

Catholic Community of

St. Peter - St. Mary - St. Hedwig

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time



St. Peter's
5457 Shady Ave
Lowville, NY



St. Mary's
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Glenfield, NY



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Parish Offices
Office hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 12 Noon
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Radio Mass: WLLG - 99.3 FM
Sunday at 11:00 am

Celebrating the Eucharist

Monday, January 23

8:00 am (SP)

Weekday

Intentions of Alfred Riccio by Deacon Tom Yousey

Tuesday, January 24

8:00 am (SP)

Saint Francis de Sales

All Souls

Wednesday, January 25

12:00 pm (SP)

Conversion of Saint Paul

Delfin Plandes by Lourdes, Friends & Family

Thursday, January 26

8:00 am (SP)

Saint Timothy & Saint Titus

Margaret Searl by Family

Friday, January 27

12 Noon (SP)

Weekday

Communion Service

Saturday, January 28

4:00 pm (SP)

Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fred Martin by Barbara

Sunday, January 29

9:00 am (SP)

11:00 am (SH)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jim Heidt by Liz & Gordie Allen

Mass for the People

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm at St. Peter
~Anytime by appointment~

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months prior to
the proposed wedding date



1. The chancery has sent each parish in the diocese forms from the Living Stones Office. You may recall this project was done a few years ago. The work of Living Stones office is to evaluate the parishes of the diocese of Ogdensburg. They are recircling the wagons. The diocese needs to keep downsizing. More churches will be closed. Currently there are 40 working priests. There are 82 parishes. Many churches are already joined together. Once again, the diocese is looking for vibrant parishes. Our parish will review the forms mid-February. Everyone is welcomed to join working on this project. It is important that we report all that is done here to be named a vibrant parish.
2. We invite our altar servers and youth group to join us for bowling. This Sunday, 22 January we will meet at the bowling alley at 12:30 for lunch and then bowling. Bring you brothers or sisters.
3. While we are working the Living Stones forms, I would like to open a call for new lectors and ministers of Holy Communion. Any of our parishioners are welcomed to serve these ministries. I would especially want to invite any of our high school students who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. All are welcomed and mention your interest to Fr. Doug, and we will provide the Training.

-Father Doug

Reflection on Today's Readings

Jesus begins his public ministry after John the Baptist is arrested. Repent, and believe in the Gospel. Gospel means good news. What is this good news? The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light. Many around us are sitting in darkness, struggling to find meaning in life, struggling with sin, many of them without hope. Can we bring them the light of Christ and share with them the Gospel, the Good News?

Financial Statements for the Year 2022

Upon the recommendation of the Pastoral Council, your financial contributions for 2022, have been mailed you. If you do not receive a statement, please call the office. And as always thank you for your generous support of our churches.

Upcoming

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Rosary Altar Society

200 club winners are Jean Call and Beth Hornig

The Chosen

The Third Season of The Chosen allows us to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew Him. Come Join us on : Tuesday, evenings, January 24th at 6:30 pm in St. Peter's Church hall. All are welcome to attend

Stairway to Heaven

Our Catholic faith offers the perfect opportunity for immersing ourselves in scripture.

Come join our new Women's Group "Stairway to Heaven" for great conversation and spiritual enrichment, as we reflect and share on the previous Sunday readings.

We will meet in the Church Hall at 2:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

For more information, contact Deb Mullin 315-523-0336, Sharon Kelly 315-376-3016 or Mary Lou Peters 315-376-7334.

Coffee Hour

Please join us for coffee, doughnuts and fellowship

Our next coffee hour of the season is Sunday, January 29 following the 9:00 am Mass. You will also have the opportunity to purchase religious articles. St. Peter's Hospitality Committee is the host of the coffee hour this month

St. Hedwig's News

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed at St. Hedwig's Church on Sunday, February 5, after the celebration of the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

Please join us in the recitation of the Rosary for Peace, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, at 10:30 a.m. before the celebration of the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Hedwig's.

Follow the Drinking Gourd

A concert of Spirituals, presented by Adirondack Community Chorus, presented by Adirondack Community Chorus. The performance on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at the Forest Presbyterian Church, Lyons Falls. The concert is under the direction of Peg Nuspilger and accompanist is Mel Chalker.



January 22, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Have things gotten better since the U. S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*? Surely, it was a huge step in the right direction in confronting our culture of death. However, news stories and our own experience tell us that there has been a new wave of opposition, even violence, suffered by many faith-based pregnancy centers since last June's *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* opinion.

Clearly, this judgment was a necessary first step, but not sufficient. St. Pope John Paul II wrote, "A radical solidarity with women requires that the underlying causes which make a child unwanted be addressed." Similarly, Pope Francis observed that abortion is a brutal result of our failure to care for one another. So, what can we do to build a Culture of Life?

The Church in the North Country continues to care for and promote a Culture of Life in a culture determined to demean, even destroy human life. For years, your generous support of our annual *Respect Life Collection* has enabled the Diocese of Ogdensburg to assist many local efforts in promoting the dignity of the human person. These include, most recently, helping five Gabriel Projects in Potsdam, Brasher Falls, Massena, Plattsburgh and Ogdensburg. Needed help was offered to the Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center, Malone Catholic Charities Childbirth and Parenting Education program, Watertown's *Walking with Moms in Need*, *Birtheright*, *Liferight*, Light of Truth Radio, Lewis County Right to Life and the diocesan Natural Family Planning efforts.

As you see, many are engaged in parish and community initiatives to walk with pregnant women and new moms and their families. The Catholic Church is the largest charitable provider of social services to women, children, and families in the United States. We understand that our neighbor needs help not just during pregnancy, but throughout the whole of life's journey. Such assistance, such accompaniment provides rays of hope that a Culture of Life is attainable, one person, one family, one community at a time.

Colleen and John Miner, Directors of our Respect Life Office, coordinate the steps we take in protecting and supporting the life and dignity of every human life. We are grateful for their important ministry here in the North Country. Thank you for your prayers and generous support of the **2023 Respect Life collection** and for all your efforts in changing minds and touching hearts.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Ministers Serving at Mass Next Weekend

Mass Times	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Altar Server
Saturday, January 28 - 4:00 pm	Bonnie Dening	Deb Domagala Mary Lou Peters	Mike & Nancy Hubschmitt	Henry Goss
Sunday, January 29 - 9:00 am	Jana Brown	Linda Pugh Kathleen Wallace	Kristie Kennedy Gayla Ortlieb	Alexa Brouty Mary McCauley
Sunday, January 29 - 11:00 am	Mindy Meiss	Linda Domagala	Lydia Wojnowski	

The Family is one of God's Masterpieces

Faith Formation News

January 22 - Faith Formation Classes following 9:00 Mass

January 29 - Sister Bethany from Sisters of St. Joseph in Watertown, will be visiting the Faith Formation children and presenting them with their **Green Apple Award**.

Each Class earned the Green Apple Award by making a display board showing ways we can all help to - *Care for our common home - the Earth.*

March 5 - *Family Catechesis* following the 9:00 Mass in St. Peter's Church Hall for all students and their families. The focus will be on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

First Reconciliation

February 12 - First Reconciliation Retreat 10:00 am - 12:30 pm, a light lunch will be served.

March 5 - First Reconciliation students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time with Father Decker at the **2:00 pm Parish Penance Service**.

Confirmation

January 22 - Sponsor Forms are due.

Please be thinking about your **Confirmation/Saint** name. When choosing a saint, choose someone who exemplifies a quality that you wish to have, somebody whose life you want to emulate, or somebody you have something in common with. When you choose your saint, begin to pray for their intercession, the saint you choose becomes your patron saint for the rest of your life!

March 5 - Confirmation/Saint name Forms are due.

TIP FOR KEEPING THE LIGHT OF FAITH ALIVE IN YOUR HOME

HOW BEAUTIFUL IS THE WORLD THAT GOD HAS BUILT FOR US!

SHARE WITH YOUR CHILDREN THE JOY AND WONDER OF THE WORLD WE LIVE IN BY SIMPLY, GETTING OUTDOORS AND HAVING "FUN IN THE SUN" OR "BUILDING A SNOWMAN." WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO TEACH WHILE WE PLAY.



"BUT ASK THE ANIMALS, AND THEY WILL TEACH YOU; OR THE BIRDS IN THE SKY, AND THEY WILL TELL YOU; OR SPEAK TO THE EARTH, AND IT WILL TEACH YOU; OR LET THE FISH IN THE SEA INFORM YOU." JOB 12: 7-8

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: DEPARTMENT OF FAITH FORMATION
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"Each of us is the result of a thought of God.
Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary."

Pope Benedict XVI



"Dare to Be"

When a new day begins, dare to smile gratefully.
When there is darkness, dare to be the first to shine a light.
When there is injustice, dare to be the first to condemn it.
When something seems difficult, dare to do it anyway.
When life seems to beat you down, dare to fight back.
When there seems to be no hope, dare to find some.
When you're feeling tired, dare to keep going.
When times are tough, dare to be tougher.
When love hurts you, dare to love again.
When someone is hurting, dare to help them heal.
When another is lost, dare to help them find the way.
When a friend falls, dare to be the first to extend a hand.
When you cross paths with another, dare to make them smile.
When you feel great, dare to help someone else feel great too.
When the day has ended, dare to feel as you've done your best.
Dare to be the best you can -
At all times, Dare to be!"

— Steve Maraboli

Augustinian Academy's 19th Annual Gala and Auction Boots Scootin' Barn Boogie



Dinner * Dancing * Silent Auction * Live Band

Saturday, February 4 beginning at 5:00 pm at the Carthage Elks Club. Tickets are available for purchase by calling Augustinian Academy 493-1301.

Stewardship	January 15, 2023	January 16, 2022	Weekly Needs
Catholic Community of St. Peter- St. Mary - St. Hedwig	\$5,472.40	\$6,996.02	\$8,038.46

Remember in Prayer

We pray for our loved ones and for all those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in the nursing home. Sharon Albuquerque, Broden Ashley, Linda Aubertine, Laney Baker, Shirley S. Bush, Megan Cartier, Mary Lou Cataldo, Dianna Clark, Dennis Kraeger, Olin J. Fenton, Mary Gennette, Kathy Gowing, Lori & Mike Hughes, Jana Ingersoll, Tyler Jones, Gloria Lyndaker, JoAnn Maring, Viola Marolf, Barbara Martin, Sally Matuszczak, Lynn Norris, Linda O'Leary, Ray Rhubart, Genevieve Seelman, Lucy Wawrzyniak.