

# 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: Tuesdays 5:45pm–6:15pm, Saturdays 3:45pm–4:45pm, or 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.



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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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:

Rev. Bryan D. Stitt, Pastor

Mr. James M. Snell, Deacon (315) 262-0491

Mr. Paul J. Schrems, Pastoral Associate for Administration

Mr. Peter J. Mueller, Campus Minister and Assistant for Administration

Mrs. Amanda J. Conklin, Director of the New Evangelization

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 10, 2021

## Pastor's Corner

My grandmother used to come over to our house and "adjust" our decorations. It drove my parents crazy, but it was as regular a Christmas tradition as my great-aunt's fruitcake, so much so that we missed it when it was gone.



When I saw that someone moved the figures of our beautiful nativity scene here in church, I thought of grandma, smiled, and didn't move them back. Online or in person, you'll see the figures all very focused on the Christ-child. They're packed in tightly (no social-

distancing for this crew) and with single minded focus. In my estimation, it's not as aesthetically pleasing as we originally had it, but I still appreciate the setup. Would that we as a Church had that focus and that unity!

Today's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord completes the Christmas season for us in the Church. With the crowds at the Jordan River we see the dove descend and hear the voice from the heavens: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

As your pastor, I am well pleased to see all the ways that we cherish that dignity of the Lord and one another. I hope you have all had a blessed Christmas season, and know of the goodness of the Lord throughout this whole year.

—Fr. Bryan Stitt

p.s. But please don't move the figures any more!



## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants 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.*

Katie Coakley Ba	Joe Guarino	Nolan Joe Redmond
Sam Bisonette	Helen Hiltz	Judy Ruddy
Camille Brown	Arleen Jordan	Renee Smith
Peggy Cashman	Shirley Lamendola	Natalie teRiele
J.J. Crooks	Lori Law	Rose White
Phyllis Cunningham	Betty Lucia	Abuse Victims & their
David Datush	Leward Lucia	Families
Carol Gainey	Laurence McKenna	Covid 19 Victims
Debbie Gainey	Doni Peters	

## Support Group for Separated or Divorced

There is a support group for separated/divorced people in Colton and the surrounding areas. If you or someone you know is interested in participating, please contact Steve Tartaglia at [startaglia@rcdonny.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdonny.org) or 315-393-2920 for more information.

## Happy, Healthy and Holy with Hoops

St. Mary's is starting a **parish youth basketball program** to help our children remain healthy physically, mentally, and socially during this time of pandemic. For insurance purposes, this is only open to St. Mary's parishioners who are also Canton Central School students in Grades 1-12.

Participants will be able to use the gym here at St. Mary's at scheduled times during the week to practice basketball skills: they will run drills at different stations to practice ball handling and shooting. There will be no games.

If you would like to participate, please email or call the chaperone in charge of the time slot you prefer. **Only 8 participants are allowed in the gym at one time, and they must schedule in advance;** we cannot allow people to simply show up. If you cannot make it to a slot you have registered for, please let the chaperone know so that someone else can have the slot.

Please read over the permission slip before deciding to have your child participate. A parent/guardian will need to **sign a permission slip each time** for the participant to play. A \$5.00 donation is requested for each use. Please have the permission slip filled out before you bring your child to the gym to prevent large gatherings.

All participants will be expected to show responsible and respectful behavior. Masks are required and all public health and safety guidelines will be followed (a list of these is on the permission slip). All chaperones have been Virtus trained.

For a copy of the permission slip, please see the parish website. Please contact Paula Jones at [pjones@ccsdk12.org](mailto:pjones@ccsdk12.org) or (315) 267-6200 if you have any questions.

## January Retreat Day: Walking With St. Joseph As Our Guide

This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the "Patron of the Church," and has been specially dedicated to St. Joseph since May 1 in our diocese and since December 8 in the universal church. This retreat day will consider the mind and heart of St. Joseph, as reflected in his actions, and how he may be a faithful guide and companion in our own lives.

When: **Saturday, January 16** from **10:00 am to 2:00pm**

Facilitator: Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ

Where: VIRTUAL on ZOOM

There is no cost. If you wish to make an offering for the retreat, please mail to: Sisters of St. Joseph, 1425 Washington St, Watertown, New York 13601

To register: Email [srbethssj@gmail.com](mailto:srbethssj@gmail.com) or 315-212-6592



During this time of social distancing, challenge yourself to take the opportunity to call a family member, friend or neighbor who is alone and might be lonely, or perhaps someone you haven't reached out to in some time.



## Campus Corner

Have a great Winter break! We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



### "The Search" Begins January 15

Looking for a new show to watch? Hopefully you've heard about "The Search", the masterpiece, seven-part series produced by the Augustine Institute. The Search begins for our parish on Friday, January 15th: look for an email with a link to the entire first episode.

### Diocesan Mass for Life

Bishop LaValley will celebrate a Mass for Life on **Sunday, January 24, 2021** at **11AM** at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

The Mass will be live-streamed at [www.rcdony.org/livemass](http://www.rcdony.org/livemass). Join in person or virtually to pray for a deeper respect for human life. For more information contact the Respect Life Office at [cminer@rcdony.org](mailto:cminer@rcdony.org)



### Holy Hour for Vocations

You're invited to come spend an hour with our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration. If you're looking for the source of peace and love in a world that needs Him so badly, join us each **Tuesday from 4:10-5:10**. The Holy Hour will consist of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet, and a scripture reflection on the Sunday Gospel.

### Planned Giving—A Free Proposal

Did you know that you can make a charitable gift that also benefits you in a practical way? A **Charitable Gift Annuity** is a donation you make to our parish, yet you will receive guaranteed income on it for the rest of your life at a relatively high rate of return (4.7% - 9.5%). Plus you will receive a charitable tax deduction and tax-free income. Ultimately your gift will support our parish, while supporting you during your lifetime. For a free proposal contact the Diocese at 315-393-2920 or Email [slalone@rcdony.org](mailto:slalone@rcdony.org).

## Schedule for Youth Basketball at St. Mary's

### Monday, January 11

4:30-5:30 pm—Boys Grades 7-8

Kelly O'Neill • [kellyponeill@verizon.net](mailto:kellyponeill@verizon.net) • 315-854-0707

6:00-7:00 pm—Mixed Grades 4-6

Matt Metcalf • [metcalfm@canton.edu](mailto:metcalfm@canton.edu) • 315-854-5681

7:30-8:30 pm—Boys Grades 9-12

Paula Jones • [pjones@ccsdc12.org](mailto:pjones@ccsdc12.org) • 315-267-6200

### Tuesday, January 12

4:30-5:30 pm—Girls Grades 7-8

Eli White • [eliwhite02@yahoo.com](mailto:eliwhite02@yahoo.com) • 315-854-0773

6:00-7:00 pm—Mixed Grades 1-3

Paul Redfern • [coachfern@gmail.com](mailto:coachfern@gmail.com) • 717-891-4991

7:30-8:30 pm—Girls Grades 9-12

Shelly Roiger • [sroiger@stlawu.edu](mailto:sroiger@stlawu.edu) • 315-600-6216

### Wednesday, January 13

4:30-5:30 pm—Boys Grades 7-8

Kelly O'Neill • [kellyponeill@verizon.net](mailto:kellyponeill@verizon.net) • 315-854-0707

6:00-7:00 pm—Mixed Grades 4-6

Matt Metcalf • [metcalfm@canton.edu](mailto:metcalfm@canton.edu) • 315-854-5681

7:30-8:30 pm—Boys Grades 9-12

Paula Jones • [pjones@ccsdc12.org](mailto:pjones@ccsdc12.org) • 315-267-6200

### Thursday, January 14

4:30-5:30 pm—Girls Grades 7-8

Eli White • [eliwhite02@yahoo.com](mailto:eliwhite02@yahoo.com) • 315-854-0773

6:00-7:00 pm—Mixed Grades 1-3

Paul Redfern • [coachfern@gmail.com](mailto:coachfern@gmail.com) • 717-891-4991

7:30-8:30 pm—Girls Grades 9-12

Shelly Roiger • [sroiger@stlawu.edu](mailto:sroiger@stlawu.edu) • 315-600-6216

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### Parish Office Closed

The Parish office will be closed on **Monday, January 18**, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. The office will reopen at 8am on January 19.

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(Six Episodes)

Listen to Podcast:  
*Baptism Role Reversal*  
with Bishop James Conley





### Ministry Schedule

#### January 9 and January 10, 2021

<b>Sat. 5:00 pm</b>	Lector	Lisa Guccione
	Greeters	Phil and Mary Shatraw
<b>Sun. 9:00 am</b>	Lector	Russel Backus
	Greeters	Maureen Howard, Pete Mueller

#### January 16 and January 17, 2021

<b>Sat. 5:00 pm</b>	Lector	Bernard Proulx
	Greeters	Bill and Carol O'Horo
<b>Sun. 9:00 am</b>	Lector	Joan Hyde
	Greeters	John Bailey, Terry White

## Parish Support

<u>Christmas (December 24-25)</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,180.92</b>	<b>\$4,512.00</b>

<u>Week of December 27</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Envelopes	\$3,101.00	\$3,487.00
On-Line Giving	\$172.00	\$1,513.00
Plate	\$634.00	\$108.00
Children's Envelopes	\$2.25	
Christmas		\$95.00
Christmas Flowers		\$5.00
Religious Retirement Fund		\$130.00
Immaculate Conception		\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$50.00
<u>Cath. Camp. for Human Dev.</u>		<u>\$10.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,909.25</b>	<b>\$5,403.00</b>
(Recent Candle Donations—\$44.00)		

<u>Solemnity of Mary (December 1)</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,503.05</b>	<b>\$512.00</b>

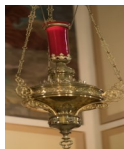
<u>Week of January 3</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Envelopes	\$4,737.00	\$6,370.00
On-Line Giving	\$432.00	\$908.00
Plate	\$611.00	\$240.00
Children's Envelopes	\$1.30	
Christmas		\$425.00
Christmas Flowers		\$10.00
Religious Retirement Fund		\$225.00
<u>Immaculate Conception</u>		<u>\$10.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,781.00</b>	<b>\$8,188.00</b>
(Recent Candle Donations—\$31.00)		

***Thank you for your support & generosity each week!***

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

## MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, January 9:</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
3:45- 4:45 pm	Confession
	<b><i>Vigil, The Baptism of the Lord</i></b>
5:00 pm Mass	Bill Redington by Peter Mitchell
<b>Sunday, January 10:</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
9:00 am Mass	Harry Clark by Kelly, Kerisa, and Dawna
5:00 pm Mass	For All the People of the Parish
<b>Monday, January 11:</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
7:30 am Mass	Joan Majer by her family
8:15 am (Facebook)	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
In Private	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena for the Family ( <i>Liturgy tab on parish website</i> )
<b>Tuesday, January 12:</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:15 am (Facebook)	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
4:10-5:10 pm	Holy Hour for Vocations
5:15 pm Mass	Kathleen Buckley by her father, Francis
5:45-6:15 pm	Confession
<b>Wednesday, January 13:</b>	<b>Weekday/Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>
7:30 am Mass	Howard & Rita Shannon by their estate
8:15 am (Facebook)	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
<b>Thursday, January 14:</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:15 am (Facebook)	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
In Private	Rosary for Life
5:15 pm Mass	John Thompson by Truus and family
<b>Friday, January 15:</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
7:30 am Mass	Helen Wilson by Judy Wilson and family
8:15 am (Facebook)	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
<b>Saturday, January 16:</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
3:45- 4:45 pm	Confession
	<b><i>Vigil, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>
5:00 pm Mass	For All the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday, January 17:</b>	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am Mass	Emerson and Bernetta Bartman by Judy Ruddy and Family
5:00 pm Mass	Barbara Kelly by Margaret McDonald



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for

### Those Without Adequate Shelter

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

#### Readings for Jan 10

Is 42: 1-4,6-7  
Ps 29: 1-4,9-10  
Acts 10: 34-38  
Mark 1: 7-11



#### Readings for Jan 11

1 Sam 3: 3-10,19  
Ps 40: 2,4,7-10  
1 Cor 6: 13-15,17-20  
John 1: 35-42