

# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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## St. Mary's School

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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.



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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## *Our Vision and Mission*

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

## PARISH STAFF:

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MAY 3, 2020

**Pastor's Corner**

"The Lord is my Shepherd." Is there any line of scripture that flows more easily off the lips of Christians around the world? **Psalm 23** reminds us of what today is all about and what our great need is: relying ever more on the abiding presence of our Loving Lord.



This day is also close to my heart as the former Vocations Director of the Diocese because today the Church asks us in a special way to **pray for vocations**. We need shepherds, of course. But it's not all about getting more pastors. We need people to respond to their respective call. As Jesus says in Matthew 9, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." May we all do our parts today and always in whatever field we have been blessed to be in.

We began a new initiative this week: We had our first Trust Truth session by Zoom. Our topic is no surprise, "Quality Quarantining," but the presenters are a special treat in that they are joining us from far away. Our second presenter is particularly exciting for me to introduce: Karen Cruess who will be speaking on Rewriting our Story with God. As listed, she's a clinician, a wife and a mother of 5, but on a more personal note, she's also **my sister!** She will be presenting this week on Wednesday at 8 PM.

One other highlight: This week Bishop LaValley consecrated the entire Diocese to the Paternal care of St. Joseph. He protected the Holy Family throughout their trials. May he do so for us as well.

Easter blessings to you all! *—Fr. Bryan Stitt*

**From Bishop LaValley:**

In this time of need and uncertainty, I invite all the faithful to seek the maternal intercession of our Blessed Lady as I share this prayer with you and encourage you to pray it daily, either individually or together as a family.



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 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.

# TRUST TRUTH

thru **zoom**

QUALITY QUARANTINING:  
THE DOMESTIC CHURCH EDITION

Join us each **WEDNESDAY NIGHT (4/29 - 5/27) AT 8 PM**  
as our presenters discuss what it means to remain faithful  
at home through these days of quarantine!

**JOIN THE MEETING VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**  
Contact Paul at 315-386-2543 with any questions of how to join.  
[www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join) | Meeting ID: **452 887 3213**; Password: **681117**

**Trust Truth Presenters, Wednesdays at 8:00 PM:**

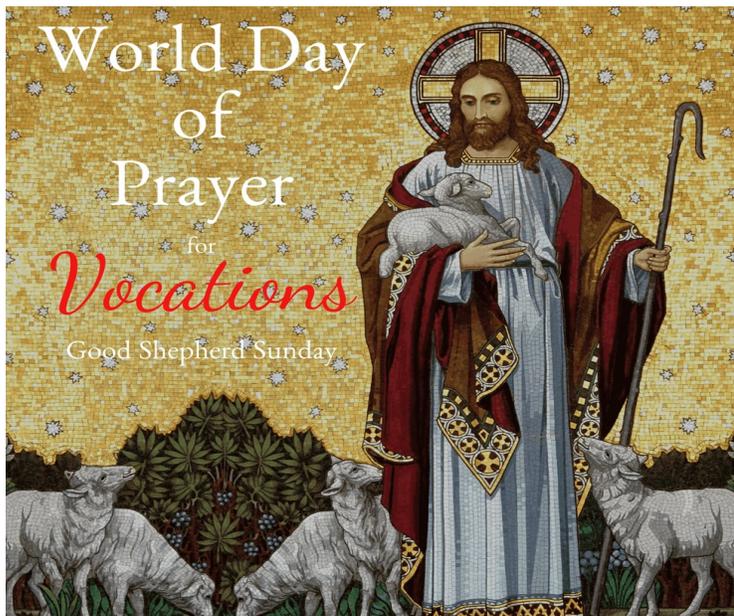
- Karen Cruess, Counselor, wife, and mother of 5  
May 6th
- Fr. John Gribowich, Priest of Brooklyn and theology consult  
May 13th
- ~~Fr. Raymond DeSouza, Pastor, Editor, and Author~~ T.B.D.  
May 20th
- Most Rev. Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg  
May 27th



**Drive-Thru Confessions  
Now by appointment**

With the new limitations on travel in the county, we are no longer posting regular hours of confession. That being said, **confessions are still available**. They continue to be heard in the alley between the chapel and the church. Just now, please call ahead to make an appointment. Then drive up to the purple window. Also now, all confessions are being heard behind the screen for added "social distancing." (Of course, as always, if there is more than one person in the car, we'd ask people to step out for a moment.) **CALL (315)386-2543 ext 5.**





### Religious Education News



Due to the extended lockdown, the date of First Communion is changing from May 5<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup> at the gam Mass. It is our hope to be able to celebrate it then. If we are unable to celebrate First Communion on June 14<sup>th</sup>, other options will be given.

Families are encouraged to seek out Mass online. The local Sunday Mass is viewable on Facebook on Sunday mornings at 9 am or afterwards on the parish website: [cantoncatholics.com](http://cantoncatholics.com). Click :LITURGY.

Please feel free to contact Miss Burns at [Religious-ed66@twcny.rr.com](mailto:Religious-ed66@twcny.rr.com) if you would like more information on how to access materials for your family / children.

### Indulgence in response to COVID-19

Bishop LaValley shared that announcement from Pope Francis: "The gift of special Indulgences is granted to the faithful suffering from COVID-19 disease (coronavirus), as well as to health care workers, family members and all those who in any capacity, including through prayer, care for them"

Trusting in Christ, a *Plenary indulgence* is "granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their sisters and brothers, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible."

"Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: 'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends' (Jn 15:13), will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions."

### Food for the Hungry

Given the stress and uncertainty of the times we are in, the need for food and support has never been more urgent. The Church and Community Program is being faced with unprecedented requests for help. Here at St. Mary's, the food collection boxes will remain at all of the entrances to the church. Please consider additional food donations if your own situation allows. If you are unable to make a donation, won't you remember your neighbors in your prayer?

We're at the corner of Main and Riverside. To help keep everyone safe during this virus crisis, we've changed our method of distributing food. It's fast and easy. Come to the parking lot in back and knock on the inside door so we know you're here. We'll sign you in and prepare a big box of food while you wait in your car.

**HOURS:** Noon-3pm Wed at Main Street and Riverside, Canton  
Noon-2pm Thurs at United Methodist Church, DeKalb

You can only go twice a month total, but you have two days to choose from.



The Chapel Sanctuary Lamp burns this week

### to the Glory of God

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

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"Apply yourself to whatever is necessary for doing the job well. Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head."  
—Saint Charles Borromeo

POPE BENEDICT XVI

GOD IS LOVE

*Deus Caritas Est*

### 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

### Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the parish website at [www.cantoncatholics.com](http://www.cantoncatholics.com)
- 2) Click on the ABOUT tab  
then click on HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE  
Then click on DONATE NOW
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions

### Celebrate Sunday Mass online!

St. Mary's Church will offer Sunday Mass online every Sunday, for the duration of the suspension of public Masses in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.



Visit our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/CantonCatholics](https://www.facebook.com/CantonCatholics) at **gam on Sunday** to watch Mass at St. Mary's Church live-streamed. After the Mass has been recorded, we will upload the video on our website, [www.cantoncatholics.com](http://www.cantoncatholics.com). It should be posted sometime around 11:00 AM.

Check back weekly for new Masses or visit our Youtube channel.

## Parish Support

<u>Week of April 26</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Envelopes	\$5,413.00	\$2,455.00
On-Line Giving		\$985.00
Plate	\$880.00	\$40.00
North Country Catholic	\$27.00	\$27.00
Holy Land	\$5.00	\$17.00
Fuel	\$65.00	\$45.00
Easter Candles	\$15.00	
Adopt-a-Student	\$10.00	
<u>Easter</u>	<u>\$153.00</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,568.00</b>	<b>\$3,629.00</b>

*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 and to those who have signed up for Online Giving!**

# MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

**Sunday, May 3:** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mass** Matt McGregor by Mel and Paul Schrems

**Monday, May 4:** **Easter Weekday**  
**Mass** Intentions of Marianne Meyers and Anna McKenna by a Friend  
**In Private** Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 Novena for the Family

**Tuesday, May 5:** **Easter Weekday**  
**Mass** Patrick Casey by Thomas and Shirley McKenna  
**In Private** Holy Hour for Vocations  
**Confessions** Call 315-386-2543 for Drive through/ walk-up app't

**Wednesday, May 6:** **Easter Weekday**  
**Mass** For All the People of the Parish

**Thursday, May 7:** **Easter Weekday**  
**Mass** Don Tracy by Mtn. Warriors Ice Hockey  
**In Private** Rosary for Life

**Friday, May 8:** **Easter Weekday**  
**Mass** Kathleen Buckley by Mel & Paul Schrems

**Saturday, May 9:** **Easter Weekday**  
**Mass** Katie Leerkes by a friend on her birthday  
**Confessions** Call 315-386-2543 for Drive through/ walk-up appt

**Sunday, May 10:** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mass** Myrtle Burke and Helen Wilson by Judy Wilson and Family



*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      | Leward Lucia  |
| Betty Lucia        | Helen Hilts                    | Kyle Emerson    | Dan Mullin    |
| Laurence McKenna   | Abuse Victims & their Families |                 | Renee LaSalle |
| The Darou Family   | Joe Guarino                    |                 |               |



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**Readings for May 3**

- Acts: 2: 14A, 36-41
- Ps. 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5,6
- 1 Peter: 2:20B-25
- John 10:1-10

**Readings for May 10**

- Acts 6:1-7
- Ps. 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
- 1 Peter 2:4-9
- John: 14:1-12

