

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.



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” - Mt 28:19-20

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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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MAY 30, 2021

Pastor's Corner

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." These words from today's Gospel—these words that we utter with each sign of the cross—are so simple that the youngest child can learn them, so profound that the greatest scholars can study them through the centuries. Welcome to **Trinity Sunday**.



You may have heard that it has been quite the week for the local priesthood. I thought it was going to be quiet enough to get a visit in to my old friend Fr. Bernie Menard, who in mid-pandemic began a new assignment down in Rome, NY. From what I hear, he's doing well, but that visit had to wait. The change of plans was because **two priest funerals**, those of Father Dick Sturtz and Monsignor Harry Snow, both occurred this week, and I had the honor of helping with both. Msgr. Snow was pastor in Norwood for many years and the Judicial Vicar of the diocese for many more. Fr. Sturtz was 90 years old, and died on the 65th anniversary of his priestly ordination. Both men were retired, but their loss is still felt dearly.

And yet, more men are raised up to take their places. Praise God, by the time you read this, we will have **three newly ordained priests** who will shortly be heading off to their new assignments in Watertown, Malone, and Plattsburgh. Please pray for Fathers Conger, Ojuok, and Soloman as they begin their ministry.

In spite of all this news of the ordained priesthood, my pastor's heart beats most deeply for those embracing their baptismal priesthood. You know about Andy Bigelow's Baptism, Confirmation, and first Holy Communion last weekend, but I'm pleased also to be able to confer the sacrament of Confirmation on Dave Murphy at this Saturday's Mass, the same day his son, Mac, makes his first Holy Communion. God bless the Murphy family!

Finally, many blessings upon our entire parish family, as we grow in our devotion to our Eucharistic Lord. How pleased I am that we will have a **Eucharistic Procession** next Sunday! Peter gives us a chance to reflect on the great gift that is the Eucharist in his reflection this week (page 3).

-Fr. Bryan Stitt

"Ramping Up at St. Mary's" Raffle

for the renovation of our wheelchair ramp:

Mail this ticket and a check payable to St. Mary's
to 68 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617

Each ticket is **\$50.00** (ONLY 500 tickets to be sold!)
A ticket stub will be returned to you.

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MEMORIAL DAY

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Join us on **Monday, May 31**, for prayers in remembrance of our fallen service-men and women.

A **Prayer Service** will be held at **8:00 am** at
St. Henry's Cemetery, DeKalb Junction

A **Mass of Remembrance** will be offered at **9:00 am** at
St. Mary's Cemetery, Canton

Please bring a chair. **In case of rain**, there will be Mass only, at 9:00 am at Saint Mary's Church in Canton.

All are welcome as we honor our family, friends, and neighbors, particularly those who gave their lives in service of our country.



SUMMER SCHEDULE

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Next Sunday, **June 6**, we will switch to **Summer Mass times**:
Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am, and Sunday 10:45 am.



Eucharistic Procession and Benediction

Next Sunday, June 6, the Feast of Corpus Christi, there will be a **Eucharistic Procession at 10:00 am**, immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. We will carry the Blessed Sacrament on a short journey through our neighborhood, ending up back at the church for Benediction before the 10:45 am Mass. Come escort the Lord!

Raffle Winner—Drawing 6 of 10

Congratulations to **Jim Morrison of Ogdensburg**, who was the winner of \$500 in our fifth drawing on May 25th! Remember, every ticket that is purchased is entered in every drawing. Four drawings remain:

June 1—\$500
June 8—\$1000
June 15—\$2000
June 22—\$5000





*Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021*

***A Statement on a Return to Sunday Mass by the Roman Catholic Bishops
of the Upstate New York Dioceses of Buffalo, Ogdensburg, Rochester and Syracuse***

Praise be to Almighty God, who has been by our side throughout this long and devastating pandemic. He has heard our cries of mourning and been our rock in this stormy sea. He has delivered us through this crisis and brought us to the point where we can now clearly see an end in sight to the suffering, lockdowns, and isolation. Alleluia!

Today, with vaccination rates rising, infection numbers across the state are falling and we are seeing the reopening of every sector of society, including businesses, restaurants and sporting events. ***Now it is also time to return to Sunday Mass.***

The obligation to attend Holy Mass on the Lord's Day is a sacred one. Anyone who is frail or at risk due to advanced age or medical conditions is *always* excused from this obligation, and we encouraged you to use your prudential judgement throughout this pandemic to determine if it was unsafe for you to attend Mass. This remains true.

However, for those who are healthy and not at great risk, the presumption of the faithful should be that, unless they are at an enhanced risk, sick, or caring for others who are at risk or sick, ***the obligation to attend Sunday Mass now resumes, effective the weekend of June 5-6, 2021, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in our dioceses.***

One should consult their local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend. All required safety protocols and liturgical directives of each Diocese remain in place until modified or revoked by the respective Diocesan Bishop.

We are grateful to God to have reached this point, and we speak for all of our brother priests in saying we can't wait to see you again. ***Come home to Mass!***

Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester

Most Rev. Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Most Rev. Douglas J. Lucia
Bishop of Syracuse

Revised Covid Guidelines

In accordance with new recommendations issued by the CDC, Bishop LaValley has further revised the diocesan guidelines for parish life in the context of Covid-19:

- The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will be lifted on Sunday, June 6; the faithful who are not sick, at-risk, or caring for the sick will once more be obliged to worship at Mass each Sunday and holy day.
- Those who have been fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks.
- Those who have not been fully vaccinated should maintain social distancing and the use of masks when entering or leaving church or moving around or projecting their voices; masks may be lowered while socially distanced.



Sealing/Striping Parking Lot

The asphalt around the Church and Parish Center will be cleaned, sealed, and striped beginning on June 1. For **June 1-3**, please plan to park on Power Street or Court Street when coming to church.

Cursillo—Corpus Christi Day of Reflection

On Sunday, **June 6, 2021** at **St. Bernard Church** in Saranac Lake, the **North Country Cursillo** is sponsoring a **day of reflection on the Eucharist**. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer and fellowship as we celebrate the gift that is Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist. As we say in Cursillo: *Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ*.



Registration is requested for planning purposes. Register at <https://www.rcdony.org/corpus-christi>. For more information, contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920 ext. 1380

Surviving Spouses Group

Our bereavement ministry will resume its monthly get-togethers for surviving spouse; these will be on the first Thursday of every month, **beginning July 1**, at The Meadows restaurant at 9:30 am. For more information, please call Lita Maroney at (315) 379-1650.



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.

Sunday Showers Bring May Flowers



Many thanks to first communicant Emma Conklin, who with the help of her family and a stepladder, braved a light rain to crown the statue of Mary in our outdoor shrine this past Sunday.

Formation for Ministry

God continues to call everyone to use their gifts in service to others. Formation For Ministry registration is open! For more information about the **two year program**, go to www.rcdony.org/formation/candidate or contact Cathy Russell at 315-393-2920 or email at crussell@rcdony.org. Registration deadline is July 15th. "Be not afraid" of God's invitation!

Planning for Religious Education



Who should be teaching our children the Christian faith? The answer is: every one of us. The responsibility falls first upon the parents of children, of course, but secondly upon the entire Christian community. We all have the duty to live and

hand on the faith, to make disciples as Jesus commanded us to.

Although it seems a great way off, we at St. Mary's are already planning for the **return of in-person religious education classes** this Fall. For that to be a reality, we will need a core group of volunteer catechists to teach the children. Please consider whether this is how God wants you to participate in educating the seeker.

Parish Office Closed May 31

The Parish office will be closed on **Monday, May 31**, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. The office will reopen at 8:00 am on Tuesday, June 1.



"You Have Become A New Creation"

Congratulations to **Andrew David Bigelow**, who was baptized, confirmed, and made his first Holy Communion last weekend.





Fundraiser for St. Catherine of Siena Academy

PULLED PORK DINNER Saturday June 5

Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Roll, and Brownie

\$12 per Person—\$6 for children 5 & under
Pay at Pick-up

Pick-up June 5 at a site selected by you:

St. Mary's, Canton: 4 – 6 pm

St. Patrick's, Colton: 4 pm

St. Mary's, Potsdam: 4:45 pm

Must Pre-order by Tuesday, June 1:

Telephone (315) 854-4253

Email: infoatscsa@gmail.com

Messenger on Facebook.com/
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St. Mary's Annual Chicken BBQ

Saturday, June 19, 2:00-4:30 pm



Menu: 1/2 Chicken, Cole Slaw,
Salt Potatoes, Baked Beans, Dinner Roll

Meal: \$13.00

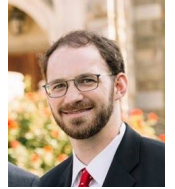
Chicken Only: \$9.00

*** No Pre-Orders—Drive Through Only ***
2 Powers Street, Canton



My Source & Summit

What the Eucharist Means to Me
by Peter Mueller



I was baptized as a baby and grew up being brought to Mass every Sunday by my father. I learned the rhythms of prayer and worship through repetition, though I didn't know what they all meant. When I was in 2nd Grade, I made my first holy communion and received the Eucharist for the first time. I knew that this was special and important; I had been taught that although it looked and smelled and tasted like bread, it was actually Jesus. I didn't understand how that worked, but I believed.

Since then, the full significance of the Eucharist has been slowly sinking in, bit by bit. As an altar server, I learned the care that is shown even to the smallest crumb of a Host, because it's actually the Body, Blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. In my studies, I learned about the sacrifice of Isaac, the Passover meal, the Manna from heaven, all the ways in the Bible that God prepared humanity to understand the Eucharist; and I learned how Christians from the very beginning have believed that at Mass the bread and the wine really and truly become Jesus, and have been prepared to die for that belief.

Growing up, I did not always live a moral life, but I kept going to Mass because there I could at least see Jesus and be close to him. I remember during college when I spent two months in China, in a strange culture, separated from my family and friends and all that I was familiar with, finding a Mass to go to and receiving my familiar Lord. Now, going to the Mass is the most important thing that I do every week.

God made me as a human being, with a body and senses, and he became a human being and died so that my sins might be forgiven. In the washing of my body and soul in baptism, I became a member of God's family. Now, every time I go to Mass, I see him as he offers himself up for me and for everyone, and he feeds my body, my senses, with his very self. Everything else I do with my life will fade away, but the Eucharist will last.

Mass Attendance

May 22-23

5:00 PM Saturday	40
9:00 AM Sunday	90
5:00 PM Sunday	54



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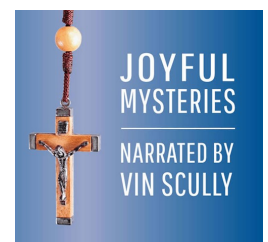
Grow!

The Journey: Trinity, Faith & the God Who Is Love

From the *Symbolon* Series, with Dr. Sri

Monday is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Consider praying your Rosary with Formed! There are several options!

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Ministry Schedule

May 29 and May 30, 2021

<u>Sat. 5:00 pm</u>	Lector	Brenda Sanderson
	Greeters	Bill and Carol O'Horo
<u>Sun. 9:00 am</u>	Lector	Paul Schrems
	Greeters	Shelly and Zadok Roiger

June 5 and June 6, 2021

<u>Sat. 5:00 pm</u>	Lector	Carol O'Horo
	Greeters	Lisa Guccione, Peter Mueller
<u>Sun. 9:00 am</u>	Lector	Shelley Roiger
	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	Nolan Joe Redmond
Milton Bessette	Helen Hilts	Brent Robert
Sam Bisonette	Arleen Jordan	Judy Ruddy
Barbara Brenhoch	Shirley Lamendola	Renee Smith
Camille Brown	Carlos Law	Natalie teRiele
Peggy Cashman	Lori Law	Rose White
J.J. Crooks	Leward Lucia	Abuse Victims
Phyllis Cunningham	Laurence McKenna	& their Families
David Datush	Doni Peters	Covid 19 Victims
Debbie Gainey	Joan Pope	

Parish Support

<u>Week of May 23</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Envelopes	\$3,010.00	\$3,293.00
On-Line Giving	\$1,145.00	\$786.00
Plate	\$30.00	\$278.00
Ascension Thursday	\$245.00	\$6.00
Mother's Day Appeal	\$10.00	\$615.00
Catholic Communications	\$50.00	
Catholic Home Missions	\$145.00	
Total	\$4,635.00	\$4,978.00

(Recent Candle Donations—\$18.00)

(2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions—\$539.75)

Thank you for your support & generosity each week!

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 29: **Weekday/Saint Paul VI, Pope**
 3:45-4:45 pm Confession
Vigil, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
 5:00 pm Mass Anne Scott by Susanne and Stan Smith

Sunday, May 30: **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**
 9:00 am Mass Warren Bessette by Milton and Connie Bessette
 5:00 pm Mass For All the People of the Parish

Monday, May 31: **Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary/Memorial Day**
In Private Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
8:00 am Prayer Service (St. Henry's Cemetery)
9:00 am Mass Deceased Veterans (St. Mary's Cemetery)
In case of rain there will be Mass only, at St. Mary's Church at 9 am

Tuesday, June 1: **Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr**
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 4:10-5:10 pm Holy Hour for Vocations with Adoration
 5:15 pm Mass Maureen Howard by Sue Law
 5:45-6:15 pm Confession

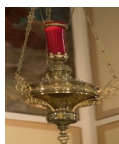
Wednesday, June 2: **Weekday/Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs**
 7:30 am Mass Betty Lucia by Ann and Darren Lasher
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

Thursday, June 3: **Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 5:15 pm Mass Maureen Howard by Judy Ruddy

Friday, June 4: **Weekday/First Friday**
 7:30 am Mass Riley Basford by Peter Mueller
 8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

Saturday, June 5: **Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr/First Saturday**
7:30 am Mass Tom Burke by Ann Lasher
 3:45-4:45 pm Confession
Vigil, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
 5:00 pm Mass Carol Walker by Nancy Layhee

Sunday, June 6: **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**
 9:00 am Mass Neil Sheridan by Ruth Doyle
10:00 am Eucharistic Procession and Benediction
10:45 am Mass For All the People of the Parish



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week

In Memory of David teRiele by Joe and Barb

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

Readings for May 30

Dt 4: 32-34,39-40
 Ps 33: 4-6,9,18-20,22
 Rom 8: 14-17
 Matt 28: 16-20



Readings for June 6

Ex 24: 3-8
 Ps 116: 12-13,15-17
 Heb 9: 11-15
 Mark 14: 12-16,22-26