

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.

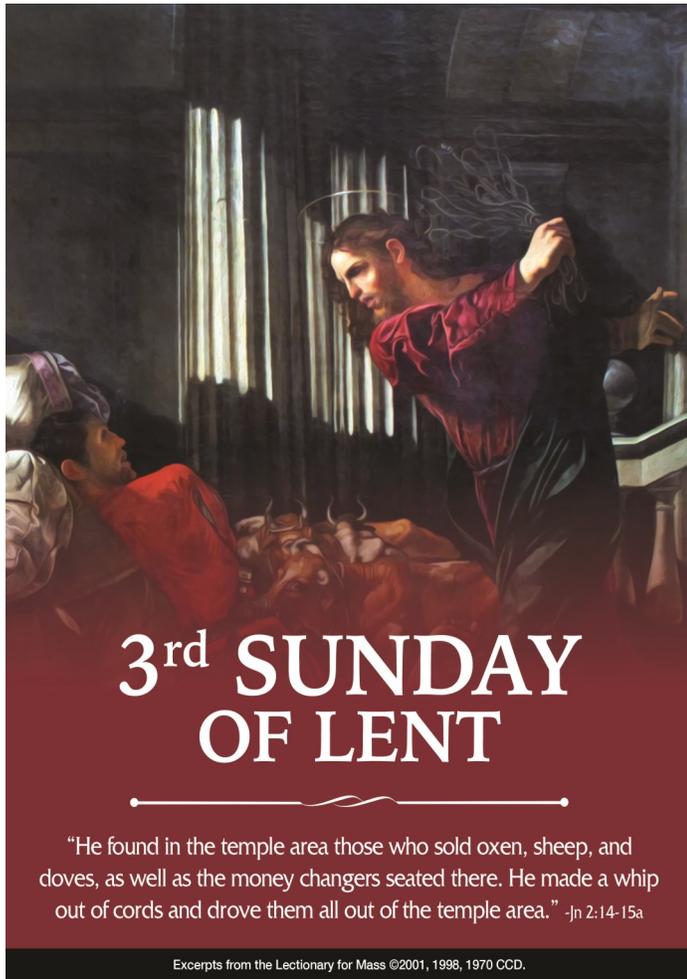
Sacrament of Penance – Confessions :Tuesdays 5:45pm–6:15pm, Saturdays 3:45pm–4:45pm , or by appointment.

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.



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

“He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area.” -Jn 2:14-15a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 7, 2021

Pastor's Corner



This weekend we conclude my three-part homily series on the Lenten disciplines with a reflection on **Almsgiving**. In that context, I'd like to thank you all both for your continued generosity in supporting your family of faith and other worthy charities.

You may have noticed that during the Sunday Masses of Lent we are **chanting the Our Father**. Someone asked me about that last week, hinting that it wasn't her favorite way to do things. For her, the simplicity of the Lord's prayer is very important; it's what makes it easy to teach to children. She was worried that the simplicity would be impaired by adding music.

It's certainly true that Jesus encourages childlike simplicity and discourages prayer that is just an empty show. So why chant and sing? Well, in part because chant is something that the Church encourages us to do. In the Missal (the big red book with all the prayers for Mass) the Lord's prayer is printed with musical notation. But even more than following custom, I'm put in mind of Deacon Jim's brother.

Remember Jerry Snell? He wasn't able to say more than one word (though his brother can tell you that he could express *a lot* with that one word). However, he could sing. Start playing country music or singing a Christmas carol, and he'd join right in. Music has the power to reach somewhere deeper inside us than mere words, and what we celebrate at Mass is truly that deep.

It is good that we pray with childlike simplicity; but fear of missing a note or of coming off as "holier-than-thou" shouldn't deprive us of the benefit of music in our worship. **Disciples sing!**

—Fr. Bryan Stitt

2nd Collection—Mar 13-14

At Masses on the weekend of March 13-14 there will be a **combined second collection** for **Peter's Pence**, which supports the charitable works of Pope Francis, and for **Catholic Relief Services**.

Learn more about these two causes at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief and www.usccb.org/peters-pence. Please pray for Pope Francis and CRS and support their good works through next week's collections.



Youth Basketball—Under New Management

We're very grateful to the committed group of parents from our parish who took the responsibility of forming a youth basketball program during this time of pandemic. On a volunteer basis, they have been acting as chaperones four nights a week in the Parish Center gym and ensuring compliance with Covid precautions so that young people of the parish can rejoice in God's gift of sport.

As of March, an agreement has been reached with **Canton Hoopsters** to take over the program. The Hoopsters will rent the gym and, as they have their own insurance, the program will now be open to young people in grades 1-8 who are not parishioners (boys and girls in grades 9-12 will be able to use the gym over at the public school). For more information, contact Paula Jones at pjones@ccsdk12.org.

Easter Dinner Sign-Ups

Do you know someone who is a shut-in or may not have a local family? St. Mary's will be delivering ham dinners for Easter again this year. If you need a dinner or know of someone who would, please sign up on the sheets in the back of church, or call the parish office at 315-386-2543.



Easter Dinner Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to help with the process of cooking, serving out, and delivering the Easter Dinners, as well as cleaning up afterwards. Please sign up on the sheets in the back of church, or call Dan Sweeney at 315-854-4253.



A Flocknote Reminder

Have you seen a Flocknote e-mail this week? If it's been more than a few days, be sure to add:

mail@flocknote.com

to your address list/list of safe e-mails to ensure you receive them and stay up to date on the latest in parish happenings!

(A few parishioners have had our messages end up in their junk folder).



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.



Daylight Savings Time

The switch to Daylight Savings Time will be next week on **Sunday, March 14**; don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead!

Campus Corner

Lenten Day Retreat

Join us for our annual Spring retreat, hosted by Canton and Potsdam Campus Ministries!

There will be talks, fellowship, food, confession, and a holy hour! All college students are welcome to join this FREE retreat on the subject of Christ's Mercy and how we can share it with the world.

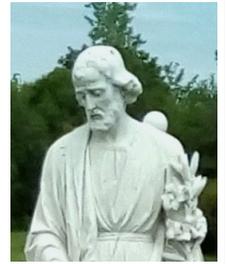
March 13th, 8am to 3pm at St. Mary's Parish Center, Canton

Breakfast and lunch provided; please RSVP so we know how many to plan for: 315-386-2543 or cantontholics@gmail.com.



March Mini-Retreat: Walking with St. Joseph

Falling in the Year of St. Joseph, this Retreat Day will consider the mind and heart of St. Joseph as revealed in his actions, and reflect on ways that he can be a faithful guide and companion on our own faith journeys. There will also be opportunities for prayer and faith-sharing.



The retreat will be on **Saturday, March 13, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** on Zoom. Its facilitator will be Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ. There is **no cost to take part**. If you wish to make an offering for the retreat, please mail it to: Sisters of St. Joseph, 1425 Washington St, Watertown, New York 13601

To register and receive the Zoom link, please contact Sister Bethany at: srbethssj@gmail.com or 315-212-6592



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.



Ignite Catholic Men's Conference

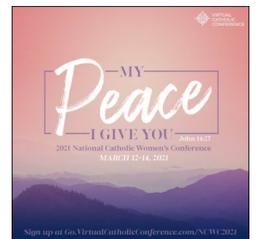
A Message from Bishop Douglas Lucia: "On March 20, 2021, the Diocese of Syracuse is hosting the

Twelfth Annual Ignite Catholic Men's Conference. It will be my first as the Bishop of Syracuse. Although there are limits on gathering, I am excited that the conference has found a way to continue. Whether you participate with a small group of men at a satellite parish or at your own home, this day has the potential to fire you up at this challenging time."

To learn more or to register, go online to ignitecatholicmen.org

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

Mass Attendance February 27-28

5:00 PM Saturday	40
9:00 AM Sunday	67
5:00 PM Sunday	38



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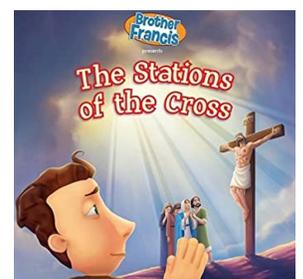
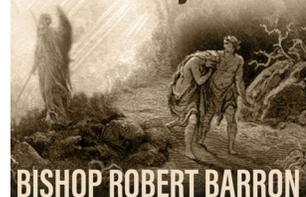
Listen: *Formed Book Club*

Listen: *Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues* with Bishop Robert Barron

Watch (for kids): *Brother Francis: The Stations of the Cross*



Seven Deadly Sins Seven Lively Virtues





Ministry Schedule

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

March 13 and March 14, 2021

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Kerisa Burns
	Greeters	Phil and Mary Shatraw
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Paul Schrems
	Greeters	Maureen Howard, Pete Mueller



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

Week of February 28	2020	2021
Envelopes	\$4,048.00	\$3,743.00
On-Line Giving	\$222.00	\$738.00
Plate	\$670.50	\$123.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0.26	
Easter Flowers	\$58.00	
North Country Catholic		\$332.00
Respect Life Collection	\$50.00	\$10.00
Church in Central/Eastern Eur.		\$10.00
Adopt-A-Student	\$50.00	
Catholic Relief Services	\$8.00	
Total	\$5,156.76	\$4,956.00

(Recent Candle Donations—\$28.00)

Thank you for your support & generosity each week!

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

<p>Saturday, March 6: 7:30 am Mass 3:45—4:45 pm 5:00 pm Mass</p>	<p>Weekday/First Saturday All Souls by the people of the parish Confession Vigil, 3rd Sunday of Lent For All the People of the Parish</p>
<p>Sunday, March 7: 9:00 am Mass 5:00 pm Mass</p>	<p>3rd Sunday of Lent Ricky and Lena Gollinger by McKenna Family and the Mountain Warriors Sled Hockey Team Earle Amaral by Eleanor Beauvais</p>
<p>Monday, March 8: 7:30 am Mass 8:15 am (Facebook)</p>	<p>Weekday/Saint John of God, Religious All Souls by the people of the parish Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 9: 8:15 am (Facebook) 4:10-5:10 pm 5:15 pm Mass 5:45—6:15 pm</p>	<p>Weekday/Saint Frances of Rome, Religious Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer Eucharistic Adoration - Holy Hour for Vocations Mary Czub by Sharon and Jim White Confession</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 10: 7:30 am Mass 8:15 am (Facebook)</p>	<p>Weekday LeRoy Akley by Helen Dominy & Family Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer</p>
<p>Thursday, March 11: 8:15 am (Facebook) In Private 5:15 pm Mass</p>	<p>Weekday Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer Rosary for Life Jerry Amaral by the Butler Family</p>
<p>Friday, March 12: 7:30 am Mass 8:15 am (Facebook) 5:15 pm</p>	<p>Weekday (Day of Abstinence) All Souls by the people of the parish Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Saturday, March 13: 3:45—4:45 pm 5:00 pm Mass</p>	<p>Weekday Confession Vigil, 4th Sunday of Lent Neil Sheridan by Anna McKenna</p>
<p>Sunday, March 14: 9:00 am Mass 5:00 pm Mass</p>	<p>4th Sunday of Lent John Thompson by Truus and Family For All the People of the Parish</p>



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for

the Greater Glory of God

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

Readings for Mar 7

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



Readings for Mar 14

2 Chr 36: 14-16,19-23
 Ps 137: 1-6
 Eph 2: 4-10
 John 3: 14-21