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St. Paul's Church, Inc. 1900

Pastor: Fr. Shane M. Lynch
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Deacons: Bill Raven (Retired)
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www.rivercatholics.org

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St. Mary's
 8408 S. Main Street
 Evans Mills, New York 13637
 315-629-4678

St. Paul's
 208 LeRay St.
 Black River, NY 13612
 315-773-5672

Sunday Masses:

St. Mary's, 4:00 PM (Sat. Ant.)
 St. Mary's, 9:00 AM
 St. Paul's, 11:00 AM

Daily Masses:

* 8:00am, Tues. & Thurs. at St. Paul's * Wed. & Fri. at St. Mary's *

Confessions:

Saturday - 3:30-3:45pm at St. Mary's
 Sunday - 8:30-8:45am at St. Mary's & 10:30-10:45am at St. Paul's
 Also available by appointment

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

***Week Day Masses will be at St. Paul's as the painting at St. Mary's continues**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 23rd

St. Mary's (4:00pm) –For the People of the Parishes

Sunday, October 24th

St. Mary's (9:00am) – For Juniper Johnson on her Birthday By Her Family

St. Paul's (11:00am) – For John & Anne Dunbar By Francis Dunbar

Monday, October 25th

No Masses

Tuesday, October 26th

St. Paul's (8:00am) – Arletha Zecher By Michael & Cecelia Gracey

Wednesday, October 27th

St. Mary's (8:00am) –Deceased Member of the Gartland Family by Helen Chisholm (9:00am) –

Thursday, October 28th

St. Paul's (8:00am) – Lillian Thompson By Michael & Cecelia Gracey

Friday, October 29th

St. Mary's (8:00am) –Harry Delles By Dennis & Kareta Olshfski

Saturday, October 30th

St. Mary's (4:00pm) - Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, October 31st

St. Mary's (9:00am) –For the People of the Parishes
St. Paul's (11:00am) – For Lillian Thompson
By Dennis & Kareta Olshfski

Sacraments

BAPTISM: Baptismal preparation is completed on an individual basis. Please contact the Pastor to arrange for the celebration of the Sacrament.

MARRIAGE: If you are seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, contact with the pastor **must** be made *no less than six months in advance*. No dates or other arrangements should be made until meeting with the pastor.

CONFESSION: Consult the front of the bulletin for regularly scheduled times or call for an appointment.

Stewardship

Weekend of October 17, 2021

St. Mary's - \$1,781.00

St. Paul's - \$2,062.00

Mark Your Calendars

Town Hall Meetings regarding Linkage of St. Mary's, St. Paul's and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

October 27th 7 PM St. Mary's Church

October 29th 7 PM Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

October 30th 10:30 am St. Paul's Church

November 13th Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

December 11th Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

December 15th – Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mary's
2 to 7 PM

January 8th Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

In Prayer

We keep in prayer the sick and infirm of our parishes. We pray and work for peace in our homes and our world; for unity among all Christians; the victims of oppression, prejudice, violence or hate; for a greater respect, for all human life, from conception to natural death; and for all the faithful departed.

Environmental Stewardship

Take a few moments to observe the wisdom of the Earth that wastes nothing; even the leaves that fall to the ground nurture new life in springtime. Lord, teach us to find ways to counter the culture of waste with simple living and reflective buying.

Diocesan Vocations

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 24, 2021

“What do you want Me to do you for you?” Could your answer be the grace of a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life? Talk to Father Shane Lynch or 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.

October 24: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Readings: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Bartimaeus, although blind, could see by the light of faith that Jesus was the Son of David. He totally places all his trust in the Lord, even to the point of dropping his cloak, possibly his only real possession and his protection from the elements. Once he is brought before Jesus, Jesus asks him a rather silly question: What do you want me to do? But by asking, Jesus shows respect for the blind man's freedom. Bartimaeus has to ask and by asking to show his act of faith. What a beautiful example of faith and prayer. Do we want a relationship of trust and freedom with Jesus? Then let us ask him to be able to see with the eyes of faith, trusting in his mercy until we see him face to face.

COVID Safety – Current Requirements

Parishioners who are **fully vaccinated** are not required to wear a face mask or social distance at Mass. **HOWEVER...**

- **Children under the age of 12 who are not vaccine eligible and those under the age of 16 who have not been vaccinated, may accompany and be seated with a vaccinated adult, but MUST wear a mask.** *This is being asked of us not only by the government, but more importantly, by our Bishop.*
- All who prefer to continue wearing facial covering and social distancing are free to do so.
- Those who are not fully vaccinated should observe social distancing of six feet from individuals not in their household. A face mask is required at Mass except when receiving Holy Communion.
- Even if vaccinated, we ask you to *respect* the 6-foot social distance from others who *are* wearing a mask.

Bishop's Fund Appeal

I have wonderful news to share! St. Mary's parish raised \$4,411.00 with 34 families contributing and St. Paul's Parish raised \$3,205.75 with 16 families contributing. On behalf of Bishop LaValley, thank you for your generous support of the Bishop's Fund Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Pledge envelopes are located at the back of the church. You also have the opportunity to make your gift and pledge payments online using a debit or credit card. Please visit <https://www.rcdony.org/bfa.html#donate>.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

On October 24, 2021 we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in this collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Faith Formation News!

October 24 th	Class/Children's Liturgy
October 31 st	No Class/FORMED at home
November 7 th	Class
November 14 th	No Class – Veteran's Day Weekend

The Planned Linkage of St. Mary's, St. Paul's & Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

As part of the unfolding process in planning for the linkage of our parishes, “Town-Hall” style meetings have been scheduled as a means to offer parishioners from our three parishes the opportunity to ask questions or offer feedback. All are encouraged to consider attending at least one of these gatherings as we plan for the future Sacramental life of our parishes.

10/27 - 7:00pm @ St. Mary's Church
8408 S. Main Street, Evans Mills

10/29 - 7:00pm @ Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Watertown
320 W. Lynde Street, Watertown

10/30 - 10:30am @ St. Paul's Church
210 Leray Street, Black River

Raffle – Raffle tickets are available for purchase and sale. A wine basket and kitchen basket raffle will be on November 13th. Proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Church.