

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2020

Jesus told the crowd the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. Through parables, he encouraged his disciples, assuring them that God's saints would shine like the sun in the heavenly reign.

MASSES

SATURDAY, JULY 18

9:00AM (St. Mary's) NO MASS
4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Betty Leduc by The Pombrio's
4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) Mary Juneau by the Connelly Family

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Jason Bechard by James Viens
10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Kevin LaBombard by his Family
10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Souls in Purgatory (All Souls Envelopes)

MONDAY, JULY 20

9:00AM+ (St. Patrick's) Francis "Pete" LeBlanc by Theresa LeBlanc

TUESDAY, JULY 21

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Donald LaBombard by Mike & Kathy Duquette

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Eileen Jackson McCaffrey by Maureen Allen

THURSDAY, JULY 23

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Robert Donah by the Donah Family

FRIDAY, JULY 24

9:00AM+ (St. Mary's) Edmund Poissant by Lawrence Poissant

SATURDAY, JULY 25

9:00AM (St. Mary's) NO MASS
4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Bill, Frank, John & Georgie Carey by the Carey Family
4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) Anne Ballman Bashaw by Mary Racicot

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Jean Seymour Bickes by the Seymour Family
10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Albert Gokey by his sister Bernice Demers
10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Souls in Purgatory (All Souls Envelopes)

PRAYER REQUESTS: Joseph Louis Bedard, Carmie Babbie, Donnie Hicks, Gerald Arno, Tina Marie Lapan, Pauline Scriver, Mary Baker, Morris (Buster) Roberts.

DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Henrietta Babbie, Gerard Ducharme, and Dale Tremblay. May they rest in peace.

Please note: we keep the names on the sick list for a couple of months and then remove them, unless we hear otherwise.

Nursing Homes: Lucien Rodier, Rose Moore, Doris Deso, Gerry Hayes.

Please pray for all of our Military including: Maritza St. John-Lester, Avery Trombley, Shawn LaFontaine.

SANCTUARY CANDLE JULY 18 - 25

In Loving Memory of John Carey by his Family

There are still openings for both the Sanctuary and Vigil candles through the remainder of the year. Contact the Parish Office to reserve your spot.

STEWARDSHIP May 31: Envelopes: \$2,100; Plate: \$22.

Parish Offertory – Weekly parish offertory gifts through the mail, personal delivery to the rectory to assist the funding of the day-to-day operations of the parishes are still very much appreciated. We truly thank you for your continued support to St. Mary's during this extremely difficult time for everyone.

NO PRINTED BULLETINS

For the time being we will NOT be providing paper copies of the weekly bulletin.

You can go online to www.stmaryschamplain.org.

GUGGENHEIM SUMMER CAMP 2020: Virtual online experience

"There is always a way" and the staff at Summer Camp Guggenheim has found a way to keep in touch with campers this summer even though we are not able to gather in person. Please feel free to check in each week on the Summer Camp Guggenheim page and Youth Office Instagram page.

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/CampGuggenheim/>

Instagram:
<https://www.instagram.com/diocesefogdensburgyouth/>

For more information contact Tom Semeraro, Director of Youth Ministry at tsemeraro@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920 ext. 1415

LETTER FROM BISHOP LAVALLEY

July 14, 2020

**Memorial of
St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Lily of the Mohawks**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

You know some of her history. Born in a Mohawk village in Auriesville, Kateri Tekakwitha was the first Native American to be canonized. Perhaps you remember that there was a nice contingent from the North Country and St. Regis parish in Akwesasne that attended the canonization ceremony in Rome back in 2012.

Did you know that this saint from our neck of the woods contracted smallpox in an epidemic in the 1600s? Her parents and younger brother died from the epidemic and her face was scarred. This woman, so much in love with God, had an urgent desire to visit the sick and receive the Eucharist. Members of her family and community were violently opposed to her conversion to the Catholic faith. Minutes after her death, her facial scars vanished and her face appeared radiant.

I thought that today, the Feast Day of the Lily of the Mohawks, would be an appropriate occasion to share these thoughts. Like St. Kateri, we know first-hand the worries, the uncertainty, and the suffering caused by a horrific disease that continues to haunt us. Let me begin by first assuring you of my continuing prayers for you and your loved ones. We pray for those who have tested positive with the virus, those who are currently suffering from it, and we ask God to look kindly upon loved ones who have succumbed to the COVID-19 virus. We are mindful of individuals who have suffered the death of a loved one and were unable to celebrate a Funeral Mass with everyone who desired to attend. It's been heartbreaking. Of course, our hard-working healthcare workers are in our prayers, as well.

As you know, our parish life has been particularly affected. Our churches are now open, albeit, with noticeable changes. I am so grateful to our pastors, staff and parishioners who worked hard to implement guidelines and introduce liturgical adaptations to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Thank you for cooperating with the measures we have taken to provide a safe environment in which to gather for public worship.

My sisters and brothers, now is the time to come back to Mass. Now is the time for healthy adults and children to reengage with your parish family. We are a Eucharistic people. Of course, we need to observe all the guidelines that have been issued. We don't want to risk setting back the progress we have made.

With that in mind, we know we don't social distance Jesus. He is essential! Please contact your parish office to confirm Mass times in your parish, both daily and Sunday Masses. Also, inform your pastor if someone desires a home visit, seeks to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick or wants to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, but is unable to come to Church. It is crucial that we tend to our ministerial life, as best we can, while observing the precautions, and help refuel our parishes so that they are running on all sacramental, liturgical, and pastoral cylinders. I am humbled and grateful for your remarkable financial support of your Church during these uncertain and worrisome times. Your faith and your support are so inspiring!

Some of our parishioners have underlying health conditions or are of a vulnerable age where the prudent decision might be to remain at home for the foreseeable future. In these cases, I continue to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. The Sunday 8:00am Masses will continue to be livestreamed from St. Mary's Cathedral.

Let us continue to pray for each other as we seek the intercession of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and St. Kateri for healing and peace in this time of trial and testing. See you in Church!

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF PRIESTHOOD AND ORDER OF DEACON

Through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg will Ordain to the Order of Priesthood Deacon Jude Chijioke Nnadibuagha and Deacon Severinus Kwasi Torwoe and to the Order of Deacon Matthew Stanley Conger, John Kennedy Ojuok and Donald Joseph Wilder.

Due to the COVID-19 guidelines from New York State limiting the seating capacity in St. Mary's Cathedral, we invite you to join us via livestream at www.rcdony.org/ordination on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 11:00am. The Ordination Mass program will be available at www.rcdony.org/program shortly before the Ordination