

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.

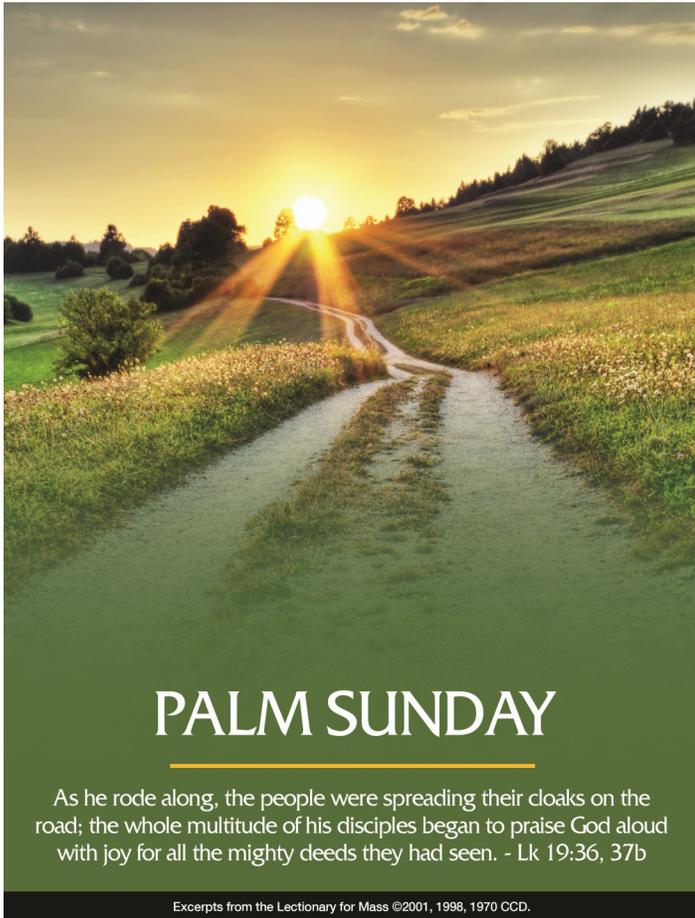
Sacrament of Penance – Tuesday from 5:40pm until done, Saturday 3:45—4:45, pm and by appointment.

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. ***



PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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.

April 14, 2019

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Pastor's Corner

Welcome to the holiest week of the year! This is the Week of Weeks! We start today with Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem as we wave palm branches. Then, as is so often the human condition, we turn quickly and begin calling out for his crucifixion in an overview of the Passion.



Have you noticed that the fasts have been continually growing up to this point? We have fasted from the Alleluias all Lent. The Gloria hasn't been sung save for a couple solemnities (March 19 and March 25—St. Joseph and the Annunciation respectively). We have fasted with our own personal Lenten sacrifices. We then began fasting with our eyes as the statues and crosses were covered. Then the bells are silenced, the altar stripped, and finally we'll even fast from the Lord himself in the Mass. (There is no Holy Mass offered on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.) There will be only darkness, silence, and death.

Then there is Light, and Joy, and Life. Let us enter in.

Looking for a way to grow in your spiritual life? Join in the Divine Mercy Novena. It simply consists of praying a chaplet of Divine Mercy for the specific intention listed below. If you don't know how to pray the chaplet, make sure to grab one of the little holy cards with the image of Jesus on your way out of church today. It's a simple prayer (It takes only about 5 minutes) with profound effects.

We got to experience this Mercy in splendid fashion when many of you joined the priests who were with last week for our Day of Mercy. If you weren't able to go to Confession then, there's still time. As always, confessions will be heard Tuesday after the 5:10 Mass. We'll also offer confessions on Friday afternoon after the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

Special prayers for all of our RCIA candidates who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

On a personal note, I plan to be away for a few days after Easter Sunday to have a visit with my family. In the meantime, may we all have a happy, healthy, and *Holy* week. —Fr. Bryan Stitt

Available Now

St. Mary's is pleased to announce the introduction of an **electronic option for making regular offerings**. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account, or processed using your credit or debit card.



Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes! And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

A "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer and instructions how to set up payments are available at the entrances of the church.



THE SILVER SCREEN LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION

APRIL 27, 2019

6:00 PM AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Featuring Live Music, Dinner Stations, Adult Beverages,
Silent Auction, Live Auction, Dancing

To benefit St. Mary's School

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL, IN THE RECTORY AND AFTER MASS

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

Friday, April 19—Saturday, April 27

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday**. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said:



Jesus, I Trust In You!

"These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in

the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

The different souls prayed for on each day of the novena are:

- DAY 1 (Good Friday) - All mankind, especially sinners
- DAY 2 (Holy Saturday) - The souls of priests and religious
- DAY 3 (Easter Sunday) - All devout and faithful souls
- DAY 4 (Easter Monday) - Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him
- DAY 5 (Easter Tuesday) - The souls of separated brethren
- DAY 6 (Easter Wednesday) - The meek and humble souls and the souls of children
- DAY 7 (Easter Thursday) - The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy
- DAY 8 (Easter Friday) - The souls who are detained in purgatory;
- DAY 9 (Easter Saturday) - The souls who have become lukewarm.

During the Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions.

Small cards with the above image and the prayers of the Divine Mercy Chaplet can be found at the doors of the church.



The Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

Feed the Hungry Having delicious food at Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner? Donate to a Thanksgiving or Christmas food drive so everyone can have something to eat

Give Drink to the Thirsty Make an effort not to waste water. Remembering to turn off the water faucet when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes can help, especially in regions suffering from drought.

Shelter the Homeless Donate time or money to organizations that build homes for those who need shelter.

Visit the Sick Next time you make a meal that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and give it to a family in your parish who has a sick loved one.

Visit the Prisoners Volunteer to help out or donate to charities that give Christmas presents to children whose parents are in prison.

Bury the Dead Spend time planning your own funeral mass, read through the Order of Christian Funerals and find our hope in the Resurrection.

Give Alms to the Poor Skip the morning latte and put that money in the collection basket at church.

Opportunity for Confession

Palm Sunday	1:00 pm	Notre Dame, Ogdensburg
Wednesday of Holy Week	5:00-5:45 pm 7:00 pm	St. Patrick's, Colton St. Raphael's, Heuvelton
Holy Thursday	9:15 am 8:00-8:45 am 8:00 pm 8:30-9:30 pm	Cathedral St. Patrick's, Colton St. Raphael's, Heuvelton St. Mary's, Waddington
Good Friday	9:15 am 12:30-2:00 pm 12:30-1:30pm 2:00-5:00 pm 2:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:00-5:00 pm 5:45 pm	Cathedral St. Mary's, Waddington St. Mary's, Potsdam Canton St. Mary's St. Raphael's, Heuvelton Notre Dame, Ogdensburg St. John's, Madrid Canton St. Mary's

Here at St. Mary's in Canton

Good Friday 2:00-5:00 pm and 5:45 pm
There are no Confessions on Holy Saturday



PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Help Christians in the Holy Land

War, unrest and instability in the Middle East strike especially hard on Christians. Pope Francis asks us to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education and preserve sacred shrines. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

With a contribution, you become an instrument of peace and help Christians in the Holy Land. **Please consider helping on Good Friday.** For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

"Show me the money!!!"

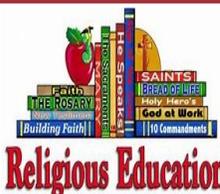
Do you know someone who can help us guide the finances of our parish? Father and the trustees are currently looking to add a couple members to the Finance Council. Can you think of someone who would be an asset to the parish in this important way? Contact Father or call the the Rectory 315-386-2543



Easter Dinner

Do you know someone who is a shut-in or may not have local family?

St. Mary's will be delivering ham



Spring Break!
No classes

Religious Education

What is Holy Week?

Holy Week is the highpoint of the liturgical year. It is a spiritual and sacramental entering into the last few days of Christ's life here on earth and His glorious Resurrection. I invite you to use your sacramental imagination to bring to life the death and resurrection of the Lord in your heart. Allow the liturgy of the Church to transform you.

What are Morning Prayer and the Liturgy of the Hours?

The Church asks that Morning Prayer be celebrated publicly during the Triduum (Holy Thursday - Holy Saturday). These gatherings will involve a simple hymn, the recitation of some psalms, readings and petitions. The common praying of these texts is a wonderful way to begin each day. Priests and religious are required to pray this form of prayer every day, during these sacred days the entire Church is encouraged to unite in these prayers. They will be prayed each morning at 8:10am.

What happens on Holy Thursday?

This night we celebrate the institution of two sacraments: the Eucharist and the Priesthood. It was in the upper room that our Lord gave us these gifts. We see this occur through the readings that are read and through sacramental signs. At the Mass the priest washes the feet of his parishioners. The priesthood is intended to be a sacrament of service. The sacrament of the Eucharist will also be celebrated with great solemnity in honor of its institution. Note that as you enter Church the tabernacle is open and empty; historically and liturgically our Lord has not yet given Himself to us under the appearance of bread and wine - that is what we recall on this sacred night. After the distribution of Holy Communion the Mass will take a shift. In Scripture we read that after our Lord celebrated the last supper in the upper room, he and the disciples sang some hymns and went to the garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:16). We will do the same. As soon as the sacrificial meal of the Eucharist is over, we will sing a hymn and depart from the church and go to the chapel, which will be our symbolic Garden of Gethsemane. It was in that garden that Christ remained in prayer until his arrest by the Temple Guard around midnight. Our "garden" will remain open until 11:00pm for prayer with Night Prayer being prayed in common at 10:45. Then, just as our Lord was taken away, so will the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be stripped of all candles, altar cloths, and flowers as it mourns the arrest and soon death of our savior. The bells of the church will not ring again until the Easter Vigil and a wooden clacker will be used in their place.

What happens on Good Friday?

This day of fasting and abstinence is the only day of the liturgical year that there is no Mass celebrated. As one enters the church one will realize it seems barren and that the tabernacle door is open and empty. The service will begin in silence. The priest and ministers will enter the church and fall prostrate in front of the altar. All kneel in reverence and mourning of our Lord's death. The Liturgy of the Word will include a solemn reading of the Passion according to St. John. After the ancient prayers of petition, the moving veneration of the cross will take place. This pious act allows every person the opportunity to come forward and kiss or touch the Cross that brought us salvation. After the veneration, the altar is prepared for Holy Communion. The Blessed Sacrament is brought back into the church and Holy Communion is distributed. After the altar is cleared, the Blessed Sacrament is once again removed from the church and the service is concluded in silence.

What happens on Holy Saturday?

This is the "mother" of all liturgical celebrations. Our Lord has given us the Eucharist and the Priesthood on Holy Thursday, He gave us His Body and Blood on Good Friday by dying on the cross, and now on Holy Saturday, He is asleep in the darkness of the tomb; but His Resurrection will shatter the darkness of the night. The vigil starts late in the evening, when it is dark. We will, weather permitting; begin the vigil outside with a large fire. The fire is a symbol of Christ's light, the resurrection, shattering the darkness. The paschal candle, a symbol of Christ, will be lit and carried in procession, then every baptized person will be given a candle and they will all be lit. The procession will eventually make its way into the church for the chanting of an ancient hymn that proclaims the coming of salvation in Christ Jesus. After the hymn, there are four readings from the Old Testament. This may seem like a lot, and it is, but it is the history of our eternal salvation. Come ready and expecting to listen, reflect and enjoy hearing God's plan for us. After the readings we sing the Gloria and all the candles in the church are lit. Mass continues with a reading from the New Testament and the Gospel about the resurrection. The Mass now focuses on those preparing to enter the church. You will get to see Ryan Brewer, Eric Choi and Sophia Choi, Baptized. Besides that, Ryan and eight other adults will be received into the Catholic Church and Confirmed. Then all of us will renew our baptismal promises and be sprinkled with newly blessed Holy Water. After these rites, we will enter into the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Our newest adult Catholics will make her First Holy Communion on this holy night. And then the Mass will conclude with the Easter Alleluia.

These sacred days are a time of great prayer, sacrament, meditation and drama.

Please come and enter into these sacred mysteries.

Campus Corner

Newman Club

Newman Meetings for the Spring semester:

Tuesdays

6-7pm- SLU-Room 232 (Crandall Room) of the Student Center
7:15pm-8:15pm SUNY Canton-Fishbowl Room of the Library

Email Amanda at aconklin@stlawu.edu or conklina@canton.edu

We are continuing the North Country Catholic subscription campaign. If you have not yet subscribed to our diocesan newspaper I would ask you to do so today. Bishop La-Valley has asked that the diocesan newspaper be welcomed in every Catholic home in the diocese as a source of information, evangelization and unity. Envelopes are available in the church.



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.

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| Nolan Joe Redmond | Sue Dean |
| Natalie teRiele | Doni Peters |
| Sam Bisonette | Camille Brown |
| David Datush | Leward & Betty Lucia |
| Arlene Maroney | Judy Ruddy |
| Debbie Gainey | Katie Coakley Ba |
| Fred Rycroft | Phyllis Cunningham |
| Sue Dean | Shirley Lamendola |
| William Roman | Patricia Bickford |
| Abuse Victims and their families | |



Why do we cover our crucifixes & statues during Lent?

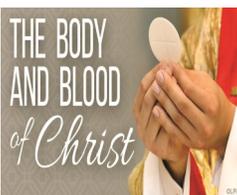


The Church uses a veil during this time of Lent until Easter as a visual representation of the special time we are in. The veils help us anticipate what is to come and serve as a metaphor for our own lives on Earth. It is only through our death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the true beauty of everything in our lives.



Good Friday Reminder

Good Friday is a day of **Fast** (one main meal and no eating between meals) for those ages 18 to 59
AND
of **Abstinence** from meat for those ages 14 and older.
Even when traveling, please remember these universal regulations.



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-gluten host.

Principal's Corner



April 15-19 Easter Break

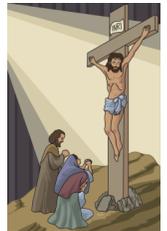
The St. Mary's School Annual Fund is **UNDERWAY**

Over \$33,000.00!

Thank You to all those who have sent in their donations already-we have raised **\$33,345.00** so far! Last year the fund raised \$47,496, please help us surpass this total! To give, you can bring your gift to the rectory or you can give online at www.stmaryscantonny.com/donate-now Contact Amanda at aconklin@stlawu.edu or the rectory with questions.

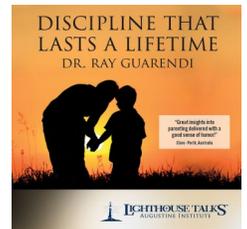
Pastoral Note:

During the Easter Triduum which begins on Holy Thursday and ends on Easter Sunday, the celebration of Funeral Masses is **not permitted**. During these holiest days of the Church's calendar, funerals may take place in church, but the liturgy consists only of the Liturgy of the Word and the Final Commendation. Holy Communion is not distributed on these days, except at the liturgy of the day or to shut-ins.



CD of the Week:

Dr. Ray is a psychologist, radio talk show host, husband, and a father to 10 adopted children. He explains that what is needed to raise well-adjusted children who are prepared to succeed in life in today's challenging environment is uncommonly good parenting. He draws from his wealth of knowledge and experience to discuss, with wisdom and humor, practical ways to succeed in this God-given calling.



2019 Easter Candles

I would like a candle to burn during the Easter Octave (8 days) at St. Mary's for the following person or intention:



(Please Print Clearly)

Please indicate if person is living or deceased

_____ Living _____ Deceased

Name of Donor:

Please return this form and a \$15 offering to the Rectory by **MONDAY 15th**. Thank you!

Schedule

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April 13 and 14, 2019

Sat. 5:00 pm

Lectors: Shelly Roiger, Sarah Campbell
Eucharist: Brenda Sanderson, Joan Pope, Sandra Bartlett,
Pat Furgal
Altar Servers: Eleanor Bailey
Greeters: Mary Thivierge

Sun. 9:00 am

Lectors: Joan Hyde, Maureen Howard
Eucharist: Joe Tebo, Keith Zimmerman, Norma Jean Lapoint,
Cheryl Curry
Altar Servers: Nicole White, Gavin Thompson
Greeter: Barb Lee

April 20 and 21, 2019

Please see sign up sheets in the Back of Church

Parish Support

Due to the Holy Week printing schedule, the collections totals are not available for publication. They will be announced in the next bulletin.

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!

Can you spare an hour or two?

Help is needed to decorate the Church during Holy Week
We will be setting up on Holy Thursday at 8:30 am and on Holy Saturday at 8:30 am.

Volunteers are needed ...

to help prepare Easter Dinners for our shut in friends at gam on Holy Saturday.

Drivers are also needed to deliver the dinners on Easter Sunday at 11 am.



Please call Dan Sweeney at 854-4253

Thank you



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week In Memory of All Souls

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

Reading for Sunday April 14:

Lk 19:28-40 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

Reading for Sunday April 21:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col
3:1-4 /Jn 20:1-9



MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Holy Week

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Sunday, April 14: **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**
9:00 am Mass Harold Lowery (Birthday) by Lisa Perry
5:00 pm Mass Don Wilson by Judy Wilson & Family

Monday, April 15: **Monday of Holy Week**
8:15 am Mass Larry Goodrow by Wife & Family

Tuesday, April 16: **Tuesday of Holy Week**
4:00 pm Holy Hour for Vocation
5:10 pm Mass For All the People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 17: **Wednesday of Holy Week**
10:30 am Mass (Maplewood) Margaret Brown by Estate

Easter Triduum



Thursday, April 18: **Holy Thursday**
8:15 am Morning Prayer
Rosary for Life—on your own
7:00 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
For the People of the Parish
8:15 pm - 11:00 pm Prayers in the Garden concluding with
Night prayer at 10:45 pm

Friday, April 19: **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**
8:15 am Morning Prayer
12:10 pm **Passion Service**
2:00 pm—5:00 pm Confessions
5:10 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 20: **Holy Saturday**
8:15 am Morning Prayer
No Mass before 8:00 PM. No confessions on Holy Saturday
Vigil: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:00 pm Mass For All the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 14: **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
9:00 am Mass Elizabeth Molnar by Kelli & Kerisa
After 9:00 am Mass Easter Egg Hunt
10:45 am Mass Nelson Bessette (Birthday) by Jorja & Mike and Family
NO 5:00pm MASS