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Reconciliation (Penance): Saturdays 4:15-4:45 P.M.
Marriages: 6 months' notice
Baptism: By appointment. Godparents must be a practicing Catholic.

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday,	April 16	8:00 PM	**EASTER VIGIL**
Sunday,	April 17	8:30 AM	**EASTER SUNDAY**
Monday,	April 18	8:15 AM	Ron Bush by Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Golden
Tuesday,	April 19	No Mass	
Wednesday,	April 20	No Mass	
Thursday,	April 21	8:15 AM	Bernadette Planty by Bill & Vicky Boliver
Friday,	April 22	8:15 AM	Laurie Monnat by Lucille Davoy
Saturday,	April 23	5:00 PM	Troy Chartrand by Mom & Dad

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

"He is Risen" The dramatic action of the sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil) climaxes today with the first reports of the miraculous news, "He is not dead! He has been raised!" Our Savior conquered death and has been raised to new life.

Since we are all baptized into his death, we have been raised to new life in him! God's love and mercy has been poured out on us all that we may live, as St. Paul wrote: "in newness of life." In that newness of life, we come together to celebrate this most glorious feast singing of our joy and thanksgiving. **ALLELUIA!!**

Pray for the sick:

Art Houppert, Anise Wolff, Laney Baker, Carl Sauer, Rodney and Jane Houppert, Father Leo Wiley, Janet Moser, Charlie Halladay, Robert Peters, William (Bill) Davoy Jr., Bernard Ardison, and all ill at home, in the hospital or nursing homes. (The sick that wish to be remembered in prayer will be included on this list only if they agree to have their names included or family members specifically request this). Please call to have a name included on this list.

EASTER 2022

"…grant that by these paschal celebrations, we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires…"

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As the priest prepares to bless the fire at the Easter Vigil, he prays that we might be "*inflamed with heavenly desires.*" For one hundred and fifty years, the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg have been inflamed with the heavenly desire to follow Jesus. We remember with much gratitude those who came before us, sowing the seeds of faith and building up the Body of Christ.

Over the last century and a half, beautiful parish churches and schools have been erected through the sacrifice and generosity of so many. Parish families have celebrated the Sacraments throughout the broad expanse of our North Country. Since our founding in 1872, thousands of women and men, inflamed with heavenly desires, have come into the Church and celebrated the Easter sacraments. We welcome and congratulate those who are entering the Church this Easter. We are so blessed!

Every generation encounters unique challenges in their faith journeys. Ours is no exception. While the demographics of the North Country have changed significantly, the Church continues to proclaim the joy of the Gospel. We accept our crosses with hope inflamed with heavenly desires because we are an Easter people. Jesus is risen and that has made all the difference in the world.

I hope that this Lenten Season has provided you with the opportunity to think of things of heaven. Sadly, for many today the focus is on worldly desires. Inevitably, such a focus feeds hatred, greed, and disrespect for our neighbor. Crime, violence, war, and terror haunt humankind. This Easter we want to renew our commitment to the Risen Christ. We are eager to embrace the mission He gave the Church as we begin another chapter in the story of the Church of Ogdensburg.

Easter blessings to you and your loved ones!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Terry R. LaValley

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Your Support for the Parish

Adult Envelopes	$2,901.00
Plate	$ 833.00
Money to Meet Budget	$4,476.00
Fuel	$ 325.00

Updated Liturgical Practices

Offering of gifts of bread and wine will begin next Sunday.

Sign of Peace has begun and will continue.

Receiving from chalice-Consecrated Wine, the Blood of Christ has been reinstated.

High School Youth & Confirmation Retreat April 23-24

Chris Padgett (chrispadgett.com) is a nationally known presenter at Youth Events. We are very fortunate to be hosting him here. All Confirmation Candidates and High School Youth are invited. We will be hosting young people from 7 parishes. The retreat begins at the 5:00 Mass April 23. Please pray for a successful retreat!!

Religious Education Classes

Classes will resume on Sunday, April 24, 2022. Please return your Missionary Childhood Association Money Boxes on Sunday, April 24th.