

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.

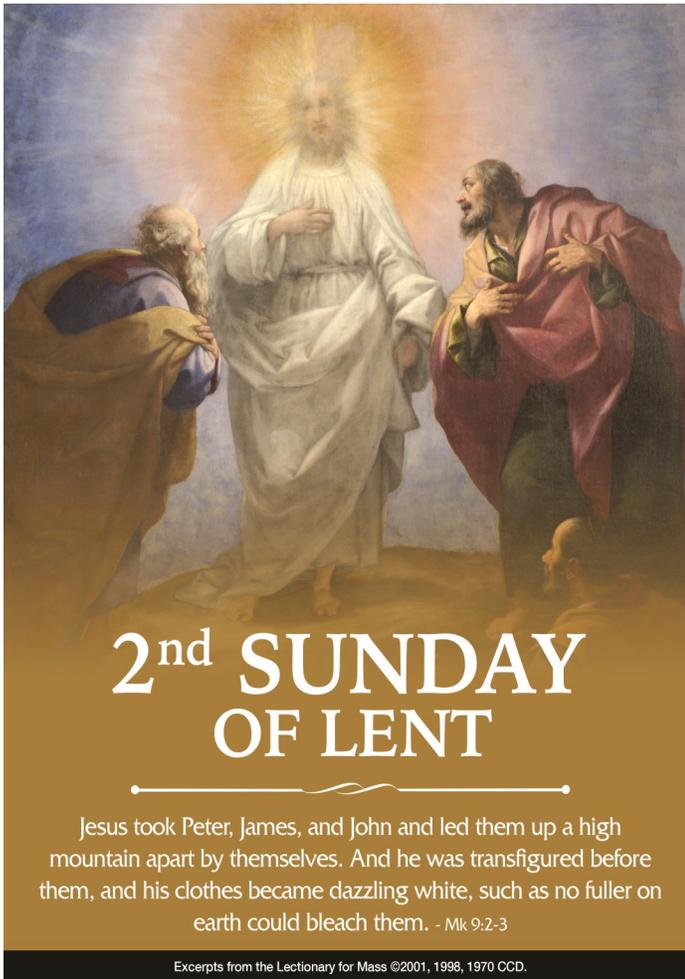
Sacrament of Penance – Confessions :Tuesdays 5:45pm–6:15pm, Saturdays 3:45pm–4:45pm , or by appointment.

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.



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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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

Pastor's Corner



"Father, we've just gotten our shots and we're coming back." Best news of the week! I love that we've had so many of you worshipping with us in person throughout the pandemic, but it's also such a joy to have people returning. I think I can speak for everyone when I say, "We sure have missed you."

We are in the second week of a three-week series of homilies on the spiritual weapons of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. As I said last week, there is a battle going on, it is real, and it goes on all around us, but we're not bystanders. With Peter, James, and John, the Lord invites us up the mountain. He invites us into a fight, not against other people, but against the forces of sin, evil, darkness, and death.

In using this ancient image, I'm well aware that many of us may be weary of fighting or afraid of losing. I understand; I also am afraid sometimes when looking around at this world. There are so many that seem to have given up, a great deal of despair; the crosses of our lives are heavy. But we take hope because we are not alone! Jesus is with us. He suffers with us, and as we see in today's gospel (the Transfiguration), his victory is eternal.

Yes, we know that we'll have to go back down into the valley; but we go down in company with Him, and with each other. Whether this is your first Sunday back in a year, or if you haven't missed a one, we join Peter in saying: "It is good that we are here!"

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

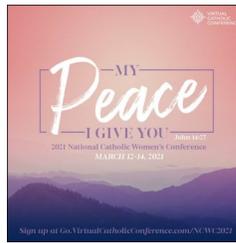
"The Search" Finale

Where does church fit into your life? Is it a duty, a luxury, a non-negotiable, a hobby? If you're not sure, or not entirely comfortable with your answer, try watching "The Search", the ground-breaking, seven-part series that connects your life with the greatest mysteries of the universe. This week is the finale, **Episode 7: Why A Church?**



Due to parish sponsorship, the complete 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!

Free National Catholic Women's Conference



The National Catholic Women's Conference is a FREE virtual event for Catholic women of all ages. This year, we will be exploring all the ways that we as women can open ourselves to receive Christ's peace. Despite the pressures that we feel in life, peace is possible! Let's explore it together.

The free event will be **March 12-14**. Register today at: www.go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021

Ask Father...

Why did we bring the statue of St. Joseph from the chapel? Don't we already have one in the high altar?

Thanks for asking. You've got a good point: to the right of the tabernacle there is a statue of St. Joseph. You can recognize it by the lily he's holding—a sign both of purity and fruitfulness. But this year, marking the 150th year since St. Joseph was named the Patron of the Universal Church, we want to focus in a special way on the foster father of Jesus. It's not ideal having a redundancy of images, but I'm confident that the Lord won't mind our having Joseph doubled up for this one year. St. Joseph, pray for us.

Just a reminder about 40 Cans for Lent, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, which started Ash Wednesday and concludes Easter Sunday. This one-can-per-day food donation is a way to practice alms-giving, inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert.



There is 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!**

2021 Easter Candles

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



(Please Print Clearly)

Name of Donor:

Please return this form and a \$15 offering to the Rectory by Monday, March 29, 2021.

Cans and Bottles

A reminder that you can support St. Mary's by bringing your cans to **Bessette's on Gouverneur Street**. Just say it's for St. Mary's.



North Country Catholic Subscription Drive

The annual *North Country Catholic* subscription campaign is this weekend. If you don't already subscribe, please consider picking up a **copy from the back of church** and reading it closely. The price for a year's subscription is only \$27 for Catholics who live in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Please place your subscription envelope in the collection basket or mail a check for \$27 to the *North Country Catholic*, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY, 13317. **ANOTHER OPTION—receive your NCC through email** every Monday; if interested, write your email address on the envelope.

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 cantontholics@gmail.com



Change to Daily Mass Schedule

Please note that this week there is no schedule Mass in the parish on **Thursday, March 4**; Father Stitt will offer Mass out of town.

Volunteer—Foster Grandparent Program

The Foster Grandparent Program's purpose is to provide opportunities for low income persons aged 55 and older to provide person-to-person services in health, education, and the welfare of children ages 21 and below. Foster Grandparents are placed in a classroom setting with a child or children who are in need of emotional support or the development of basic learning skills to provide friendship, companionship, encouragement, individual attention, and unhurried help. Foster Grandparents also receive a small, non-taxable stipend bi-weekly that cannot be held against any current benefits you may already have; you also get paid mileage for your travel. For more information, contact: MHoward@catholiccharities.org or 518-359-7688

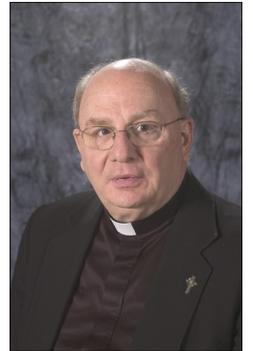


Job Posting—Diocese of Ogdensburg

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg is seeking a **Diocesan Coordinator – Office of Parish Audit & Financial Support Services**. This position provides support in the financial operation of parishes, schools and related entities in the diocese including technical support in the use of QuickBooks Pro and standard accounting practices. This position also oversees the process by which reviews of parish fiscal operations are conducted and reviews annual submission of Parish Financial Reports to assure financial statements are in balance and in accordance with diocesan accounting regulations. A Bachelor's Degree in accounting with two years audit experience is preferred. Knowledge of QuickBooks Pro accounting software is required. Candidates should possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, have the ability to work independently and manage/establish priority for several projects at the same time. Travel throughout the diocese is necessary on occasion. 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 to: ksnover@rcdony.org. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Lenten Mission Podcast

St. Mary's Church of Ticonderoga is offering a special Lenten Parish Mission podcast, available to all, hosted by Father J. Roger McGuinness.



Fr. McGuinness has been a priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg for over 50 years. He has been a pastor, seminary and university professor, retreat master, college chaplain and vocation director. Now retired from active ministry, he continues to write and give spiritual direction.

Fr. Roger will be leading a Lenten mission featuring weekly reflections on the Sunday gospel readings. He will also offer a special reflection on the life of St. Joseph on March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph. The podcast can be found at the website: <https://www.route74.catholics.org/fatherroger>

It can also be found at Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts and Spotify. Episodes began being available on February 16th.

Mass Attendance February 20-21

5:00 PM Saturday	36
9:00 AM Sunday	61
5:00 PM Sunday	40



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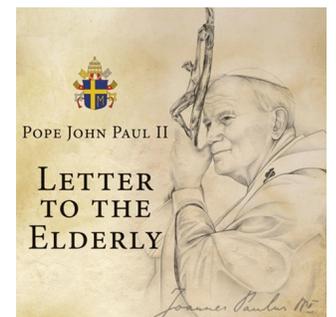
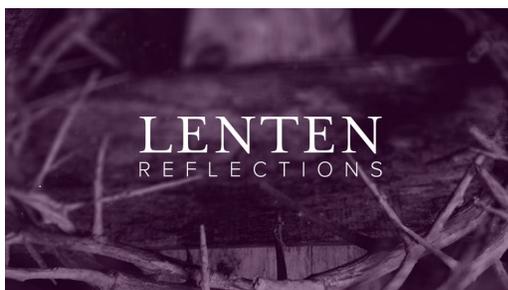
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Watch: *THE SEARCH* (see page 2)

Watch: *Daily Lenten Reflections* with Dr. Tim Gray

Listen: *Letter to the Elderly* by Pope John Paul II





Ministry Schedule

February 27 and February 28, 2021

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Bernard Proulx
	Greeters	Bill and Carol O'Horo
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Russel Backus
	Greeters	Shelly and Zadok Roiger

March 6 and March 7, 2021

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Brenda Sanderson
	Greeters	Mark Dalton, Lisa Guccione
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Joan Hyde
	Greeters	John Bailey, Terry White



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

Parish Support

<u>Week of February 21</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Envelopes	\$4,622.00	\$2,739.00
On-Line Giving	\$657.00	\$1,133.00
Plate	\$790.00	\$134.00
Children's Envelopes	\$1.00	
Easter Candles		\$45.00
Easter Flowers		\$126.00
North Country Catholic		\$50.00
Respect Life Collection		\$40.00
Church in Central/Eastern Eur.	\$1,015.10	\$641.63
<u>Winter Fuel Collection</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total	\$7,185.10	\$5,158.63

(Recent Candle Donations—\$20.00)

Thank you for your support & generosity each week!

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 27: **Weekday/Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**
 3:45—4:45 pm Confession
Vigil, 2nd Sunday of Lent
 5:00 pm Mass Wayne & Susan Barkley by Sean Barkley

Sunday, February 28: **2nd Sunday of Lent**
 9:00 am Mass Joan Majer by her family
 5:00 pm Mass For All the People of the Parish

Monday, March 1: **Weekday**
 7:30 am Mass Karen English by Jim and Sharon White
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

Tuesday, March 2: **Weekday**
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 4:10-5:10 pm Eucharistic Adoration - Holy Hour for Vocations
 5:15 pm Mass Freda Spadaccini by the parish
 5:45—6:15 pm Confession

Wednesday, March 3: **Weekday/St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin**
 7:30 am Mass Neil Sheridan by Margaret McDonald
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

Thursday, March 4: **Weekday/Saint Casimir**
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 In Private Rosary for Life
Mass (out of parish) All Souls by the people of the parish

Friday, March 5: **Weekday/First Friday (Day of Abstinence)**
 7:30 am Mass Joyce Lawrence by the parish
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 5:15 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 6: **Weekday/First Saturday**
7:30 am Mass All Souls by the people of the parish
 3:45—4:45 pm Confession
Vigil, 3rd Sunday of Lent
 5:00 pm Mass For All the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 7: **3rd Sunday of Lent**
 9:00 am Mass Ricky and Lena Gollinger by McKenna Family and the Mountain Warriors Sled Hockey Team
 5:00 pm Mass Earl Amaral by Eleanor Beauvais



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for

Victims of Abuse

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

Readings for Feb 28

Gn 22: 1-2,9-13,15-18
 Ps 116: 10,15-19
 Rom 8: 31-34
 Mark 9: 2-10



Readings for Mar 7

Ex 17: 3-7
 Ps 95: 1-2,6-9
 Rom 5: 1-2,5-8
 John 4: 5-42