

Welcome to

St. Paul's Catholic Church (St. Rita's Oratory)

210 LeRay Street, Black River, NY 13612 - Phones: SP's 315-773-5672 & SM's 315-629-4678 - <http://rivercatholics.org>

PASTOR: Reverend Vicente F. Jazmines

Deacon Candidates: **DAN LEROY and NOEL VOOS**

February 7, 2021

OFFICE HOURS

SP's: Monday & Friday, 12:30 – 4:00 PM

SM's: Monday & Friday, 8:30 AM – noon

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Also by Appointment

SACRAMENT OF

BAPTISM

Contact the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF

MATRIMONY

Contact the Pastor.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

1/31/21 – Envs.: \$1,152.00 /Plate: \$30.56

2020 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS -

will be mailed upon request – call 315-773-5672, or place a separate note in your collection envelope.

Ushers for 1/7/2021 are:

- William Flynn
- Thomas Murphy
- Sheila Blankenbush
- Ken Blankenbush

Lector – Francis Dunbar

Ushers for 2/14/2021 are:

- Francis Dunbar
- William Flynn
- Francis Dunbar

Lector – Charles (Andy) Rumschlag

WEEKLY MEMORIALS (this week)

St. Paul's: The SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in loving memory of WILLIAM MCGARRY, requested by The Franks

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 7, 2021

World Day of Prayer For Consecrated Life

“Do everything for the glory of God.” Your vocation is the call to give God glory in your very being. Today we pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life. Is He choosing you to be a religious priest, deacon or consecrated religious. Do not be afraid! Talk to Fr. Christopher Carrara, ccarrara@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/crussell@rcdony.org. See us also on Facebook or at www.myvocation.net.

FEBRUARY 17 - ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

SCHEDULE:

9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's

5:00 PM Mass at St. Paul's

PLEASE wear your masks, practice social distancing and don't linger in groups in the parking lot. Protect yourselves and others. Please leave the kneelers down in the pew you occupied when you leave so that we may know to clean it. Thank you

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Saturday, 4:00 PM (SM)
February 6

Sunday, 9:00 AM (SM)
February 7

11:00 AM (SP)

Liturgical Schedule:

Monday, 8:00 AM (SM)
February 8

Tuesday, 8:00 AM (SP)
February 9

Wednesday, 9:00 AM (SM)
February 10

Thursday, 8:00 AM (SP)
February 11

Friday, 8:00 AM (SM)
February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Saturday, 4:00 PM (SM)
February 13

Sunday, 9:00 AM (SM)
February 14

11:00 AM (SP)
Norma LaMora
By Pat Barbalich

IN OUR PRAYERS: We ask God's help as we pray for our sick; for world peace; for Christian unity; for the victims of oppression and violence; for greater respect of all human life; and for all our departed.



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: A Culture of Love

This year the theme for Respect Life was to cultivate a 'culture of love.' One way of way to do this is to develop the Christian virtue of simplicity. It invites us to be more mindful of how our choices affect our lives and the future of our children. Choosing wisely and acting on Gospel values when purchasing or disposing of anything can be a small act with great consequences. What can I do this week to simplify my life that others may simply live?

THANK YOU Father Deluca for filling in for us during this trying time. Please note that he is doing a Latin Mass at St. Mary's at 9:00 AM on Wednesdays.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- February 7 – Class
- February 14 & 21 – No Class, Winter Break
- February 28 – Class

Winter

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: Celebrating the men and women dedicated to discipleship

The Church celebrates World Day of Prayer For Consecrated Life on February 6-7, 2021. On this day we recognize the countless men and women who live consecrated life in various way as well as their contributions to the growth of the Church. We especially pray for those men and women in our diocese who daily live the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience while belonging to a community and tirelessly working in ministry. Through their example of discipleship, may we be inspired to deeper communion with Christ and may there be an increase in vocations to the consecrated life. If you would like to speak with a religious priest, brother or sister, or would like more information, contact the Vocation Office at 315-393-2920 or email Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarrara@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell at crussell@rcdony.org.

February 7: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39*

I was struck by the sense of mission in the readings today and the contrast between the slave whose service is drudgery in the first reading and Peter's mother in the Gospel. If you have ever been ill, you know how tired and weak it leaves you, even after the illness leaves you. But Jesus heals completely. He restores Simon Peter's mother to complete health. She then joyfully serves them. She has a mission; her life has meaning. She finds her joy in taking care of her family and guest. Jesus can heal and transform our infirmities too, whether they are physical or spiritual. We, too, have a mission. We are called to follow, to become holy as he is holy. If we allow Jesus to grasp us by the hand, we shall be transformed, and find our joy in following Jesus and telling others about our friendship with him.

LENT IS EARLY THIS YEAR!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. There is a plethora of resources available, but sometimes simple is best. The Church recommends three things: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Perhaps simply add one thing in each category.

Prayer: It can be as simple as setting aside and scheduling 15 minutes of quiet prayer time. Read some scripture, and talk to God about it, and then do not forget to be quiet and listen. Check with your parish and see what opportunities for prayer are available: whether online or in-person. Perhaps attend a daily Mass, or Adoration, Stations of the Cross, or pray the Liturgy of the Hours.

Fasting: This is not about losing weight or getting physically fit. It is about a spiritual discipline and hungering for God. You can fast from a particular food, drink or from other pleasures. Perhaps give up screen time or put away mobile phone or limit social media. Perhaps fast from online shopping for thing you want but can do without. What is distracting you from God: Fast from that.

Almsgiving: Give so it hurts a little. Or give what you would have spent on things you are now fasting from. There are a lot of great charities and groups that could use a little assistance: Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief Services, local food pantries and resource centers. Giving money is good, but remember to also give from yourself: your time and talents. Perhaps you can simply brighten a lonely neighbor's day by a phone call or a physically distanced social call.

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday, February 7, 2021 Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39 Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law and many others as well.

Family Connection: We know from last week's Gospel that Jesus gathered and prayed with the community in the synagogue. Today we learn that Jesus also took the time to pray alone. Following the example of Jesus, we also pray together with our community, and we take the time to pray alone. Our children observe our prayer with others. We might want to take the opportunity to talk with them about our private prayer, however, so that through our example, they may learn to make private prayer an important part of their daily lives. Gather as a family and talk about the ways in which your family prays together (at Mass, grace before meals, bedtime prayers). Invite each member of the family to talk about his or her private prayer: When do you pray? Where do you pray? How do you pray? What do you pray for? Jesus modeled for us a life of prayer. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:29-39. Talk about this Gospel with your family. Ask questions such as the following: What do you think Jesus was praying about in today's Gospel? What guidance have you received from God in prayer? Conclude by asking God to bless our times of prayer so that we can know and follow God's ways. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



Father Shane M. Lynch

Effective March 3, Father Shane M. Lynch, will become pastor of St. Paul's Church in Black River and St. Mary's Church in Evans Mills. Father Lynch will fill the vacancy created by the passing of Father Vicente F. Jazmines, who died of complications related to COVID-19 on Jan. 7.