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Parishes of St. Mary's and St. Paul's



St. Mary's Church, Inc. 1920



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

Parish Offices

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 31, 2021

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 1st

No Masses

Tuesday, November 2nd

St. Paul's (8:00am) – William Carlisle

By His Family

Wednesday, November 3rd

St. Mary's (8:00am) – Deceased Members of the

Gartland Family by Helen Chisholm

(9:00am) –

Thursday, November 4th

St. Paul's (8:00am) – Peter Ligamarrì

By Helen Martini

Friday, November 5th

St. Mary's (8:00am) – Gary Olshfski

By Dennis & Kareta Olshfski

Saturday, November 6th

St. Mary's (4:00pm) - John VanTassel

By Joan Tallents

Sunday, November 7th

St. Mary's (9:00am) – Father Vicente Jazmines

By the Knights of Columbus 7471

St. Paul's (11:00am) – For the People of the Parishes

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 24, 2021

St. Mary's - \$1,793.00

St. Paul's - \$1,015.00

Mark Your Calendars

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

Why do Catholics need to care about the coming COP26, the U.N. climate change summit beginning October 31? "From a Catholic point of view, I think if we care about God's Earth, if we care about creation, if we care about the poor, if we care about our children, and if we care about the unborn children of today, we need to be engaged with this," said Lorna Gold, board chair of the Laudato Si' Movement, who has attended previous climate summits. "We need to pray about it. We need to raise our voices about it," she said, "and we need to become informed, and we need to also change our individual and community behavior."

Diocesan Vocations

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 31, 2021

In the reign of God love is essential. Loving God, self, and neighbor is the basis of all Christian vocations. How do/will you choose to love? What is your vocation? 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 31: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Readings: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12: 28B-34

Today's gospel starts in the middle of a verse. It is always good to look at the context of a passage. The scribe in today's Gospel had come up and had heard Jesus disputing with the Pharisees and Sadducees about questions on the resurrection and marriage. The scribe had heard and must have been impressed with Jesus skills of argument and authority but wanted to know more. Which is the greatest commandment? Jesus gives a powerful answer: Love God with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength and then he marvelously connects the love of God with that of love of neighbor. Today, people would most likely agree with the love of neighbor but might argue about the need to love God. But how can we love our neighbor if we do not love God in whose image our neighbor is created? But the scribe in today's Gospel gets the connection: Loving God and neighbor is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices. If we do not love, than all the rest is we do is just an empty argument, which can never lead us to understanding or the kingdom of God.

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.

Thank you!

Thank you to all that contributed items for the Rummage Sale and the Volunteers, that made it possible by devoting hours for the set up, working the sale and the clean up afterwards. It was a great success.

Bishop's Fund Appeal

Thank you for your generosity to the 2021 Bishops' Fund Appeal. Below is listed the Ministries Supported by the Bishop's Fund.

- Family Life Office
- Natural Family Planning Office
- Respect Life Ministry
- Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund
- Tuition Assistance Program
- Campus Ministry Program
- Matching Gifts to Catholic Schools
- Office of the New Evangelization
- Department of Worship
- Education of Seminarians
- Continuing Education & Formation of Priests
- Priests' Graduate Studies
- Vocation Office
- Permanent Deacons
- Formation for Minisatry Program
- Department of Faith Formation
- Diocesan Center of Youth Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- Guggenheim Center
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Faith Formation News!

October 31 st	No Class/FORMED at home
November 7 th	Class
November 14 th	No Class – Veteran's Day Weekend
November 21	Class
November 28	No Class, Thanksgiving Weekend

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.

A nice way to remember a deceased loved one is with a Mass being said for them. It's easy to do. \$10.00 and a call to the Parish Office, email the request or drop your check and request in the collection. St. Mary's is 315-629-4678 or office@ircatholics.org or St. Paul's 315-773-5672 or sp.sr6@outlook.com.