



ST. BENEDICT PARISH

ST. MARY'S • ST. BRIDGET'S

Striving to know, love, and serve God in all others.

The following quotation was from St. Augustine as he described his daily duties as Bishop:

"The turbulent have to be corrected, the faint-hearted cheered up, the weak supported; the Gospel's opponents need to be refuted, its insidious enemies guarded against; the unlearned need to be taught, the indolent stirred up, the argumentative checked; the proud must be put in their place, the desperate set on their feet, those engaged in quarrels reconciled; the needy have to be helped, the oppressed to be liberated, the good to be encouraged, the bad to be tolerated; all must be loved. The Gospel terrifies me."

This is an astonishing reality of our lives in Christ. Today, as we hear Matthew's Gospel account of Jesus encouraging his followers to tolerate the weeds among the wheat, we remember that these things do exist within the people of God. The turbulent, the faint-hearted, the weak, the opponents of the Gospel, its enemies, the unlearned, the indolent, the argumentative, the proud, the desperate, those engaged in quarrels, the needy, the oppressed, the good, and the bad – all of them are sitting here, now, within these four beautiful walls. All of them are to be loved. This is why St. Augustine could say that the "Gospel terrifies me." Because the Gospel raises the bar so remarkably high when it comes to its call to love.

Father Clifford and I have been enjoying getting to know you and each other. I'm moved by the kindness of our parish to welcome us, strangers, into your homes. I'm touched by the earnestness and devotion you have to your Church. You should know that our first commitment to you is to proclaim Christ in what we do and how we live – our platform is firstly His saving message. Secondly, as we acclimate to life here, we encounter difficulties, differences, cares, concerns, and complaints among His people – all those whom St. Augustine describes above. And, as we encounter these things, we remain true to Him and our desire remains that life in Christ be achieved: that holiness be attained, that hardened hearts become fertile soil for God's love in order to grow and bloom into beacons leading all we encounter to Jesus Christ.

So as I began, I end with a quote from St. Augustine, one that is also quite profound. As you read it, know of my deep commitment to you, of my desire to speak with you, of my hope that God lives in you through the Word we proclaim and the bread of life we share. You are blessed!

"For you, I am a bishop [Pastor], but with you, I am a Christian. The first is an office accepted; the second is a gift received. One is danger; the other is safety. If I am happier to be redeemed with you than to be placed over you, then I shall, as the Lord commanded, be more fully your servant."

Your servant in Our Blessed Lord,

Fr. Michael



St. Mary's Church
95 North Main Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424

July 23, 2017



St. Bridget's Church
15 Church Street
Bloomfield, NY 14469

DAY	MASS INTENTION	EVENTS
Sunday, July 23 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 a.m. (SM) Mae Kilroy by the Romano family 9:00 a.m. (SM) Robert Salvato by Suzanne & David Poteet 9:30 a.m. (SB) Ben Hartman by the Hartman family 11:30 a.m. (SM) Dick Perron by Anne & family	9:00 a.m. (SM) Pre-K Nursery in Pre-K Room in Dougherty Hall
Monday, July 24 Weekday St Sharbel Makluf, Priest	6:45 a.m. (SM) <i>Word and Communion Service</i> 8:00 a.m. (SB) Lawrence Hood (Anniv.) by his daughter, Karen 9:00 a.m. (SM) Francine Genecco by the Genecco family	
Tuesday, July 25 St James, Apostle	6:45 a.m. (SM) John Weinum by Alice & Mike 9:00 a.m. (SM) Laura Plyter-Flynn by Marcia Webster	10:00 a.m. (SM) Prayer Shawl Group in the Yellow House
Wednesday, July 26 Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6:45 a.m. (SM) James LaBombard by James & Janet Wiley 8:00 a.m. (SB) Intention of Sheriff James Kralik by Sheriff John & Bridget York 9:00 a.m. (SM) <i>Word and Communion Service</i>	5:30 p.m. (SB) Confessions at St. Bridget's 7:00 p.m. (SM) Men's Prayer Group meeting in the Yellow House
Thursday, July 27 Weekday	6:45 a.m. (SM) Sr Marie Albert by Jim & Anne Erdle 9:00 a.m. (SM) Anthony LeGrette by Barbara & Mike Heagney	6:00 p.m. (SB) Yoga in the Church Hall
Friday, July 28 Weekday	6:45 a.m. (SM) Danielle M Violante by Mary Pastore 8:00 a.m. (SB) <i>Word and Communion Service</i> 9:00 a.m. (SM) Lee Seguin by Jim & Teresa Roth 1:00 p.m. (Clark Manor) The People of St Benedict Parish	
Saturday, July 29 St Martha	8:00 a.m. (SM) Anthony Harris by Rocco Maio 1:00 p.m. (SB) Marriage of Jay Haney & Meghan Green 5:00 p.m. (SM) Cora LaBombard by the family	8:00 a.m. (SM) <i>God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage</i> in Dougherty Hall 8:30 a.m. (SM) Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary in Church 3:30 p.m. (SM) Confessions in Church
Sunday, July 30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 a.m. (SM) Santo & Helen Catalfamo by Bill & Cathy, and Nicholas & Joshua D'Arduini 9:00 a.m. (SM) Lorraine Perna by her sister, Carol 9:30 a.m. (SB) Allan Sullivan by his parents & sister 11:30 a.m. (SM) Kathleen Wade Joyce by Annette & John Joyce and family	2017 Service Camp begins today 9:00 a.m. (SM) Pre-K Nursery in Pre-K Room in Dougherty Hall

Events listed as SM take place at St. Mary's, those listed as SB take place at St. Bridget's, and those listed as SMS take place at St. Mary's School



Today's Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you are good and forgiving.
Psalm 86

Altar Memorials

This week the bread and wine at St. Mary's will be offered in loving memory of Donald L. Clark, requested by his wife, Millie, and family. The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary's will also burn in loving memory of Donald L. Clark, requested by his wife, Millie, and family.

*Marriage
Banns*

Baptism

- III. Jay Haney & Meghan Green
- II. John Perry & Julie Potter
- I. Conor Boyer & Nichole Zahn

Hailey Carlson

Congratulations!

Best Wishes!



2017-2018 G.I.F.T.

Mark your calendars for ten special sessions designed for everyone: individuals, couples, families, and people of all ages. Once again this year, these gatherings will be opportunities to engage in meaningful learning experiences that encourage authentic discussion while remaining topical and relevant to real life.

Monthly gatherings for everyone:

September 17
October 15
November 5
December 3
January 7
February 11
March 25
April 22
May 20
June 10

Six additional extra-fun Saturday gatherings for young people:

September 30
November 18
January 20
February 3
March 10
April 14

At these six sessions, we encourage parents to leave their children aged 3 through seventh grade for the evening. While the parents have a chance to reconnect, grab a bite to eat, or even take a nap, we will feed your kids and provide faith formation in an engaging and fun setting.

Look for more details in the next week's mailing or sign up now by visiting our website:

www.StBenedictOnline.org/gift

Question of the Week:

How has the Holy Spirit brought discernment into your life?

Building the Church with the Holy Spirit, Block by Block

"Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5

This summer we are reflecting on the various gifts and fruits of the Spirit that build up the Church. Our G.I.F.T. families have received a package of 16 wrapped blocks. Each week, one block is unwrapped and the gift or the fruit revealed. When you unwrap his week's block, you will find the word **DISCERNMENT** on it.

Sometime this week, take 15 minutes and either on your own or with your family, and invite the Holy Spirit to come to your household:

Come, Holy Spirit.

Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Then reflect on the following:

Week of
July 23

Discernment

KNOW (Mind): What is Christian DISCERNMENT?

Discernment (often referred to as Counsel) is one of the Gifts of the Spirit. At some point, we've all sought an opinion from a trusted friend when trying to make a tough decision. The Spirit's gift of discernment takes that one step further. It is when God, himself, through his spirit, enlightens our heart so as to make us understand the right way to speak and to behave and offers the way to follow. Counsel, then, is the gift through which the Holy Spirit enables our conscience to make a concrete choice in communion with God, according to the logic of Jesus and his Gospel. In this way, the Spirit makes us grow interiorly, he makes us grow positively, he makes us grow in the community, and he helps us not to fall prey to self-centeredness and one's own way of seeing things. Thus the Spirit helps us to grow and also to live in community.

LOVE (Heart): Accepting the Gift of DISCERNMENT into our hearts
The Gift of Discernment is cultivated in us most effectively through prayer. Through prayer, we make space so the Spirit can come and help us in that moment, counseling us on what can be done.

SERVE (Hands): Putting our DISCERNMENT in service of the church, humanity, and the world

This week, look for people the Lord puts in your path with whom you can share, for "As with all of the other gifts of the Spirit, then, counsel, too, constitutes a treasure for the whole Christian community. The Lord does not only speak to us in the intimacy of the heart; yes, he speaks to us, but not only there; he also speaks to us through the voice and witness of the brethren. It is truly a great gift to be able to meet men and women of faith who, especially in the most complicated and important stages of our lives, help us to bring light to our heart and to recognize the Lord's will!" Pope Francis, General Audience, May 7, 2014

Coming this Fall:

G.I.F.T. Bible Study

During the Diocese of Rochester's Year of the Eucharist we invite you to join Nick & Emily as we work our way through a variety of Bible Studies that help us to learn about the Eucharist. You can join for the whole series, or for just a season. Details to follow!

Come to the Pier Saturday

This year, the annual Canandaigua Lakefront Art Show has added a special feature on **Saturday, July 29** at 10:00 a.m.: the first annual Family Promise of Ontario County Bed Race. Come and cheer on St. Benedict's entry "Keeping Families Together."

Family Promise is a program to help homeless children and their families become sustainably independent. The bed race is a major fundraiser for Family Promise. We need parishioners and friends to come to the pier to support our team. This is a fun event for a most worthy cause.

Run (or Walk) to Support the Kalama Project

Since 2009, the Kalama Project has been sponsored by St. Benedict Parish. Each year, we add another classroom to a grades 1-8 school we are constructing, provide scholarships for high school and college students, and subsidize the health clinic. Come run with us on **August 12** in solidarity with our friends in Kenya to continue this tremendous cause! This race will be on trails at Finger Lakes Community College. To sign up, please visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Canandaigua/Kalama5k>.



Super Raffle Tickets

Super Raffle tickets are available in the PAC during regular business hours. The grand prize is \$10,000; 2nd Prize: \$1,000; 3rd Prize: \$750; 4th Prize: \$500; and 5th-7th Prizes are \$250. Tickets are \$25 each and can only be sold to persons living in Ontario County or bordering counties. Cash or checks are accepted. Please make checks payable to St. Benedict Parish and write "Super Raffle" in the memo.

Plants Needed for Garden Booth

As you clean out your garden, please save your discarded plants for the Parish Lawn Sale's garden booth. Empty pots are available outside of the PAC. Please drop the plants off at St. Mary's during the set up day, **Tuesday, August 15**. Call Mary Connolly at 394-5306 with questions.



Volunteers and Donations Needed for Festival

Festival Lawn Sale Help Needed—We are in desperate need of help. If you could give one or two hours one day per week to help us, it would be greatly appreciated. Please, we need you. Call Marcia Webster at 394-6836 to volunteer.

Country Store—Again, we need your help. We are looking for someone to take this over. Please sign up to give us a couple of hours either Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. We are also looking for your homemade craft items. The Country Store is always a fun place to browse, and we'd like to fill it with as many crafts as possible. Anything you have to offer is appreciated. Call Valerie Haynes at 905-8018 or just label it "Country Store" and drop it off at the PAC.

Country Cupboard—Please consider donating your jams, jellies, relishes, pickles, homemade cookies, pies, fudge, etc. to the Country Cupboard so that others can enjoy your homemade items. Please label your items "Country Cupboard" and drop it off at the PAC or call Valerie Haynes at 905-8018 to arrange for pick up.

Theme Baskets—Looking to donate a basket but just don't know which theme? Here are a few ideas: baby, baking, back to school backpacks, barbecue, movie time, spa day, going off to college, fishing, coffee, or gift certificates to any store or restaurant. If you don't have the time, call Valerie Haynes at 905-8018. She and Linda Nussbaumer will help by doing your shopping and will put the basket together for you.



A basket filled with various items, likely for a theme basket donation.

St Benedict's Parish Support for July 15 & 16

Sincere thanks for your support of the parish and its ministries!

Attendance 1,490

Weekly Offertory Income* \$14,583

Weekly Needs(budget in process)

Overage (Shortage)

Year To Date

Offertory Income* \$56,602

Year To Date Need(budget in process)

Year To Date Overage (Shortage)

*Regular Sunday Collection

ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM

St. Benedict's is pleased to offer this safe and convenient option for you to contribute your Sunday offering to the Church automatically through your checking or savings account. Please contact the business office at 394-1220.

Are You Being Called to Service?

As Pope Francis said, "Service is the sign of true love. Those who know love know how to serve others." If you feel that you are being called to service and wish to make Christ present for others, please consider one or more of these service and/or volunteer opportunities.



2017 Service Camp wants you!

From July 30th – August 4th, teens from our Parish will participate in a variety of service projects across the area. If you're a teen interested, registration is available at the doors of Church and on the Parish website. If you're an adult, we need your help, too! Whether it be gardening or cleaning, if you want to help out alongside our teens, there are so many ways you can with Service Camp! Contact Andrew Uttaro at (585) 394-1220, ext. 41 or Andrew.Uttaro@dor.org if you want to be a part of this important ministry.

The Blessing Room is currently in need of tuna, canned chicken, pasta, and baked beans. They are also in need of volunteers for various duties. Call Sandi at 657-7200 or Sharon at 657-7730 for information or to volunteer.



Better Day Buddies/Cancer Wellness Connections—*Better Day Buddies* Volunteers at Golisano Children's Center: Volunteers work directly with the children and families of the outpatient treatment center. The program runs Monday-Friday from 10:30 a.m. - noon. Volunteers encourage the children and their families to come to the playroom and participate in a variety of activities, toys and games. Volunteers then serve lunch to all. The volunteer commitment is a minimum of three 90 minute shifts per month. No specific skills are required except a big smile and strong commitment! Volunteers must be at least 17. Please call (585) 469-5727 or email info@cancerwellness.org for more information.



Humane Society of Greater Rochester & Monroe County/Lollypop Farm—*Humane Education Volunteers*: Host education programs such as birthday parties, scout workshops, tours, etc. All training will be provided. Must be at least 18. Please call (585) 223-1330 for more information.

CCIA Food Cupboard Wish List for the Weeks of...

July 22&23: Tuna, canned meat, canned fruit, cereal

July 29&30: Pork & beans, cereal, canned fruit, mac & cheese
Personal care/hygiene items are always welcome.

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Welcome to our Parish Family! We are so glad you are here! Please let us know you are here so that we can minister to your needs. Speak with a hospitality member, or call or email the parish office.

BAPTISMS

Visit our website to fill out our baptismal request form or contact **Deacon Claude** so he can discuss with you the steps to baptism for your children.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Engaged couples should contact the parish at least 6 months prior to desired wedding date. Marriage Preparation is required. Please call or email **Deacon Claude**.

BECOMING CATHOLIC (R.C.I.A.)

Call or email **Nick Laskowski**.

PARISH COUNCIL

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Ex officio members: Fr. Clifford Dorkenoo, Dawn Burdick, Ann Marie Deutsch, Deacon Claude Lester, and Andrew Uttaro.

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Please Pray for Our Sick and Their Caregivers

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	Gulick	Hope Lowman			
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	Barb Haight	Joseph Lynch			

Why Are We Kneeling?

In Bishop Matano's recent pastoral letter announcing the Year of the Eucharist for the Diocese of Rochester, he asked that out of reverence for the Holy Eucharist, all the faithful (who are able to, and where there are accommodations to do so) kneel during the entire Eucharistic Prayer from the "Holy, Holy, Holy" until after the "Great Amen." He also asks that we also kneel during the entire Communion period, from after the "Lamb of God" until the faithful have received Holy Communion.

"As a prescribed act of reverence during and continuing after this Year of the Eucharist, I am asking that, where possible (according to existing accommodations for sitting and kneeling), we renew and observe the prescription stated in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, which reads: 'In the Dioceses of the United States of America [the faithful] should kneel after the singing or recitation of the Sanctus ('Holy, Holy, Holy') until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer...' and that 'The faithful kneel after the Agnus Dei ('Lamb of God')..."

You can read the entirety of Bishop Matano's letter on the Diocesan website at www.dor.org.

Yoga at St. Bridget's

Instructor-led yoga continues on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Bridget's. Beginners are welcome. For more information, contact Jeanette at 314-6966 or jdz-techw@me.com or Julie at 737-5639 or vanbee44@aol.com. Drop-in fee \$15/class or \$12/class if paying for a session. \$2 goes to the Church as a facility fee.

St Francis & St Clare Parish Festival in Waterloo

St Francis & St Clare Parish—where the newly ordained Fr. Michael Merritt has been assigned—is having their annual summer festival on **July 27, 28, and 29** at St. Mary's Church, 35 Center Street, Waterloo. They offer free admission, free entertainment, and over 75 food and game booths. Food booths open at 5:00 p.m. and game booths open at 6:15 p.m. daily. The schedule of activities is as follows:

Thurs, July 27	Fri, July 28	Sat, July 29
5pm Chicken BBQ	5pm Fish Fry	5pm Ala Carte Specials
6pm Geneva Martial Arts	6pm Cornhole Turney	6pm Dimension in Dance
7pm Touch a Truck	7pm Community Band	7pm Touch a Truck
8pm Bobby McGee Band	8pm Touch a Truck	8pm Basketball Shoot Off
	9pm Double Shot	9pm City Limits Band

7 Ways to Slow Down*—Week 3 of 7

3. Eat slower—So many of us eat in a hurry, barely chewing our food. We're too busy thinking about the things on our to-do lists. Next time you eat, be more mindful of what you're putting into your mouth. How does it look? How does it smell? How does it taste? Practice chewing more slowly and make healthy choices about what you eat. Sit at a table with others as much as you can, and just enjoy the simple pleasures of eating.

*Source: Dynamic Catholic Newsletter, July 2017

Readings for the Week of July 23, 2017

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage

On **Saturday, July 29**, we will be gathering with couples who will be married in the parish over the next several months to discuss the Sacrament of Matrimony from the Church's point of view. "God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage" introduces couples to Saint Pope John Paul's "theology of the body" which is based on the 129 lectures given by Pope John Paul II during his Wednesday audiences in St. Peter's Square and the Paul VI Audience Hall between September 5, 1979 and November 28, 1984.

Each year, St. Benedict Parish works with over thirty couples preparing for marriage. Please pray for all those making this commitment for a lifetime.



Would you like to know more about Catholicism? Have you thought about becoming Catholic? Do you know someone that might be interested in Catholicism?

Join us for any of our RCIA information meetings **Sunday, August 27** at 10:15 am in the Parish Administration Center (P.A.C.) or **Wednesday, August 30** at 7:00 pm in the P.A.C. If these dates do not work for you or you have any questions, please contact Nick Laskowski at (585) 394-1220 x 37 or Nick.Laskowski@dor.org.

Here is what someone who recently helped with RCIA has to say: *"We have been Catholic our entire lives and we felt we had a good understanding of our faith. However, even though we attended Mass weekly, we felt our growth in our faith was becoming stagnant. We even felt a bit envious of people going through the RCIA process and wondered if they were learning more about our Church than those of us who were brought up Catholic. We wanted what the RCIA candidates were receiving."*

The Holy Spirit must have sensed our desire because we were asked to sponsor a couple in this year's RCIA class. We gladly said yes and are so happy we did. We have made wonderful new friends and our knowledge of the Church has increased. The Eucharist has taken on a deeper meaning and knowing that God is always with us has been reinforced.

Standing with the candidates at the Easter Vigil as they were baptized, confirmed and received First Eucharist was a very special experience. The celebration was so beautiful and moving. It was an evening we did not want to end. Happily though, we know this is just the beginning of a loving daily journey with God. It was an honor to be a RCIA sponsor and we will always be deeply grateful for this opportunity to grow in our faith and in our love for God and our Church Family." ~ Jeff & Judy Gelinas



School Supply Drive

Throughout the summer, we are collecting school supplies to help families in need. Donations can be brought to Church or to the PAC during regular business hours.

Kid's Corner

Sharing the Gospel

As God's child, you are the wheat in God's field. As you love and trust God more, your faith will grow like good seeds. You will see others around you who love God, too. God will be happy to see you growing up in His love. As you grow taller and stronger, you will also notice others around you who ignore or dislike God. They are like weeds in a garden. Jesus will separate the good seeds from the weeds when he comes again.



Prayer

God, help my love and faith to grow strong.

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