

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 during normal office hours.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Now I have seen and testified that he is
the Son of God.” - Jn 1:34

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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.

January 19, 2020

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Pastor's Corner



Ice storm! What Ice Storm?!? We can all be thankful that last week's ice storm was a lot more bark than bite. Nevertheless, the frost bit our Mass attendance and collection **numbers** badly. I'm glad that people were trying to stay safe on Sunday morning, but I had hoped to see our numbers higher at the two 5:00 PM Masses. (See the half-fold for details.)

Thanks to those of you who were able to help take down the Christmas **decorations**. We might have had low numbers, but wow! Those of you that were here are workers! I never imagined that we'd have it all buttoned up. Thanks for keeping things so put together.

If you were with us in person (or if you have been keeping up on your parish email) you received a **survey** form for planning for the future of the parish. Thanks so much to those of you that shared your thoughts. By the time you're reading this, we will have collected them and shared them with a group that will be praying with and analyzing them.

For Martin Luther King Jr Day, the offices will be closed. Many of the priests and deacons of the diocese will be joining me for a presentation on some updates to the **Baptism** ritual that Deacon Jim preached on so nicely last week. (Note the early Mass time on Monday morning so the clergy can make our way for the workshop in Colton)

Finally, we're continuing our **series of Ministries** here at St. Mary's. Where is the Lord inviting you to help?

I hope you all have a blessed week! Fr. Bryan Stitt



What is Candlemas? Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is based upon the account of the presentation of

Jesus in Luke 2. It falls on February 2, which is traditionally the 40th day of the Christmas–Epiphany season. While it is customary for Christians in some countries to remove their Christmas decorations on the Twelfth Day of Christmas, some Christians historically remove them on Candlemas. On Candlemas, many Christians bring their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year. For Christians, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who referred to Himself as the Light of the World.

All are invited to bring candles from home to church on Feb 2 to be blessed along side the candles to be used in the church throughout the year

It's SUPER BOWL time!

The annual Super Bowl pool to support our Newman Camp Ministry is ongoing.



Campus Corner \$10 squares are available after Mass



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARENTS NIGHT OUT/KIDS' NIGHT IN!!

**Parents' Night Out/Kids' Night in
Saturday February 22, 2020**

4:00pm-7:00pm

I'm looking for VIRTUS-trained chaperones for Parents' Night Out/Kids' Night in

This is a chance for parents to drop their children off with trustworthy adults while they spend much needed quality time together. The kids will play games, do crafts, watch a movie, etc. My husband and I will both volunteer, so I will be looking for 2-3 (but will gladly take more!) more volunteers to make sure we keep ratio.

If you are interested, please sign up! I would greatly appreciate the help!

Questions or Want to Volunteer? Contact Karley Wake at kwake@rcdony.org or at 315-317-5713



**Pancake Breakfast
Sunday February 9
8:30 am—11:30 am
St. Mary's School Gym
All are Invited**

Menu

*Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Toast, Fresh Fruit,
Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice,
Gluten Free Available*

\$7.00 per person

\$5 Ages 5-10

Children under 5 FREE

Families with more than four members \$30.00

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**What to do at
St. Mary's?**

*#2 in a Series on
Ministries of the Parish*



St. Mary's Bereavement Team

The St. Mary's Bereavement Team provides hospitality to our friends and neighbors during their time of loss. The team provides funeral luncheons in the school gymnasium following funerals at St. Mary's Church and St. Paul's Church in Pyrites. If you would like to assist with these luncheons, contact Maureen Howard 315-386-4637.

Please note: If you would like a funeral luncheon provided after the funeral of a loved one, please speak to the priest or deacon when you plan the funeral



January 26, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Since 1973, every January the Church focuses our attention on the United States Supreme Court's horrific decision in *Roe v Wade* that a woman has a constitutional right to abort the innocent child in her womb and now, even during the child's birth.

Later this spring, the Church will mark the 25th anniversary of *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). In that landmark encyclical, Pope St. John Paul II provides a clear challenge to us: "With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our dioceses? With equal clarity and determination, we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth" (*EV*, 95).

Here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Colleen and John Miner, Directors of our Diocesan Respect Life Office, coordinate our efforts to take the steps we need to serve life in all its truth in the North Country. We work to build a culture of life in a society that far too often demeans, devalues and destroys life. At our Masses today, we are given the opportunity to support the steps we have identified "to serve life in all its truth" by contributing to the annual *Respect Life Collection*. Monies donated to this collection provide grants for our Respect Life efforts.

Grants in 2019 enabled more of our youth and college students to attend the *March for Life* in Washington, where young North Country pilgrims marched with fellow pro-lifers from across our nation, in opposition to the sinful stain of abortion. Several grants aided parish *Project Gabriel* programs. The "angels" of *Project Gabriel* lend a compassionate ear to struggling new mothers, material assistance to care for their newborn child and a variety of other supports. Respect Life grants assisted *Birthright* of Plattsburgh, an interdenominational organization helping women with unplanned pregnancies. Other grants supported educational programs, Catholic radio in the Adirondacks and various pro-life programs.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support of the 2020 *Respect Life Collection* and for all your efforts to build a culture of life by changing hearts and minds.

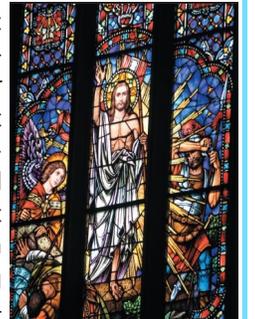
Faithfully yours in Christ,
 Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
 Bishop of Ogdensburg

It's that time of year again!



The parish office has mailed out year-end donation receipts to be used for your income tax preparation. NOTE: please let us know if you have moved so we can update our records. If you have not received them, call the rectory.

138 families in our parish have made a gift or pledge to the 2019 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Our parish goal is to have **211** or more families participate in this important Appeal. Please prayerfully consider supporting the 2019 Bishop's Fund Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift. Convenient four payment plans are available. You can make your gift online as well by visiting www.rcdony.org/bishop-s-fund-appeal -- click on the "Donate Now" tab (found in the tool bar on the left). The Bishop's Fund Appeal supports ministries, activities and programs that serve people throughout the Diocese in ways that we as an individual parish could never do alone. 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. Please remember that this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal is separate from the Capital Campaign.



To date, St. Mary's has raised **80%** of our **\$35,034** goal!



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.

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
Amen.

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| Nolan Joe Redmond | Peggy Cashman | Natalie teRiele | Doni Peters |
| Sam Bisonette | Camille Brown | David Datush | J.J. Crooks |
| Shirley Lamendola | Debbie Gainey | Carol Gainey | Fred Rycroft |
| Phyllis Cunningham | Katie Coakley Ba | Judy Ruddy | Don Tracy |
| Leward Lucia | Betty Lucia | Helen Hilt | Matt Sullivan |
| | Abuse Victims & their Families | | |

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Watch: *Changing Sides*
 The story of Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood Director

Listen: *The New Conversation*:
 Changing Hearts and Minds on Abortion

Listen: *There is Life in the Womb*
 With Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Schedule

January 18, and January 19, 2020

Sat. 5:00 pm

Lectors: Brad Mintener, Edd White
 Altar Servers: Christian Guarino
 Eucharist: Anne Ryan-Ruud, Joan Pope,
 Michael Christy, Juliette Guarino
 Greeters: Jim Barry

Sun. 9:00 am

Lectors: Jordan Tanguay, Melissane Schrems
 Altar Servers: Sam Roiger, Zadok Roiger
 Eucharist: Shelly Roiger, Joan Hyde,
 Barbara teRiele, Joshua Parker
 Greeters: Brian Lee

January 25, and January 26, 2020

Sat. 5:00 pm

Lectors: Bernard Proulx, Lisa Guccione
 Altar Servers: *Volunteer*
 Eucharist: Juliette Guarino, Sandra Bartlett
 Patricia Furgal, Joan Pope
 Greeter: Mary Evans

Sun. 9:00 am

Lectors: Norma Jean Lapoint, Michael Sheard
 Altar Servers: Alexa Romano, Nathaniel Romano
 Eucharist: Joseph Tebo, Melissane Schrems
 Virginia Burwell, Maureen Howard
 Greeters: Barbara Lee

Mass Attendance

January 11 & 12

5:00 PM Saturday	113
9:00 AM Sunday	35
5:00 PM Sunday	82



Parish Support

<u>Week of January 12</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Envelopes	\$5,518.00	\$2,418.00
Plate	\$650.00	\$422.62
Fuel Collection	\$1,889.00	\$881.50
Solemnity of Mary	\$65.00	\$60.00
Total	\$8,122.00	\$3,782.12

Thank you for your support & generosity each week!

Please continue to remember how important your weekly offering is to the life of our parish!

Save the hassle of writing checks and using envelopes, set up direct deposit for your offering.

To set up online giving visit cantoncatholics.com click Home, then Donate Now.

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 18: **Weekday**
 3:45-4:45 pm Confessions
 Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 pm Mass Carol Walker by Sean Barkley

Sunday, Jan. 19: **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 No Religious Education Classes
 9:00 am Mass Philip Helfter by his wife, Bonnie
 5:00 pm Mass For All the People of the Parish

Monday, Jan. 20: **Weekday/Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr**
 Office and School Closed
 7:45 am Mass Peter and Myra Poste by their Estate

Tuesday, Jan. 21: **Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**
 4:00 pm Holy Hour for Vocations
 5:15 pm Mass Don Wilson by his family
 6:45 pm RCIA Class

Wednesday, Jan. 22: **Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn Children**
 10:30 am Mass (Partridge Knoll) Kathleen Buckley by her Dad, Francis

Thursday, Jan. 23: **Weekday/St. Marianne Cope, Virgin/ St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr**
 No Mass
 4:50 pm Rosary for Life (in private)

Friday, Jan. 24: **Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
 No Mass

Saturday, Jan. 25: **Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**
 3:45-4:45 pm Confessions
 Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 pm Mass Bernie Lammers by his wife, Jane

Sunday, Jan. 26: **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 am Mass Intentions of Elizabeth Molnar and Mary Hall by Dawna Clark
 10:00 am Religious Education Class
 5:00 pm Mass Myrtle Burke by Judy Wilson and Family
 6:00 pm Confirmation I & II Classes



*The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to
 the **Glory of God** and
 for the safety of our college students as they return
 to campus.*

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

Readings for January 19, 2020

IS 49:3,5-6
 Ps. 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10 (8a, 9a)
 1 Cor. 1:1-3,3
 John 1:29-34

Readings for January 26, 2020

IS 8:23-9:3
 Ps. 27:1,4,13-14 (1a)
 1 Cor. 1:10-13,17
 Matthew 4:12-23

