

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, Saturdays 8:30 am – 9:00 am, 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.



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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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

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OF THE LORD
AUGUST 6, 2023

Pastor's Corner

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them. We get to hear the Gospel story of the Transfiguration each Lent, but today we get to focus on the actual event in all the readings, prayers, and hymns. And I say, thank God!



If you ask me, the world needs the transfiguration more than ever—a reminder of the timelessness of God, the love that is the essence of the Trinity, and a taste of the Glory to come. The beauty of the transfiguration is the preparation for the ugliness of the Cross. Mount Tabor prepares us for Mount Calvary. (Maybe that's why I like spending so much time in the mountains myself.) It's only every six years or so that we get to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration on Sunday. (It occurs every August 6th.) So let's soak it up while we can.

Please make sure to read the blurb on the Diocesan Reorganization on the next page. A lot has been said in the press and in off-handed comments about the subject. It's important that we keep informed about what is actually going on in the life of our beloved Church and even more important that we continue to pray for all involved.

Finally, please make sure that Tuesday the 15th is on your calendar for the parish feast day. We begin praying a novena today in preparation for this Holy Day of Obligation.

Have a blessed week!

- Father Bryan Stitt

The first thing you see

We don't often think about doors, but they are the first thing we see on our way into church each Sunday. What's more, the doors are a symbol of Christ (cf. John 10:9) who describes himself as the Gate.

Knowing of their importance, a couple volunteers recently gave some TLC to all five of our church's exterior doors. Arlene Tyler, our friend from down at Coakley's, got the ball rolling when she stepped up and offered to refinish the door at the handicapped ramp. Then Larry Casey took it from there and has done the chapel entrance and the three front doors. Thank you both so much!



Dorothy Day Café

Our neighbors in Potsdam are hosting their next Dorothy Day Café on Wednesday, August 9th from 5:30 -

7 PM in the church's community room. This date is also National Book Lovers Day, so each attendee may choose a free book to bring home. The Dorothy Day Café is a free dinner open to anyone in the parish and surrounding community. All are invited to serve, all are invited to attend. To learn more, please contact Potsdam's parish office at 315-265-9680.

Save the Date!

August 15th is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation and our Parish feast day! The 5:15pm Mass will be followed by our annual Marian procession and parish picnic. We hope to see you there! (Masses will also be offered at 7:30am and 12:15pm)



C&CP Annual School Supplies Drive

This ongoing program, run by our neighbors at the Church and Community Program, helps teachers to prepare for the upcoming school year. To help the teachers at Canton Central, St. Mary's parishioners have been asked to donate canisters of disinfecting wipes. If you would like to contribute, please drop them off in the donation boxes in the vestibule at the doors of the church by August 8th.



Novena for Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven

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

Lord Jesus Christ, You have destroyed the power of death and given the hope of eternal life in body and soul. You granted your Mother a special place in your glory, and did not allow decay to touch her body. As we rejoice in the Assumption of Mary, give to us a renewed confidence in the victory of life over death. You live and reign forever and ever. AMEN.

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen of Heaven and earth. We join them in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all creatures. With them we honor you. We are confident that you watch over our daily lives and we ask that you intercede for us now.

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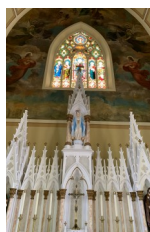
We are comforted by our faith in the coming Resurrection and we look to you for prayers and comfort. After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

O Queen Assumed into Heaven, pray for us. AMEN.

Mass Attendance

July 30th

	2022	2023
5:00 pm Saturday	71	*
9:00 am Sunday	85	133
5:00 pm Sunday	28	61
Total	184	194



Ask Father about the Mass

What is a Holy Day of Obligation? Why do we have to go to Mass on days other than Sunday?



Great question! Thanks for asking — especially considering the timing that we've got a Holy Day of Obligation coming up in nine days.

When I was in college my friend Eric came for a visit one spring. It was a glorious warm day with blue skies and a gentle breeze, but Eric and I were just hanging out in the living room. I think my younger brother and sister were following our lead and turning into couch potatoes when Mom burst in and declared: "Okay everyone, we're going for a hike." There was a collective sigh — especially from Eric, but Mom was undaunted. "It's too nice to spend the day in the house," she pontificated. And it was. We went. And even though Eric thought it was going to kill him (physical activity was never his forte), we all had an amazing experience.

I think of Holy Days of Obligation in much the same way. Holy Mother Church tells us that there are certain days too beautiful to miss. She doesn't give us an option. It's obligatory "unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor." [cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181].

If you're keeping score at home, the official Holy Days of Obligation are:

- Mary, the Mother of God (January 1)
- The Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter Sunday)
- The Assumption of Mary (August 15)
- All Saints (November 1)
- The Immaculate Conception (December 8)
- Christmas (December 25)

How does the reorganization case affect our parish?

The Diocese of Ogdensburg filed a reorganization case under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in order, seeking to resolve the lawsuits that have been filed under the Child Victims Act in a fair and orderly manner. In New York State, our parish is a corporation separate and distinct from the diocese. Our parish has not filed for bankruptcy protection. However, it is hoped that the reorganization case will resolve all claims against the diocese, parishes and related entities. It is likely that our parish will be asked to contribute funds to settle these claims so we can be free of litigation in state courts and released from all liability for existing claims. It is hoped that the reorganization case will have minimal impact on the celebration of the sacraments, programs and activities in our parish. Please pray for a timely and fair resolution of the pending lawsuits, and a renewed commitment to proclaiming the Gospel in the North Country. You may find additional information on the diocesan website: <http://www.rcdony.org/reorganization>



Our Lady of the Rosary Women's Retreat

The Diocese of Ogdensburg is once again hosting an Our Lady of the Rosary Healing Retreat For Women. This retreat is open to women 18 years old or older and will take place from October 5-8, 2023 at Wadham's Hall in Ogdensburg. Registration begins July 1, 2023. For more information, contact Kathleen Nichols at (518) 651-6895



...And Raffle to Support the Retreat!

The organizers of the Our Lady of the Rosary Healing Retreat are hosting a raffle to benefit the retreat this fall. Tickets at \$5 each. The raffle will take place on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15th).

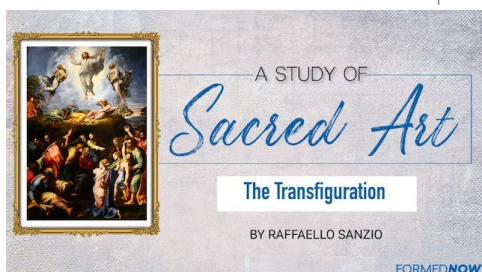
1st Prize - \$700 Garnet Hill Lodge Gift Certificate
2nd Prize - Handmade 70" x 70" Quilt and Blanket Box
3rd Prize - \$100 Gas Card

For more info and to purchase tickets, please contact Ann McGowan at 425-736-0832 or amcg817@gmail.com

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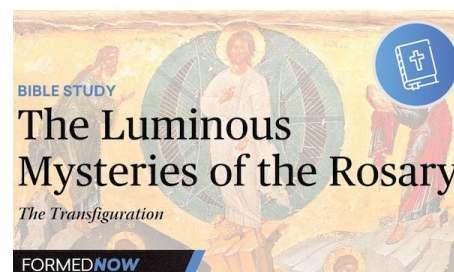
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A Study of Sacred Art: The Transfiguration
with Dr. Ben Akers & Taylor Kemp



The Transfiguration
with Dr. Elizabeth Klein



A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: The Transfiguration with Dr. E. Klein



Ministry Schedule

August 6th

Sun. 9:00 am Lector Joan Hyde
Greeters Barbara teRiele, Kerisa Burns

Sun. 5:00 pm Lector TBD
Greeters TBD

August 13th

Sun. 9:00 am Lector Russ Backus
Greeters Dan & Shelly Roiger

Sun. 5:00 pm Lector TBD
Greeters TBD



PRAYER REQUESTS

Katie Coakley Ba	Dick & Helen Hilts	Brent Robert
Milton Bessette	Arleen Jordan	Judy Ruddy
Sam Bisonette	Carlos Law	Renee Smith
Debbie Bullock	Lori Law	Natalie teRiele
Georgina Cranston	Leward Lucia	Phil Wiley
Phyllis Cunningham	Pamelia Neal	Abuse Victims
David Datush	Teresa Penn	& their Families
Kate Enright	Baby Christopher	Victims of war
Debbie Gainey	James Preston II	Victims of violence
Joe Guarino	Nolan Joe Redmond	

Parish Support

<u>Week of July 30th</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Envelopes	\$4,435.00	\$4,434.00
On-Line Giving	\$1,756.00	\$681.00
Plate	\$351.29	\$326.50
Children's Envelopes		\$0.12
Votive Candles	\$87.00	\$37.85
Missionary Projects of the Diocese		\$755.00
Mission Co-Op	\$1,154.00	\$0.00
Total	\$7,783.29	\$6,234.47

Thank you for your continued support & generosity each week!

St. James School

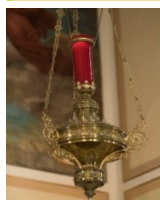
St. James School in Gouverneur is currently accepting applications for full time elementary school teaching positions and long term substitute teachers. Download teacher application at www.rcdony.org/catholicschools Completed applications, along with a resume, should be sent to:



St. James School
Attn: L. Bartholomew
20 South Gordon Street
Gouverneur, N.Y. 13642

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 6:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
9:00 am Mass	James Makowiec and deceased members of the Makowiec family by the family
4:25 pm	Rosary for Life
5:00 pm Mass	For all the People of the Parish
Monday, August 7:	Weekday/St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs/St. Cajetan, Priest
7:30 am Mass	All Souls by parishioners of St. Mary's
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
Tuesday, August 8:	St. Dominic, Priest
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
4:10 pm - 5:10 pm	Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration
5:15 pm Mass	Lawrence Ames by the estate of Mary Ames
After Mass	Confessions
Wednesday, August 9:	Weekday/St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
7:30 am Mass	Walter and Marie Christy by Dick Christy
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
Thursday, August 10:	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
5:15 pm Mass	Marie Muschaweck by her family
Friday, August 11:	St. Clare, Virgin
7:30 am Mass	Jake Corbine by Elevene Corbine †
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
Saturday, August 12:	Weekday/St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
7:30 am Mass	Stephen Bain by Henry Sieg
8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Confessions
Sunday, August 13:	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Mass	For all the People of the Parish
4:25 pm	Rosary for Life
5:00 pm Mass	Fred Rycroft by Eric & Susan Pellegrino



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week

for victims of child abuse

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

Readings for August 6th

Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14
Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Pt 1: 16-19
Mt 17: 1-9



Readings for August 13th

1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-13a
Ps 85: 9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Rom 9: 1-5
Mt 14: 22-33

