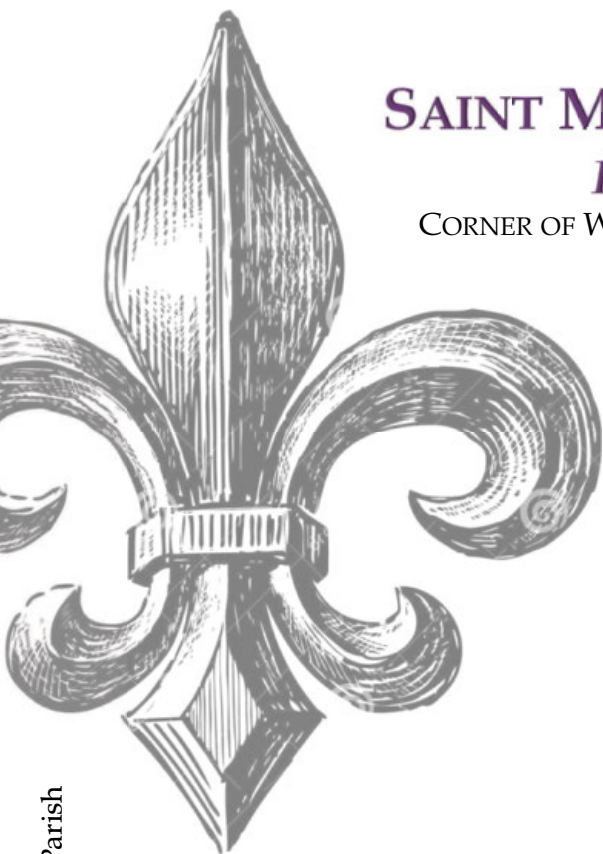


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### *Welcome...*

*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



Fourth  
Sunday  
of Lent



Spring is here and work at our current job site will resume on March 24th. This house is located on Route 205 in the Town of Oneonta.



While this is good news, HFHOC **needs more help!** We need folks to volunteer for our Board of Directors and the various committees of the Board. The Board and committees are the folks who make building our partner family homes possible.

Do you believe in the mission of HFHOC, that is, to eliminate all substandard and unaffordable housing in Otsego County? If you do, please consider joining us in this work. Contact Marjorie Pietrafice at [pietramm@oneonta.edu](mailto:pietramm@oneonta.edu) to get more information.



### *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](mailto:pyramidlifereservations@gmail.com) or Call: 518-585-7545

For more information. [www.pyramidlife.org](http://www.pyramidlife.org).



### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS to be held at St. Mary's at 9:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, April 2nd** - In 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared at Fatima, Portugal, and entrusted her messages to mankind to 3 young children. On July 13, 1917, the children were shown a vision of hell after which Our Lady spoke, **"You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. God wishes to establish devotion (later known as**

**the FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS) to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace..."** We cordially invite you to join us in praying the Rosary and fulfilling Our Lady's request for this devotion, especially during their period of so many uncertainties. If questions, call Mary at (607) 433-2067 and leave a voice message

OUR LADY OF FATIMA – To help you better understand the historical significance of Pope Francis consecrating the Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25th, you are encouraged (urged!) to watch the presentation by Fr. Chris Alar of the Divine Mercy Shrine at <https://youtu.be/wMi6iKhgdpl>. You won't be disappointed you did! The video explains not only the ties between Russia and the Ukraine but also how the Blessed Virgin Mary is involved in their past and future history.



### *Camp Breakaway*

#### **Catholic Summer Camp**

**June 26 to July 1**

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](http://www.pyramidlife.org).

### **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.

**Job Opportunity:** The Oneonta Plains Cemetery is looking to hire a non-smoking individual with Christian work ethics. Mid-April to Late-October. Work includes mowing, trimming, helping with burials, general upkeep. If interested, please contact their Superintendent, Larry Mattice, 607-287-0676.

## **The Synod:**

Pope Francis has announced a startling new way forward for the whole church. When we think of big changes in the church, we think of shifts in theology like Vatican II or in terms of stances on major issues. But Francis' dream of a church is ultimately transformational, and his goal is more fundamental and likely more impactful. He wants to not necessarily change **what** the Church thinks. He wants to change **how** the Church thinks.

Pope Francis is calling for a synodal church which calls for gathering and hearing closely all the people. A synodal Church seeks the Gospel and how it is heard and spoken among all communities. A synodal Church gathers people and pays close attention to the *sensus fidelum* (the sense of the faithful) and does not dismiss it as uninformed or unworthy. A synodal Church patiently listens and does not jump to correct. A synodal Church pays special and intentional awareness to those whom Jesus found most interesting – the poor, the marginalized and the dismissed - those whom Francis identifies as the fringes of society, and places them in the heart of the Church.

Francis uses biblical imagery. He notes the most common scenes in the Gospels include Jesus, the apostles and the crowd who ask questions, flock to hear him and beg for their pain to be eased. In promoting this new way, Francis wants all those elements represented on every level of the Church. The authentic voice of the truth, Jesus Christ. The proper and necessary authoritative role of leadership and the animating and life giving spirit of the crowd. Without all three groups represented, the Church is not whole. A Church that dictates without listening is not grounded in the life and among the people which shaped Jesus' ministry.

A synodal Church will first seek to find how things are: for the poor, for minorities, for immigrant from Latin America, for those who celebrate the Latin mass, for LGBTQ Catholic, for those seeking to respect and protect life, for those who have left the Church and those still in the pews. Without listening with a Christ like ear, how shall we go from how things are to things as they should be? This synodal process, meant to be a part of every parish and to include every voice will change the face of the Church not in the most "newsworthy" ways. It will change its nature by engaging all the people; by listening to those who have been shunned and those thought to have nothing to offer; by hearing the cry of the poor the desires of our people and by understanding the Spirit and the wisdom of God is within each of us.

In Fritz Eichenberg's famous wood engraving of "The Last Supper," a typical soup kitchen crowd gathers at a dining room table. All have a place of equality and dignity. And every head is turned to Christ. Pope Francis is asking us to dream a Church which looks like that.



THE LORD'S SUPPER (1953)



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil 26 March 2022
5:00 pm The deceased of Colone & Romiti families
By Mark & Armida Colone
Joseph A. Vagliardo
By son, Billy & dgt.-in-law, Denise
Julia Church
By daughters, Barbara & Carol
Dorothy "Dottie" Hurlburt
By Family

SUNDAY 27 March 2022
10:30 am Fredrick Shriver
By Steve Baldwin
Izabela & Walter Niedziela
By Children
Prof. David Ring
By Grace Ts'ao

MONDAY 28 March 2022
8:30 am Arigo Sugihara

Friday 1 April 2022
8:30 am Marie O'Malley

Saturday Vigil 2 April 2022
5:00 pm Ed & Ann Miller
By Jean Howland
Kathleen Fielder Cleaton
By Warren Green
Albert Church
By sisters, Carol & Barbara
Dorothy "Dottie" Hurlburt
By Family

SUNDAY 3 April 2022
10:30 am Frank & Mary Antonucci
By Family
Izabela & Walter Niedziela
By Children
Dorothy "Dottie" Hurlburt
By Family

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 also ask your prayers for the men and women of our parish and community who are serving in the military, all priests of the Albany Catholic Diocese, and who have died from our families and parish.
(Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks, and then removed unless notified by family-thank you)

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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, 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!



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 March 20, 2022.....\$4,184.00
Electronic Giving for March 14-20.....\$330.00

## 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.

### 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](mailto:contact@cnylifecoalition.com). To learn more about the CNY Coalition for Life, please visit our website: [cnylifecoalition.com](http://cnylifecoalition.com).



### Save the Date: Easter Tuesday, 19 April 2022.

Hello all,

The Diocese of Albany is excited to begin our Synod Listening Sessions. For those who may not be familiar with the Synod Process, this local synod process is simply going to be an opportunity for you to share your thoughts, your hopes and your needs as a Catholic. We want to hear from you. We want to know what you need from the Church – both local and universal – to help you on your journey of faith. Together we will take the next steps toward greater unity, greater collaboration, greater faith!

There will be 7 sessions total at parishes all throughout the Diocese. The Leatherstocking region will be hosting theirs **Tuesday, April 19th (4/19)** at **St. Mary's Parish Center in Oneonta**. More information is available on our website, [www.rcda.org/Synod](http://www.rcda.org/Synod)

Spread the word to your friends, family and loved ones. This is a wonderful opportunity to be heard and to help shape the future of our church. We hope to see you there!

### *Voices needed for the Victim Impact Panel*

The Victim Impact Panel is a national program meeting court ordered requirements for people who have committed crimes involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This program is available in Chenango, Delaware and Otsego Counties. I am looking for speakers who have been impacted in some way by a person driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The speaker must be willing to share his or her story in a non-condemning way in order to impact those people in attendance. From the survey that the participant has to complete before leaving, 95% say that having attended a Victim Impact Panel they will never drink and drive again.

If you know of anyone that would be willing to tell their story please contact Ameen Aswad at Catholic Charities, 607-432-0061 Ext. 105.

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