

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2020

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Then he gave to Peter the keys to heaven's reign. Finally, Jesus ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

MASSES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00AM (St. Mary's) NO MASS

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) 1st Anniversary of Chris Gosselin by wife, Kim

4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) 20th Anniversary of Vicki Connelly by Jerry, Shawn & Shelby

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Gerard Ducharme by Dean & Nancy Hamilton

10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Cecile & Abram Foshier by Bob & Maria Foshier

10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Souls in Purgatory (All Souls Envelopes)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00AM+ (St. Patrick's) Neil Thomas Guay by his Mom

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Brandon Gadway by Russ & Pam Gadway

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Donald LaBombard by Carol & Real Pinsonneault

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Aurel Parsons by Jane Boulерice

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00AM+ (St. Mary's) Claire Tetreault by Chuck & Alice Bombard

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00AM (St. Mary's) NO MASS

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Maria Surprenant by Claude & Joan Boucher

4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) Anne Ballman Bashaw by Sr. Mary Ann Gour

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Jane Zmudzinski by Linda Rivers

10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Lorraine Falace by Bob & Mary Ann Hebert

10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Souls in Purgatory (All Souls Envelopes)

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

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 AUGUST 22 - 29

For a special Intention by a Parishioner

VIGIL CANDLE AUGUST 22 - 29

In Loving Memory of Paul Cloutier by wife, Elaine Cloutier

There are still votive openings left for the remainder of 2020. Call the office to reserve your date.

STEWARDSHIP AUGUST 16: Envelopes: \$1,566 Plate: \$16. 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!

Excerpt from Bishop Terry LaValley's Letter of July 14, 2020 (Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha ~ Lily of the Mohawks) concerning the return to Masses for our parishioners

"... 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 re-engage 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.



RAFFLE DRAWING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 AT 4:00PM IN THE PARISH CENTER

It is not too late to turn in your raffle tickets or to purchase some last minute ones. Many great prizes including:

+ 75 INCH LG UHD TV (\$1,800 value)

+ \$1,500 Certificate toward Caribbean or

Disney Destination Vacation

+ Keurig Coffeemaker Bundle (\$345 value)

+ 2 @ \$250 each JC Penney Gift Card

+ CASH PRIZES & much more!

SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST (SCAPs) ... PART 2 OF 3 ... If the pastor is not able to offer Holy Mass and no other priest is available to cover for the weekend, what would we do as a parish?

First of all, the Church, Bishop LaValley, and Fr. Lewis all agree, this would be very extraordinary. How so? Here are 3 ways: 1. If a priest is available, he would offer Mass. Without the priest there is no Eucharist and without the Eucharist, there is no Church. So, if we can find a substitute priest, we will always happily receive him. 2. There should only be one SCAP per weekend. The guidelines are clear about that. So say something happened to the priest on Saturday afternoon, and no Mass was able to be offered at 4:00PM, we would hope that we could find a priest for the 10:00AM. If not, then a SCAP would be offered at 10:00AM. If you could make it back at 10:00AM (or to another local Mass) that would be ideal. If it would not be possible, that would be okay too—we all know that God does not ask us to do the impossible. 3. Holy Communion probably would not be distributed at a SCAP. As Catholics, we all know and love the reception of Holy Communion and we want to be able to receive. But it would be unusual to have enough of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle for us to be able to distribute Communion. If for some reasons the number of people in church was low and we had sufficient number of Hosts in the tabernacle, then we would/could distribute. Again, we are not talking about the ideal circumstances. We just want to have a plan for the unexpected. Next week we will be talking about the who of SCAPs: who would participate, who would help, and most obviously who would lead the prayer.

Bishop LaValley Ordains Two Priests and Three Deacons

On Saturday, August 1, Bishop LaValley ordained five men to Holy Orders. The diocese has two new priests, Reverend Jude Nnadibuagha and Reverend Severinus Torwoe. Father Jude will continue serving the Catholic Community of St. Peter, St. Mary and St. Hedwig. Father Severinus recently began serving at St. Peter's Parish in Massena. Our two new transitional deacons, Reverend Mister Matthew Conger and Reverend Mister John Kennedy Ojuok, will return to Christ the King Seminary to complete their studies toward priesthood. Deacon Donald Wilder is a permanent deacon, serving as Chaplain at the Watertown Correctional Facility and the Cape Vincent Correctional Facility. He also serves St. Patrick's, St. Anthony's and Holy Family parishes in Watertown. Please join us in joyful prayers for these generous men.

CDA COURT #1451 --NEXT MEETING THURS SEPT 10TH AT 6PM AT ST MARY'S PARISH CENTER (NOTE DIFFERENT TIME AND LOCATION). THERE WILL BE NO MEAL OR AUCTION BUT WE WILL HAVE THE 50/50 DRAWING. TO BE REVIEWED AND/OR VOTED ON: BUDGET, DINNER COMMITTEES, YEARLY AGENDA, FUNDRAISING IDEAS. PLEASE WEAR A MASK AND WE WILL PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AS WELL. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

DUE TO GROWING CONCERNS OVER COVID 19 VIRUS, the parish picnic that was scheduled to coincide with the raffle drawing on August 30th is cancelled.

NEWS FROM SETON CATHOLIC

All classrooms have been measured and all desks are 6 feet apart! Rooms have been simplified to make cleaning easier and to provide more personal space for students. Everything we are doing is based on the guidelines from the CDC and the DOH.

We currently have enrollment available for Kindergarten, 5th grade, and grades 9, 11, and 12. Please contact Susan Pellerin @ 518-561-4031 as soon as possible to reserve your spot! Please note that these numbers change daily.