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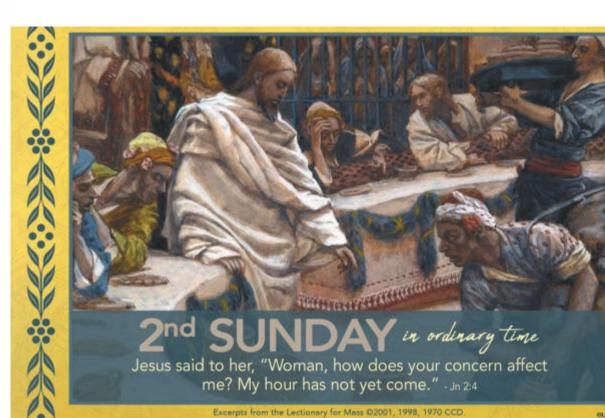
### Welcome...

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







### San Lucas Toliman Student Update...

We have received letters from our scholarship students. Four of our students have either graduated or will graduate very soon. Statements like, "I am deeply grateful to God and You", "wishing you many blessings" were the norm in their final letters to us. These students have aspirations to be nurses, teachers, and more. Some would like to go on to college but may not have the financial ability to do so.

Our other students continue to attend school but all classes are held virtually as the Pandemic continues to grip Guatemala. This has made their education much more difficult. Several expressed having no face to face contact with their teacher being very hard. Additionally, their families are struggling financially and many of the students are doing what work they can find to help supplement family income. There have been deaths in student families associated with the Covid 19 outbreak. Additionally, the government of Guatemala has banned activities normally celebrated during the month of September (the anniversary of the nation). The students miss normal activities as we do here in the United States like soccer, being with friends, etc. Please keep Abner, Ana, Norma, Selvin, Marco, Brian, Edson, Maria, Juana, and Luis in your prayers.

If you would like to support the work of the SLT Scholarship Program, a check can be sent to St. Mary's Church with a notation in the memo line that it is for Guatemalan scholarship.







#### Women's Retreat - 2022

It's time to mark our new calendar and reserve the weekend of May 13-15 for our annual retreat at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in Niskayuna, NY This will once again be a hybrid retreat. Sr. Kay Kanick, RSM will lead us in a consideration of Micah 6:8 "This is all that I ask of you..." Sr. Kay was with us in 2015. You might remember her! Flyers (green) are available in the carousel in the church gathering area.

Questions? Call Martie 432-2852

#### **Community Warming Station**

Overnight Accommodation at 189 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY Seven days a week 5:30 PM to 7:30 AM For men and women (18+ years old)

**Follow us on Facebook** at https://www.facebook.com/oneontawarmingstation/

Or contact Mel Sperti at 607-432-3920 ext. 202 for more information on this project.

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight. in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side. of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder



of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as

well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says. "Listen to him." This wisdom. saves us from toolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

- Jn 2:1-3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1996, 1970 CCD

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#### January 15, 2022—January 23, 2022

SATURDAY 15 January 2022

5:00 pm McKenna, Delaney & Kason Miller

By Aunt Jean Victor Chicorelli

By Gail & Vince Foti

Frank Gallucci

By Aida Gallucci

Dominick Falcone

By The Cerosaletti Family

SUNDAY 16 January 2022 10:30 am Ange Foti Richards

By Marjorie & Philip Bedford

Dick Dowdell

By Mary Ann Dowdell

Deceased members of the Hoyer Family

By The Hoyers

Becka LoPinto

By the Hoyer Family

FRIDAY 21 January 2022 8:30 am Victor Chicorelli

By Evelyn Griffin

**SATURDAY** 22 January 2022 5:00 pm Angelina Richards

By The Foti Family

Joan Crandall

By Mark & Armida Colone

Dominick Falcone

By The Knights of Columbus

Charles J. Trachta By Edythe

2nd Anniversary Remembrance

SUNDAY 23 January 2022 10:30 am Victor Chicorelli

By St. Mary's Rosary Society

Dominick Falcone

By Joe & Mary Ann Hartmann



#### Prayer corner.....

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

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#### **Stewardship Report**

Our total Parish Budget for the year	\$605,673.00
Less projected Other Income	<u>\$253,673.00</u>
(this includes investment income, grants, other donations)	
Amount needed from collections (annually	y)\$ <b>352,000.00</b>
Needed from the collection weekly	\$6,769.23

Collection for January 9, 2022	\$ 6,300.00
Christ at Your Table	
Tornado Relief	\$2,596.00

# Young Adult Gatherings around the Albany Diocese

## The Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany is excited to announce the below events:

#### **Real Talk Rosary**

Real Talk Rosary (RTR) is a new event initiated by and for young adults to create an opportunity to connect at a deeper level and share in prayerful love for Mary through the Rosary.

We are all on a journey – personally, professionally, and spiritually. RTR will offer young adults a venue to share and accompany each other as we build trust, community, and more meaningful friendships.

RTR will include fun / social time, prayer time, and offer presentations that will help guide us on our way.

- Tuesday, January 18 at 7 PM at Corpus Christi in Round Lake: Real Talk Rosary will debut with a special guest presenter: Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger
- Wednesday, February 16 at 7 PM; Location TBD: Second Real Talk Rosary event with guest presenter: Deacon Gary Riggi

#### **Young Adult Happy Hour**

Come join other young adults for an evening of fun social time with free food and drinks. Great opportunity to catchup with old friends and make new friends.

Thursday, February 10 at 7 PM at Chieftans in Cobleskill. <u>Note</u>: Snow date on Thurs., Feb 17<sup>th</sup> if weather impacts Thurs., Feb. 10.

#### Young Adult Holy Hour & Happy Hour

The Holy Hour will include a scripture with a reflection, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, worship music, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Holy Hour is a beautiful opportunity to slow down and spend some quiet and prayerful time in the presence of our Lord in Adoration. After the Holy Hour we will jump into our social gathering / Happy Hour. Happy Hour includes fun social time with free food and beverages.

Thursday, March 24 at 7 PM at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Richfield Springs

For more information on any of these events, please contact Tom Cronin at <a href="mailto:Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org">Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org</a>

Join us at the March for Life Friday, January 21, 2022! Reserve your bus ticket now! Contact the parish buses ASAP:

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multiple parish pick-up stops through
southern diocese – Christ The King Church:
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South West of the Diocese, w many pick-up stops: Oneonta, Stamford, Hancock, etc.:
Sacred Heart Church: Paul Wenner:
paul.j.wenner@gmail.com; (607) 652-4055

Need financial help with a bus ticket(s)? Contact the Knights of Columbus/Nick Wallace: 518-634-2028; cell: 518-649-5998;

njwallace52@yahoo.com

National Prayer Vigil for Life – Thursday, Jan. 20 – Friday, Jan. 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Televised and livestream available



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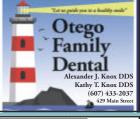
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