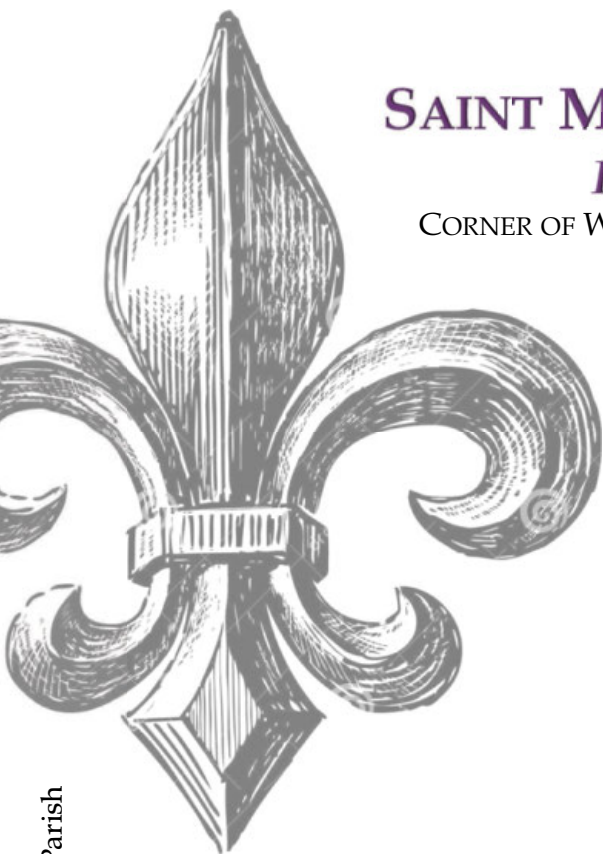


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The Mission Statement of Saint Mary's Parish



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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



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35



UPDATED: PROTOCOLS FOR MASS

Effective immediately for Eucharist on Sunday and its Vigil:

1. The wearing of **MASKS will be OPTIONAL** for all participants at Mass, except Eucharistic Ministers when distributing Holy Communion.
2. People who continue to choose to wear masks, please sit in the **NAVE [MASKED]** of the church. People who choose to be unmasked, please sit in the **TRANSEPTS UNMASKED**.
3. **OPEN SEATING.**
4. The **COMMUNION PROCESSION** will be reinstated. It is requested that everyone receive Holy Communion *in the hand so as to protect the ministers and those receiving Communion after you.*

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy during this difficult time. The Eucharist is celebrated: Sunday 10:30am / Evening Vigil 5:00pm / Weekday: Monday & Friday 8:30am.

The St. Mary's Food Pantry Needs:

- Masks, gloves
 - Gallon size freezer bags
 - Canned soups (especially chicken noodle)
 - Various pasta (example egg noodles, spaghetti)
 - Canned vegetables (corn, peas, green beans)
 - Canned meats (tuna, chicken, beef in gravy, corn beef)
- Donations may be brought to the Church and left in marked container in the back of the Church.



St. Mary's Women's Retreat - 2022

It's time to mark our new calendar and reserve the week-end 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..."* Flyers (green) are available in the carousel in the church gathering area. Questions? Call Martie 432-2852.



The Way for Women...

is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by Pyramid Life Center
May 20-22, 2022 in Paradox, New York.

Registration deadline is May 1, 2022.

Please contact Brian Evers at
pyramidlifereservations@gmail.com
or Call: 518-585-7545

For more information. www.pyramidlife.org.

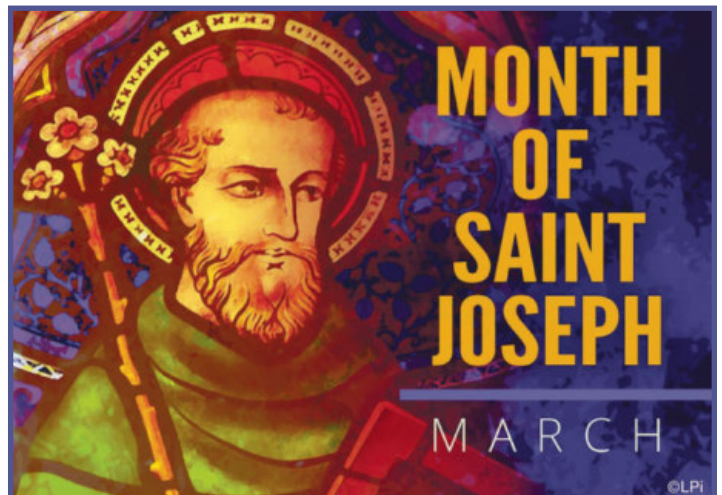
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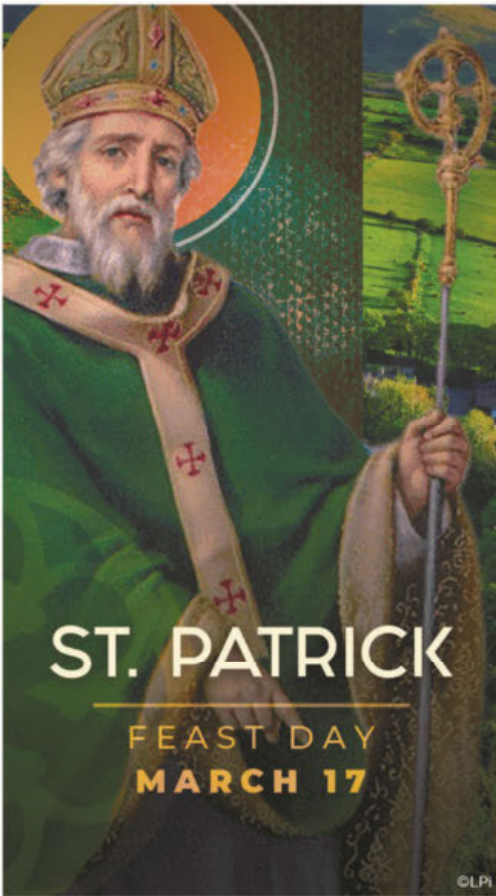
Camp Breakaway is the premiere Catholic Summer Camp experience for young people entering grades 6-12 (Fall 2022). Youth participate in prayer experiences, swimming, boating, Archery, ropes course, small groups and much more.

For more information on Camp Breakaway, please visit www.pyramidlife.org.



CELEBRATE.. The Feast of St. Joseph, 19 March

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.

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

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 Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org

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, in the rectory. 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!

Join the Pro-Life Prayer Group this Lent!

Join the Central New York Coalition for Life in praying for an end to abortion this Lent (March 2nd - April 10th). Groups will be meeting outside Family Planning in Oneonta weekly in prayerful witness. You can pray out on the sidewalk, from your car, at church, or at home. Your prayers will be heard from wherever you are!

For more information or to join the weekly prayer group, please contact us at: contact@cnylifecoalition.com. To learn more about the CNY Coalition for Life, please visit our website: cnylifecoalition.com.



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Save the Date: Easter Tuesday, 19 April 2022.

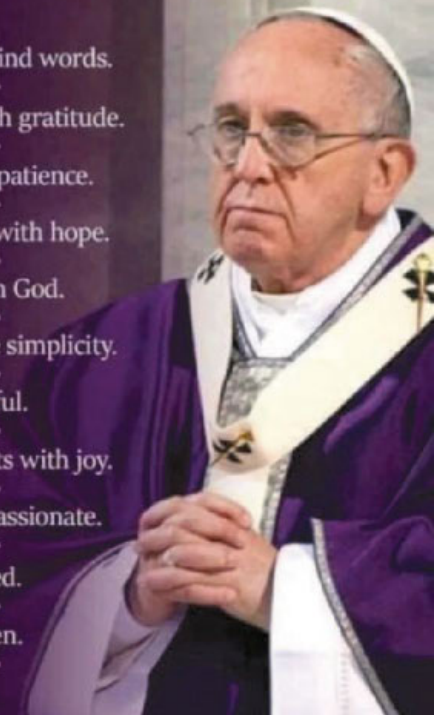
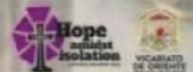
Saint Mary's will host a listening session for the Synod to which everyone is invited.

To learn more about the Synod in our area, visit www.rcda.org/synod

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.



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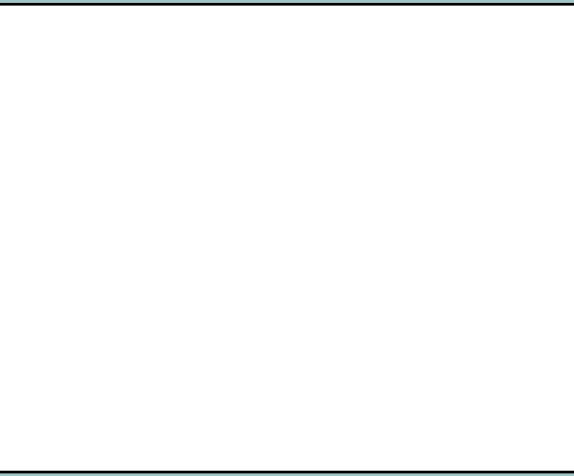
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