

*First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021*

The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert to fast and pray for forty days. Afterwards, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming "the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Janet Carey by Don Brooks & Mary Ann Brown

4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) All Deceased Connelly Family Members by Norman & Kathleen Bechard

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Catherine Gooley by Hilda Wrye

10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Kenneth Place by Dale Place

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Bruce & Dick Ancil by their Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00AM (St. Patrick's) Special Intention by Josie Maskell

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Mary & Robert Filion by their Family followed by Stations of the Cross

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Genevieve Rodier by Theresa Venne

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00AM + (St. Mary's) Mary Agnes Belrose by Lyn Frenia followed by Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

4:00PM + (St. Mary's) Carl Castine by The Castine Family

4:00PM + (St. Patrick's) 18th Anniversary of Leroy Maggy by Betty Weightman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00AM + (St. Mary's) Doris Picard by B. Duffy

10:00AM + (St. Patrick's) Deceased Members of the Jefferson Family by Brian, Patti & Paul

PRAYER REQUESTS: John See, Fr. Clyde Lewis, Joseph Louis Bedard, Carmie Babbie.

Please pray for our parishioners, who are homebound or in a nursing home: Lucien Rodier, Rose Moore, Doris Deso.

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

VIGIL CANDLE - February 20- 27

(St. Joseph) For a Special Intention by a Parishioner

SANCTUARY CANDLE - February 20 - 27

Special Intention for Beverly Duprey by her Family

STEWARDSHIP February 7: (Envelopes): \$1,815, Plate: \$35.

Thank you to all who are so generous to our parish and to all who make up their envelopes, even though they are unable to attend mass at this time.

PARISH PLANS FOR LENT & EASTER:

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays during Lent following the 9am Mass

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:15 - 3:45pm

(St. Patrick's) Monday, March 22 beginning at 7pm

(St. Mary's) Tuesday, March 23 beginning at 7pm

Holy Thursday, April 1

(St. Mary's) Mass of the Lord's Supper

Private Adoration after Mass until 10:00pm

Good Friday, April 2

(St. Patrick's) 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY INFO

In order to keep social distancing , we must have

reservations at our Easter Masses to ensure everyone's

safety. St. Mary's will have Mass at 8:00am on Easter

Sunday morning. It is not too early to be placed on the list if

you plan on attending. Contact the rectory at 298-8244 or

email churchofstmary@yahoo.com .

The Easter Vigil this year will be held at St. Patrick's on

Saturday, April 3 at 8:00pm, as well as Mass on Easter

Sunday at 10am. Reservations will also be required for

masses at St. Patrick's. If you plan on attending either Mass

at St. Patrick's, please contact their office at 518-297-7361

or stpats@twcny.rr.com

CHURCH IN CENTRAL EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

This weekend, we will take up the Collection for the

Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection

supports the Church in more than 25 countries still

struggling to recover from communist rule. Collected

gifts support pastoral care, catechesis, building

renovations, and seminary formation. Your support

helps restore the Church and build the future in this

region. As we begin our Lenten journey, please

prayerfully consider how you can support this

collection.

WELCOME...if you are visiting St. Mary's or have not been here in a while...Welcome! We are grateful you have joined us today!

PALMS

You may drop off your old palms in the basket at the entrance to church.

LENTEN RULES & REGULATIONS

Abstinence: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday.

Note: This year, the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19) falls on a Friday of Lent. Abstinence from meat is not required on solemnities according to Canon 1251.

Fasting: All Catholics between the ages of 18-59 are bound also to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday.

Prayer & Penance: the entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance. Spending extra time in prayer or Bible Study, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifice and self-denial, combined with works of charity and service to others, are all excellent ways to obey the Lord's command to reform our lives and to prepare the joyful celebration of Easter.

Easter Duty: All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their serious sins in the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year. They must also receive Holy Communion at least once each year between the First Sunday of Lent (February 21 and Trinity Sunday, May 30).

(Copies of the full Lenten Regulations can be found on the radiator covers.

CHRISM MASS

Due to the pandemic, participation in this year's Chrism Mass is reserved to the clergy, religious, deacon candidates and seminarians. It will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg on Tuesday of Holy Week March 30th at 1.00pm. The Faithful will be able to participate via livestream at <https://www.rcdony.org/livemass>. Details pertaining to this event will be forthcoming

As the season of Lent begins, Bishop Terry LaValley would like to share his thoughts and prayers for your Easter preparations. Go to www.rcdony.org

RICE BOWLS

We are participating in Operation Rice Bowl again this year. The cardboard Rice Bowls can be found on the radiator covers. You are welcome to take one. Rice Bowls will be collected during Holy Week or you can put your money in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl" and drop it off at the office, or mail in a check for your Rice Bowl contribution. Please be sure to mark your contribution "Rice Bowl."

ST. MARY'S

20 WEEK CLUB FUND RAISER COMING SOON!

Only 200 tickets will be sold!

We have had a few people request certain numbers, so if you wish to purchase a specific ticket number 001-200, you may call the office Monday through Thursday to place your name on the list. Once they become available you will be contacted.

Fr. Roger McGuinness is offering a special Lenten Parish Mission podcast

Fr. Roger will be leading a Lenten mission featuring weekly reflections on the Sunday gospel readings. He will also offer a special reflection on the life of St. Joseph on March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph. The podcast can be found at <https://www.route74catholics.org/fatherroger>

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

The annual North Country Catholic subscription campaign begins next weekend. The paper features regular messages from Bishop LaValley, authoritative information about what the church teaches on the issues that you face in 21st-century life and inspiring stories about people living out their faith. 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. ANOTHER OPTION--"go green" and receive your NCC through email every Monday. If interested, write your email address on the envelope.

JOIN US IN PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent:

Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.