

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.

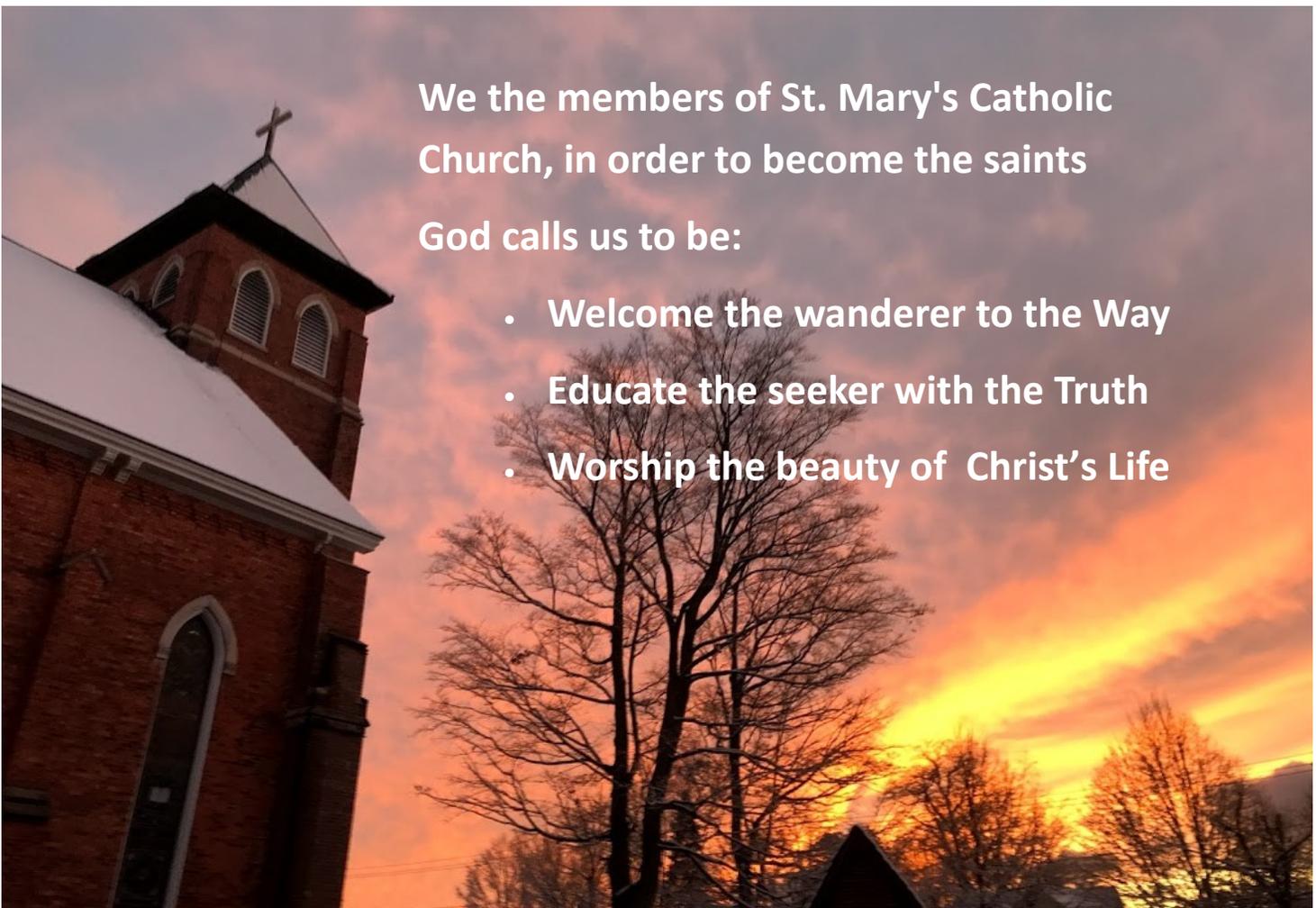
Sacrament of Penance – Tuesday from 5:40pm until done, Saturday 3:45—4:45, pm and by appointment.

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.



We the members of St. Mary's Catholic
Church, in order to become the saints
God calls us to be:

- Welcome the wanderer to the Way
- Educate the seeker with the Truth
- Worship the beauty of Christ's Life

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 29, 2020

Pastor's Corner



On a normal Laetare Sunday, I feel a little strange because of wearing a rose colored vestment. I hardly noticed it this past week. How strange to offer Mass so physically far from you. At the same time, how wonderful it was to be able to still be so close to you by God's grace!

If you hadn't heard, we were able to stream the Mass at 9:00 AM on Facebook and then posted it to our parish website (cantontholics.com) shortly thereafter.

Thank you to so many of you for reaching out letting us know how you're worshipping from the safety of your own homes. It's not the same as being together physically—what we do with our bodies matters!—but, but, it's a darn good substitute in a pinch.

Thank you as well to so many of you for continuing to support the parish financially and with other acts of welcome. Many of you have found our "How can I Contribute?" link (Under the "About" tab) on our website. Many others have dropped off an envelope at the office, put it in the mail, or even slipped it under the locked door of the sacristy. (All means other than carrier pigeon are greatly appreciated!) And the food bins for the Food pantry keep being filled. You inspire me!

I hope you all have a blessed—happy, healthy, and holy—week.
—Fr. Bryan Stitt

Worship: Worship is putting first things first. Rituals are often described as "empty rituals," but authentic worship is anything but empty. The core of worship is a love story. It's our story. The story of the Love of God for His people—His Bride, the Church.

Worship at St. Mary's is seen primarily in the Lord's Day Mass when the Gospel is proclaimed, and the Eucharist is celebrated. This is the Source and Summit of the Christian Faith. But secondary forms of worship are also important—when we unite with our brothers and sisters and open up to the invitation to Love God and neighbor. Would you join us in Worship?



Drive-Thru Confessions

Last week we began, hearing Confessions in the alley between the chapel and the church at our normal confession times. Tuesday at 5:45PM, Friday at 5:45PM and Saturday at 3:45PM. We'll also have another Day of Mercy on Wednesday, April 8th from 6AM to 10PM.

Drive to the purple window, the screen is the default. If you'd like to go face to face, just gently beep your horn. (Of course, if there is more than one person in the car, we'd ask people to step out for a moment.)

This latest initiative in the face of the Coronavirus is a good example of Welcome and Worship coming together!



All the Faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are cordially invited to join The Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg for the annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils, and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism for use in all the churches of the Diocese symbolizing that we are one family in Christ on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 11:00am at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. New Date TBD.

2020 Easter Candles

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



(Print Clearly)

Please indicate Living Deceased

Name of Donor:

Please return this form and a \$15 offering to the Rectory by April 6, 2020

Religious Education News

There will be no religious education classes until further notice.

Thank you for your understanding.



Homilies/Masses Online



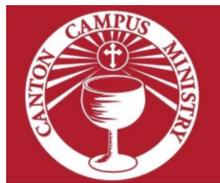
During this time of safety and self isolating without public Mass, we can still strive to grow closer to God through the Liturgy! The Bishop has lifted the obligation to attend Mass, but it's still good to get as close as possible. View the Mass being streamed or perhaps read the Mass readings yourself & then take time to listen to Fr. Stitt's homily. Both can be found at the parish website cantontholics.com under the Liturgy tab.

Campus Corner

College students:
Please note Amanda is available via email and social media to chat, or to provide any resources during this time of confusion.

Know you are in her prayers as well, God Bless.

If you would like contact Amanda, you may do so at aconklin@stlawu.edu or conklina@canton.edu



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING



We pray a communal rosary for the cause of Life each Thursday at 4:50 PM in the chapel. Cards with the prayers encouraged by Pope Francis at the conclusion of the Rosary are available at the Chapel door.

During the quarantine, please join us in private

Help Needed

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 the rectory..... Thank You



A Knights of Columbus sponsored program, which started Ash Wednesday and concludes Easter Sunday, connects traditional alms-giving with the needs of the hungry. One-can-per-day food donation is inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert.



There will be a box at each entrance of the church for food drop-off. The food will be given to local food banks. Don't feel locked into 40 gifts — give from the heart what you can. **Thank you!**



Who could use a meal?

Do you know someone who is a shut-in or may not have local family? St. Mary's will again be delivering ham dinners on Easter. If you would like a dinner or know of someone who would, please call the rectory at (315)386-2543

Diocesan Prayer to Our Blessed Mother:



Mary Immaculate, Our Mother and our Patroness, we ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our diocese, our nation and our world, for our families and loved ones, the protection of your Maternal mantle from this dreaded virus.

In this time of trial and testing, teach us all of us to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace and healing Presence of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Keep us in the embrace of your arms, Help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus our Lord. AMEN.



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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| Sam Bisonette | Camille Brown | David Datush | J.J. Crooks |
| Shirley Lamendola | Debbie Gainey | Carol Gainey | Fred Rycroft |
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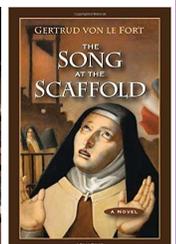
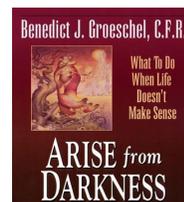
Listen: *Arise from Darkness: What to do when Life Doesn't Make Sense*

By Fr. Benedict Groeschel

Watch: *Faith not Fear* from *Lectio: Mark*

With Dr. Tim Gray

Read: *The Song at the Scaffold*
By Gertrude Von Le Fort



We Need Your Help...

While there are no public Masses, the ministries of St. Mary's continue. Your parish, like your household, still has bills to pay (insurance, maintenance, salary, utilities, etc.). Any support you might offer is much appreciated. If you wish to write a check, you can mail your envelope or drop it off at the rectory, located at 68 Court St. or consider making an online donation.

ONLINE *giving*

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

Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our parish in these uncertain times.

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.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the parish website at www.cantonicatholics.com
- 2) Click on the ABOUT tab
then click on "How can I Contribute?"
- 3) The "Donate Now" button allows you to choose between one time or recurring donations.

Parish Support

<u>Week of March 22</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Envelopes	\$4,398.00	\$1,565.50
On-Line Giving		\$894.00
Plate	\$842.80	\$0
Catholic Relief Services	\$25.00	\$100.00
North Country Catholic	\$81.00	\$104.00
Easter Flowers	\$160.00	\$25.00
Easter Candle	\$75.00	\$30.00
Total	\$5,581.80	\$2,718.50

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

**Many thanks to those who have dropped their
envelopes off at the Rectory.**

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 28: Mass 3:45-4:45 pm	Lenten Weekday Deceased Members of the McDonald Family by Margaret McDonald Confessions (Drive through/walk-up)
Sunday, March 29: Mass	Fifth Sunday of Lent Jennifer Smith by Becky & George Trejos
Monday, March 30: Mass In Private	Lenten Weekday Francis Barkley by the Family Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena for the Family
Tuesday, March 31: Mass In Private 5:45 pm+	Lenten Weekday For All the People of the Parish Holy Hour for Vocations Confessions (Drive through/walk-up)
Wednesday, April 1: Mass	Lenten Weekday In Thanksgiving for the People of St. Mary's by Tony Collora
Thursday, April 2: Mass In Private	Lenten Weekday / St. Francis of Paola, Hermit Pat Casey by the McKenna Family Rosary For Life
Friday, April 3: Mass In Private 5:45 pm+	Lenten Weekday/ First Friday <i>A Day of Abstinence</i> Catherine Henschel (5th Anniversary) by Joan Pope Stations of the Cross Confessions (Drive through/walk-up)
Saturday, April 4: Mass 3:45-4:45 pm	Lenten Weekday/ St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church First Saturday Pauline Proulx by her husband, Bernard Confessions (Drive through/walk-up)
Sunday, April 5: Mass	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Helen and Ivan Wilson by Judy Wilson and Family

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week to

**The Glory of God
and
for our health care workers**

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



Readings for March 29

Ezekiel 37: 12-14
Ps. 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11: 1-45

Readings for April 5

Isaiah 50:4-7
Ps. 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26: 14-27: 66

