



St. Stephen's Parish

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 PM until the 5:00 Mass

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus declare that he is the light of the world. Later, St. Paul writes that we should live as children of light. How appropriate is the second scrutiny Sunday, when we are called to take an honest look at ourselves to see weaknesses and sinful tendencies, that we are reminded how important it is to shine a light on our character and expose it to the light of day. "Live as children of light," Paul writes, "for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. "Let us ask God for forgiveness and guidance so that we can go forth shining with the light of Christ.



Saturday, March 14 (5:00 pm)

Doris & Allyn Turck by Family

Sunday, March 15 (8:30 am)

Lynn Kampnich by Jeff & Renee Walseman Family

Monday, March 16 (6:00 pm)

For the intentions and in gratitude for those who helped at the K of C barbeque by Knights of Columbus Council #2175

Tuesday, March 17 (12 noon)

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Scripture/Communion Service

Wednesday, March 18 (8:15 am)

Norma VerSchneider by Kevin & Vicki Meyer

Thursday, March 19 (12 noon)

Wildred Proulx by Yvonne Kirschner

Friday, March 20 (8:15 am)

Carole, Kathy & Kevin Widrick & Lisa Chisholm by Family

Saturday, March 21 (5:00 pm)

Duane Schwendy by Phyllis Schwendy, Doug, Donna & Sharon

Sunday, March 22 (8:30 am)

Norma Monnat by The Richard Boliver Family

Pray for the Sick

Bob Peters, Jim Hall, Joe Bush, Patti Clemons, Howard Nortz, Susan Schwendy, Carolyn Schwendy, Mary Knight, Bruce Tabolt, Bruce Chapman, Peter VerSchneider, Bill Gracey, Caitlin Taylor, Priscilla Boliver, Kristi Lehman Marques, Deb Hartshorn, Alice Moore, Julie Fuller, Venetha Houppert, Tom Pate, Casey Kloster, John Lashbrooks, and all ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing homes.

Your Support for The Parish

Envelopes: \$4,543.00

Plate: \$ 623.00

Sanctuary Candle



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of
Edna Hoch and Alfred Davoy
by Peter & Mary Meyer*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be Friday evening at 6:00 pm.

LENTEN MISSION

Lent is a special time of conversion as we prepare with our penitential practices for celebrating the Risen Christ at Easter. To help us prepare there will be a parish Mission at St. James Church, 164 East Main Street, Gouverneur, led by Franciscan Sisters from Steubenville.

They will speak at Masses on the weekend of March 21-22 and then offer sessions **Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings** beginning at 7 PM. Following the talk each evening there will also be the opportunity of Eucharistic Adoration. We will also have three priests available for confessions at the **Sunday evening** session. Please mark these dates on your calendar and take advantage of this special time of grace.

CARING FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY ANNUAL MEAL

The meal will be held on Thursday, March 26th at the Croghan Mennonite Church from 4 pm until gone. The meal will include jerked pork steak, salt potatoes, baked beans and a homemade dinner roll for \$15.00. Cookies by the dozen may be purchased for \$5.00.

DOUBLE THE DONATION

St. James Church in Gouverneur has a generous parishioner who will match any donations until March 22nd. Please mail your envelope to the Church and indicate St. James School Matching.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP

Are you a practicing Catholic man who wants to do more for the Church? Please call or see these Knights for more information about joining Council 2175. Peter Meyer: 315-771-0426 or Bob Buholtz: 315-376-8876.

CHRISM MASS

The faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are invited to join Bishop LaValley in the annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils, and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism for use in all the churches of our Diocese. This ritual symbolizes that we are one family in Christ. The Chrism Mass will be held on Thursday, March 26, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. The Chrism Mass may be viewed at <https://www.rcdony.org/livemass>.

PENANCE SERVICES



March 15th at 2:00 pm at St. James Church in Carthage

March 22nd at 2:00 pm at St. Peter's Church in Lowville

March 29th at 2:00 pm at St. Martin's Church in Port Leyden

Meat Canner of Lewis County-Feed the Hungry!!

The Meat Canner of Lewis County is an organization of volunteers who work throughout our community to benefit Northern New York and the world. Since 2018, the organization has brought the Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) mobile meat canner to the Maple Ridge Center on the East Road in Lowville to can meat that is distributed to local food pantries in Lewis County and around the world. The canner is coming on March 30th and March 31st, 2026. Please consider volunteering.

CAMP GUGGENHEIM SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships for Camp Guggenheim are available. Applications can be picked up inside the Rectory entrance.

COMBINED PETER'S PENCE AND CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION March 14th & 15th

Catholic Relief Services feeds the hungry, houses and supports displaced refugees and fights against the ugliest sins around the world. Peter's Pence assists the Universal Church and Holy See operations. It enables Pope Leo's charitable efforts which benefit our brothers and sisters everywhere. On March 14 and 15, we have a combined second collection. Please prayerfully consider your gift, consider making this part of your Lenten almsgiving and learn more at: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.