

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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OFFICE HOURS Monday thru Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Sacrament of Baptism – For Children to be Baptized, please call the Rectory to schedule a meeting.

Sacrament of Penance – Confessions on Tuesdays 5:45+ and Saturdays 3:45pm–4:45pm

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.



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 19, 2020

Pastor's Corner

Openness to our vocations. If the bulletin needed a theme, that's what I'd give this one. Five men are being ordained to the priesthood (2) and diaconate (3) on August 1. We pray for and with them—even with these days of social distancing. It's also Natural Family Planning week (see the Bishop's beautiful letter). May we all know the excitement of being open to the joy that the Lord wishes to bestow upon us.

As promised, this week we offer the second in a three part series of columns on **Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest**. What would happen if for some emergency (say Sunday morning I woke up with signs of COVID) it was impossible for us to have Mass. A Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest is not something that any of us wants to see, but it is good to know that we are prepared just in case an emergency comes up.

This week we have had to say farewell to **Miss Grace Leader**, our dedicated secretary for the past year. Those of you who got to know her these past months know that we will miss her warmth, her fidelity, and her good natured way of fielding whatever comes up—even cold snowy roads. Pray for her and her fiancé, Michael Bobak. After their July 31 wedding they will be moving to Buffalo to start their new life together.

Speaking of staff, we mentioned last week that Peter Mueller will be joining us. He arrives this week to do work with the college students and assist in running the office. Happily, **Amanda Conklin**, our campus minister for the past 8 years, will be staying on in a part-time capacity. (Not a few of you were afraid that she was leaving too.) She will be focusing her time and attention on our online presence and being a support to families. Her new title is Director of the New Evangelization.

Finally, **I am leaving**—but happily just for the week! I'm looking forward to spending the next week with my family for a little R&R (or as much as I can when I get to be with my 5 nieces and nephews aged 11-3). Daily Mass schedules for area churches can be found at the door of the chapel. Fr. James Shurtleff will be with you next weekend with Deacon Jim preaching.

Have a blessed week.

—Fr. Bryan Stitt



Sunday Mass shared online!

St. Mary's Church is continuing to show Sunday Mass online every Sunday. Visit our Facebook page: 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.cantonicatholics.com. It should be posted by 11:00 AM.



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

Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest (SCAP's) Part 2 of 3

If the pastor were not able to offer Holy Mass and no other priest were available to cover for the weekend, what would we do as a parish?

First of all, the Church, Bishop LaValley, and Father all agree, this would be very extraordinary. How so? Here are 3 ways:

1. If a priest is available, he would offer Mass. Without the priest there is no Eucharist and without the Eucharist, there is no Church. So if we can find a substitute priest, we'll always happily receive him.
2. There should only be one SCAP per weekend. The guidelines are clear about that. So say something happened to the priest on Saturday afternoon, and no Mass was able to be offered at 5:00 PM, we would hope that we could find a priest for the 9:00 AM. If not, then a SCAP would be offered at 9:00. If you could make it back at 9:00 AM (or to another local Mass) that would be ideal. If it wouldn't be possible, that would be okay too—we all know that God doesn't ask us to do the impossible.
3. Holy Communion probably wouldn't be distributed at a SCAP. As Catholics, we all know and love the reception of Holy Communion and we want to be able to receive. But it would be unusual to have enough of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle for us to be able to distribute Communion. If for some reasons the number of people in church was low and we had sufficient number of Hosts in the tabernacle, then we would/could distribute.

Again, we're not talking about the ideal circumstances. We just want to have a plan for the unexpected. Next week we'll be talking about the who of SCAP's: who would participate, who would help, and most obviously who would lead the prayer.



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for
All the COVID-19 victims and their families

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

How do we sign up to attend Mass?

All are welcome to participate at Mass, but to allow for social distancing, we can host approximately **75 people** per Mass. For more information on how to sign up to attend Mass, please visit our Facebook page or website, and follow the link to Flocknotes, Signups. This will allow you and your party to sign up for a Mass time and date. (Or you can always call the office!)



Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As we do every summer, our Church is participating in **Natural Family Planning Awareness Week**, (July 19—25). *No, that doesn't mean we have another special second collection. But...we do ask for something from the faithful: take the time for some reflection and prayer on Natural Family Planning.*

You might think, "I don't have time to study God's plan for married love. I have plenty of worries and concerns on my plate right now." Fair enough. Perhaps I can work on my philosophy of life when it comes to doing God's will or doing my will. This year's theme is *"Live the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love." God's plan, not mine.*

But, so often, we rebel against any idea of a plan by God. We have our own plans, our own designs. For instance, today I will determine whether I want to be male or female. I'll design me in my own image. Science and technology will help me. We will call it "freedom." Or...We will define marriage according to our own pleasure, not divine designs. We will call it "equality."

Too often, we feel most at home back in the Garden walking in the footsteps of Adam and Eve. I can do what I want, never mind what my Creator says. Pride presents itself front and center. I know better than God. 'If you do exist, God, don't call me, I'll call you when I want something, and you best respond to my request according to my personal plans.' No matter how unpopular, no matter what everybody else thinks, we are called to live the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love. The truth is God does have a plan that is beautiful, life-giving and practical.

Authentic family planning honors God's design by supporting the love-giving and life-giving nature of sexual intercourse. It promotes openness to new life and the value of the child. It helps to enrich the marital bond between husband and wife. Authentic family planning builds healthy and holy families. Through NFP, married couples celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality.

Please visit our *NFP office at our diocesan website:* www.rcdony.org to learn more about this important element of the Church's teaching on marriage. We are truly blessed to have Suzanne and Angelo Pietropaoli serve as our diocesan directors of Natural Family Planning. Please contact them at the NFP office at 518-483-0459 or via email at apietropaoli@rcdony.org for more information or assistance in this important ministry that makes for stronger marriages and healthy, happier families.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Terry R. LaValley

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley Bishop of Ogdensburg

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT :

Wadhams Hall - Facilities Assistant

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg has an immediate opening for the full-time position of Wadhams Hall - Facilities Assistant. The Facilities Assistant will work closely with the Facilities Manager to ensure smooth operation of the facilities including maintenance of the facility, grounds and equipment. Prior relevant experience preferred. Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to: Human Resources Office, Diocese of Ogdensburg, P.O. Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or e-mail: ksnover@rcdony.org Deadline for application is July 27, 2020.



Upcoming Ordination

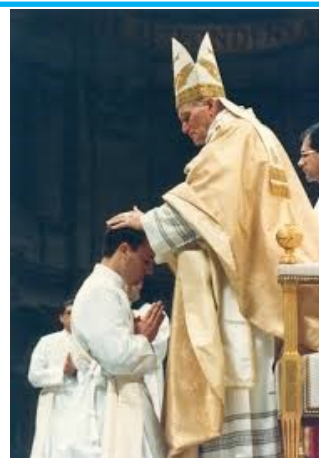
On Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 11am our diocese will be ordaining two men to the priesthood; Deacons Torwoe and Nnadibuagha, and three men to the Diaconate; Don Wilder (permanent), Matt Conger (transitional), and John Ojuok (transitional).

Due to the social distancing requirements during the pandemic, seating for the Ordination Mass is by invitation only. Only invited guests of the candidates will be able to attend, and there will no open seating.

While this is truly unfortunate, our Bishop desires the candidates to have as many of the limited seats as possible for their guests and loved ones. However, if you would like to share in their joy from a far, the Ordination Mass will be live-streamed through the link provided. We have also provided a link for the program for the Ordination so you are able to follow along with the Mass.

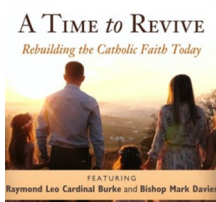
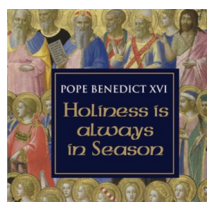
We ask that you continue to pray for these men as they prepare for their Ordination day and their lifelong vocation!

www.rcdony.org/ordination
www.rcdony.org/program



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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
- 2) Click on the ABOUT tab
then click on HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE
Then click on DONATE NOW
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions



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.

Nolan Joe Redmond
Doni Peters
David Datush
Debbie Gaaney
Phyllis Cunningham
Leward Lucia
Kyle Emerson
Steven George

Peggy Cashman
Sam Bisonette
Shirley Lamendola
Carol Gaaney
Katie Coakley Ba
Betty Lucia
Laurence McKenna
Joe Guarino

Natalie teRiele
Camille Brown
J.J. Crooks
Fred Rycroft
Judy Ruddy
Helen Hilts
Renee LaSalle
Covid 19 Victims

Abuse Victims & their Families

Parish Support

Week of July 7	2019	2020
Envelopes	\$5,656.00	\$3,557.00
On-Line Giving	\$370.55	\$1,120.00
Plate	\$771.25	\$81.49
North Country Catholic		\$27.00
Spring Fuel	\$40.00	
Total	\$6,837.80	\$4,785.49

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

Saturday, July 18: 3:45- 4:45 pm 5:00 pm Mass	Weekday/ St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest Confession (NOW IN CHAPEL) Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Pat Casey by Kay and Ed Russell
Sunday, July 19: 9:00 am Mass	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Norm Paige, Sr. by Mark McKenna
Monday, July 20: 8:15 am (Facebook) In Private	Weekday/ St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr No Mass in the Parish Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena for the Family (Go to the Liturgy tab on parish website)
Tuesday, July 21: 8:15 am (Facebook) In Private	Weekday/ St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church No Mass in the Parish Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer Holy Hour for Vocations
Wednesday, July 22: 8:15 am (Facebook)	St. Mary Magdalene No Mass in the Parish Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
Thursday, July 23: 8:15 am (Facebook) In Private	Weekday/ St. Bridget, Religious No Mass in the Parish Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer Rosary for Life
Friday, July 24: 8:15 am (Facebook)	Weekday/ St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest No Mass in the Parish Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
Saturday, July 25: 3:45- 4:45 pm 5:00 pm Mass	St. James, Apostle Confession (NOW IN CHAPEL) Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dean Layhee by Nancy Layhee
Sunday, July 26: 9:00 am Mass	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Irene Jasikoff by The Stewart Family

While traveling, Fr. Stitt will be offering Masses for:

*Teresa Stitt,
Dcn. Dave Clark,
Elizabeth Jones,*

*The People of the Parish
and*

In Thanksgiving for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Readings for July 19

Wisdom 55:10-11
Ps 86: 5-6,9-10,15-16
Rom: 8:26-27
Matt: 13:24-43



Readings for July 26

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Ps 119 57,72,76-77,127-130
Rom: 8:28-30
Matt: 13:44-52