

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.

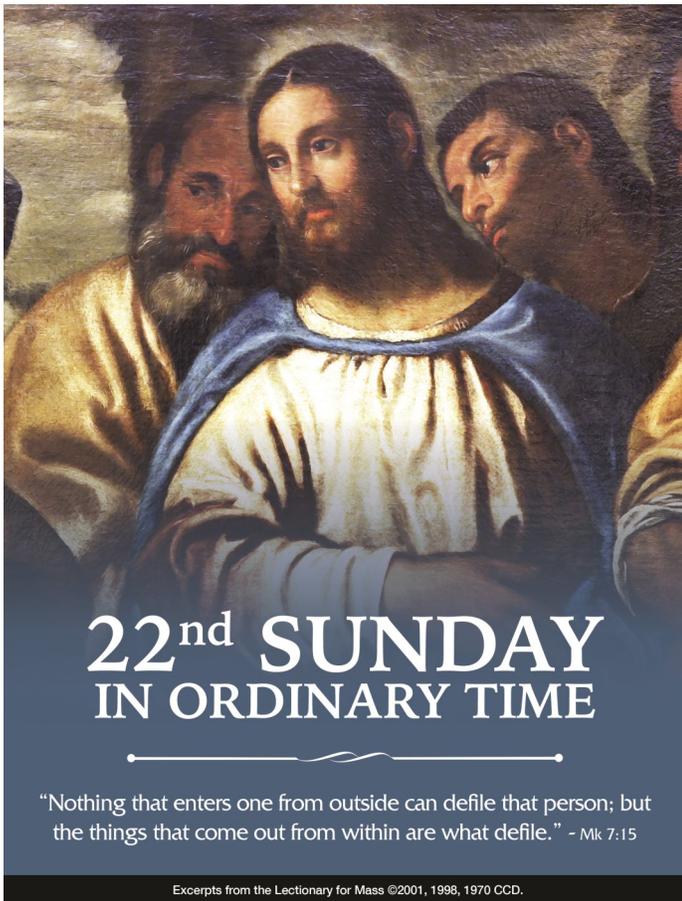
Sacrament of Penance – Tuesday from 5:40pm until done, Saturday 3:45—4:45, pm and by appointment.

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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September 2, 2018

Pastor's Corner

Thank you all for your prayers and support. These have been tough days to put the collar on—or even to simply say we're Catholic. Your witness of simply being here means more to me than you can know.



Since last Saturday, a lot has happened. We all continue to shake our heads and pray for good to come out of the on-going news about the scandal.

It was news on the front page of a local paper on Tuesday, and it seems like every news report has something about it. I've had a number of conversations about the subject with you and a few things have come up:

- Our emotions are all over the place we're angry, confused, saddened. We thought this was over back in 2002. How can this still be going on?
- We want answers: What is being done? The Bishop mentioned the Lay Review Board and some of you have been asking more about that. I was pleased to learn more about the make up of that Board—which consists of 9 lay people (and one priest) of various backgrounds and professions. The primary task of this board is to assess any and all allegations of sexual abuse by any church personnel.
- We want to know what we can do. We want to make sure things are happening as well as they can be in Rome, in Washington, in Ogdensburg, and right here in Canton. In the next weeks there will be a report given here in the diocese about the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program. Please stay tuned.

Through Flocknote, I've sent you a couple impassioned resources that have given me consolation this week. The YouTube video of Fr. Mike Schmitz video by Ascension Presents entitled: "The Pennsylvania Sex Abuse Scandal." He points out that we need new leadership in the Church—and that what truly means.

Also, I posted a "Catholic Stuff You Should Know" podcast (the August 23 episode). The three young priests give some very powerful insights about the three parts of this one scandal.

On the flip side, the wedding I was able to witness on Saturday of Charlie and Kelly (Donnelly) D'Souza was like a healing balm. If there is any question what our church and world needs, it is more folks like Charlie and Kelly—and like so many of you—who are willing to stand up and say: "Here I am, Lord, send me!"

Have a blessed week.

—Fr. Bryan Stitt

BACK TO 5:00 PM SUNDAY MASS

With the return of our college students, we have returned to our School Year Mass Schedule. There will be no 10:45 am Mass, but there will be Mass at 5:00 PM (Sat), 9:00 AM (Sun) and 5:00 PM (Sun). Welcome back to the school year!

Council Meetings Plan ahead, the next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be Tuesday, September 25th and the Pastoral Finance Council will be the following Thursday, September 27th. There will be much to discuss.



A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who donated merchandise and bought items at the St. Mary's Rummage Sale! Your generosity benefitted the school greatly. Also, thanks to Tina Stahl and the many tireless workers who made this sale a success. Our total proceeds were: \$1,300.00



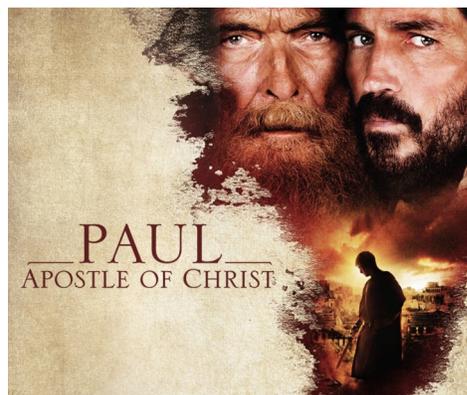
SURVIVING DIVORCE: 12-week program

The Diocesan Family Life Office is offering the Surviving Divorce Program this Fall in Canton

Surviving Divorce features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing.

The twelve-week program will run from Sept. until Nov. The cost of the program for participants includes the Surviving Divorce Personal Guide and all program materials is \$25.

For more info or to register, call Steve Tartaglia at (315)393-2920 www.rcdony.org/family-life/surviving-divorcesupport-group.html



MOVIE NIGHT

Jim Caviezel and James Faulkner star in this beautiful movie about the lives of St. Paul and St. Luke in Paul's last day. See the live of the early Christians in Rome.

We'll be having a showing at the

school on Thursday, September 20th at 6:45. Running time: 1hr 47min

Just a note . . .

When giving to the Church & Community Food Pantry (or any food pantry), please check the expiration dates on the donated food items. If you don't want expired food items, neither does anyone else. We are always appreciative of your generosity!

Well summer is almost over and school starts right around the corner!

The first meeting of SMS Education Council is set for 6:45 PM on Tuesday September 11 in the school conference room.

If you would like to sit in and learn about the plans for the next year you are welcome to attend. Please mark your calendar





School starts Tuesday September 4

Please keep our teachers, principal, and staff in your prayers as we start another great year at St. Mary's!

St. James School, Gouverneur will hold their annual **Chicken Bar-B-Que**, Sunday, September 9, 11 am to 2 pm. Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5, children under 5 free.

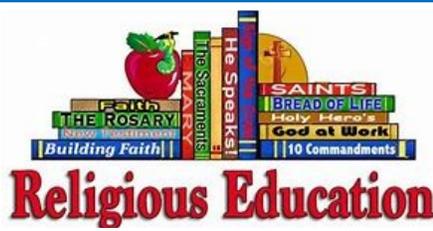




**Surviving Spouse
Friendship and Support Group**

meets the first Thursday of the month:
September 6
at **The Meadows Restaurant** at 9 am. Please join us!
For more information and for restaurant planning purposes, call:
Lita 379-1650; Ivy 265-4959; Carolyn 386-4378.

1. Our First Class for Religious Education is on **Sunday, September 9th at 10:00am**. This will be a family gathering; including a time to "Meet the Catechists".



2. There is a Confirmation I/II parent/student meeting for all those who have children entering 7th grade and who are currently in our Confirmation program. This meeting will be on **Sunday, September 9th at 6:30pm in the St. Mary's School Gym**.
3. Please remember to send in your registration form/payment or you may register online at cantoncatholics.com, under the Faith Formation tab.
4. If you have not received a registration form/calendar for the 2018/2019 school year, please contact the Rectory at 315-386-2543 and one will be mailed to you.



**Are you pregnant
and in need of help?
Call the local hotline:
(315)244-8232**



Bishop LaValley and the U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life from August 3-September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/

New Traffic Signs

You may have noticed our new signage around the school. Some people have found them almost as confusing as the picture to the right.



To clarify: we're trying to make the drop-off/pick-ups smoother for our school children. So during an hour in the morning (7:30 to 8:30) and an hour in the afternoon (2:00 to 3:00) every school day, there will be one way traffic starting from the rectory and heading through to the back of the chapel. Again: this is only for during school days. The times are listed on the signs.

Of course, all days we want you driving safely AND staying focused that you are on THE Way!

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

- Nolan Joe Redmond
- Sam Bisonette
- Annette Hurley
- Leward & Betty Lucia
- Judy Ruddy
- Margaret Johnson
- Katie Coakley Ba

- Joel Rivera
- Trina Anderson
- David Datush
- Arlene Maroney
- Debbie Gainey
- Linda Evans
- Anne Meadows



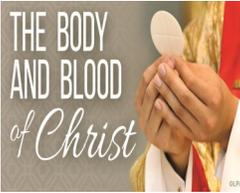


What did he say? There are hearing assistance devices available if you need them. Please see an usher or greeter if you would like to use one during Mass or find a headset on the shelf near the baptismal font.



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week
for
David teRiele
by The Family

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



Are you gluten-intolerant or do you have Celiac Disease? We offer low-gluten hosts at all Masses. Present yourself to receive Communion from the celebrant and indicate that you need a low-

Love your Missallettes-UPDATE

Please help us care for our missallettes. When you are finished with them, please return them to the book rack horizontally with the binding up and the back cover facing forward. This will help them last all year long.



Schedule

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September 1 and 2, 2018

Sat. 5:00 pm

Lectors: Carolyn Shelmidine & Lisa Guccione
Eucharist: Freda Michaud, Mike Christy, Cathy and Carol O'Horo
Altar Servers: Please Volunteer
Greeters: Mary Thivierge

Sun. 9:00 am

Lectors: Maureen Howard & Mel Schrems
Eucharist: Marion Larson, Barb teRiele, Joe Tebo and Joan Hyde
Altar Servers: Alexa & Nate Romano
Greeter: Cheryl Curry

September 8 and 9, 2018

Sat. 5:00 pm

Lectors: Brenda Sanderson, Brad Mintener
Eucharist: Pat Furgal, Anne Ryan-Ruud, Joan Pope, Bernie Proulx
Altar Servers: Please Volunteer
Greeters: Mary & Phil Shatraw

Sun. 9:00 am

Lectors: Shelly Roiger, Virginia Burwell
Eucharist: Joe Tebo, Helen Dominy, Joan Hyde, Marion Larson
Altar Servers: Nicole White, Joe Roiger
Greeter: Dan Roiger

Reading for Sunday September 2:

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Reading for Sunday September 9:

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 2: **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass Joe Loecken by Mel & Paul Schrems

5:00 pm Mass For the People of the Parish

Monday, September 3: **St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**

Office Closed for Labor Day

8:10am Mary Akley by Robert & Catherine Wilson

Tuesday, September 4: **Weekday**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

4:00pm Holy Hour for Vocations

5:10pm Mabel LaPierre by Grandson, Bernard Meyers

Wednesday, September 5: Weekday

8:10am Bruce Thompson by his Family

Thursday, September 6: Weekday

4:45pm Rosary for Life

5:10pm Harry & Ella Podgurski
by Harry & Peggy Podgurski

Friday, September 7 : Weekday

8:10am Geraldine Lawrence by the Estate

Saturday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Morning Mass

Vigil Mass: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass William teRiele by Joe & Barb teRiele

Sunday, September 9: **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass For the People of the Parish

5:00 pm Mass Burke & Rushman Families by Judy Wilson & Family

We're back to 5:00 pm Mass with the return of the college students



Week of August 26	2017	2018
Envelopes	\$5,184.00	\$5,102.00
Plate	\$588.89	\$679.00
Adopt-a-Student	\$240.00	\$175.00
Assumption	\$10.00	\$120.00
Children's Envelopes		\$1.25
Total	\$6,022.89	\$6,077.25

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