

# 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.



## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

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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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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

## Pastor's Corner



Long-time readers of this column know that traditionally each year all the priests of the diocese get together for a few days each May with our Bishop for a chance to study, pray, and share in all the joys of good fraternity: some food, some drink, and a lot of laughter. We weren't able to get together this past May. We definitely weren't able to get together in May of 2020. So we all decided that we were WAY overdue. So instead of waiting until next spring, we decided to get together for a scaled down Assembly at the old seminary in Ogdensburg.

I'm writing to you just before heading out, and by the time you're reading this, I should be back. Please pray for me and my brother priests (and of course dear Bishop LaValley) as we sure do for you. Despite whatever challenges come our way (and we all know there have been a lot in the past couple years), we do love bringing the Lord into your lives.

We lost two giants this week. Gloria Spadaccini and Donald "Jake" Corbine. Monday morning was an emotional time for many as both funerals took place before noon.

We also kicked off the Religious Ed program on Sunday and Monday for all students in grades K-8. If you know of anyone that we might have missed, please let us know!

Finally, I'm so happy that Amanda Conklin is back from maternity leave. I owe Paul and Sarah a public acknowledgement of my thanks. It was a team effort to make up for all the things that Amanda normally does behind the scenes, and I sure couldn't have done it without them. Thank you! And welcome back, Amanda (and baby Nora)!

I hope you all have a blessed week

*-Father Bryan Stitt*

## Thank you for supporting Haiti

Thank you to all of you who donated to support our brothers and sisters in Haiti that have been dealing with the earthquake, hurricane, and so much political turmoil.

Last week our glass bowls are back out at the doors for donations to be sent through the Catholic Charities. We will be sending out our check on Monday. If you'd like to contribute but didn't get to last week, there is still time.

Checks can be made out to St. Mary's.

## Organ Tuning/Repair

On Tuesday, September 21st, Kerner & Merchant Pipe Organ Builders will be here between 8:30am-4:00pm. They will be tuning both organs and doing some work on the 1861 Levi Stuart organ in the choir loft.

Hopefully, with a few repairs to the air blower, it will once more be supporting congregational singing with it's full and beautiful sound.



## Bishop's Fund Appeal

In the coming week, you will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop LaValley asking you to join him in supporting the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Next weekend we will have "Commitment Weekend" for the Appeal in our parish. Please remember - every gift makes a difference - every gift counts. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our community and throughout the Diocese. You are invited to bring your gift next weekend for Commitment Weekend and place it in the collection basket or return it to Bishop LaValley in the envelope provided.

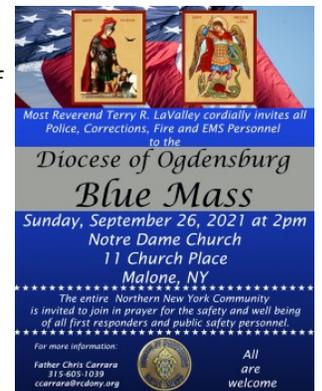
Online giving is also available at <https://www.rcdony.org/bfa.html#donate>.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

## Diocese of Ogdensburg – Blue Mass

Bishop Terry R. LaValley cordially invites all Police, Corrections, Fire and EMS Personnel to the Diocese of Ogdensburg Blue Mass at 2 p.m. on September 26, 2021.

This year the Blue Mass will be at Notre Dame Church, 11 Church Place, Malone. The entire New York North Country Community is invited to join in prayer for the safety and wellbeing of all first responders and public safety personnel.



## St. Mary's Thrift Store

The St. Mary's Thrift Shop (7 Main Street, in Canton) is open to customers **10 am to 4 pm on Monday through Thursday** and **10 am to 1 pm on Friday**. Cold weather clothing is now on sale. Only fabric donations (clothes, sheets, etc.) are being accepted at this time, which can be dropped off on any day by bringing them into the store through the back entrance.

*Due to an increase in COVID-19 cases, masks are required for all customers and staff.*



## Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

We are pleased to announce the annual Jubilee Mass will be celebrated in person on Sunday, October 3, 2021, at 2:30pm by Bishop Terry R. LaValley at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Mass is to honor the Religious Sisters for their decades of service to the Church and all married couples celebrating their anniversaries (from one year and up). Family and friends of the honorees are welcome to attend. Bishop LaValley will host a light reception immediately following Mass in the Brzana Hall. Couples only please register for the Mass through your parish or register at <https://www.rcdony.org/jubilee> by Friday, September 24, 2021. For further information, please contact Steve Tartaglia at (315) 393-2920 or [startaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org) or Sr. Bernadette Collins, SSJ at (315) 393-2920 or [bcollins@rcdony.org](mailto:bcollins@rcdony.org)



### Campus Corner

#### Guggenheim Intercollegiate Retreat September 24th-26th

Join fellow college students for a weekend of faith, fun, and friends! The retreat begins Friday evening and continues through Sunday morning. There will be talks, fellowship, food, confession, a Holy Hour, and Mass with Bishop LaValley. The cost of the retreat is \$30 per student and includes meals and lodging.

For more information, contact Fr. Bryan Stitt, Pastor or Sarah McIntosh, Parish Administrative Assistant at (315) 386-2543 or office@cantoncatholics.com

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#### Mass Attendance September 11th-12th

5:00 PM Saturday	92
9:00 AM Sunday	97
5:00 PM Sunday	49

#### Holy Hour for Vocations



You're invited to come spend an hour with our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration. If you're looking for the source of peace and love in a world that needs Him so badly, join us each **Tuesday from 4:10-5:10**. The Holy Hour will consist of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet, and a scripture reflection on the Sunday Gospel.

#### Are you struggling with alcohol or other drug addiction?



Visit Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous

#### AA meetings in Canton

Mondays at 7 AM- Unitarian Universalist Church, 3 1/2 Main St.  
Thursdays at 7 PM- United Methodist Church, 41 Court St.  
Fridays at 8 PM- Unitarian Universalist Church, 3 1/2 Main St.  
Saturdays at 8 PM- Unitarian Universalist Church, 3 1/2 Main St.

#### NA meetings in Canton

Wednesdays at 7 PM- United Methodist Church, 41 Court St.

#### How Do I Request Prayers?



As Christians, we are called to intercede for one another in prayer, trusting in the mercy of our Heavenly Father.

Here at St. Mary's, we have three ways for people to request prayers. The first is the **prayer intention book** in the vestibule of the church, where your intentions can be seen and prayed for by all parishioners. The second is the **list of names printed in the bulletin** each week; for the most part, these are people who are seriously ill. The third is our **prayer line**, where prayer requests are sent out to a group of parishioners who have volunteered to pray for whatever intentions are submitted.

To submit a request or to volunteer to pray for others, please contact the parish office.

#### Help Needed!



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.



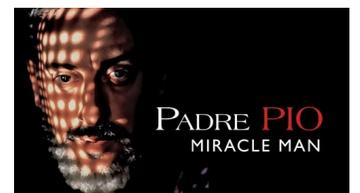
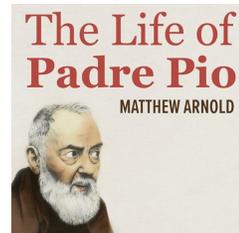
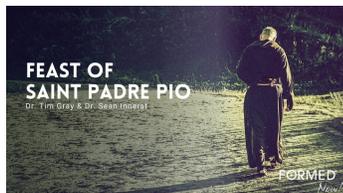
THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

[www.cantoncatholics.formed.org](http://www.cantoncatholics.formed.org)

- Watch
- Listen
- Study
- Grow!

This Thursday, September 23rd, is the feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina.

A movie, an audio presentation and a podcast all focus on this Franciscan Friar, priest, Confessor, stigmatist and mystic.





### Ministry Schedule

#### September 18 and September 19, 2021

<b>Sat. 5:00 pm</b>	Lector	Brenda Sanderson
	Greeters	Mary Evans, Lisa Guccione
	Altar Servers	TBD
<b>Sun. 9:00 am</b>	Lector	Russ Backus
	Greeters	Dan & Sam Roiger
	Altar Servers	TBD

#### September 25 and September 26, 2021

<b>Sat. 5:00 pm</b>	Lector	Mary Evans
	Greeters	Lisa Guccione, Johannes Richter
	Altar Servers	TBD
<b>Sun. 9:00 am</b>	Lector	Norma Jean Lapoint
	Greeters	Terry White, Helen Dominy
	Altar Servers	TBD



## 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.*

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

## Parish Support

<u>Week of September 12th</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Envelopes	\$5,078.00	\$5,160.00
On-Line Giving	\$1,210.00	\$2,041.00
Plate	\$181.00	\$331.00
Assumption		\$10.00
Church & Community Program	\$45.00	\$148.00
Fall Fuel	\$80.00	
Disaster Relief	\$3.00	\$181.00
Mission Sunday	\$20.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,617.00</b>	<b>\$7,871.00</b>

(Recent Candle Donations—\$33.00)

**Thank you for your support & generosity each week!**

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

## MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

### Saturday, September 18: Weekday

3:45-4:45 pm

Confession

### *Vigil, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm Mass

Deitre Gilson by Lita Maroney & family

### Sunday, September 19: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

Kate Harkness by Mark McKenna &

Mtn. Warriors

5:00 pm Mass

For all the People of the Parish

### Monday, September 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

7:30 am Mass

Dave Gilmour by Mel & Paul Schrems

After Mass

Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

### Tuesday, September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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

Pat Casey by Larry Casey

5:45-6:15 pm

Confession

### Wednesday, September 22 : Weekday

7:30 am Mass

Joan Pope by Anthony Collora

After Mass

Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

10:30 am Mass

(Partridge Knoll) Howard & Rita

Shannon by their estate

### Thursday, September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 am

Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

5:15 pm Mass

Brian Trill by George & Becky Trejos

### Friday, September 24: Weekday

7:45 am

Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

8:15 am Mass

Mary Bailey by Gretchen Eysaman

### Saturday, September 25: Weekday

3:45-4:45 pm

Confession

### *Vigil, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm Mass

Yasment & Layhee families by Sean

Barkley

### Sunday, September 26: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

Joan Pope by Judy Bennett

5:00 pm Mass

For all the People of the Parish



*The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for*

### **The intentions of Alyssa Hughes & Andrew Bigelow**

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

#### Readings for Sept. 19

Wis 2: 12, 17-20

Ps 54: 3-4, 5, 6 & 8

Jas 3: 16- 4:3

Mk 9: 30-37



#### Readings for Sept. 26

Nm 11: 25-29

Ps 19: 8, 10, 12-13, 14

Jas 5: 1-6

Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48