

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.



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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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

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 27, 2022

Pastor's Corner

You could probably tell by just picking up the bulletin--this is the week that the rose comes out. Laetare Sunday is our mid-Lent reminder to lighten up on (without letting go of) our Lenten disciplines. It's a reminder of the Mercy of God.



May I point out four connections to that Mercy? First is seen in today's Gospel. Arguably the greatest of all the parables in the Gospel, the story of the Prodigal Son is all about Mercy. The abiding love of the Father for both of his sons (both the famous younger one and the even more sad older son). There's a little bit of both of those sons in each of us. Please God we have not only experienced the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father, but we have also been able to share some of that Mercy with those who sin against us.

A second sign of Mercy will be seen in our parish mission that we start a week from today, Sunday, April 3. Many missions bring in a great Catholic speaker. We're bringing in a half-a-dozen of them. Chris Stefanick, Matt Fradd, Edward Sri, Jason Everet, Leah Darrow, and Lisa Cotter. Over three evenings we will be sharing their video testimonies on the power of forgiveness and mercy. Plan to join us each evening at 6:45 PM.

Third was your outpouring of support for the people in Ukraine. Thank you to Dr. Saidel who connected us with a Ukrainian church in Syracuse that requested and is shipping supplies to the refugees on the border of Ukraine and Poland. You are not just recipients of mercy but conduits of mercy.

Finally, as we offer four times a year, there will be a whole Day of Mercy when the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered throughout the day. Wednesday, April 6th, from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM Confessions will be heard in the Divine Mercy chapel here at St. Mary's. Plan to come experience mercy first hand.

Have a blessed week.

- *Father Bryan Stitt*

Parish Mission

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."



We say these words each time we pray the Lord's Prayer. But what do they mean? And how do we do so?

Join us April 3-5 (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) to better understand and experience the grace of forgiveness.

Tuesday come early for a soup and bread dinner. Sunday and Monday we'll start at 6:45 in the Parish Center. Tuesday, we'll start at 5:45 with dinner and the presentation to follow.

Ask Father--Godparents Part 2

Last week we spoke of the requirements of being a Catholic godparent along with what the Church has in mind when we talk about a Godparent. To reiterate, to serve as a Catholic Godparent, one must be fully initiated in the Church (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), must be faithfully practicing their faith, and must be married in the Catholic Church (or not living with another person as if married).

What to do if you are looking for a godparent and these requirements are hard to meet for anyone you know?

1. Pray for Godparents! Who does the Lord have in mind?
2. Know that there is no requirement that the godparents be married to one another. Many times people think that they need both from the same household. Nope.
3. You only need one Godparent. While it is customary to have both a Godmother and a Godfather, only one sponsor is actually required.
4. Don't be afraid of the tough conversation. Sometimes we have to say to a friend or family member, "We'd love to choose you, but we know that you can't for this reason." Sometimes that opens the door for someone to rethink things in their life.
5. Ask the Church for help in your search. While it is ideal that a Godparent is a regular part of one's life, that is not a prerequisite. Maybe there is someone in the parish who could serve in this way that you don't even know yet.
6. Don't dismiss everyone that can't be an official godparent. There are many kind, generous, and prayerful people that don't meet these official requirements. We sure don't expect you to push them from your life.
7. Most importantly, go back to "the why?" Why does the Church require these things of a Godparent? To give the best example to the child in the ways of the faith. These are baseline requirements. Hopefully they are just the start. When the prospective Godparent goes to talk to his or her pastor about this responsibility, hopefully this will be the opportunity for an even further blossoming of their faith.

2022 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 Sunday, April, 10th, 2022.

Mass Attendance

March 19th - 20th

	2021	2022
5:00 PM Saturday	48	57
9:00 AM Sunday	85	86
5:00 PM Sunday	40	33
Total	173	176



Campus Corner

T.O.B./Forgiven

Just as a reminder, our final meeting for Theology of the Body has been moved from April 5th to April 12th. This way you can attend both the Parish Mission and T.O.B. if you so wish. For more info about Forgiven, check out the opposite page of the bulletin.



Facebook: [CantonCampusMinistry](#)
Instagram: [canton_newman](#)



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week
for victims of war

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

Easter Dinner

If you or someone you know is in need of an Easter dinner, please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church, or call the parish office at (315)386-2543. The deadline to sign up is Monday, April 11th.

If you can volunteer to help with the process of cooking, preparing, and delivering the dinners, and cleaning up afterwards, please sign up at the back of the church.



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.

Calling all Gardeners!

As Canton area farmers gardeners plan their vegetable patches for spring planting, the Church and Community Program is asking them to consider "planting an extra row" to have fresh produce to share with the local food pantry. The food pantry has access to food basics from the regional food bank, local contributions, and other sources, but fresh vegetables and fruits are harder to come by. This year there is a special need, as the large supply of vegetables that had previously come from Ogdensburg Correctional Facility's garden will not be available, as the prison has closed.

Donations are accepted during the normal business hours Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 30 Court Street, Canton. For more information, call 315-386-3534.



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. Go to:

[cantoncatholics.com](#) -> Liturgy -> Homilies/Talks



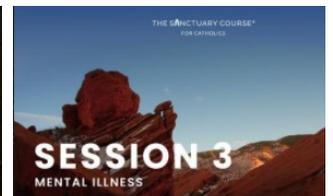
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The Sanctuary Course for Catholics

1 in 4 people will be affected by a mental health problem at some point in their lives, yet the stigma surrounding mental illness silences many and prevents faith communities from responding compassionately and effectively. This eight-session course explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.





Ministry Schedule

March 26th & 27th

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Kerisa Burns
	Greeters	Bill & Carol O'Horo
	Altar Servers	TBD
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Joan Hyde
	Greeters	Barbara teRiele, Paul Schrems
	Altar Servers	TBD

April 2nd & 3rd

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Carol O'Horo
	Greeters	Phil & Mary Shatraw
	Altar Servers	TBD
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Pat White
	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	Arleen Jordan	Katherine Schwartz
Milton Bessette	Carlos Law	Renee Smith
Sam Bisonette	Lori Law	Natalie teRiele
Barbara Brenhoch	Leward Lucia	Rose White
Camille Brown	Rick Meilleur	Abuse Victims
J.J. Crooks	Pamelia Neal	& their Families
Phyllis Cunningham	Doni Peters	Covid 19 Victims
David Datush	Nolan Joe Redmond	Victims of war
Debbie Gainey	Brent Robert	
Joe Guarino	Richard Rossi	
Helen Hilts	Lourie Rowe	
Michael Jones	Judy Ruddy	

Parish Support

<u>Week of March 20th</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Envelopes	\$4,041.00	\$3,326.00
On-Line Giving	\$850.00	\$888.00
Plate	\$405.00	\$303.50
Spring Fuel	\$90.00	
Catholic Relief Services	\$90.00	
Mission Co-op	\$5.00	
North Country Catholic		\$308.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$100.00	
Easter Collection	\$100.00	
Easter Flowers	\$180.00	\$597.00
Easter Candles	\$105.00	
Total	\$5,966.00	\$5,422.50

(Recent Candle Donations – \$44.55)

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 26: **Lenten Weekday**
 8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 8:15 am Mass Deceased members of the Butler family
 by the estate of Mary Ames
 3:45-4:45pm Confession
Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent
 5:00 pm Mass Grace & Robert Londraville by the
 Parish

Sunday, March 27: **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
 9:00 am Mass Stephen Gaines by the Parish
 5:00 pm Mass Gloria Spadaccini by John and Peggy
 Hayes

Monday, March 28: **Lenten Weekday**
 8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 8:15 am Mass Catherine Henchel by Joni Ramo

Tuesday, March 29: **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 Theresa Logan by Helen, Tim, Catie,
 and Sarah Dominy
 After Mass Confessions

Wednesday, March 30: **Lenten Weekday**
 8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 8:15 am Mass For all the People of the Parish

Thursday, March 31: **Lenten Weekday**
 8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 5:15 pm Mass Stephen and Barbara Gaines by Sharon
 Gaines

Friday, April 1: **Lenten Weekday/First Friday**
 8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 8:15 am Mass Leroy Akley by Helen, Tim, Catie, and
 Sarah Dominy
 10:30 am Communion Service Maplewood (not open to public)
 5:15 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 2: **Lenten Weekday/St. Francis of Paola,
 Hermit/First Saturday**
 8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
 8:15 am Mass Stephen and Barbara Gaines by Sharon
 Gaines
 3:45-4:45pm Confession
Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Lent
 5:00 pm Mass Carol Walker by Nancy Layhee

Sunday, April 3: **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
 9:00 am Mass Douglas Craig by Mark McKenna
 5:00 pm Mass Helen and Ivan Wilson by Judy Wilson
 and family
 6:45 pm Parish Mission in the Parish Center Gym

Readings for March 27

Jos 5: 9a, 10-12
 Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7
 2 Cor 5: 17-21
 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32



Readings for April 3

Is 43: 16-21
 Ps 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
 Phil 3: 8-14
 Jn 8: 1-11