

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.

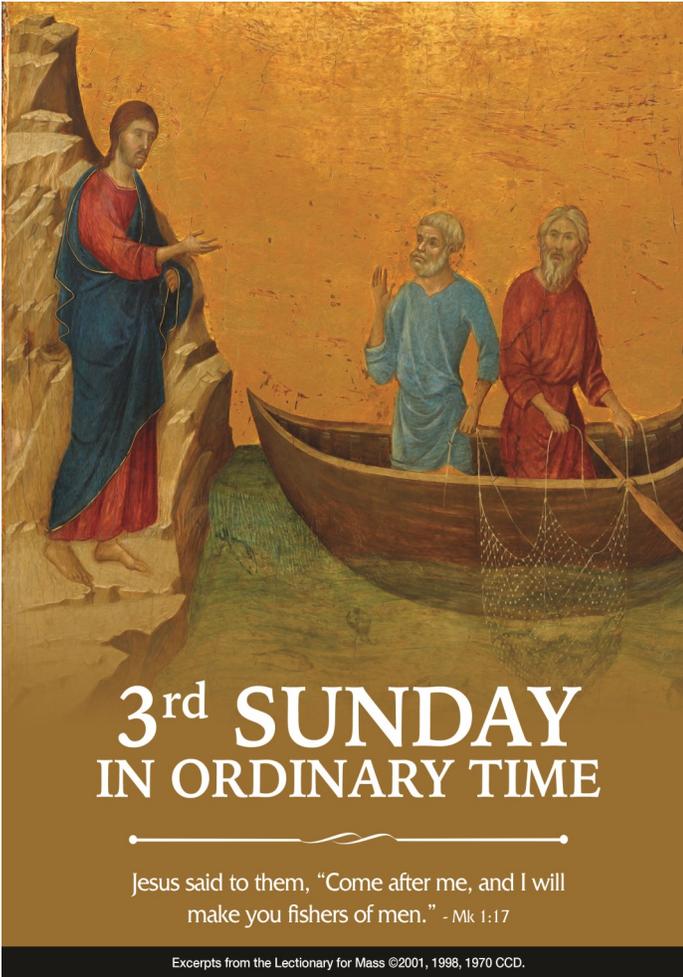
Sacrament of Penance – Confessions :Tuesdays 5:45pm–6:15pm, Saturdays 3:45pm–4:45pm , or by appointment.

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.



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

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

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 2021

Pastor's Corner



An inspired moment. That's all I can call the parish staff's decision to roll out "The Search" last week. I'm still amazed that last week's Gospel (Jesus asking the disciples "What do you seek?") perfectly lined up with the theme of the first episode. Thank you, Holy Spirit!

I've heard some great things already from people that have viewed the first episode: "I love the host!—he seems to be speaking right to me." "This is putting into words things that I have thought for ever but was never able to articulate." "This is something that I want my whole family to watch."

That last point is the one that is closest to my heart. Please do **share** the series with family and friends. Even better, set up time to have conversations about it. Just watching the videos is good, but even better is watching them, thinking about them, and talking them over with those that we love.

FYI, that's why we are sharing some quotable quotes from each episode in this bulletin's insert. They're just intended to be conversation starters. To access the second episode (and indeed, all seven of them), go to FORMED.org and follow the instructions.

This week the Church around the world celebrates **Word of God Sunday**—an occasion to remind us of what happens every Sunday at Mass: the Inspired Word of God is shared and cherished. May we go forth from Mass and do the same in our lives.

Here in the States, this weekend is also **Respect Life Sunday**. More than ever before, we as a people of faith must stand up for the dignity of each and every person, born and unborn.

If that sounds like a lot to get into one homily, you're right. But our beloved Deacon is up to the task. Thanks for stepping up to the plate this weekend, **Deacon Jim!**

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



Return Your Blessed Palms

As you may know, we burn last year's palms to make this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring your palms to the baskets at the doors of church or the parish office. Lent starts on **February 17**.

What About Ash Wednesday During COVID?

In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Masses will be offered as usual to begin the holy season of Lent on **Ash Wednesday, February 17**.

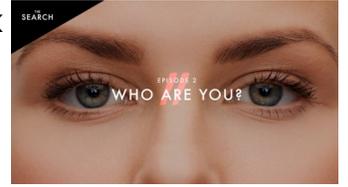
However, instead of marking each person's forehead with ashes in the sign of the cross, the priest will instead sprinkle the ashes upon their heads.

The practice of sprinkling ashes is both biblical and practical; in fact, it is the form of distribution that is used in Italy and many other parts of the world. Obviously, this year there is the benefit of not touching each person, but there are also positive biblical and theological implications that we will share over the next few weeks.



"The Search" This Week

"Who are you?" There's a lot more to that question than can be satisfied by any easy answer you might throw out. In fact, it's a question some people are afraid to go into, because they think that, deep down, there isn't really an answer. To be a human being is to want to know, however.



Tune into Episode 2 of "The Search", the fascinating, seven-part series that probes the question of identity. Due to parish sponsorship, **the entire series is available for free** on FORMED.org, a streaming service which can also be connected to your Roku.

If you haven't signed up yet, it's simple. Go to formed.org and click "Sign-up". If prompted, choose to register as a "parishioner". Type in the Canton zip code (13617) to search for our parish, select it, and click "Next". Enter your name and email address, click "Sign Up", and you're in!

Second Collection This Weekend



The **Respect Life Second Collection** is held in parishes each January, near the anniversary of the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion in our nation. In 2021, this collection is being held the weekend of January 23-24. Grants from the collection benefit pro-life projects in our diocese. Thank you for your support of efforts to build a culture of life.

The Seven Joys and Sorrows of St. Joseph

The Devotion to the Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys of St. Joseph is observed on the seven Sundays preceding the March 19 Feast of St. Joseph (January 31 to March 14). A booklet by Fr. Joe Giroux on this devotion is available on the diocesan website.

Seven Sorrows of St. Joseph

1. The doubt of St. Joseph (Mt 1:19)
2. The poverty of Jesus' birth (Lk 2:7)
3. The Circumcision (Lk 2:21)
4. The prophecy of Simeon (Lk 2:34)
5. The flight into Egypt (Mt 2:14)
6. The return from Egypt (Mt 2:22)
7. The loss of the Child Jesus (Lk 2:45)

Seven Joys of St. Joseph

1. The message of the Angel (Mt 1:20)
2. The birth of the Savior (Lk 2:10-11)
3. The Holy Name of Jesus (Mt 1:25)
4. The effects of the Redemption (Lk 2:38)
5. The overthrow of the idols of Egypt (Is 19:1)
6. Life with Jesus and Mary at Nazareth (Lk 2:39)
7. The finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:46)

Work on the Chapel Entrance

This week we will be having the stairs to the chapel worked on. That entrance will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.



THE SEARCH

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The Search Weekly Quotes

Week 2: "Who Are You?"

You think of the other things the brain can do, the higher cognitive functions, the thinking, the intellect, the will to do something, to go beyond yourself—it has to point to something greater." –Dr. Paul Camarata

"The human person has always been trying to share this part of themselves that they don't even necessarily have the words to describe what it is. But they still had to make that sculpture; they still had to make that painting—there is something in them that was driving them to do this, to express this." –Elizabeth Zelasko

"We are rational animals...That means that we can think, that we can will freely, that we can love. So, the rational part of us which makes us a particular kind of being, not just an animal, is precisely what we call the soul." –Dr. Sean Innerst

"One hundred sixty-plus years ago, probably the majority of voting citizens in the United States said I had zero rights, that I was property. The fact that they said that didn't change the eternal truth that I was made in the image of God and that I am deserving of human dignity and human freedom and all the human and civil rights that come along with that." –Louis Brown

Week 3: Why A God?

"We don't think of God as some mythological creature flying around in space. We believe that God is existence itself. That space and time are flying around in him." –Chris Stefanick

"Those who came long before Christianity such as the Greek philosophers came to an understanding, just through the use of reason alone, that God must exist." –Joseph Pearce

"Science can tell us the 'how' of things, 'how' the universe works. But it can't address certain questions about the 'why' of the universe—why was it created; why are we here?"
–Dr. Jack Wetterer

"Faith is a choice. It's a reasonable choice. But let me go a step further. If you want a meaningful life, if you want joy and peace and happiness and a sense of purpose, it is also a necessary choice." –Chris Stefanick

Week 4: What's Our Story?

"The biblical story describes the Garden as a paradise. That is a beautiful picture of what God originally intended for the human race—in communion with each other, and with nature, and with him." –Dr. Sean Innerst

"We don't live in the world God made. We live in the world we have made of the world God made." –Dr. Sean Innerst

"Take the love story out of the Bible...and what you're left with is a to-do list." –Chris Stefanick

"For a Christian, joy isn't what happens when life is going perfectly; it's what happens when you know you are loved perfectly, even when life is a mess." –Chris Stefanick

Week 5: Who Is Jesus?

“At the center of Christianity is the claim that God came looking for us.” –Chris Stefanick

“These are the three options. Jesus was either a liar, or a lunatic, or he was in fact the Lord. And you have to make your choice.”
–Dr. Brant Pitre

“Jesus reflects a perfect humanity—not less human for being more perfect, but precisely more human for being the perfect expression of what God had willed for the human race from the beginning.” –Dr. Sean Innerst

“All the stuff we do as Christians is not about adding to-dos to our already overwhelmingly busy lives. The stuff we do as Christians is about drawing near to the source of life itself.”
–Chris Stefanick

Week 6: Am I Saved?

“Sin is not just a violation of a rule; it’s a violation of reality...Whenever we sin, we are acting not just against God...we are acting against our own best interests.” –Dr. Sean Innerst

“Make no mistake about this. God is attracted to your poverty. He actually wants to come into that mess.” –Jim Beckman

“The triumph of our faith is not that there is no suffering. The triumph of our faith is that he has defeated it.” –Noelle Garcia

“Jesus did not come to make bad people look good. He came to make dead people alive.”
–Chris Stefanick

Week 7: Why A Church?

“The Church is essentially a way for us to encounter the presence of God that we need to live life to the full. It’s the place where we can look for authoritative teaching, interpreting all that he left us and helping us to apply it to our lives today.” –Chris Stefanick

“The fact that God saves us as a family means...that we have organized religion. Religion was never meant to be a private, personal thing.” –Chris Stefanick

“We have bodies; we exist in these bodies, and so the spiritual life of the person also has to include the body. The liturgical experience is part of that.” –Jonathan Pageau

“A lot of people say, ‘I don’t want to follow some man-made religion.’ You know what, I don’t either. Our religion was founded by Jesus Christ.” –Chris Stefanick

How to watch *The Search*

To Access **The Search** Episodes, you'll need a FORMED account. You can access a free account, through our parish by visiting www.CantonCatholics.formed.org or search by our zip code to sign-up. FORMED has an app that is available through Roku.

Campus Corner

Until further notice, we'll have the following schedule for Newman Club meetings:

Virtual Meetings—Wednesdays at 7pm

(via GoogleMeet: link will be emailed out in advance, if you're not on the email list, contact Peter)

In-Person Meetings—Thursdays at 3pm

(In the library of the parish center, the old school building next to the church)

For further information about Catholic Campus Ministry in Canton, contact Peter Mueller at 315-386-2543 or cantoncatholics@gmail.com



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope St. John Paul II wrote, in *The Gospel of Life*, "To defend and promote life, to show reverence and love for it, is a task which God entrusts to every person" (no.42). Each one of us is called to oppose abortion by every legal means available and to voice that opinion in the public square. We are called to support women and families whose circumstances may lead them to seek an abortion. "We are asked to love and honor the life of every man and woman and to work with perseverance and courage so that, our time, marked by all too many signs of death, may at last witness the establishment of a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and love" (*The Gospel of Life*, no.77). This is our time for witness.

The Church of the North Country continues to accept our responsibility to promote a Culture of Life in a resistant society. For the last several years, here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, a special **Respect Life Collection** is taken up to support our diocesan Respect Life efforts. Colleen and John Miner, from our Diocesan Respect Life Office, faithfully coordinate the steps we need to take in promoting and protecting the dignity and worth of every human life.

Every year at this time, we are given this opportunity to support the efforts this local Church makes in promoting the Culture of Life. Grants from this collection support such ministries as **Gabriel Project** which aid struggling new mothers with a compassionate ear and with material assistance to care for their newborn child. Grants also assist **Birthright**, an interdenominational organization helping women with unplanned pregnancies. Other grants have supported educational programs, Catholic radio in the Adirondacks and a variety of other pro-life efforts. Grants have also provided buses for our youth and college students to participate in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Thank you for your prayers, witness, and generous support of the **2021 Respect Life Collection**, helping to build a Culture of Life, one life at a time.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Happy, Healthy and Holy with Hoops

St. Mary's has 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.

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

Schedule

Monday and Wednesday

4:30-5:30 pm—Boys Grades 7-8

Kelly O'Neill • kellyponeill@verizon.net • 315-854-0707

6:00-7:00 pm—Mixed Grades 4-6

Matt Metcalf • metcalfm@canton.edu • 315-854-5681

7:30-8:30 pm—Boys Grades 9-12

Paula Jones • pjones@ccsdk12.org • 315-267-6200

Tuesday and Thursday

4:30-5:30 pm—Girls Grades 7-8

Eli White • eliwhite02@yahoo.com • 315-854-0773

6:00-7:00 pm—Mixed Grades 1-3

Paul Redfern • coachfern@gmail.com • 717-891-4991

7:30-8:30 pm—Girls Grades 9-12

Shelly Roiger • sroiger@stlawu.edu • 315-600-6216

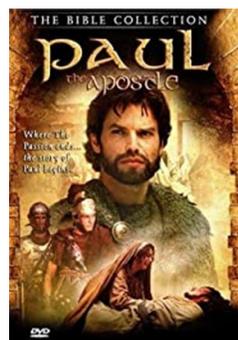
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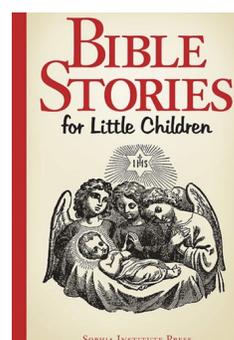
Watch: *The Bible Collection - Paul the Apostle*

Read: *Bible Stories for Little Children* (download)

Watch: *Anchored: 2020 Virtual Bible Conference*



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Ministry Schedule

January 23 and January 24, 2021

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Brenda Sanderson
	Greeters	Mark Dalton, Lisa Guccione
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Melissane Schrems
	Greeters	Helen Dominy, Paul Schrems

January 30 and January 31, 2021

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Edd White
	Greeters	Phil and Mary Shatraw
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Pat White
	Greeters	Shelly and Zadok Roiger



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

Parish Support

<u>Week of January 17</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Envelopes	\$4,093.00	\$3,765.00
On-Line Giving	\$402.20	\$1,863.00
Plate	\$571.00	\$82.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0.27	
Immaculate Conception		\$20.00
Religious Retirement Fund		\$20.00
Christmas Collection		\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$120.00
Respect Life Collection	\$60.00	\$110.00
Winter Fuel Collection	\$348.00	\$520.00
Total	\$5,474.47	\$6,550.00

(Recent Candle Donations—\$78.00)

Thank you for your support & generosity each week!

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 23: **Weekday**
 3:45- 4:45 pm Confession
Vigil, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 pm Mass Jack Layhee by Nancy Layhee

Sunday, January 24: **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 am Mass Coach Jerry Smilgin by the McKenna Family
 5:00 pm Mass For All the People of the Parish

Monday, January 25: **Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**
 7:30 am Mass Irene Krenceski by Mary and Charlie
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 In Private Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena for the Family (*Liturgy tab on parish website*)

Tuesday, January 26: **Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 4:10-5:10 pm Holy Hour for Vocations
 5:15 pm Mass All Souls by the people of the parish
 5:45-6:15 pm Confession

Wednesday, January 27: **Weekday/Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Foundress**
 7:30 am Mass Myrtle Burke by Judy Wilson and family
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

Thursday, January 28: **Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 In Private Rosary for Life
 5:15 pm Mass All Souls by the people of the parish

Friday, January 29: **Weekday**
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 7:30 am Mass All Souls by the people of the parish

Saturday, January 30: **Weekday**
 3:45- 4:45 pm Confession
Vigil, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 pm Mass Josephine Ferguson by Henry Sieg

Sunday, January 31: **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 am Mass Elizabeth Molnar by Kelly, Kerisa, and Dawna
 5:00 pm Mass For All the People of the Parish

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for

the Glory of God and In Memory of Irene Krenceski



Readings for Jan 24

Jon 3: 1-5,10
 Ps 25: 4-9
 1 Cor 7: 29-31
 Mark 1: 14-20



Readings for Jan 31

Deut 18: 15-20
 Ps 95: 12,6-7,7-9
 1 Cor 7: 32-35
 Mark 1: 21-28