

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. ***

**24th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

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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 16, 2018



Night of Discussion, Prayer, and Penance

Bishop LaValley has asked every parish in the Diocese of Ogdensburg to dedicate one day during the month of September to prayer for the healing of all victims of sexual abuse by members of the Catholic clergy and to acts of penance in reparation to the Lord for the sins and scandals that have so grievously wounded his holy Church. Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish are encouraged to observe Thursday, September 21 and/or Friday, September 22 as a day of fasting, as well as to commit to an hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

Thursday, September 20th

- 4:45 PM Holy Rosary in the Chapel
- 5:10 PM Holy Mass in the Chapel
- 6:45 PM Discussion in the Church with Adoration to follow through the night

Friday, September 21st

- 8:00 AM Benediction
- 8:15 AM Holy Mass for the Feast of St. Matthew

Please note: Sign up sheets are located at the doors of the Church. Please sign up to cover one half hour (or more) of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (We must always have someone in the Church present as a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament.)



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday on September 16, 2018 when some of our parishioners will be commissioned as catechists. We are so fortunate and truly blessed to have such generous women and men who sacrifice their time to help our parents in their critical responsibility of training their children in the Catholic faith.

In the past, our catechists were clergy or religious who had extensive training and formation in the Catholic faith. Given the drastic decrease in their number, dedicated lay people now lead our parish's catechetical efforts. Their Catholic education and faith formation have become more urgent. The catechist works to understand and be comfortable in articulating the Catholic faith in the many areas that comprise the fullness of Church teaching.

First and foremost, the catechist, him or herself, must be a disciple of Jesus Christ. This year's theme, "*Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ*," reminds us that catechesis is not the mere sharing of information, but an inherent aspect of discipleship. I must know Whom it is that I am called to follow and with whom I am on this journey. If we desire that those whom we lead would develop a personal encounter with Jesus, we best have one ourselves. When we don't, our words reveal a hollow, fraudulent witness.

The catechist seeks to understand the changing parish landscape and is an active force in the ongoing vitality of the faith life of the local parish as local pastoral planning evolves. They have an acute sensitivity to and respect for the parishioners whose parishes have closed or have been merged or reconfigured into new parish communities. No one must feel left behind or lost in the cracks. Our catechists develop the skills that enhances collaboration and flexibility in community-building endeavors in our parish catechetical programs.

More and more, our parents, our families need our help. Increasingly, they are unable to pass on the faith inasmuch as their own personal knowledge of it may be weak. *Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life*, our catechetical efforts energetically support our parent's role as the first catechists of their children. That can only be accomplished with a real sensitivity to the complexities of today's family. Flexibility is an essential characteristic in any endeavor to meet the varying needs of today's families. What we've always done, what everyone else is doing will not suffice. As Pope Francis wrote in *The Joy of Love*, "We need to find the right language, arguments and forms of witness that can help us reach the hearts of young people, appealing to their capacity for generosity, commitment, love and even heroism..." (#40)

Inspired and energized by the Gospel and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite our families to discover, celebrate and deepen their relationship with Christ in the midst of the local family of faith. Catechesis is critical to the evangelizing mission of the Church and to the health and vitality of a parish and its people. We congratulate and support all those in our parishes who help to strengthen faith formation in family life.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Terry R. LaValley

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley/Bishop of Ogdensburg

Pastors Corner

This coming Thursday is our evening of prayer, penance and discussion about the current sexual abuse scandal in the Church. Please join us for it. If you're able to sign up for a half hour of adoration please mark the sheet at the doors or call the rectory. If you have signed up, Kelly Deschamps will be calling you this week to confirm your time and answer any questions you may have about nocturnal adoration.

Also, on a related note, someone asked me this week about our protocols if there were ever some sort of sexual abuse here at the local level. I pointed out that we have the contact of a Child Safety & Victims' Assistance Coordinator listed on every bulletin. Please note that she is an independent resource. There are also two other contacts that we often post in the bulletin along with hers. Their info is on the next page. We hope to never need the info, but it's there if we ever did.



The Church & Community Program invites the public to its annual meeting (Mon, Sept 17) and to our Recognition Event (Wed, Sept 19). Both meeting and recognition event begin at 4 p.m. in the Community Room of

Grasse River Heritage, located at 30 Court St. The Recognition Event includes presentation of a poster listing our business and organizational supporters and our two annual awards to an outstanding volunteer, Doug Quick, and to the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, whose garden program has helped feed the hungry with good food. The event will include refreshments and will be from 4-4:30pm. The public, friends of the C&CP, and anyone interested in learning more about its mission to support members of our community who are in need are all welcome to attend either or both events.



St. Mary's Church

CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

Volume 2

Everyone is Needed!

Last weekend, we kicked off the **It's Our Church, It's Our Future** Capital Campaign in our parish. As part of the campaign, parishioners are being asked to donate their time and talent over the next few months to help where needed. We are not looking for **quantity**, but **quality** time from our volunteers. No special qualifications are necessary to volunteer except your willingness to sacrifice a small amount of time, and your desire to see that we achieve our parish goal. General campaign volunteers will be contacted immediately. Father Stitt is asking all households to consider assisting with the campaign as a volunteer.

If you are willing to volunteer, please fill out the Volunteer Sign-Up form below and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

St. Mary's, Canton

Volunteer Sign-Up Form

Count me in!

Please fill out the information and return this form to the parish office by mail or through the offertory. A member of our Campaign Leadership Team will contact you once your form has been submitted.

Name _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

Email _____

Envelope # _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Please check all that apply:

I/We are willing to assist with campaign receptions

I/We are willing to help with mailings

I/We are willing to help with phone calls

You Are Invited

All families who call St. Mary's their spiritual home are encouraged to attend one of our receptions. Your presence is vital to our success!

Receptions are informational gatherings that provide an opportunity to learn about the Capital Campaign in a social setting. They allow for a thorough presentation of the identified needs and give parishioners an opportunity to ask questions.

Every registered family will be mailed an invitation in the coming days to attend a reception where they will receive campaign materials.

Please RSVP to the parish office at 315-386-2543 or return your reply card via mail or through the offertory to confirm your attendance.

We strongly encourage all parishioners to attend a reception.



This is just a reminder about registering couples for the Marriage and Consecrated Life Jubilee which will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 23, at 2:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Married couples wishing to attend, receive a certificate from Bishop LaValley and have their names included in the program will need to register for the Mass on or before Monday, September 17, 2018. Couples can register with their parish or email to rgrizzuto@rcdony.org or fax to (866) 314-7296. Couples can also register themselves at <https://www.rcdony.org/marriagejubilee>.



Meet the teachers

See the classrooms

Enjoy refreshments

Connect with your fellow parents

September 26th

6:30

All Parishioners are invited



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.



Hospital or Homebound

Do you know of someone who is heading into the hospital? Please call the rectory and let the pastor know. If there is a serious surgery planned, we want to offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

If you know of anyone who is homebound—either for short time due to a recent surgery or who will be laid up for a long period—please let us know as well. We'd like to visit them, and hopefully add them to the list of communion calls on First Friday.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



I would like to support St. Mary's School, but funds are tight now.

What can I do?

There are many ways you can help our school!



Bring in your Box Tops. The more Box Tops we receive, the more money the school receives.



Register your Advantage Card at Price Chopper.



Bring your empty cans and bottles to Bessette's on Miner Street. Tell them you would like your nickels to go to St. Mary's School.



Register your Amazon purchases with Amazon Smile as a friend of St. Mary's.



Volunteer at the school for one or two hours per week. We need help answering the phones, sitting with the children at lunch and helping in the library.



Pray. The most important. Pray for the well being of our students and the continued success of St. Mary's.

Thank You!



St. Mary's Thrift Store

7 Main St.
Mon.-Fri. 9am-4 pm
Come see of our new clothing arriving daily



BINGO is held every Monday

7pm
30 Miner Street
Bring a Friend!



**Two \$1,000.00
BONUS BALL's in play!**

Campus Corner

Sept. 21—23rd Intercollegiate Retreat at Guggenheim
Oct. 5—6:45pm Adoration with Musicians (177 Project Malone).

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees, or volunteers, please contact Victims' Assistance Coordinator.

Victims' Assistance Coordinator

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Because We Care

Bishop LaValley will celebrate the **Diocesan Blue Mass** on **Sunday, Sept. 30 at 2:00 pm** at St. Peter's Church, 114 Cornelia Street, Plattsburgh, NY.

The Blue Mass is the Church's way to offer thanks to God for the dedication and sacrifices made by the women and men in Law Enforcement/ Corrections and to pray for their safety. Officers, their families and supporters are invited to attend this Sunday celebration. Please see the bulletin or poster for details.

Diocesan Capital Campaign

Despite the terrible Church news in the recent past we are still looking to move to the future in the best way possible.

If you were here last week, you know we're just starting the Campaign here in Canton. Receptions will be held in the next weeks, and everyone will be invited to learn more about the Campaign and participate.

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help roll it out: making phone calls, hosting receptions, and doing mailings. It's going to be a lot of work, but we have a lot to accomplish.

As you may have noticed, we have not held our Special Match Collection this fall. This was intentional. We will also be delaying our St. Mary's Appeal this year. Although we could have tried holding all three at the same time, it did not seem prudent or fair to do so. We'll be rolling out those appeals after the new year.

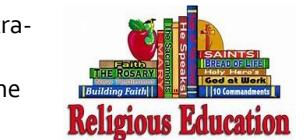
Please note: of the funds raised for the Diocesan Capital Campaign, 75% of the funds will remain at the Parish for its local needs such as programs and capital improvements. The remaining 25% benefits the entire Diocese supporting Retired Priests, Seminarians, Camp Guggenheim and St. Mary's Cathedral.



Special request:

My sister shared this wonderful idea with me:

My goal is for each of the students to have someone who is praying for them throughout the school year. I have numbered our students from number 1 to number 68, and I would ask that you choose one number to pray for during this school year (names are confidential). Signup sheets with the numbers are on the back tables in the church, or you can email me with your number choice. (smprincipal@twcny.rr.com) I'll get back to you in case of duplication. What a gift for each of our students to have someone praying just for them!



Religious Education

Please remember to send in your registration form/payment or you may register online at cantoncatholics.com, under the Faith Formation tab.

If you have not received a registration form/calendar for the 2018/2019 school year, contact the Rectory at (315)386-2543



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/

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

Phyllis Cunningham

Joel Rivera

Trina Anderson

David Datush

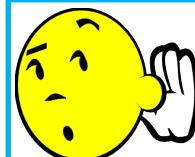
Arlene Maroney

Debbie Gainey

Linda Evans

Anne Meadows

Sue Dean



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.

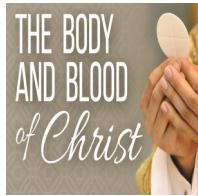


The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week
in memory of

Jim Yaeger

by his 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 Missalettes-UPDATE

Please help us care for our missalettes. 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 15 and 16, 2018

Sat. 5:00 pm

Lectors: Carolyn Shelmidine, Edd White
Eucharist: Sandy Bartlett, Nancy Layhee, Lisa Guccione, Cathie O'Horo
Altar Servers: Please Volunteer
Greeters: Mary Evans

Sun. 9:00 am

Lectors: Russ Backus, Keith Zimmerman
Eucharist: Maureen Howard, Cheryl Curry, Helen Dominy, Paul Schrems
Altar Servers: Eleanor Bailey, Nicole White
Greeter: Barb teRiele

September 22 and 23, 2018

Sat. 5:00 pm

Lectors: Edd White, Brad McIntener
Eucharist: Michael Christy, Freda Michaud, Brenda Sanderson, Joan Pope
Altar Servers: Please Volunteer
Greeters: Jim Barry

Sun. 9:00 am

Lectors: Mel Schrems, Joan Hyde
Eucharist: Allie Withee, Paul Schrems, Pam Neal
Altar Servers: Nicole White, Gavin Thompson
Greeter: Helen Dominy

Reading for Sunday September 16:

Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/
Mk 8:27-35



Reading for Sunday September 23:

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/
Mk 9:30-37

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 16: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass Jim Yaeger by his Family

5:00 pm Mass Brian Casey by Nancy & Pat Casey

Monday, September 17: Weekday/St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15 am Mass For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 18: Weekday

4:00 pm Holy Hour for Vocations

5:10 pm Mass Larry Goodrow by His Wife & Family

Wednesday, September 19: Weekday/St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

10:30 am Mass (Maplewood) Howard & Rita Shannon by their Estate

Thursday, September 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chöng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

4:45 pm Rosary for Life

5:10 pm Mass Lea White by Sharon & Jim White

6:45 pm Discussion in the church about the abuse crisis in the Church (All invited)

All Night Adoration follows throughout the night

Friday, September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00 am Benediction

8:15 am Mass All Souls by Parishioners

Saturday, September 22: Weekday

No Morning Mass

Vigil Mass: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass For the People of the Parish

Sunday, September 23: Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass Larry LaParr by Ann & Darren Lasher

5:00 pm Mass For the People of the Parish

Parish Support

Week of September 9	2017	2018
Envelopes	\$7,417.00	\$6,124.00
Plate	\$691.55	\$847.71
Adopt-a-Student	\$35.00	
Children's Envelopes	25¢	\$1.25
Total	\$8,143.80	\$6,972.96

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!