

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT MARY



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Sacrament of Baptism – For Children to be Baptized, please call the Rectory to schedule a meeting.

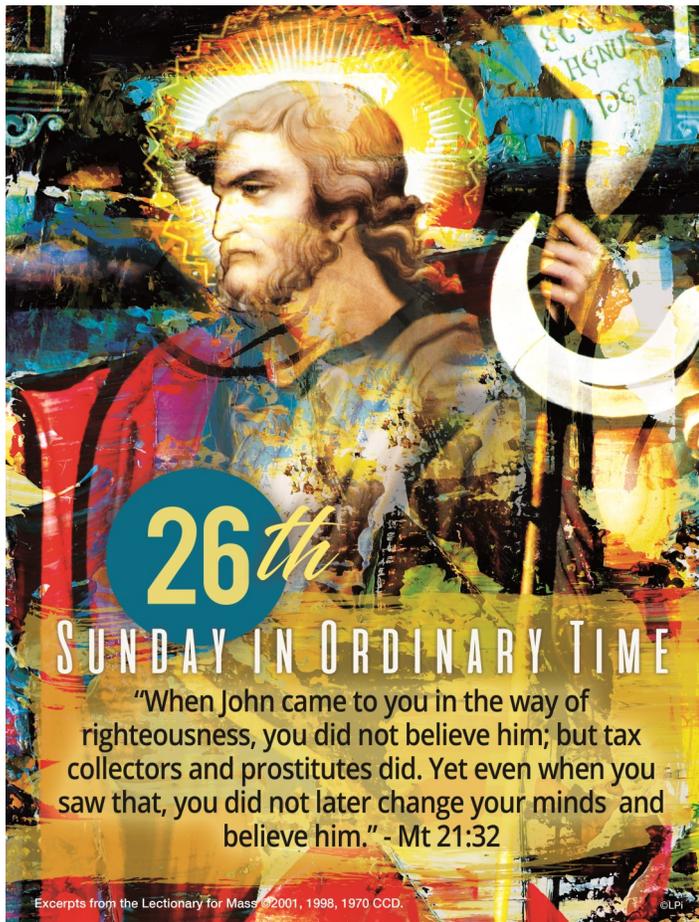
Sacrament of Penance – Tuesday from 5:30pm until done, Saturday 3:45—4:45, pm and by appointment.

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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October 1, 2017

Pastor's Corner



I hope you've noticed our new "Welcome Cards" in each pew. One of the teachers at the school gave us the idea to support young families after she saw something similar in a church she attended during her vacation. (What good comes to us all when we keep praying on vacation!) Of course the card is just another sign of the welcome that we wish to offer each person that comes through our doors.

Thanks for those of you that have already made your Bishop's Fund donation. This fund provides services here in the parish and across the North Country, and there is still time to support it if you haven't yet done so. Our parish goal is to have 211 households participate and to collect \$35,000. If you're looking for more info, please see the video on our website or the cards in the pews.

Speaking of these two pew cards, their placement in our seats doesn't just happen. Thanks so much to our Martha Ministry for helping us each week set up and clean up our beautiful church. If you're ever able to join, you'd be welcome to do so. They're at it each Monday and Wednesday after the 8:30 Mass (or at 8:30 when Mass is elsewhere).

—Fr. Bryan Stitt

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!

Ask Father Stitt

I've noticed we haven't been having Children's Liturgy of the Word. Was that an intentional change?

PART 1. Thanks a lot for asking. A few people have asked about this, and I'm glad to get the word out officially. It's true that we are no longer releasing the children to the chapel during the first half of the Mass here at St. Mary's. While I'm so appreciative of Miss Burns dedication to this ministry, she and I both feel that it's time to offer something different for our children and families. Can I explain a few reasons why?

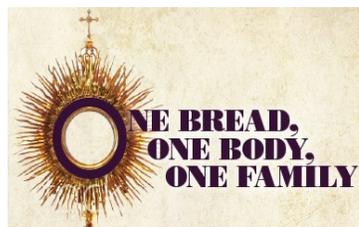
Kids are sponges. Any parent will tell you that during their first days, months, and years of life kids are soaking up everything. We, their family of faith, want them to soak up the sights, sounds, and prayers of the Church.

Kids love what you love. At your children's baptisms, you accepted "the responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith." We want to help you fulfill this promise the best way possible. Your kids will value what you value, and they'll learn that by watching you at prayer. We know it's a challenge, but we also know you think they're worth it.

Worship not entertainment. How sad it is to us that this isn't better understood. But maybe it's why so many people have given up on weekly attendance at Mass. The Holy Mass is the source and summit of the Christian Life; it shares the Lord's Word and Sacrament; it re-presents the One Sacrifice of Christ; it brings heaven to earth; *but...*it is very poor entertainment. Don't get me wrong, I hope it's not boring for people. But like a good symphony being boring to a kid who doesn't understand it, the Mass will probably be boring until we see it for what it really is.

The family that prays together stays together. This is an old proverb that I believe wholeheartedly. Please plan to keep praying together as a family.

In next week's bulletin, I'll offer Part 2 to this column offering some practical tips for moving forward.



2017 Bishop's Fund Appeal

Our parish's Bishop's Fund Appeal activity is coming to a close. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray

about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Pledge envelopes are located at the back of the Church. 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. 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. To everyone who has made a gift or pledge, on behalf of Bishop LaValley, thank you for making a difference in the lives of thousands of people across our Diocese.



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.

God is the father with the open arms. Who will preach this good news of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest or deacon, brother or sister. Is he calling you to share your experience of Him with others as a priest, deacon or religious? If God is calling you, talk to one of the Parish priests or :



Fr. Tom Higman (518) 594-3907, thigman@rcdony.org,
Ms. Cathy Russell (315) 393-2920, crussell@rcdony.org,
 or connect on Facebook or at myvocation.net.

Campus Corner

Newman Club Weekly Meetings

SUNYC 5:15-6:15pm-Fishbowl Rm of the Library
 SLU 6:30-7:30pm-Rm 232 of the Student Center



Oct. 4 Blessing of the Animals

SLU 5:00 PM on Quad
 SUNYC 1:30 PM Mohawk Hall

Parish Nurse Parish Nurses Meeting



October 5 6:00 pm in the school
 Please call Pat Furgal if you have any questions. 315-322-1836

Flu Season is coming! People of all ages should get their flu shot now to protect those you love (both young and old). Remember to always wash your hands and cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough. Look for more useful information on the Nurses' Bulletin Board in the back of church.

Confirmation Retreat Scheduled

Confirmation candidates (7-8 grade), mark your calendars! NET ministries is sending a group of recent college graduates who are faithful young Catholics to do your Confirmation retreat. We'll be spending the day together on Saturday, November 11th in Norfolk, and we're looking forward to being joined by candidates from Gouverneur and Norfolk. Miss Burns will be sending more info soon.



CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE

Cling to Mary. Hope in Jesus. This is the prayer of Bishop LaValley as he consecrates the entire Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 22nd. Please join him as we mark the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima and the 65th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral. A Novena prayer will be

prayed across the diocese from October 13th to the 22nd. On Sunday the 22nd there will be a Rosary Rally and Holy Mass of Consecration at the Cathedral at 2:00 pm. All are encouraged to attend.



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 Krencski, 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

Principal's Corner



St. Mary's School Mini-Classes

Do you have a special interest or talent that you are willing to share? St. Mary's School will be offering mini-classes (3 – 4 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays) for all young students in our community. Particular classes will either be one or two days per week for a limited period, three to six weeks, depending on the subject. Some examples are: cooking classes, knitting, karate, sewing, various crafts, learning about a specific topic (e.g. butterflies), etc. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to make a limited time commitment to share with our young people. For more information, please call Michele Meyers at 386-3572 (St. Mary's School).



Volunteers Needed

Do you have any hour or two a week that you could lend to St. Mary's School? We are looking for volunteers to help in various capacities during our school week. Please call Michele Meyers, Principal, at 386-3572 for additional information.

**St. Mary's School Pancake Breakfast
 October 15 Sunday
 All are invited!**



9:30 am to 12:30 pm
 \$7/person—Children 3 and under FREE—Families \$30
 Pancakes, including pumpkin and gluten free
 Eggs, sausage, toast, fresh fruit & beverages
 Sponsored by the K of C



Bottle Drive



Help support St. Mary's School

Bring them to the school and deposit them in the special dumpster at the Court Street driveway.

OR

Bring your cans and bottles to Bessette's on Gouverneur St.

Tell them you are supporting St. Mary's

Quilt Raffle

This year's quilt is a beauty!
 Don't miss your chance to win!
Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00.
 The winner will be drawn at Pancake Breakfast on Oct 15 (need not be present to win). Please contact Terry at the school if you would like tickets. 315-386-3572



Rest Rooms

Please note that the restroom is in the back of church. There is a diaper changing station there.



The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
In memory of

Elizabeth Raymond

by her sister, Joan Pope

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

Schedule

September 30 and October 1, 2017

Sat. 5:00 pm

Lectors: Jeannine Ballard, Brenda Sanderson
Eucharist: Michael Christy, Lisa Guccione, Freda Michaud
Altar Servers: Gabe Ballard
Greeter: (need)

Sun. 9:00 am

Lectors: Virginia Burwell, Cheryl Curry
Eucharist: Norma Jean Lapoint, Barbara teRiele, Helen
Dominy, Keith Zimmerman
Altar Servers: Alexa Romano, Nate Romano, Gavin Thompson
Greeter: Maureen Howard

Sun. 11:15 am

Lector: Mark Dalton
Eucharist: Jack Meyers, John Beaudette
Altar Servers: James Bailey

October 7 and October 8, 2017

Sat. 5:00 pm

Lectors: Edd White, Robert Zimmerman
Eucharist: Bernie Proulx, Joan Pope, Julie Guarino,
Brenda Sanderson
Altar Servers: Christian Guarino
Greeter: Mary & Phil Shatraw

Sun. 9:00 am

Lectors: Melissane Schrems, Frank Palumbo
Eucharist: Shelly Roiger, Jen Palumbo, Maureen Howard,
Cheryl Curry
Altar Servers: Joseph Roiger, Zadok Roiger, Sam Roiger
Greeter: Sue Law

Sun. 11:15 am

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

Readings for Sunday October 1:

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or
2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Readings for Sunday October 8:

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/
Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

Monday, Oct. 2: 8:30 am	The Holy Guardian Angels For the People of the Parish
Tuesday, Oct. 3: 4:00 pm 5:10 pm 5:40 pm +	Weekday Holy Hour for Vocations L. Richard Paquette by Jim & Diane Smith Confessions
Wednesday, Oct. 4: 8:30 am	St. Francis of Assisi Rita Lawrence by Tom Fiacco
Thursday, Oct. 5: 4:45 pm 5:10 pm	Weekday/Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest Rosary for Life Bruce Thompson by His Family
Friday, Oct. 6: 8:30 am 10:30 am	<i>FIRST FRIDAY</i> Weekday/St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin Don Wilson by Kelly & Mara Wilson (Maplewood) Mick Harrington by Sheila Harrington
Saturday, Oct. 7: 8:30 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Our Lady of the Rosary Elizabeth Raymond by Nancy & Denny Jones Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Elizabeth Raymond by Nancy & Denny Jones Anne Scott by Nelson Bessette
Sunday, Oct. 8: 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bill Beauvais by The Smith Family No Religious Education Classes Floyd Firman by Michele & Jack Meyers For the People of the Parish No Confirmation Classes

Parish Support

<u>Week of Sept. 23 & 24</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Envelopes	\$5,466.00	\$4,173.00
Plate	\$812.25	\$767.00
Fuel		\$100.00
Hurricane Relief		\$50.00
<u>Children's Envelope</u>		<u>25¢</u>
Total		\$5,090.25

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

Surviving Spouse Friendship and Support Group

Support Group meets the first Thursday of the month :

October 5

The Meadows Restaurant at 9a.m. Please join us. For more information and for restaurant planning purposes please call: Lita Maroney 379-1650