

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 - vfjazmines@hotmail.com

March 1, 2020

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 2/23/20

St. Paul's: Envelopes: \$1089.00/ Plate: \$179.01

Donations received in the amount of \$210.00

In Memory of: Fred Joels; Helen Arca (3); and Allen Birchenough (2).

SECOND COLLECTION:

This weekend - 21st Century

Next weekend – North Country Catholic .



WEEKLY MEMORIALS (this week)

St. Paul's: The **SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn, the **EUCCHARISTIC HOST** will be offered, and the **ALTAR CANDLES** will be lit in loving memory of **PRISCILLA PELLERIN**. Requested by Francis Dunbar.

BISHOP LAVALLEY'S Lenten letter is posted at the church entrances.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - **March 6, 20 and April 3** at 5:30 PM, followed by soup and bread.

BREAD & SOUP MAKERS NEEDED

There is a Sign-up Sheet at St. Paul's (*parking-lot side entrance*) for volunteers (two per night) to bring a pot of soup (to be meatless with no use of chicken/beef stock) and bread.



ST. PAUL'S IS IN NEED OF PEOPLE with creative ideas to serve on an "Events Committee" to plan **FUND RAISERS** this year. Any help would be appreciated. Sign-up sheet posted on bulletin board at parking lot side. **Thank you.**

BOXES AT PARKING LOT SIDE ENTRANCE: One is for St. Mary's Food Pantry with donation of non-perishable food items and the other box is for Catholic Charities to help our community's most vulnerable citizens by donations of Personal Care Items, such as shampoos, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc.

LIGHT A CANDLE ON OUR CANDLE RACK:

It is a \$5.00 donation to light one. **Candles** are lit for **prayer** intentions.

PLEASE NOTE: The **Lectors/Eucharistic Schedule** for St. Paul's for the months of March/April is available for pick up on the table at the back of the church on the parking lot side.

Our two Deacon Candidates to assist at both SM's & SP's. They are: **DAN LEROY and NOEL VOOS**. Deacon Patrick has been transferred to another parish.

First Sunday of Lent:

Saturday, February 29	4:00 PM (SM)	John Leehy By His Family
Sunday, March 1	9:00 AM (SM)	Dorothy Spangerberg By Vincent Schneider, Jr.
	11:00 AM (SP)	The People of the Parishes

Liturgical Schedule:

Monday, March 2	8:00 AM (SP)	Labiendo Martini By Geno & Helen Martini (Followed by coffee hour, all are welcome.)
Tuesday, March 3	8:00 AM (SP)	Peggy Thesier By Ray & Verna Hebert
Wednesday, March 4	8:00 AM (SP)	Floyd Thompson By Sheila & Ken Blankenbush
Thursday, March 5	8:00 AM (SP)	Helen Yerdon By Geno & Helen Martini (Followed by recitation of the Rosary)
Friday, March 6	8:00 AM (SP)	Fr. Jazmines Intentions By Ken & Sheila Blankenbush



Second Sunday of Lent:

Saturday, March 7	4:00 PM (SM)	The People of the Parishes
Sunday, March 8	9:00 AM (SM)	Reuben Voos By Cathy & Noel Voos
	11:00 AM (SP)	Helen Arca By MaryJean & Mona

WEEKDAY MASSES/SERVICES at St. Paul's are held in the Parish Center

IN OUR PRAYERS: For a deeper relationship with our God, especially during this Lenten season; for the sick and the afflicted; the starving and the homeless; for world peace and national prosperity; for safety in our homes and neighborhoods; for vocations to family and religious life; and for the dying and all the deceased.



Prayer

How to do nothing and still think you're helping

NEW PARISHIONERS: If you are new to our community, we encourage you to **REGISTER** with us at St. Paul's Parish. Please see Fr. Vicente after Mass, or call the rectory at 315-773-5672.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

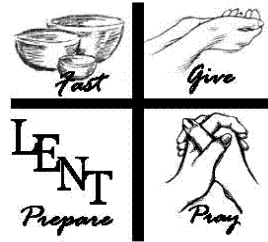
- March 1 - Class
- March 8 - No Class
- March 15, 22 & 29 - Class (with Children's Liturgy & Fellowship on **March 22**)

CLASSES are held at St. Paul's Church on Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45 AM, for Grades Kindergarten through 7. PARENTS can still enroll their children. There are NO FEES to attend Church School at St. Paul's.

CONFIRMATION CLASS (Grades 8 -12): Held at St. Mary's Parish Center on Sunday's at 10:00 AM.

Any questions, please contact Jeff Hughes at Jeffrey.w.hughes@gmail.com.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: LENTEN LITURGY: Sacred Scripture is at the heart of the Liturgy of the Word. Join us for an exploration of readings, psalms, and Gospels used at weekday Masses during Lent. We'll meet Wednesdays, 6:30 PM., at St. Mary's Parish Center starting March 4. You'll need a Bible and Catechism. Other course materials will be provided. Free refreshments. All are welcome, but please register at 315-767-1065.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, March 13 – Holy Hour - 6:30 PM – St. Mary's

Saturday, March 14 - Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner at St. Mary's Parish Center in Evans Mills, NY.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: Did you know that the Vatican City State has limited the sales of all single-use plastics? Single-use plastic includes bags, water bottles, cutlery, straws, and balloons. The recent ban on plastic bags is one step towards taking better care of our common home. When picking up a reusable bag, why not pick up one to donate to your local food pantry or give to a neighbor?

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC subscription envelopes will be **collected next weekend**. The in diocese subscriptions are \$27, out of diocese subscriptions are \$30 and patrons are \$35, \$50, \$100 and \$250. If you would like to receive your North Country Catholic in your e-mail, enter your e-mail address on your envelope when submitting your information. If you would like to receive both, paper and e-mail copies, there is an additional \$5.00 charge.

INVITATION: All the Faithful in our Catholic Schools and Faith Formation Programs of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are cordially invited to join Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley Bishop of Ogdensburg for the **annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils, and the Consecration of the Sacred Chrism** for use in all the churches of the Diocese symbolizing that we are one family in Christ on Thursday, **April 2 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, New York.** RSVP BY March 16, 2020 Office of the Bishop, Attn. Renee Grizzuto, Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or Email: rgrizzuto@rcdony.org - Fax: (866) 393-7642

IS JESUS CHRIST CALLING ME TO BECOME A PRIEST? WATERTOWN DISCERNMENT GROUP has scheduled the following dates for meetings: 3/22, 4/26, 5/31. Meetings will be held at Sechi Hall at St. Anthony's Church beginning at 3 PM. Contact: Fr. Chris Looby at fatherlooby@gmail.com or 315-782-1190.

MARCH 1: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT –

Readings: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Isn't it amazing that Adam, living in the abundance of the Garden of Eden, was tempted by the serpent to eat of the one tree of which God told him not to eat? Contrast this with our Gospel today, where Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert, a place of desolation, to provide for himself food, safety and power, yet resists the temptation. Jesus, the new Adam, reverses the original sin of the old Adam. We, amid our abundance, are also often tempted. We think, if only I had more than enough, I wouldn't be tempted. Yet it is in denying ourselves that we receive the grace to fight temptation. It is when we go into the desert that we come out stronger. This is the discipline of lent. Pray: keep your eyes on Jesus. Fast: deny yourself some of the abundant goods. Give alms: give away what you give up.

First Sunday of Lent – What tempts us away from the reign of God? Try this week to live as an example for the young people in your life. Let them see the rewards of living by the Good Spirit. Encourage them in their discernment with your prayers and support. If you are considering a vocation to religious life, diaconate or priesthood, talk to Fr. Vicente or Fr. Christopher Carrara at (315) 393-2920, ext. 1340/ ccarrara@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/crussell@rcdony.org. See us at www.myvocation.net.

LENTEN RETREAT: Register now for the annual Lenten Retreat at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 1425 Washington St. It will be held on **Sunday, March 8**. Join us for an afternoon of prayer and reflection from 1:30 until 4:00 PM. The afternoon will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a reflection given by Sister Ellen Rose, SSJ time for personal prayer, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To register please call 315-782-3460.

THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY OF ST. PATRICK'S AND ST. ANTHONY'S will offer a Lenten Bible Study, **No Greater Love: A Biblical WALK Through Christ's Passion** beginning **March 3, 2020**. The study includes video presentation by Dr. Edward Sri of Ascension Press. Each participant will have a workbook. The cost is \$15.00. A registration form is available on the parish website: www.catholicwatertown.org/faith/sacraments. The study is offered in five sessions held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Pastoral Center at St. Patrick's Church, 123 S. Massey St. Watertown. Sessions will be held March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. For further information contact Deacon Kevin Mastellon by e-mail: kmastellon@spwatn.org.