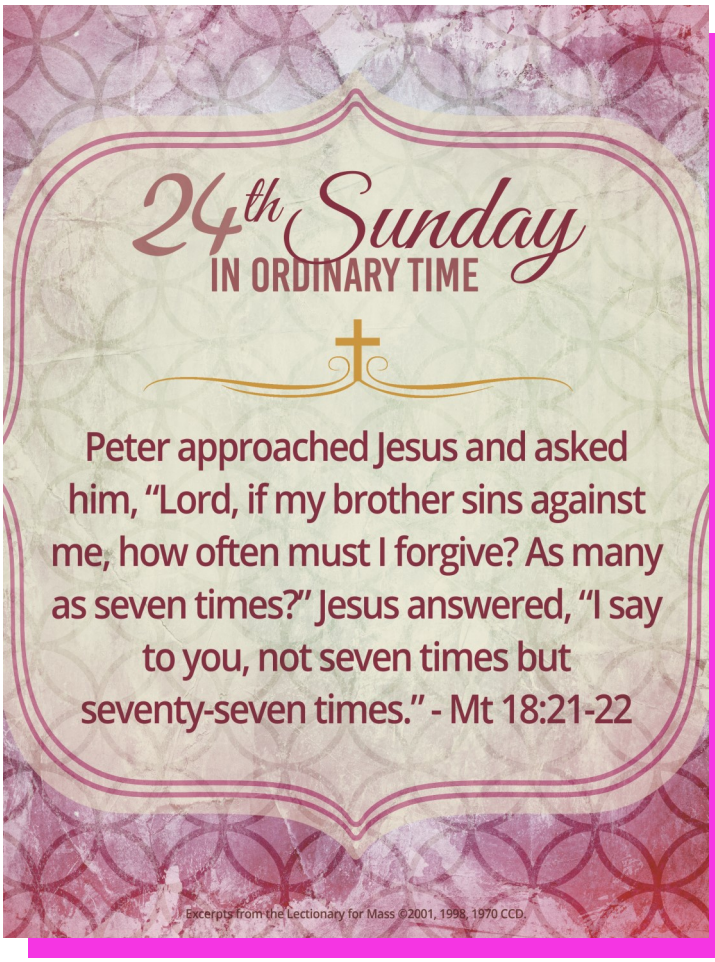
Sacrament of Baptism – For Children to be Baptized, please call the Rectory to schedule a meeting.
Sacrament of Penance – Tuesday from 5:30pm until done, Saturday 3:45—4:45, pm and by appointment.
Marriage – Make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Pre-Cana instruction is necessary.
Anointing of the Sick – Please advise the parish office of the serious illness or hospitalization of a parishioner.
Communion for shut-ins – Please notify the Rectory if anyone is unable to attend Sunday Mass regularly.
*** **New Parishioners** – Register at the Rectory at any time. ***



Our Sacred Purpose

Christ-led,

Christ-fed,

and

Hope-filled

The Diocese of Ogdensburg joyfully invites the people of the North Country to the journey of faith through the proclamation of the Gospel, the celebration of the Eucharist, and the Sacraments, and the loving service of neighbor.

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Pastor's Corner

Happy Catechetical Sunday! This Lord's Day we remember the significance of passing on the faith to the next generation, an d we thank those who are so gracious in dedicating their time and talents to teaching the faith to our youth.

We will be offering a blessing for all our Catechists at the conclusion of the 9:00 AM Mass.

Thank you Catechists, one and all!

On a related note, we had a great Opening of the Year Family Gathering last week. This Sunday starts our classes (10:00-11:00am for grades K-6. 6:00-7:30pm for 7th-8th

R.C.I.A. Starting

Are you or someone you know interested in developing a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? Tuesday, September 26th, we will be starting the process with a new group of potential candidates. Call Michele Meyers at the school or talk to one of the priests.

There is no greater adventure that following the will of Christ in your life. Come see where He leads you!

Bishop Terry LaValley cordially invites you to the

Diocese of Ogdensburg

Blue Mass

Sunday, October 1, 2017
2:30pm
St. Patrick's Church
123 South Massey Street
Watertown, NY

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In prayerful support for the safety and well being of all in the law enforcement community and their families.

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For more information: Fr.Carrara 315-376-6662 ccc@twcny.rr.com

Ask Father Stitt

I have some friends that are Buddhist and I've learned a lot about prayer from them. Is it possible to be a Buddhist and a Catholic at the same time?

Great question! There are some beautiful points of similarity between Buddhism and Catholic Christianity. For this reason, there have been many Catholics (even priests) who have sought out wisdom from Buddhist philosophy. Two similarities that I'll point to are *meditation* and *sacrifice*. We all know we live in a noisy and distracted world. Quiet prayer and meditation are essential to living out a fulfilling and peaceful life. We also know that we live a world that promises fulfillment by satisfying our desires. Yet the more we seek money, power, and pleasure, the more we realize that they don't ultimately satisfy. This is good common ground for Catholics and our Buddhist friends. We all agree on the need for quiet prayer, and on sacrificing some immediate pleasures for a greater good.

That being said, the differences are very significant. Two to bring up briefly: reincarnation and relationship. Essential to Buddhist teaching is that on the journey to nirvana, one is subject to repeated reincarnations. The teaching of the Gospel is very different: every soul is created at the time of conception, lives in this world, and then exists forever in eternity. What we do in this life matters because we will be judged on it at the end of our days. (Bad news for us: we don't get a "redo." Good news: none of us will come back as a slug!) The second and biggest difference is that Catholic Christians are all about relationship—our relationship to our Loving God, our relationship to Jesus Christ and the Church He founded, and our relationship to each of our brothers and sisters in the world. These relationships are essential to this life and will be a part of our experience of Eternity. While Buddhist prayer and sacrifice is about separating from this world, the Christian equivalents are about entering into an ever deeper and more loving relationship.

2017 Bishop's Fund Appeal

This week you may have received a letter and brochure from Bishop LaValley asking you to join him in supporting the 2017 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Next weekend we will have "Commitment Weekend" for the Appeal in our parish. Please remember - every gift makes a difference – every gift counts. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our community and throughout the Diocese. You are invited to bring your gift next weekend for Commitment Weekend and place it in the collection basket or return it to Bishop LaValley in the envelope provided. Online giving is also available at www.rcdony.org/bishop-s-fund-appeal -- click on the "Donate Now" tab (found in the tool bar on the left). Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

Campus Corner

Newman Club Weekly Meetings

SUNYC 5:15-6:15pm-Fishbowl Room of the Library

SLU 6:30-7:30pm-Room 232 of the Student Center

Fall Intercollegiate Retreat

Sept. 22-24th

Camp Guggenheim-Saranac Lake

Join other area Catholic College students for a weekend on the water in the mountains full of faith, fellowship and fun!

E-mail Amanda at aconklin@stlawu.edu or conklina@canton.edu for more info or to sign up.

Willing to Lead the Rosary?

We're looking for a volunteer every other Tuesday at 10:30 to lead the Holy Rosary at the Maplewood Nursing Home. Prayer pamphlets are available. For more information or to volunteer please call Mary Evans at 315-386-4993.

New Confession Offering

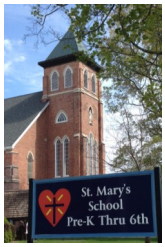
We've heard that a number of folks are busy on Saturday afternoon. As a result, it's hard for them to get to the Sacrament of Confession. To help make this great sacrament of mercy available, we're offering another time: Tuesdays after the 5:10 Mass (approximately 5:40 PM). As Pope Francis says, "God never ever tires of forgiving us [so] be courageous and go to Confession!"

Old Pictures?

Do you have any old pictures of St. Mary's Church exterior or interior? We'd love to see them. It's always good to know about our history. If you're willing to share the photos, we might even make them available on our website.

Fred Feddersen, Keith (Sam) Bisonette, Ronald Rossi, Debbie White, Ginny & Butch Hotzler, Lori Ashley, Arlene Maroney, Karen Stever, Linda Trill, Jeri & Mike Gorman, Steve Connelly, Barbara Kelly, Stephanie McKeel, Jeffrey White, Camille Brown, Chubby LeRoux, Paul Marsh, Danny Law, Eugenia Jusiak, Scarlett Friot, Lynn Watson, Meggan Whiteford, Patricia Hayden, Jana & Jeremy Cassler, Irene Krenceski, John Steiger, Larry LaParr, Joan Clarke, , Sarah Castle, Matilda Mary Smith, Natalie teRiele, Margaret McDonald, Sue Briggs, Barbara Moritz, Jean Baycura, Darren Greenwood, Leward & Betty Lucia, Dan Kinsley, Shirley Ames, Tom Stuart, Eric Whitmarsh, Jenny Cook, Shirley LaMendola, Shirley Burns, John Bessette, Sarah Bogart, David Butler, Gordon C. Gladden, Ethel Thomas, Laura Lombard, Timothy Bogart, Eric Roach.

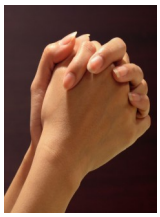
Principal's Corner



St. Mary's School Family Night

On Thursday, **September 21,** from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, St. Mary's School will host our first family night of the fall season. Our theme is **"God's Gift of Apples."** We will have apple activities and games, apple snacks, and an opportunity for family and community interaction. **This evening is open to all of our parish families, and all of our school families**. Please plan on attending!

Weekly Prayer (Creighton University)



Who among us hasn't wondered about how much is enough? How many times do we need to forgive? How much of the goods of this earth do I need to have? How generous am I able to be? The parables Jesus uses often shock our attention and give us a rich fruit for reflection.

These days, the news stories are centered on war and conflict, and on financial collapse centered on greed. We are not always aware of the scope of the human tragedy that goes on in our neighborhoods, in our cities, in our world. Many people on the earth suffer in so many ways - in the Sudan, in sub-Saharan Africa and in the Middle East. We can see stories of pain and suffering on the other side of the world and we feel it here. We might be filled with horror and compassion and fear. Insecurity, powerlessness can bring us to our knees and to the Lord. This week's readings help us with continuing reflection that can guide our integration of a confidence in God's love and mercy.

One of the great things that any tragedy brings forward is examples of great heroism and generosity. We also know that the human spirit can be tempted to the worst things imaginable. But, when we see people sacrificing their own lives to help others or showing with their generosity and passionate care how deeply they value human life, it lifts our own spirits and helps us be more generous and free.

We could ask the Lord this week to help us assess what we really need. Do riches become a trouble for us? Do anxieties and the pleasures of life choke my reception of the Word? Can we ask for the desire to walk through our days with trust in Jesus' power to heal, to bring what is dead to life? Each of us can make this daily desire request and reflection very concrete. And, as we prepare for the weekend, we can begin reflecting on how happy I am that God is merciful and generous, even toward those that I don't think "deserve" it.

As we begin each day with a desire, we can end each day with gratitude for what we received.

St. Mary's School Annual Match Collection

We have reached the goal! The parish responded in a **HUGE** way this past week .As of Tuesday, the total tally was $18,944.37. If you would still like to contribute, please bring or send your donation to the rectory.

Thank you for your support!

September 16 & 17, 2017

Sat. 5:00 pm

Lectors:	Carolyn Shelmidine, Edd White
Eucharist:	Freda Michaud, Bernie Proulx, Robert Zimmerman, Michael Christy
Altar Servers:	(need)
Greeter:	Mary Thivierge

Sun. 9:00 am

Lectors:	Shelly Roiger, Russel Backus
Eucharist:	Barbara teRiele, Maureen Howard, Paul Schrems, Melissane Schrems
Altar Servers:	Sam Roiger, Joseph Roiger, Zadok Roiger
Greeter:	

Sun. 11:15 am

Lector:	Don Rasmussen
Eucharist:	Mark Dalton, John Beaudette
Altar Servers:	Ava Hoy, Madison Hoy

September 23 and 24, 2017

Sat. 5:00 pm

Lectors:	Cathie O'Horo, Brad Mintener
Eucharist:	Julie Guarino, Pat Furgal, Joan Pope
Altar Servers:	Christian Guarino
Greeter:	(need)

Sun. 9:00 am

Lectors:	Keith Zimmerman, Frank Palumbo
Eucharist:	Pam Neal, Jen Palumbo, Barbara teRiele, Cheryl Curry
Altar Servers:	Sara Creighton, Gavin Thompson
Greeter:	Helen Dominy

Sun. 11:15 am

Lector:	George Trejos
Eucharist:	Don Rasmussen, Rebecca Trejos
Altar Servers:	Ava Hoy, Madison Hoy

Week of Sept 2nd & 3rd	**2017**	**2016**
Envelopes	$6,641.00	$6,895.00
Plate	$611.35	$876.00
Hurricane Relief	$1,078.67	
Children's Envelope	25¢	
Total	**$8,331.27**	

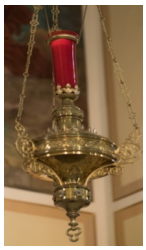
Week of Sept 9th & 10th	**2017**	**2016**
Envelopes	$7,417.00	$7,497.00
Plate	$691.55	$547.00
Children's Envelope	25¢	
Adopt-a-Student	$35.00	
Total	**$8,143.80**	

Are you a current member of the parish, but don't have envelopes? Call Terry at the Rectory.

Thank you for your support & generosity each week! Please continue to remember how important your weekly offering is to the life of our parish!

MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

Monday, Sept. 18:	**Weekday**
8:30 am	Floyd Firman by the Sergi Family
Tuesday, Sept. 19:	**Weekday/St. Januarius, Bp & Martyr**
4:00 pm	Holy Hour for Vocations
5:10 pm	Bill Beauvais by Mel & Paul Schrems
5:40 pm +	Confessions
Wednesday, Sept. 20:	**Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs**
10:30 am	*(Maplewood)* All Souls
Thursday, Sept. 21:	**St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
4:45 pm	Rosary for Life
5:10 pm	Elizabeth Raymond by Howard Raymond
Friday, Sept. 22:	**Weekday**
8:30 am	Pauline Proulx by Mary Ames
Saturday, Sept. 23:	**St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**
	No Morning Mass
	Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	Eileen Carrow by Mike Maroney's Family
Sunday, Sept. 24:	**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am	Elmer Sigouin by Sheila & Family
11:15 am	For the People of the Parish
5:00 pm	Harold & Myrtle Burke by Don & Judy Wilson & Family



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week

To the greater glory of God and in thanksgiving for the benefactors of the Adopt-a-Student Program and the donors to the Annual Special Match Collection

If you desire to have the Vigil Lamp lit for a loved one or for your intention, please contact the Rectory.

Readings for Sunday September 17:
Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Readings for Sunday September 24
Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Are pregnant and in need? Call (315)244-8232

St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store
7 Main St
Mon thru Fri. 9am-4 pm
Reopens
Monday, September 18th!
Stop in today for great savings on back to school clothes!