



THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent



Thank you to all who participated in the Listening Sessions for our Pastoral Plan. For those who were unable to attend, here is an invitation to make your contribution to the process. I'd like to get your thoughtful responses to a few questions. Before the questions, a few things to consider....

It has been twelve (12) years now since the Massena-Louisville Pastoral Planning Committee's recommendations began to take effect, beginning with Fr. Jack Downs' retirement on December 31, 2004. Since then, we have:

- Transitioned from 4 Pastors to 1 Pastor, 5 priests to 2.
- Two (2) Parishes with four (4) Worship sites (the Churches of the original 4 parishes).
- One (1) Pastor responsible for twenty (20) buildings of various sizes and complexity, and their surrounding grounds, at four Worship Sites, a school and two cemeteries.
- Two (2) Pastoral Councils and two (2) Finance Councils.
- Consolidated our Faith Formation program for children in grades K-6.
- Consolidated our Confirmation preparation for grades 7-9.
- A consolidated Youth group serving both parishes.
- A consolidated baptismal preparation program.
- A consolidated RCIA/C program (formation/initiation process for adults and older children preparing for entry into the Church and receiving the Sacraments of Initiation).
- Developed a Mass schedule for two priests to cover regularly on weekends (and in which one priest can cover from time to time, "in a pinch").
- Developed liturgical ministries so that parishioners from both parishes may serve in any of the 4 worship sites.

And so - we reflected on and invited responses to the following three questions:

1. - After twelve (12) years since becoming two (2) parishes out of four (4), what do you most appreciate about the Catholic Parishes in our area?
2. - Is it time now to formally be established as one (1) parish?
3. - Imagine that we are the first Catholics to arrive in this area, and are establishing a Catholic presence/Parish from scratch.  
*What would we want it to look like?*  
 (and this is not in reference to buildings!)  
*What would be our top priorities?*  
*What is our purpose for "setting up shop" as a Catholic Parish?*  
*What things would we consider essential - things we simply wouldn't or couldn't do without?*

If you have not already responded by participation in our Listening Sessions, you can still give your response to these questions on a form that can be found in our Church entrances, or by making a response online with our form at [massenacatholics.com](http://massenacatholics.com).

**LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUTH:  
Open to all students in grades 6-12**

Diocesan Youth Council is hosting a peer-led Lenten retreat open to all students in grades 6-12. Interested youth can attend in Malone on March 25 or in Canton on March 26. **The event is free, but participants must pre-register and bring a bagged lunch.** Massena Faith Formation students are encouraged to attend. Details and registration can be found [www.rcdony.org/lentenretreat](http://www.rcdony.org/lentenretreat).

**FAMILY/YOUTH MINISTRY AND  
TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

**Trinity's Derby Gala Races to Massena on April 29**

Trinity's Derby Gala **tickets go on sale March 20**. The April 29 event, brought to you by Diamond Sponsor, Phillips Memorial Home, will be complete with Kentucky Derby flair. The menu includes an excellent four-course meal, featuring Appetizers, Tomato Vegetable Soup, Mixed Green Salad with Blueberries and Pecans, Cheese Biscuits, Choice of Prime Rib with Rosemary Mushroom Sauce or Garlic Pork Loin with Bourbon Glaze, Roasted Sweet and White Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, and Choice of Dessert (vegetarian and gluten free options available). Along with a small Silent Auction, Live Auction, Treasure Boxes, Cash Bar, DJ and dancing, Mr. Thomas Fiacco will be honored for his contributions to Catholic education. Tickets are \$65 each or \$500 for paid reservation for 8. Tickets can be bought in the school office during normal school hours, **with extended hours from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Monday, March 20**. Tickets can also be bought over the phone with a credit card by calling 315-769-5911. If you are interested in this event, don't hesitate to buy tickets. Last year, tickets sold out in one day. Many thanks to our top sponsors: Diamond Sponsor, Phillips Memorial Home, Platinum Sponsors, Donaldsons Funeral Home and 2 Mama Birds, and to Gold Sponsors, Frenchie's Chevrolet and Heritage Homes, for their help in bringing this lovely evening to our Massena Community.

**LENTEN CALENDAR**

**ADORATION - St. Mary's Chapel**

<u>Mondays</u>	<u>Fridays</u>
6:00 am - 10:00 pm	6:00 am - 6:30 pm
	7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Thursdays - 3:30 pm Sacred Heart Church  
Fridays - 6:30 pm St. Mary's Church

**ROSARY**

Sundays - 2:00 pm Sacred Heart Church

**PRAYER & MASS**

Tuesdays - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Church  
Wednesdays & Thursdays - 8:00 am St. Mary's Church  
Mondays & Fridays - 12:05 pm Sacred Heart Church

**7 DEADLY SINS & 7 LIVELY VIRTUES**

Tuesdays - 2:00 pm or 6:30 pm St. Mary's Hall

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE & LUNCHEON**

Wednesdays - 12:00 pm St. John's Episcopal



## DIOCESAN & LOCAL PARISH NEWS

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH AT 2PM

The Bereavement Support Group will meet Tuesday, March 28th at 2:00, in the Jesse Carey Room at the Sacred Heart Convent. This Monthly meeting is open to any who are struggling with the sadness and loss of loved ones and are seeking support and encouragement in their time of grief.

#### **Please pray for the sick...**

Beatrice Arquette, Norma Brewer, Jazmin Brothers, Fr. John Bucki, SJ, Irene Castell, Ruby Castell, Frank Catanzarite, Jane Charleston, Bruce Crinklaw, Jodele LaRose Currier, Raymond Cyrus, Keith Daggett, David Deforge, Cheryl Dishaw, Barbara Dougherty, Leo DuBray, Douglas Dumas, Michael Gaskins, Margaret Hammill, Christian Harvey, Michaela Hunter, Margaret Kelly, Bruce Ladison, Theresa Lashuy, William LaVare, Stephanie McKeel, Beverly Michaud, Janet Miller, Dorothy Morris, Karen Morrison, John O'Connor, Anthony O'Geen, Neal Pavone, Margaret Poirier, Kenneth Premo, Joe Puente, Marie (Ty) Taylor, Rose Toth, MacKenzie Wagstaff, Hughie Wing, and those who need our prayers.

#### **NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**

We are continuing the *North Country Catholic* subscription campaign. If you have not yet subscribed to our diocesan newspaper I would ask you to do so today. Bishop LaValley has asked that the diocesan newspaper be welcomed in every Catholic home in the diocese as a source of information, evangelization and unity. Please place your subscription envelope in the collection basket or mail a check for \$27 to the North Country Catholic, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY, 13317. Patron subscriptions – for \$35, \$50, \$100 or \$250 - are also encouraged to allow the newspaper to maintain affordable subscription rates for all. ANOTHER OPTION – “go green” and receive your *NCC* through email. If interested, write your email address on the envelope.

#### **COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTERS**

##### **Spring Retreat/Workshop**

Saturday, April 1st - 11:00 am - 5:00pm  
St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Social Hall

11:00 Registration & Welcome (coffee)  
11:30 Deacon Patrick Donahue “The Call to Discipleship in Matthew”  
12:15 Lunch (No charge)  
1:00 “Discerning My Spiritual Giftedness” 1st Corinthians 12:1-31  
1:45 Small Group Discussion  
2:45 1st Saturday Rosary & Meditation - Sacred Heart Church  
3:45 Depart

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 2:45 - 3:45 (Sacred Heart). Participants invited to attend celebration of Mass at 4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church.

To register, contact Jeannie Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 Ext. 1413 or [jgrizzuto@recony.org](mailto:jgrizzuto@recony.org).

#### St. Joseph's Day Mass

On Monday, March 20th, 6:30 PM we will open up St. Joseph's Church on Bayley Rd. to offer Mass for the Solemnity. You can write and leave your prayer petitions with St. Joseph during novena days near the statue of St. Joseph in St. Mary's Church (toward the front right side), or at Sacred Heart Church in the box by the statue of the Sacred Heart to the right of the main doors when you come in. We will bring them over to St. Joseph's for our Mass on the 20th.

#### **WATER, NUTRITION AND YOUR HEALTH**

Presentation will focus on water as a key nutrient for human health, an essential for all life, and the challenges in maintaining this resource for human and agricultural consumption. Discussion will follow on ways to protect it for the future generations. Panel includes: Cathy Moore MS, RD Agriculture and Fort Drum Program Leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County, Vicky Murphy, City of Watertown, Water Plant Supervisor, and Jay Matteson, Jefferson County Agricultural Consultant. The Event, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph Social Justice Committee, will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2017 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the Sisters of Saint Joseph Motherhouse Hearthside Center, 1425 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601. Light refreshment will be served. Public is invited. Event is free. Space is limited; to reserve a place; call 315-782-3460.

#### CELEBRATE LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WITH EWTN CATHOLIC TV CHANNEL NETWORK

Learn more about your Faith during the holiest time of the year with EWTN'S movies, documentaries, concerts, children's programs, and much more! Join in the celebration of Mass at St Peter's Basilica in Rome or at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Get program details at [www.ewtn.com/faith/lent](http://www.ewtn.com/faith/lent) and TV channels: Time Warner #35, DISH# 261, and DIRECT TV#370.

#### Rest in Peace

**Paul Calnon Patricia Larabee  
Robert Fetterly Norma Paquin**

#### **ATTENTION MEMBERS OF COUNCIL #1141 K OF C**

For the 9th year the Stoiber & Deshaies Scholarships are available. If you have a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter who will be graduating contact Jack Lamay at 315-769-8931 or Bob Scully at 315-769-2530 for details. The deadline is May 2, 2017.

#### **D.O.V.S.**

The D.O.V.S (Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society) is a group of dedicated people who promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese. They meet most months, plan events, and annually take a pilgrimage. Please consider joining! Call Connie at 315-265-2672 or the Vocations Office at 315-393-2920 to join or to ask questions.

#### **Memorial Fund Donations in memory of**

Frances Brooks by 1) Ada Stoiber 2) Sylvia & Joe Cordwell  
Mary Boots by Sylvia & Joe Cordwell

**INFORMATION ON RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS**

First Eucharist - at St. Mary's, Sun. May 7th, 11:00 Mass  
or  
Sacred Heart, Sun. May 21st, 11:00 Mass

Confirmation- at Sacred Heart, Thurs. May 11th, 7:00

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**  
**Weekend of March 19th**  
**Grades K thru 6**  
Regular sessions during Masses on Sunday.  
**Grades 7, 8, & 9**  
Regular classes Sunday evening 6:30 - 7:30pm

**RCIA**

Lent moves very quickly especially when there are Catechumens (those being initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil). They will be presented with the Creed and The Lord's Prayer. Please keep Edward Brown Jr., Emma and Gracie Hart, and Nathaniel and Jayden Patnode in your prayers.

For months now a small group of adults has been getting together to mature in the Catholic Faith. They have covered topics concerning each of the sacraments, the Mass, Catholic moral teachings and Catholic social teachings. Beginning Wednesday, March 1st, we will discuss the Sunday readings for Lent. These sessions are held at Sacred Heart rectory, 212 Main St. at 7:00 pm - about 8:30 pm. EVERYONE is welcome. Call 315-769-2469 for more information.

***Our Stewardship of Treasure***

Sunday, March 12, 2017

<u>St. Mary's/St. Joseph's</u>	<u>Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence</u>
<b>Total \$4,770.00</b>	<b>Total \$7,725.25</b>

**GREATER MASSENA CATHOLIC PARISHES**

**Parish Office:** (315)769-2469 **Priests Residence:** (315)764-0239  
**www.massencatholics.com**

- Pastor:** Rev. Mark Reilly
  - Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Tojo Chacko
  - Deacon:** Thomas E. Proulx 315-769-3168
  - Pastoral Associates:** Sr. Maureen Sweeney SSJ, SM/SJ  
Mrs. Roger (Julia) LaShomb, SH/SL
  - Director of Faith Formation:**  
Sr. Edward Marie Tesiero, SA
  - Trinity Catholic School Principal/Secretary:**  
Kathleen Behrens/Emily Currier  
Office #: (315)769-5911
  - Parish Secretaries:** Tammy Besio, SM/SJ  
Lisa Furnace, SH/SL
  - Calvary Cemetery Manager:** Sue Farnsworth
  - RCIC:** Ann Borsellino
  - RCIA:** Julia LaShomb
  - Music Ministry:** Joyce Giroux, SH 315-769-0715  
Paul Bronchetti, SM/SJ 769-6974  
Patricia Ryan, SL 315-769-3191
  - Parish Trustees:** Mary Ann Seguin & Jim Grow SH/SL  
John Lamay & Barbara Martin SM/SJ
- Emergency # for sick calls: 1-800-842-3105**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 18th, Lenten Weekday

4:00 (SH) - Ethel Debien (ANN) by The Family

6:00 (SL) - Rita Carroll by Henri & Ann Vincent

### Sunday, March 19th, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 (SM) - For the People of the Parish

9:30 (SH) - Lorelee Norris (ANN) by Elwood & Norma Small

11:00 (SM) - Mary Boots

by Jermano, Durant & Ciampa Families

### Monday, March 20th, St. Joseph,

spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 (SH) - Jean Ginder by Linda & Sara Rombough

6:30 (SJ) - St. Joseph's Intentions

### Tuesday, March 21st, Lenten Weekday

5:30 (SM) - Rene Gibeault by wife, Mary Ellen & children

### Wednesday, March 22nd, Lenten Weekday

8:15 (SM) - Frank & Mabel White by Robert & Ann White

2:00 (SRNH) - Richard T Haley by The Parish

### Thursday, March 23rd, Lenten Weekday

8:15 (SM) - For the Healing of Jeremy Lundy

by Janice & Tony Cortese

### Friday, March 24th, Lenten Weekday

TCS Catholic School Lenten Mass

12:05 (SH) - The Collins, O'Neils & Vantine Families

by The Family

2:00 (HNH) - All Souls

### Saturday, March 25th, The Annunciation of the Lord

4:00 (SH) - Mr & Mrs Theill by The MacLennon Family

6:00 (SL) - Wally Brannen by The Family

### Sunday, March 26th, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 (SM) - Melvin, Isabel & Rinda Premo by Kenneth Premo

9:30 (SH) - For the People of the Parish

11:00 (SM) - John J Kozsan by John Kozsan

6:00 Radio Broadcast of 9:30 a.m. Mass Courtesy of WMSA

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, March 19th

9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Parish Breakfast (SMH)

2:00 - Rosary (SHC)

7:30 - 8:00 am- Confessions (SMC)

### Monday, March 20th

6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration (SM Chapel)

### Tuesday, March 21st

2:00 & 6:30 pm - Bishop Barron Series (SMH)

7:00 pm - K of C 1141 meets at K of C Hall

### Wednesday, March 22nd

12:00 pm - Ecumenical Lenten Service/Luncheon (St. John's)

7:00 pm - RCIA meets at Parish Offices

7:00 pm - Bingo (K of C Hall)

### Thursday, March 23rd

9:00 - 10:00 am- Adoration (SMC)

3:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (SHC)

7:00 pm - Bingo (SMH)

### Friday, March 24th, St. Patrick's Day

6:00 am - 10:00 pm Adoration (SM Chapel)

6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (SMC)

### Saturday, March 25th

2:45 - 3:15 - Confessions (SHC)

5:15—5:45 - Confessions (SLC)

### Sunday, March 26th

9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Parish Breakfast (SMH)

2:00 - Rosary (SHC)

7:30 - 8:00 am- Confessions (SMC)