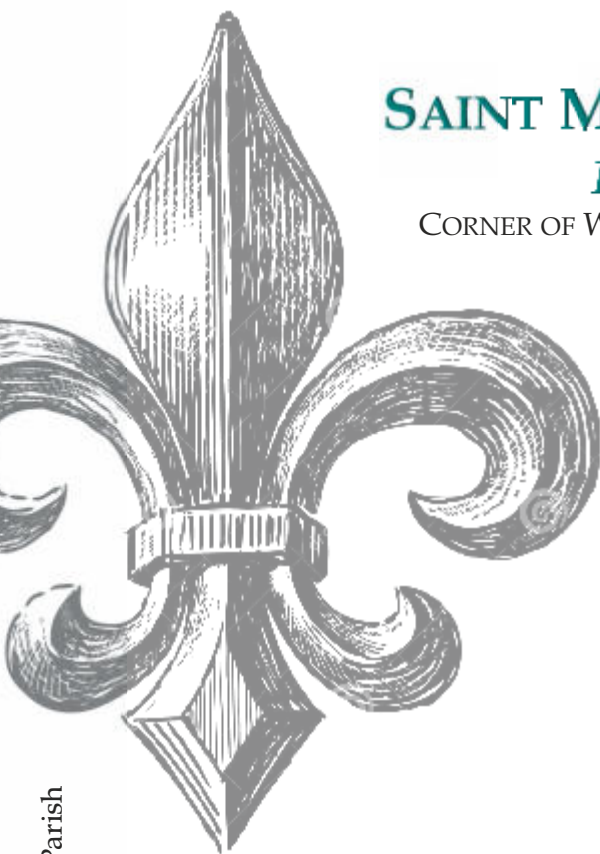


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Welcome...

From wherever you have traveled or have been led on your spiritual journey, we, the Catholic community of Oneonta, are glad that you are among us. We invite you make yourself at home and consider joining in our Christian way of life, worship and service.

Students of Hartwick and SUNY Oneonta, welcome! We encourage you to participate and volunteer in all liturgical and service ministries while you are among us

We are home to...

- ♦ Saint Mary's Newman Catholic Community
 - ♦ Knights of Columbus—Council 4989
 - ♦ Boy Scouts of America—Troop 23





Faith Formation at St. Mary's Parish... is a life-long process with an emphasis on the Christian lifestyle supported by knowledge of the Catholic Christian tradition and simple daily prayer grounded in the Sunday Eucharist.

This is supported through monthly mailings and weekly emails, as well as occasional gatherings for prayer, reflection, information, and fellowship.

For more information check the website

<https://www.stmarysoneonta.org/bite-size-catholic-living>

Or contact Kate Johnston (browerkg@yahoo.com) or

Amy Cerosaletti (amy@smcconeonta.org)

To register for this year

<https://www.jotform.com/form/212518013422038>



Check out our parish website for informative articles on the faith, contemporary questions, and prayer.

www.SMCCOneonta.org



September 26, 2021

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery. As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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MASST INTENTIONS

September 25, 2021—October 3, 2021

SATURDAY 25 September 2021
5:00 pm Anthony Colone
 By Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Foti

SUNDAY 26 September 2021
10:30 am Roy R. DeAngelo
 By Gail Stryker
 Christopher R. DeAngelo
 By Carmel Ann Sperti &
 Elizabeth McCollum

SATURDAY 2 October 2021
5:00 pm Anthony Colone
 By Mary Cerra & Family
 Ethel Keenan
 By daughter, Pat Murphy
 Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY 3 October 2021
10:30 am Jane Dowdell
 By Mary Ann Dowdell
 Catherine Parrella
 By John & Rose Grigoli

Prayer corner.....

We ask that you remember in your prayers, the following persons who are ill: *Kathleen Genzardi, Anna Spencer, Marlies Kneis, Norrie Beken, Sharon Wilsey O'Donnell, Ana Vendemmia, Linda Burch and Alberto Marcos*

We pray for the men and women of our parish and community who are serving in the military.

We remember in prayer all priests of the Albany Diocese.

Let us remember those who have died, especially the members of our families and parish community.

(Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks, and then removed unless notified by family-thank you)

Pastoral Staff

Rev. David Wm. Mickiewicz, *Pastor*

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Are You Grieving?

"I sat with my anger long enough...until she told me her real name was Grief".

Saint Mary's Consolation Group meets on the THIRD THURSDAY of each month at 10:00 am, outdoors on the rectory lawn, if weather permits, otherwise on the church sanctuary. Bring your own lawn chair! If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, job, life situation, pet, the freedom to travel or anything else important in your life, please join us. All are welcome. Bring a friend!



Stewardship Report

Our total Parish Budget for the year.....\$605,673.00

Less projected Other Income.....\$253,673.00

(this includes investment income, grants, other donations)

Amount needed from collections (annually)....\$352,000.00

Needed from the collection weekly.....\$6,769.23

Collection for September 18-19, 2021.....\$3,573.00

Electronic giving for Sept. 13-19, 2021..... \$1,225.00.00



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Mary's Parish has, for many years, participated in Saturday's Bread, a food ministry of the First United Methodist Church on Chestnut St., by providing a team of volunteers once every couple of months to assist. This requires coordinators to ensure that we have an appropriate amount of volunteers each time it is our turn to serve.

We are very grateful to Irene and Linda who have been serving in this role for the past few years.

We are currently seeking a new coordinator for our teams. Are you an organized person with a willingness to serve our community through this ministry? To learn more, Please call Sarah Patterson at 607-432-6284.



LIVING WELL FROM HOME

Sometimes it is easier to manage our ongoing health conditions with little support! Join one of our Living Well self-management classes that offer self care-care steps and a support group to put your goals into action, learn more and enroll at www.bassett.org/livingwell or 607-547-3948.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS...

...in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title Our Lady of Fatima are held at 9:00 a.m. the 1st Saturday of every month here in St. Mary's Church. Did you know this devotion has been practiced non-stop in our parish since March 2010 by those who have devotion to Mary and those seeking it? The next one will be held September 4th, so why not mark your calendar now as a reminder.



If you are unfamiliar with this devotion and wish to learn more about it, information is available on the round table at the church entrance. Come and bring your Rosary. No Rosary? No problem... come anyway and one will be provided. Social distancing will be observed and masks are required.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE:

The 49th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held Saturday, October 30th, 2021 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass.

Please register through your parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

ST. MARY'S HOLY SEWS – Hush! Listen! Hear that sound?

It is the sound of sewing machines zipping along as they transform pieces of fabric into components that make up infant burial gowns made by the skilled hands of our Holy Sew volunteers. Once caps/bonnets, teddy bears and memorial cards are added, the completed layettes are individually packaged and sealed to await sending to a NYS or MA birthing hospital. Our mission has continued despite the Covid outbreak. Thanks to your contributions, 2,195 layettes have left St. Mary's to bring consolation to parents facing the death of their infants. If you wish to help us fulfill our mission of MENDING HEARTS ONE STITCH AT A TIME, please make checks payable to **HOLY SEWS, INC.** and mail or deliver to St. Mary's Rectory, 39 Walnut Street, Oneonta, NY 13820. Inquiries may be directed to Mary at (607) 433-2067.



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