

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

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

March 8, 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 3/1/20

St. Paul's: Envelopes: \$2063.00/ Plate: \$153.00

21st Century: \$218.00/Eastern Europe: \$108.00

In Memory of Helen Arca: \$40.00

COLLECTION: This weekend - North Country Catholic - please put in with regular collection.

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 **MICHAEL SWEENEY & GEORGE DUNBAR**.

Requested by Francis Dunbar.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS –

March 20 & 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 to bring a pot of soup (to be meatless with no use of chicken/beef stock) and bread.



Jesus falls a second time.

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.

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.

LIGHT A CANDLE ON OUR CANDLE RACK:

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



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.**

Second Sunday of Lent:

Saturday, 4:00 PM (SM) The People of the Parishes
March 7

Sunday, 9:00 AM (SM) Reuben Voos
March 8 By Cathy & Noel Voos

11:00 AM (SP) Helen Arca
By MaryJean & Mona

Liturgical Schedule:

Monday, 8:00 AM (SP) Rosemary Houghton
March 9 By Ray & Verna Hebert

(Followed by coffee hour, all are welcome.)



Tuesday, 8:00 AM (SP) Rosemary Houghton
March 10 By Bernard & Ruth Brady

Wednesday, 8:00 AM (SM) Mary O'Rourke
March 11 By Sarah Drewes

Thursday, 8:00 AM (SP) Frank Cassoni
March 12 By The Cassoni Family

(Followed by recitation of the Rosary)



Friday, 8:00 AM (SP) Rita Ritter
March 13 By Susan Waterman

Third Sunday of Lent:

Saturday, 4:00 PM (SM) Jonathan Gilbert
March 14 By Ken & Jan McCormick

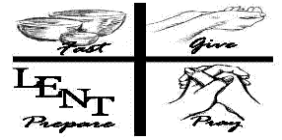
Sunday, 9:00 AM (SM) The People of the Parishes
March 15

11:00 AM (SP) Helen Arca
By The Martin Family

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE DIOCESE: To go to Mass? If you are concerned that you might be getting ill, or if you are concerned about contracting an illness or the Corona Virus, the following precautions can assist: Refrain from extending hands at the sign of peace. (Instead, perhaps simply smile, wave, and say, "Peace.") Refrain from receiving from the chalice. Holding hands during the Lord's Prayer (while never prescribed) should be discouraged. Priests, Deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to practice good hygiene, washing their hands before Mass begins or even using an alcohol based antibacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion. (If ill, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion should always find a substitute.)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- March 8 - No Class
- March 15 - Class
- March 22 - Class, followed with Children's Liturgy & Fellowship.
- March 29 - Class – First Reconciliation for students in Mrs. Sides' class during classtime at 10:30 AM with Father.



CLASSES are held at St. Paul's Church on Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45 AM, for Grades Kindergarten through 7

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.

ALL 5-8TH GRADERS throughout the diocese are invited to a **VOCATIONS RETREAT** on **Saturday, April 7, 9:00-11:00AM**. Join us for a vocations related activity and a panel discussion with a single person, married couple, sister, and a priest. The retreat is free and will be held at St. Anthony's Church, Msgr. Sechi Hall. All participants will leave with a goody bag. To RSVP contact Kathi at watertownvocations@catholicwatertown.org or 315-783-2230 by Friday, March 23rd.

IHC KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Registration and screening for children who will be entering kindergarten at Immaculate Heart Elementary in September 2020, will be held on **Wednesday, March 25**. Screenings will be at held at the Elementary Building, 122 Winthrop Street, Watertown NY. Anyone planning to register a kindergarten student is asked to call 315-788-7011 for an appointment.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION - "Closing the Gap: What you need to know to protect against Child Trafficking" Ann Marie Crescent, Community Coalition Coordinator, Alliance for Better Communities, will speak on **Sunday, March 15** at 1:30 PM in the Hearthside Center at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 1425 Washington Street, Watertown. Event, sponsored by Sisters of St. Joseph Social Justice Committee, is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

BIBLE STUDY: LENTEN LITURGY: Sacred Scripture is at the heart of the Liturgy of the Word, Wednesdays, 6:30 PM., at St. Mary's Parish Center. All are welcome, but please register at 315-767-1065.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, March 13 – Stations at 5:30 PM,
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: Lent calls us to fast from harmful habits so we can feast on the goodness of God and all Creation. Perhaps this Lent we could consider the recent ban on plastic bags in the stores as a form of fasting. What other single use plastics that may be equally harmful to the beautiful, bountiful God-given earth have we placed in our reusable bag from the store? What a challenge to use our creativity to create new habits that will bring new life to all creation! Lent calls us to fast from harmful habits so we can feast on the goodness of God and all Creation. Perhaps this Lent we could consider the recent ban on plastic bags in the stores as a form of fasting. What other single use plastics that may be equally harmful to the beautiful, bountiful God-given earth have we placed in our reusable bag from the store? What a challenge to use our creativity to create new habits that will bring new life to all creation!

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 8 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 - Today's Gospel is the story of the Transfiguration. The apostles are given a glimpse of the Glory of God and Peter wants to build three tents for Moses, Elijah and Jesus. Peter wants to stay in the mountaintop experience, but God gives him and the others what they need for a purpose. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and to the way of the cross and the apostles needed to be strengthened for the journey. We too receive mountaintop experiences, glimpses of God, perhaps in prayer, on retreat, in a well-timed word or passage of scripture that speaks to us. But we cannot stay on that mountaintop. We will have our own crosses to bear, our own struggles. But the light we received on the mountaintop, we carry with us, to encourage us to remain faithful and to trust that God will not let us fall.

Second Sunday of Lent -- This is my beloved Son, hear him. Take some time to hear the beloved Son speaking to you. What does he say? If you think God is calling you, talk to 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.

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.