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.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."
- Jn 6:48-50

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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
Miss Sarah McIntosh, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Amanda J. Conklin, Director of the New Evangelization

Parish Nurses • (315) 322-1836 Surviving Spouses Group • (315) 379-1650
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 8, 2021

Pastor's Corner

"Good things come to those that wait." We know it's true, and we get to see it lived out right here.

We're in the midst of our 9 days of preparation for the parish feast day—hopefully you've received our daily prayer reminder in your email inbox and a postcard in your mailbox*. Let's keep praying for and with each other. I sure hope that the waiting pays off: Please plan to join us for the 10:00 AM Mass, Procession, and BBQ next Sunday as we honor our Blessed Mother. (Reminder: there is no 9:00 AM or 10:45 Mass next week to allow for the 10:00 AM)

The next thing we've been waiting for is these words of the Lord: "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." We continue through the Bread of Life Discourse from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. If you haven't done so recently, I wholeheartedly encourage you, sit down and read those beautiful words of our Lord about the gift that is given to us in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Finally, many of you have long been waiting to have a chance to reconnect with your dear former pastor, Father Timothy Canaan. Welcome back, Father Timothy. Have a blessed week!

-Fr. Bryan Stitt

* Note if you didn't get the postcard or emails the past couple days, we probably need to update our records. Please call the office and ask for Sarah. She will happily update our records.

Novena for Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven

To be prayed the 9 days from August 6th to the 14th.

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic motherly love and service on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in Heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from Heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, Jesus Christ, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of Heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favor:

(Mention your request for the parish and for you personally).

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. ***Amen.***

THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST: BELIEVE, CELEBRATE, LIVE

Attention all parish ministers: RCIA, Catechetical Leaders, Catechists, Youth Ministers, Commissioned Lay Ministers

Those serving in any ministry in their parish are welcome to attend this event at the location most convenient to them.

Purpose: To refocus our attention on the Holy Eucharist as a "Mystery to be believed, a Mystery to be celebrated, a Mystery to be lived." Bishop LaValley, *Chrism Mass Homily, March 20, 2021*

When: Saturday, September 18, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm.

Where: IHC in Watertown, St. James School in Gouverneur, the parish center in Waddington, St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga, Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh, St. Edmund's Parish Center in Ellenburg, St. Peter's Church in Lowville, and St. Mary's Parish Center in Brushton.

This is an in-person event only. Attendees must bring their own lunch. Light refreshments will be provided.

Registration is due by September 1. Space is limited therefore registration is first come, first serve.

Register at: https://www.rcdony.org/mysteryeucharist

A word about Father Timothy

A testimony by Father Stitt

As you might have heard, when I was still in Jr. High, Father Timothy Canaan was the parochial vicar in Ticonderoga. Fr. Allan Shnob was the pastor, and between the two, it was a joy to be Catholic down in Essex County. While it was Father Allen who was the first to ask me if I had ever thought about becoming a priest, it was Father Timothy that led with his heart and encouraged me to pursue it. I don't think I'll ever forget his reaction when I told him I was going to study at R.P.I. Everyone else was excited about it for me, but he had a genuine look of disappointment. "I was sure that you'd enter the seminary." A year later, I realized (much to my dismay) that he was right.

Father Tim was with me through a lot: helping me enter seminary, introducing me to Pope Saint John Paul II, vesting me at my ordination, helping me at the deathbed of my father, and even giving me tips about life in Canton. It's a particular joy for me to call him my brother and welcome him back to Canton.

Parish Family Reunion

That's how we're thinking of this year's Parish Feast Day. Join us on Sunday, August 15th for Mass at 10:00 AM, followed by a procession, barbecue and games. (Note no 9:00 or 10:45 AM Mass on the 15th.)

Mass Attendance
July 31– August 1

5:00 PM Saturday	69
9:00 AM Sunday	89
10:45 AM Sunday	37

Elementary Teacher & Aide positions available

for academic year 2020-21 at St. Catherine of Siena Academy, a new school in the Catholic Tradition located in Canton, NY. For further information regarding the school, go to www.sienaacademy.org A Bachelor's Degree is required along with teaching experience. Send resume along with contact info and 3 references to infoatscsa@gmail.com. Review starts immediately. Accepting applications until positions are filled.

Fancy new cantoncatholics.com emails

With the recent turnover in our offices, our Director of New Evangelization, Amanda Conklin, decided it was time for us to have new parish email addresses. Here's the breakdown:

- fatherstitt@cantoncatholics.com
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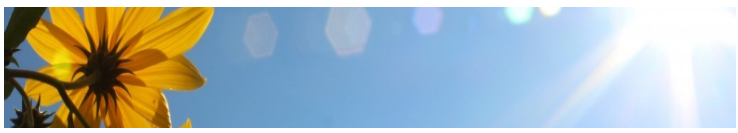
- office@cantoncatholics.com

Pilgrimage to Holy Land with Fr. Chris Looby

Join Fr. Chris Looby, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Ticonderoga, for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 3-11, 2021! Highlights include Caesarea, Church of the Transfiguration, Cana, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, daily mass. Pricing: Double $4,049pp, Single $4,849p, Triple, $4,019pp. If you are interested please call Mary McIntosh at Watertown AAA at (315) 558-6372.



Church and Community School Backpack Program

This ongoing program helps students be prepared for the school year by providing all the essentials to fill their backpacks. Teachers also need a little help, so St. Mary's has been asked to provide dry erase markers for use in classrooms in the area. If you would like to drop off these items, please drop them off in the box in the vestibule at the back of the church by August 23rd.

Are you struggling with alcohol or other drug addiction?
Visit Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous

AA meetings in Canton
Sundays and Thursdays at 7pm

NA meetings in Canton
Wednesdays at 7pm
United Methodist Church, 41 Court St.

A Clean, Beautiful Church

Each **Wednesday at 8:30 AM**, parishioners come into our church to vacuum, sweep, wipe, and dust. We call the group **Martha's Ministry** for the friend of the Lord and sister of Mary and Lazarus. Please consider helping out each week, occasionally, or even just once; please call the office for more details.

COVID GUIDELINES REMINDER

- All are welcome to wear masks.
- Those who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks at all.
- Those who are not fully vaccinated are asked to maintain social distancing and keep their masks on, especially any time when they are walking about or projecting their voices (as when singing).
- Holy Communion will be distributed beginning with the pews along the sides of the church; the people in those pews should proceed by the side aisles to the back of church and come up the center aisle in a single file line, maintaining six feet of separation between themselves and those of other households. Once those on the sides have received, those in the pews on either side of the center aisle may come forward to receive, again forming a single file line.

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St. Clare
August 11

Clare and Francis
an epic feature film

Four Part Series on the timely topic:

Evangelizing Millennials

Ministry Schedule

August 7 and August 8, 2021

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Brad Mintener
	Greeters	Lisa Guccione, Mary Evans
	Altar Servers	
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Norma Jean LaPoint
	Greeters	Dan and Sam Roiger
	Altar Servers	Paul Redfern, Zadok Roiger

August 14 and August 15, 2021

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Carol O'Horo
	Greeters	Bill & Carol O'Horo
	Altar Servers	Christian Guarino
Sun. 10:00 am	Lector	Joan Hyde
	Greeters	Barbara teRiele, Paul Schrems
	Altar Servers	All Available Altar Servers

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 what-

Katie Coakley Ba
Milton Bessette
Sam Bisonette
Barbara Brenhoch
Camille Brown
Peggy Cashman
J.J. Crooks
Phyllis Cunningham
Joe Guarino
Helen Hilts
Arleen Jordan
Carlos Law
Lori Law
Leward Lucia
Laurence McKenna
Rick Meilleur
Doni Peters
Nolan Joe Redmond
Lawrence Regan
Brent Robert
Judy Ruddy
Renee Smith
Natalie teRiele
Rose White
Abuse Victims & their Families
Covid 19 Victims

Parish Support

Week of August 1st	2020	2021
Envelopes	$4,816.00	$4,212.00
On-Line Giving	$826.00	$866.00
Plate	$48.00	$309.00
Mission Co-Op	$112.00	
Missionary Projects of the Diocese		$50.00
Total	**$5,802.00**	**$5,438.00**

(Recent Candle Donations—$14.00)

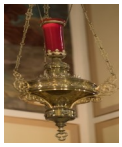
Thank you for your support & generosity each week!

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

Many thanks to those who have dropped their envelopes off at the Rectory or have signed up for Online Giving!

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 7:	**Weekday/St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest/First Saturday**
3:45-4:45 pm	Confession
	Vigil, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Mass	Jim and Barb Kelly by Peggy & Harry Podgurski
Sunday, August 8:	**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am Mass	Kay Sullivan on the anniversary of her death by Ann & Dan Charlebois
10:45 am Mass	For All the People of the Parish
Monday, August 9:	**Weekday/St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr**
Mass (out of parish)	All Souls by the parishioners of St. Mary's
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
Tuesday, August 10:	**St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
4:10-5:10 pm	Holy Hour for Vocations with Eucharistic Adoration
5:15 pm Mass	Joan Pope by Judy Bennett
5:45-6:15 pm	Confession
Wednesday, August 11:	**Saint Clare, Virgin**
7:30 am Mass	Joan Majer by her family
After Mass	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
Thursday, August 12:	**Weekday/St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious**
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
Mass (out of parish)	Anne Whalen on the anniversary of her death by Gerard Whalen and Family
Friday, August 13:	**Weekday/Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs**
Mass (out of parish)	Susan Gibbons by Martha Buffham and Breanna
Saturday, August 14:	**St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**
	Vigil of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00 pm Mass	John Thompson by Truus and Family
Sunday, August 15:	**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
10:00 am Mass	Evelyn Butler by Sandra Bartlett



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week

To 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 August 8	Readings for Aug. 14	Readings for Aug. 15
1 Kgs 19: 4-8	1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2	Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a, 10ab
Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9	Ps 132: 6-7, 9-10, 13-14	Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16
Eph 4:30-5:2	1 Cor 15:54b-57	1 Cor 15:20-27
Jn 6:41-51	Lk 11:27-28	Lk 1:39-56