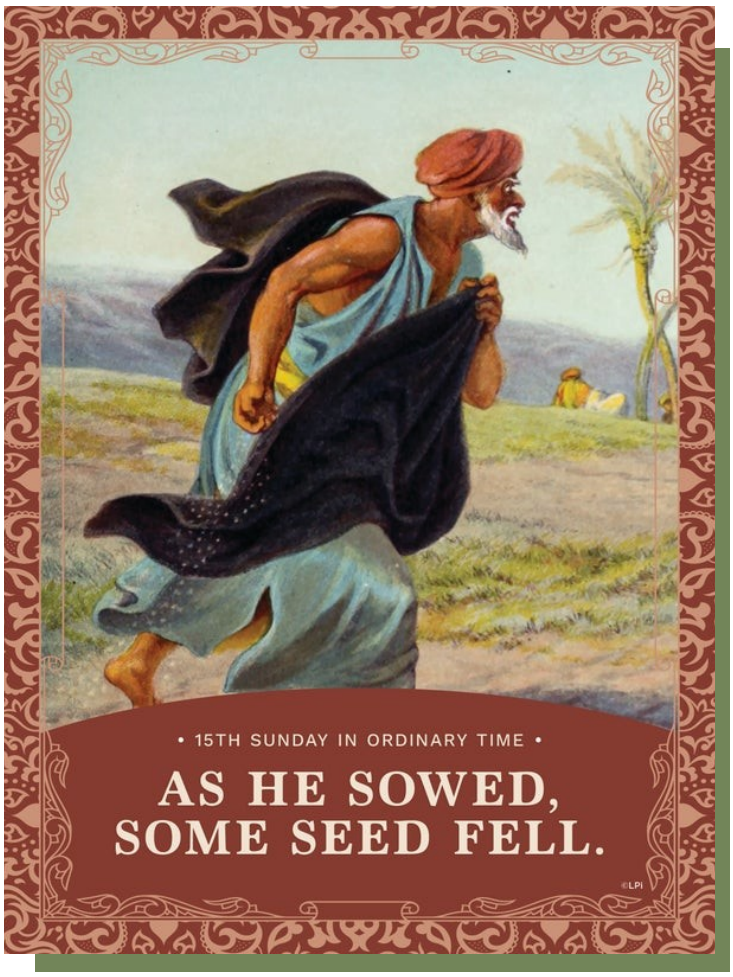
The Parish Communities of

Central Saint Lawrence County

St. Mary's Church - 20 Lawrence Ave, Potsdam, NY 13676
St. Patrick's Church - 4897 State Highway 56, Colton, NY 13625
St. Mary's Church - 66 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2026

Pastor's Corner

These days, so many of us are all about gardens and crops. (Yes, there is a beautiful garden at the Canton rectory. No, I can take absolutely no credit for it.) With this focus on vegetation, our Scriptures sound all the more applicable. At the Ordinary form Masses, we hear the parable of the sower and the seed from Matthew 13. The reckless way the seed seems to be thrown into less than perfect conditions can be scandalous. See the picture to the left. How can good seed be put in less than ideal locations?!?

A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit (Matthew 7) is the Gospel account we'll hear at the Traditional Latin Mass.

In both cases we are reminded of the goodness of God to share His grace with us despite the less than ideal conditions around us.

Speaking of the Latin Mass, most of you saw the sad news from last week of the excommunication of all the Bishops and Priests of the Society of St. Pius X. Some people have been asking follow-up questions. The Bishop's office released the Q&A on page 6 of this bulletin. Let's please keep everyone involved in this sad situation in our prayers. May there be healing, holiness, and unity in our Church.

In much happier news, two groups of missionaries have been through Canton and Potsdam this week. If you met them, you were impressed by their radical dependance on God and others. They are all part of the Neocatechumenal way and were sent here to spread the Good news about God's love for each of us. May each of us go wherever He sends us and respond to His will today and always. Have a blessed week. *- Fr. Bryan Stitt*

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Sacrament of Baptism – For Children to be Baptized, please call the Rectory to schedule a meeting.

Sacrament of Penance – Confessions : See page 3 for all possible offerings.

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.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 11: Vigil for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Colton) - Ted Hintopoulos by Deb Hintopoulos

Sunday, July 12: The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Latin Mass (Potsdam) - Tim Verity by Kerry Sennhauser
9:00 am Mass (Canton) - For all the People of our Parishes
11:00 am Mass (Potsdam) - Ted Hintopoulos by John and Patty Moosbrugger
4:25 pm Rosary for Life (Canton)
5:00 pm Mass (Canton) - Ronald Joseph Burke by Judy Wilson and family

Monday, July 13: Weekday/St. Henry
8:00 am Mass (Colton) - Tim Hatch by Mom and family
8:00 am Morning Prayer (Canton)
8:15 am Mass (Canton) - All Souls by Parishioners

Tuesday, July 14: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
8:00 am Morning Prayer (Canton)
12:10 pm Mass (Potsdam) - Thomas McKenna by Joyce Latulipe
5:15 pm Mass (Canton) - Helen and Ivan Wilson by Judy Wilson and family

Wednesday, July 15: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 am Mass (Colton) - David Fayette by his Daughter, Marilyn
8:00 am Morning Prayer (Canton)
10:00 am Mass (Maplewood - Canton) - Harry Podgurski by John Fay and family

Thursday, July 16: Weekday/Our Lady of Mount Carmel
8:00 am Morning Prayer (Canton)
5:15 pm Mass (Potsdam) - All Souls by Parishioners
5:15 pm Mass (Canton) - The intentions of the Strife and McIntosh families by Sarah McIntosh

Friday, July 17: Weekday
No 8:00 am Mass in Potsdam (funeral at 12 Noon for +James Freer)
8:00 am Morning Prayer (Canton)
8:15 am Mass (Canton) - Buckley J. Riggs by John and Judy Bailey

Saturday, July 18: Weekday/St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
8:00 am Morning Prayer (Canton)
8:15 am Mass (Canton) - Terry Conant by Fr. Scott Belina
Vigil for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Colton) - For all the People of our Parishes

Sunday, July 19: The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Latin Mass (Potsdam) - The intentions of Trevor A. Verity by Kerry Sennhauser
9:00 am Mass (Canton) - John C. Clarke Jr. by his family
11:00 am Mass (Potsdam) - All Souls by Parishioners
4:25 pm Rosary for Life (Canton)
5:00 pm Mass (Canton) - Fred Baxter by Ann, Phil, and Gus Baxter

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest."
- cf. Luke 8:8



Parish Offices

St. Patrick's Church, Colton, NY

Open Mondays
from 8:30am - 2:30pm
315-262-2871 stpatoffice@gmail.com

St. Mary's Church, Potsdam, NY

Open Mondays & Tuesdays
from 8:00am - 3:30pm
and Fridays
from 8:00am - 12:00pm
315-265-9680 potsdamsec@rcdony.org

St. Mary's Church, Canton, NY

Open Monday through Friday
from 8:30am - 4:00pm
315-386-2543 cantonsec@rcdony.org

Clergy

Rev. Bryan D. Stitt, Pastor
Rev. Scott A. Belina, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Stephen Rocker, in residence
Dcn. James M. Snell, Deacon
Dcn. Richard L. Burns, Deacon

Staff

Connie Hatch-Young
Office Manager - Colton

Elaina Smith
Secretary - Potsdam

Sarah McIntosh
Secretary - Canton

Hattie Taylor
Campus Minister &
Potsdam Pastoral Associate

Samantha Poulin
Director of Religious Ed. - Canton

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Pastoral Associate for Administration

Know - Love - Serve

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potsdamdre@rcdony.org

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terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com



40 years for the Burnses

Dcn. Rich and Kathy Burns wish to celebrate their 40th anniversary with their church family on Sunday, July 26th at the 11 am Mass with cake to follow.
All are welcome.

Save the Date: August 2nd

HEALING MASS

Are you familiar with what the Church does for those who are seriously ill? As we read in the Letter of St. James: *Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the LORD.* (James 5:14). Right from the beginning, the Church has asked the "elders" or "*presbyteros*" in the Greek or "priests" in modern parlance to anoint the sick.

While we often picture the Anointing of the Sick being offered in hospitals and at people's bedsides, it is encouraged to be celebrated in the Assembly of the faithful during Holy Mass when all can support the sick with their prayers.

Who is a suitable candidate for the Anointing of the Sick?
Great question. The Church is pretty clear about it:
•those who are dangerously ill through sickness or old age
•a sick person...before surgery whenever the surgery is necessitated by a dangerous illness
• elderly people...if they are weak, though not dangerously ill
• sick children...sufficiently mature to be comforted by the sacrament

When and Where will it be offered? During all the ordinary form Masses on August 2 (and 1) and after the Traditional Latin Mass. Mark your calendar today.

An Amazing Opportunity!



There is an amazing opportunity available to our community. It is daily Mass. We have Mass every Monday through Saturday. 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.

How to stay connected

Looking for a way to keep up to date with what's going on in our Tri-Parish community? We're here for you. Mass times, weather cancelations, ministry updates, and more. If you aren't getting the messages, contact the office (see the blurb above to the left) or text to join:

St. Mary's Canton: Text CANTON to 84576

St. Patrick's Colton: Text COLTON to 84576

St. Mary's Potsdam: Text POTSDAM to 84576

Enroll in the Brown Scapular



Thursday, July 16th, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, parishioners will have a chance to be enrolled in the Scapular. Learn more here: www.catholic.com/tract/the-brown-scapular-catholic-answers-guide

Scapulars will be blessed and distributed after both Evening Masses that day to any Catholic who is in good standing with the Church and requests to be enrolled. Please let us know if you would like to do so by contacting Elaina at potsdamsec@rcdony.org or call the Potsdam office at 315-265-9680. Please let us know if you will be at the 5:15 in Canton or in Potsdam.

Potsdam Bottle Drive!



The Potsdam Knights of Columbus have an ongoing bottle/can drive to help their projects for the church and community. Bottles can be dropped off in the bin across from the downstairs restrooms at St. Mary's Church in Potsdam or at Griff's {SeaComm Plaza} and tell them that they are for us.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Tuesdays
12:40pm-4:30pm (Potsdam)
4:10pm-5:10pm (Canton)

Thursdays
7:30pm (Potsdam)

Fridays
9:00am - 3:00pm (Canton)

First Friday of the Month
8:30am - 9:30am (Potsdam)



CONFESSIONS

Sundays
8:00am - 8:45am (Potsdam)

Tuesdays
12:45pm - 1:30pm (Potsdam)
5:45pm - 6:15pm (Canton)

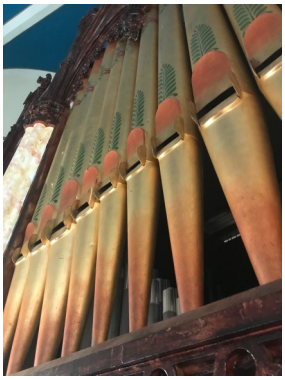
Thursdays
6:30pm - 7:30pm (Potsdam)

First Friday of the Month
8:30am - 9:30am (Potsdam)

Saturdays
8:45am - 9:15am (Canton)
3:45pm - 4:45pm (Colton)

Organ Concert

Sunday, August 9th - 2:00pm
St. Mary's Church, Canton, NY



St. Mary's is proud to host an organ recital by Dr. Benjamin Stone in celebration of our church's 150th anniversary! Join us for a free afternoon concert followed by an ice cream social.

Fun fact: The pipe organ being used for the recital is older than the church building! It was built in 1861 and was purchased secondhand by St. Mary's in 1901 for $1,000.

Photo Directory Update!

Some of you have been asking about our Tri-Parish photo directory. Rest assured! Our team has been working with the Directory company to finalize the design of the booklets and we hope to have them by the end of summer.



Women's Healing Retreat

This year's Annual Our Lady of the Rosary Healing Retreat will take place at Wadham's Hall in Ogdensburg from October 8th-11th.

To register, visit www.rcdony.org/ourlady For more information contact Kathleen Nichols at kmsnichols1163@gmail.com

Meet the Staff! - Sarah McIntosh



Hello! My name is Sarah McIntosh and I work in the Parish Office of St. Mary's in Canton. I began working for St. Mary's in July of 2021, following my studies at SUNY Potsdam.

Though my official title is "Administrative Assistant", I do a little bit of everything around the office.

Some of my responsibilities include:

- Answering the office phones and responding to emails
- Assisting in the creation of weekly Flocknote messages
- Updating our parish website & social media pages
- Scheduling incoming Mass requests in Canton
- Recording weekly collection data
- Creating our weekly Tri-Parish Bulletin
- And, most recently, helping to plan St. Mary's 150th Anniversary celebrations

If there is anything I can do to help, please feel free to contact the Canton Office at (315)386-2543.

MASS ATTENDANCE

June 28th

	2025	2026
5:00 pm (Colton)	200	98
9:00 am (Potsdam)	125	107
9:00 am (Canton)	143	144
11:00 am (Potsdam)	147	146
5:00 pm (Canton)	n/a	52
Total	n/a	547

Due to offices being closed, the Mass attendance numbers for July 5th are unavailable at this time. They will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

C&CP Back to School Program!



The Church & Community Program in Canton is requesting **Glue Sticks** for their annual Back To School Program. Please place donations in the boxes at the entrances of St. Mary's Church in Canton. The deadline for donations is August 2nd.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat



October 9th-11th
Guggenheim Lodge, Saranac Lake
Are you or a friend suffering after abortion? You aren't alone. Join others for a weekend of hope and healing. The retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. $150 includes lodging, food and all retreat materials. Scholarships available. Confidential online registration at www.rcdony.org/pro-life/rv-retreat
For more information, contact Colleen Miner: 518-524-0774 or cminer@rcdony.org



Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project is a group of dedicated women working in a spirit of Catholic Christian service assisting pregnant mothers in need and their babies spiritually, emotionally and materially through the first year of the baby's life. If you know of a woman who could benefit from our ministry please have them contact the Potsdam Church Office at 315-265-9680.

Thank you!

We would like to express our gratitude to all who helped with the Dorothy Day Café community dinners this year. Whether you prepared food, contributed money, helped set up, serve, or clean up, or if you simply graced us by being present - THANK YOU! The monthly community dinners will resume on Wednesday, September 9th in Potsdam.

SUNDAY READINGS

July 12th
Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Latin Mass
Romans 6: 19-23
Matthew 7: 15-21

July 19th
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Latin Mass
Romans 8: 12-17
Luke 16: 1-9

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Week of June 28th	2025	2026
St. Mary's in Canton	$8,232.75	$11,509.98
St. Mary's in Potsdam	$4,783.76	$3,934.94
St. Patrick's in Colton	$2,671.87	$2,089.08

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The Church Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary's Church in Canton burns this week
in memory of John Thompson and Daniel Haynoski by Lisa, Brian, and Gavin Thompson
If you desire to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for your intention, please contact your Parish Office.



PRAYER REQUESTS

"Is there anything going on in your life that we can pray for?" If you or someone you know has a need for prayers, contact us. Our Colton contact is Dorothy Hobbs (315-244-3688), our Potsdam contact is Carline Moulton (315-265-4308), and our Canton contact is Sarah McIntosh (315-386-2543). Would you like to be informed of the prayer intentions so you can pray for others? Sign up for prayer line notifications by contacting the Potsdam or Canton Parish Office.

Ralph Arcomano
Jack Austin
Katie Coakley Ba
James D. Barry
Paul Bellino
Milton Bessette
Sam Bisonette
Laureen Bubniak
Darlene Clarke
Darcy Cole
Lynn Corthell
David Datush
Gage Dean
Debbie Gainey
Lori Grow
Dave's Daughter - Lisa P. Guccione
Dick & Helen Hilts
Haley Hobbs
Peter Hoy
Ann & Mike Jones
Kenneth Kesterton
Art Kidlin
Chris Larose
Sarah McDonough
Jack Meyers
Pamelia Neal
Bobby Nuñez
Karen O'Donnell
Magdalene Ojuok
Charles Pleckaitis
Nolan Joe Redmond
Brent Robert
Michael Rossi
Richard Rossi
Ronald Rossi
John Rupp
Fares Samaan
James Starha
Kathy Stenger
Natalie teRiele
John Ziegler
Francine
Margaret
Alexandra
Victims of war, abuse, & violence

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	July 12th	
5:00 pm (Colton)	Lector	L. Tarbox
	Ex. Min.	P. Pomainville
9:00 am (Canton)	Lector	N. J. LaPoint
	Greeters	P. Schrems, TBD
11:00 am (Potsdam)	Lector	M. Enslow
5:00 pm (Canton)	Lector	TBD
	Greeters	TBD
	July 19th	
5:00 pm (Colton)	Lector	G. Trejos
	Ex. Min.	B. Trejos
9:00 am (Canton)	Lector	R. Backus
	Greeters	H. Dominy, TBD
11:00 am (Potsdam)	Lector	D. Pelkey
5:00 pm (Canton)	Lector	C. Tompkins
	Greeters	TBD

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in memory of David Fayette by his Daughter, Marilyn
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150TH ANNIVERSARY MASS & CELEBRATION
AUGUST 15, 2026

Join fellow parishioners along with Bishop LaValley, Bishop Lucia, and the greater Canton community for a special celebration of the 150th anniversary of St. Mary's Church in Canton!

11:00AM - 3:00PM
Carnival games, activities, and food vendors

4:00PM
Mass with Bishop LaValley and Bishop Lucia followed by a Marian Procession

5:30PM
Annual parish picnic & live music!



FAQ ABOUT THE SSPX AND THEIR CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS

Q: What is the Society of St. Pius X [SSPX]?

A: The Society of St. Pius X [SSPX] was founded in 1970 by the French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, who was a severe critic of the changes brought about in the Roman Catholic Church by the Second Vatican Council [1962-65]. In addition to the reforms of the Mass and Sacraments, Lefebvre also opposed Vatican II's teachings on ecumenism, religious liberty, collegiality among bishops with the pope, and the Church's understanding of, and relationship to Judaism. The SSPX is present in 30 countries with an estimated 800,000 adherents; it operates priories, chapels, schools, and missions as well as seminaries. The SSPX has approximately 700 priests, and several hundred seminarians.

Q: What has occurred between the SSPX and the Pope to cause this disunity within the Church?

A: The Society of St. Pius X [SSPX] consecrated four bishops on July 1, 2026, in Econe, Switzerland. Both Pope Leo XIV and Vatican officials pleaded with the SSPX, on several occasions, not to take this action. Without a papal mandate, the consecration of bishops leads to automatic excommunications of those who were consecrated bishops as well as those bishops who officiated at that ceremony on July 1, 2026 [canon 1382]. The SSPX were officially warned that this consecration of bishops, would lead to formal schism.

Q: What is Schism in the Roman Catholic Church?

A: Schism is a formal action by which, with full knowledge and intention, a group or individual breaks away from essential unity with the pope, bishops and all the members of the Roman Catholic Church. This essential unity is called Full Communion.

Q: What constitutes Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church?

A: To be in Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church one who is baptized is joined to its visible structure "...by bonds of the profession of faith, the sacraments and ecclesiastical governance." [canon 205] Thus, Full Communion includes obedience to the pope and the college of bishops united to the pope. [cf. canons 750-752]

Q: What is the Vatican's official stance?

A: Prior to the SSPX's July 1, 2026, consecration of bishops, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, led by Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernandez, stated that conducting episcopal ordinations without a pontifical mandate would be an illicit and "schismatic act". On June 29, 2026, Pope Leo XIV expressed sorrow over this situation stating, "I urge you to consider carefully the spiritual good of the faithful, because the schismatic act you are about to undertake would deprive them of the licit and, in some cases, even valid reception of the Sacraments.. .I pray for you, because to tear the seamless garment of Christ [the Church's unity] is a sin of extreme gravity."

Q: Can there be a reconciliation between the SSPX and the Roman Catholic Church?

A: Yes. For a reconciliation between the Society of St. Pius X and the Roman Catholic Church to take place, the SSPX will have to declare an unequivocal acceptance of the principal teachings and statements of the Second Vatican Council, recognize the validity of the Novus Ordo Mass [the ordinary form of the Mass since Pope Paul VI] and Sacraments, and fully submit to the authority of the pope.