

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.

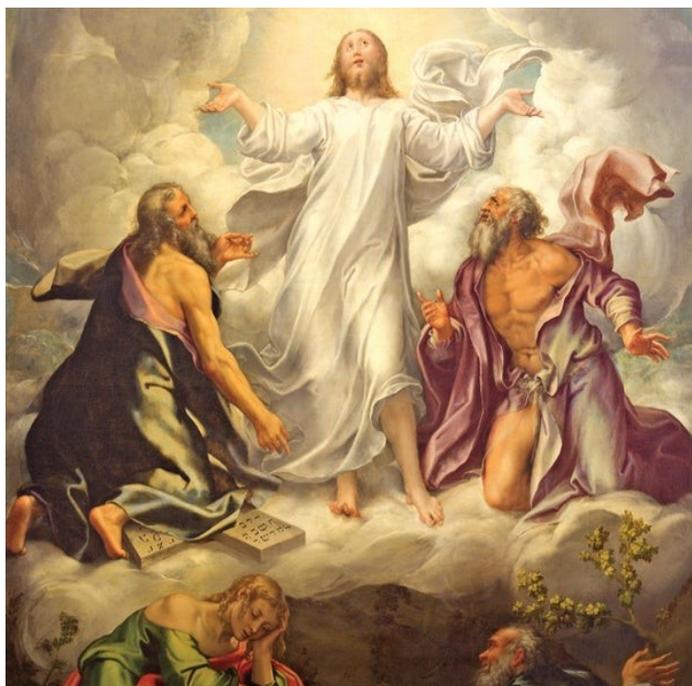
Sacrament of Penance - Confessions :Tuesdays 5:45pm – 6:15pm, Saturdays 3:45pm – 4:45pm , or by appointment.

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.



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

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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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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 13, 2022

Pastor's Corner

"Master, it is good that we are here." How many of us should make the words of Peter our own? While we do not get to ascend Mount Tabor with Jesus, James, and John; we nevertheless are so blessed to know of the goodness of the Lord. We do not get to hear the billowing voice from the cloud saying: *"This is my chosen Son; listen to him,"* but we know of our adoption and of our chance to listen to Jesus in the proclamation of the Scriptures. And we may not experience the eerie solitude of the presence of Jesus after the conclusion of the mountain-top experience, but we know that we can always rest in His Eucharistic presence every time we come into the Church.

Today's readings give us a good chance to pause and ask how has our Lent been going? Now a week and a half into the season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, have we gotten off to a good start? If so, let's keep plugging ahead. If not, there is still time to make adjustments and regroup.

In the meantime, let's please keep praying for each other. Have a blessed week.

- Father Bryan Stitt



Spring cleaning?

St. Mary's Thrift store is happy to receive clean and gently used clothes to help you clear out your closets. In fact, their supply has gotten pretty low after being closed for so long.



Clothing donations may be brought to the shop from 10 am to 4 pm on Monday through Thursday and from 10 am to 1 pm on Friday. Thank you!

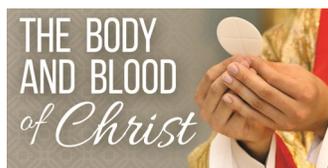
Looking to volunteer? They are always looking for people to help. Contact Cathy Crowe at (315)212-8860 or stop by the thrift store during their open hours.



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 gluten-intolerant or have Celiac Disease? We offer low-gluten hosts at all Masses. Present yourself to receive Communion from the celebrant and indicate that you need a low gluten host.



Ask Father?

Last week I commented on the news of priests/deacons who messed up baptisms. They incorrectly and invalidly baptizing people by saying "We baptize..." instead of "I baptize...". As I pointed out, the one who baptizes is Christ the High Priest and not the community, therefore it is essential.

The logical follow-up question is *"What should I do if I'm not sure that I was validly baptized?"*

Back to the example of Father Matthew Hood in Detroit, who found out that he had not been validly baptized and therefore his Bishop had to "repeat" all the sacraments for him. He discovered so when he watched an old VHS tape of his "baptism." If that is possible for you, it would be a good thing to check. And if in the unlikely case you find that the priest or deacon that attempted to baptize you used incorrect words, we'll work it out with you.

But don't worry. This is so important. The Church in her wisdom always presumes the validity of the Sacraments. We always give the minister the benefit of the doubt.

In my case, I was baptized in Long Island on September 24, 1977. I don't know anyone who is alive that remembers the priest's name, no less the likelihood that he would change the words of a sacrament, and there was no camcorder or iPhone recording of the solemn celebration that I can check. Nevertheless, I don't lose sleep over this uncertainty. I trust. I have faith. I presume that it was all done well, and the Church completely encourages that hope.

We all know that God works through the sacraments, but He is not bound by them. His grace can be at work in ways we'll never know.

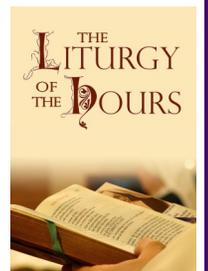
40 Cans for 40 Days in Lent

Our local Knights of Columbus Council #1059 is asking parishioners to donate 40 cans or 40 dollars during this Lenten season. Inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert, we ask you take this opportunity to help feed those in need through the local Church and Community Program and the Knights of Columbus Food for Families Drive. Nonperishable food items may be left in the church collection boxes and monetary donations may be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off in the parish office.



Liturgy of the Hours

Need a little more structure to your day? Join us in the Church's daily prayer! Join us in the Divine Mercy chapel at **8:00 AM, Monday to Friday** for Morning Prayer (part of the Liturgy of the Hours). It only takes about 15 minutes to pray. Printouts with the prayers are available, though you are also welcome to follow along in a Breviary or in the iBreviary app if you have either.



Mass Attendance

Ash Wednesday

	2021	2022
7:30 AM	28	37
12:15 PM	48	91
5:15 PM	57	133
Total	133	261

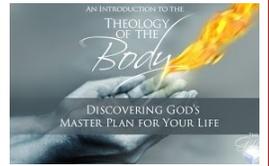


March 5th - 6th

	2021	2022
5:00 PM Saturday	45	63
9:00 AM Sunday	77	122
5:00 PM Sunday	26	32
Total	148	217

Campus Corner

Just as a reminder, we will not be meeting for Theology of the Body this week (March 15th). We hope you all have a safe and restful spring break and we look forward to seeing you again on the 22nd!



Facebook: [CantonCampusMinistry](#)

Instagram: [canton_newman](#)

Lenten Regulations from Bishop LaValley

ABSTINENCE All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday. Note: This year, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 25) falls on a Friday of Lent. Abstinence from meat is not required on solemnities according to Canon 1251 of the Code of Canon Law.

FASTING All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound also to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday (March 2) and Good Friday (April 15). Fasting, that is, eating less, involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Lighter nourishment may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

PRAYER & PENANCE The entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance. Spending extra time in prayer or Bible study, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifice and self-denial, combined with works of charity and service to others, are all excellent ways to obey the Lord's command to reform our lives and to prepare for a joyful celebration of Easter.

EASTER DUTY All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their serious sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year. They must also receive Holy Communion at least once each year between the First Sunday of Lent (March 6) and Trinity Sunday (June 12).

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES This year pastors are encouraged to return to the usual practice of tracing a cross on the forehead with the ashes. (*Last year, you'll remember, we were encouraged to sprinkle the ashes to limit contact.*)



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week

in memory of Robert Pellegrino

by Eric and Susan Pellegrino

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

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Thursday, March 17th

St. Mary's Parish Center Gym

4:30 pm until the food runs out

Menu:

Ruby glazed corned beef, Colcannon, or Shepherd's Pie

Cost:

Ages 13 and up - \$12

Ages 5 to 13 - \$6

Under 5 years - \$2

Featuring music by Karl and Liesl Doty!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Just a reminder...besides the Masses being shown live at 9:00 AM on Facebook live and broadcast at FM 93.5, you can listen to the homilies on Apple Podcasts or on our website.



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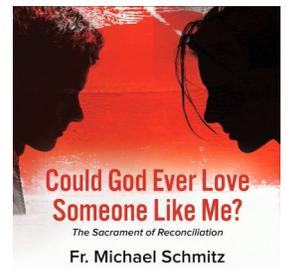
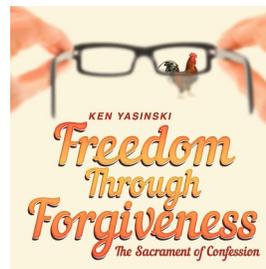
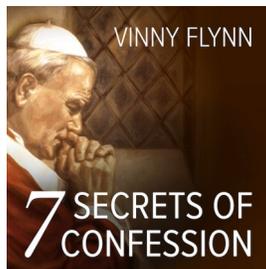
"Confession is the place where we get to say, 'God, I'm giving you permission to love me. I am giving you permission to do what you want to do: forgive me.'"

- Fr. Mike Schmitz

- *7 Secrets of Confession* by Vinny Flynn

- *Freedom through Forgiveness: The Sacrament of Confession* by Ken Yasinski

- *Could God Ever Love Someone Like Me? The Sacrament of Reconciliation* by Father Michael Schmitz





Ministry Schedule

March 12th & 13th

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Lisa Guccione
	Greeters	Phil & Mary Shatraw
	Altar Servers	TBD
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Russ Backus
	Greeters	Terry White, Helen Dominy
	Altar Servers	TBD

March 19th & 20th

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Brad Mintener
	Greeters	Kerisa Burns, Lisa Guccione
	Altar Servers	TBD
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Shelly Roiger
	Greeters	Dan and Sam Roiger
	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	Michael Jones	Lourie Rowe
Milton Bessette	Arleen Jordan	Judy Ruddy
Sam Bisonette	Carlos Law	Katherine Schwartz
Barbara Brenhoch	Lori Law	Renee Smith
Camille Brown	Leward Lucia	Natalie teRiele
J.J. Crooks	Laurence McKenna	Rose White
Phyllis Cunningham	Rick Meilleur	Abuse Victims
David Datush	Pamelia Neal	& their Families
Debbie Gainey	Doni Peters	Covid 19 Victims
Joe Guarino	Nolan Joe Redmond	Victims of war
Helen Hilts	Brent Robert	
ShuYing Hou	Richard Rossi	

Parish Support

Week of March 6th	2021	2022
Envelopes	\$5,812.00	\$4,089.00
On-Line Giving	\$1,883.00	\$736.00
Plate	\$252.00	\$383.05
North Country Catholic	\$27.00	
Winter Fuel	\$10.00	
Church in Central/East Eur.	\$936.63	\$1,535.00
Easter Candles	\$15.00	
Total	\$8,935.63	\$6,43.00

(Recent Candle Donations – \$100.00)

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, March 12:	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
8:15 am Mass	Mary Ames by her estate
3:45-4:45pm	Confession
	<i>Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent</i>
5:00 pm Mass	Bev Creasy by Nancy Layhee
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Sunday, March 13:	Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 am Mass	Bruce Thompson by Truus and Family
5:00 pm Mass	For all the People of the Parish
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Monday, March 14:	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
8:15 am Mass	Betty Lucia by the Swinwood family
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Tuesday, March 15:	Lenten Weekday
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	Anne Whalen by her family
After Mass	Confessions
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Wednesday, March 16:	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
8:15 am Mass	Teresa Stitt by Karen Cruess
10:30 am Mass (Maplewood)	All Souls by the Parishioners of St. Mary's
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Thursday, March 17:	Lenten Weekday/St. Patrick, Bishop
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
4:00 pm Mass	Mary Akley by Helen, Tim, Catie, and Sarah Dominy
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Friday, March 18:	Lenten Weekday/St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
8:15 am Mass	the intentions of Joseph Cruess by Karen Cruess
5:15 pm	Stations of the Cross
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Saturday, March 19:	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
8:15 am Mass	Lawrence Ames by the Mary Ames Estate
3:45-4:45pm	Confession
	<i>Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent</i>
5:00 pm Mass	Gary Madlin by Corey and Tara
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Sunday, March 20:	Third Sunday of Lent
9:00 am Mass	Donald "Jake" Corbine by Sue, Tom, Nancy, Milt, Rosemary, Tim, Jorja, and families
5:00 pm Mass	Edward Wilson by Judy Wilson and family

Readings for March 13

Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18
Ps 27: 1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
Phil 3: 17- 4: 1
Lk 9: 28b-36



Readings for March 20

Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15
Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12
Lk 13: 1-9