

# 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 5:45 pm – 6:15 pm, Sundays 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm, 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.



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

## Pastor's Corner

You know how student-athletes get a lot of attention when they sign a letter of intent to join a team? We've got something even better in the Church. Instead of student-athletes, we have loved ones from our local community. Instead of a press-corps in a gym, we have Bishop LaValley and the people of God in the Cathedral. And instead of a letter of intention, they sign the Book of the Elect.



That will happen this afternoon in Ogdensburg for our friends Sue Hughes and Taylor Thomas. (Sunday at 2:30) They are moving forward to enter the Church this year by joining people from across the Diocese for the **Rite of Election**. Please join me in prayer for them and their families.

As many of you know, **Rev. Mr. Lukas Gruber** is approaching his priestly ordination. (The official date is not announced, but people in the know are looking at the day before Pentecost--Saturday, May 27th.) Please mark the date on your calendar to pray for him and to hopefully attend at the Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

The parish certainly wants to give him a gift to celebrate the day. I brought an idea to the Parish Council last week, but I'll share more details in the future when I have a little more room and time to write.

In the meantime, please know of my prayers for you all in these days of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

Have a blessed week.

- Father Bryan Stitt

## New Times for Confession

With the end of the Saturday evening Mass, some have been wondering about Confession times. We will slide the old Saturday time over to Sunday. So the new times will be:

Tuesday 5:45 to 6:15 PM

Sunday 3:45 to 4:45 PM

On Days of Mercy each quarter, or any time by appointment

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Friday, March 17th

St. Mary's Parish Center Gym

2 Powers St. Canton

4:30 pm until the food runs out

Live Entertainment!



### Menu:

Ruby glazed corned beef and Colcannon or Shepherd's Pie.

NOTE: Bishop LaValley has given a dispensation to allow us to enjoy the traditional menu despite it being a Friday of Lent.

### Cost:

\$12 per person

Children under 5 years - \$2

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



## Reception for Masses with New Schedule

Join your new friends and family of faith after the Masses **this Sunday February 26th** (9AM and 5PM). Regulars at those Masses will be able to welcome the folks from the Saturday 5PM that have rolled over to a new time slot.

## Surviving Spouse Friendship and Support

...meets the first Thursday of every month (next on March 2nd) at **The Best Western** at 9:00 am. For more information, please call Anne Prouty at (315)386-3145.



## Rediscover the Saints:

### St. Thomas More

Birth: February 7, 1478

Death: July 6, 1535

Feast Day: June 22

Patron of Lawyers, Statesmen and Politicians, marriage



St. Thomas More was born in London. As a young adult, he considered joining the Carthusian monks but instead became a lawyer, writer, and statesman. He wore a hair shirt for continual discomfort as a voluntary penance.

He married and was known to be a good father to his four children. After his first wife's death, he remarried and adopted his stepdaughter. St. Thomas More rose in Parliament, was knighted, and eventually named Lord Chancellor of England becoming part of King Henry VIII's inner circle.

King Henry VIII, after not receiving the marriage annulment he wanted from the Pope, declared England's separation from the Catholic Church. St. Thomas More and others were ordered to take an oath declaring the King was the head of the Church of England. St. Thomas More refused to accept the schism and was sent to the Tower of London. He was sentenced to death for treason; thus he died a martyr's death. Before his beheading, he said, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first." His head was put on public display to warn other "traitors." His body was buried at the Tower of London.

His satirical novel, *Utopia*, remains a favorite today. The classic play and film "A Man for All Seasons" is a story of his life and is a must-see. Our former Newman Center was named after him, and his portrait hangs on the back wall.

### Reflection Questions from Rediscover the Saints

- When was the last time you paused to listen to your conscience before making a decision?
- So often we prefer new ideas that don't bear fruit to ancient ideas that bear fruit every time. Why are we so ready to abandon the tried-and-true?
- Are you living the one short life you have been given with passion and purpose?

**Mass Attendance**  
*February 18th & 19th*

	2022	2023
Last 5:00 pm Saturday	38	48
9:00 am Sunday	96	101
5:00 pm Sunday	44	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>205</b>



**Volunteers Needed!**

Our **Martha's Ministry** volunteer group is in need of some extra help throughout the month of March. Would you consider joining them to help beautify our place of worship? If you're interested, please contact Pat Furgal at (315) 322-1836

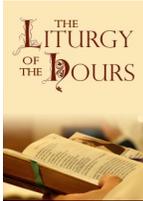


P.S. I hear there are often delicious sweets there too!



*The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week*  
**for 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.*



**Morning Prayer**

Looking for another way to pray throughout Lent? Join us in the Church's daily prayer! Join us at **8:00 AM, Monday through Saturday** for Morning Prayer. It only takes about 15 minutes to pray. Printouts with the prayers will be provided, though you are also welcome to follow along in a Breviary of in the iBreviary app if you have either.



**"It is Jesus that you seek..."**

"...when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you."  
- Pope St. John Paul II

If you're looking for the source of peace and love in a world that needs Him so badly, join us each **Tuesday from 4:10pm- 5:10pm** for an hour of prayer before our Eucharistic Lord.

The Holy Hour will consist of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet, a scripture reflection on the following Sunday's Gospel, and time to simply rest in His presence.

**From a Fellow Parishioner**

"There is an amazing opportunity available to our community. It is daily Mass. We have Mass every Monday through Friday. Mass lasts 25-30 minutes. There is a great sense of welcome and community. Above all, we can pray together as we share the Body of Christ. Please come and join us in this wonderful experience."



**What are they doing now?**

Interested in keeping up with what the local parish is doing? Don't miss out on our opportunities for sharing welcome and service, education and faith formation, worship and prayer. Sign up for our weekly electronic newsletter by going online to [cantoncatholics.flocknote.com](http://cantoncatholics.flocknote.com)



**Pilgrimage to Italy**

Join Fr. Stitt on a pilgrimage to Italy this September! This twelve day pilgrimage (Sept. 18th - 29th) will follow the footsteps of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and include stops in Turin, Rome, Assisi, Siena, and Florence.

For more information, see the brochures at the back of the church or visit [selectinternationaltours.com](http://selectinternationaltours.com).

**North Country Catholic Campaign**

The annual North Country Catholic subscription campaign begins next weekend. The paper features regular messages from Bishop LaValley, authoritative information about what the church teaches on the issues that you face in 21st-century life and inspiring stories about people living out their faith here in the North Country. Please place your subscription envelope in the collection basket or mail a check for \$27 to the North Country Catholic, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY, 13317. ANOTHER OPTION: "Go green" and receive your NCC through email every Monday. If interested, write your email address on the envelope.



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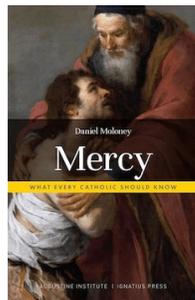
- *Fearless* 7-week Lenten Series with Chris Stefanick

- *Mercy: What Every Catholic Should Know* audiobook by Fr. Daniel Moloney

- *First Sunday of Lent* with Dr. Jim Prothro and Dr. Israel McGrew



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## Ministry Schedule

### February 26th

<b>Sun. 9:00 pm</b>	Lector	Pat White
	Greeters	Barbara teRiele, Terry White
	Altar Servers	TBD
<b>Sun. 5:00 pm</b>	Lector	TBD
	Greeters	Phil & Mary Shatraw

### March 5th

<b>Sun. 9:00 pm</b>	Lector	Russ Backus
	Greeters	Helen Dominy, Kerisa Burns
	Altar Servers	TBD
<b>Sun. 5:00 pm</b>	Lector	Brad Mintener
	Greeters	TBD
	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	Debbie Gainey	Brent Robert
Ilona Bailey	Joe Guarino	Judy Ruddy
Linda Barlow	Mike Habermann	William Sharp
Milton Bessette	Dick & Helen Hilts	Renee Smith
Sam Bisonette	Arleen Jordan	Natalie teRiele
Camille Brown	Carlos Law	Abuse Victims
Debbie Bullock	Lori Law	& their Families
Georgina Cranston	Leward Lucia	Victims of war
Phyllis Cunningham	Pamelia Neal	Victims of violence
David Datush	Nolan Joe Redmond	

## Parish Support

Week of February 19th	2022	2023
Envelopes	\$4,140.00	\$3,844.70
On-Line Giving	\$791.00	\$826.00
Plate	\$431.50	\$419.51
Votive Candles	\$72.00	\$29.00
Children's Envelopes		\$0.50
Respect Life Collection		\$52.00
Central Eastern Europe		\$125.00
Winter Fuel		\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,234.50</b>	<b>\$5,396.71</b>

**Thanks to your generosity, we've raised \$950 for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey & Syria.**

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

## MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday, February 26:</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 am Mass	The intentions of Todd Neal by his sister, Pam Neal
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	Confessions
4:25 pm	Rosary for Life
5:00 pm Mass	Julie Topor by Mel and Paul Schrems
<b>Monday, February 27:</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday/St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</b>
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
8:15 am Mass	The Cunningham sisters by their estate
<b>Tuesday, February 28:</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
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	In thanksgiving for Fr. Stitt by Women of Grace
After Mass	Confessions
<b>Wednesday, March 1:</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
8:15 am Mass	Walt Christy by Linda and Dan Fay
<b>Thursday, March 2:</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
5:15 pm Mass	Tom Fayette by Sarto Council K of C
<b>Friday, March 3:</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday/St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin/First Friday</b>
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
8:15 am Mass	Bernadette Mercer by Mary Beth Bracy
10:30 am (Maplewood)	Communion Service (not open to public)
5:15 pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday, March 4:</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday/St. Casimir/First Saturday</b>
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
8:15 am Mass	For all the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday, March 5:</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 am Mass	Neil Sheridan by Norene Sheridan
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	Confessions
4:25 pm	Rosary for Life
5:00 pm Mass	For all the People of the Parish

### Readings for February 26th

Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7  
Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14&17  
Rom 5: 12-19  
Mt 4: 1-11



### Readings for March 5th

Gn 12: 1-4a  
Ps 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20,22  
2 Tm 1: 8b-10  
Mt 17: 1-9

## Did you know?

Along with our regular Sunday bulletin, we also have children's bulletins available. Help your little ones to learn about the weekly Gospel from a child's perspective. They are located in the bulletin holders at the front doors of the church. We also have children's envelopes available. Contact the parish office if you would like a set.

