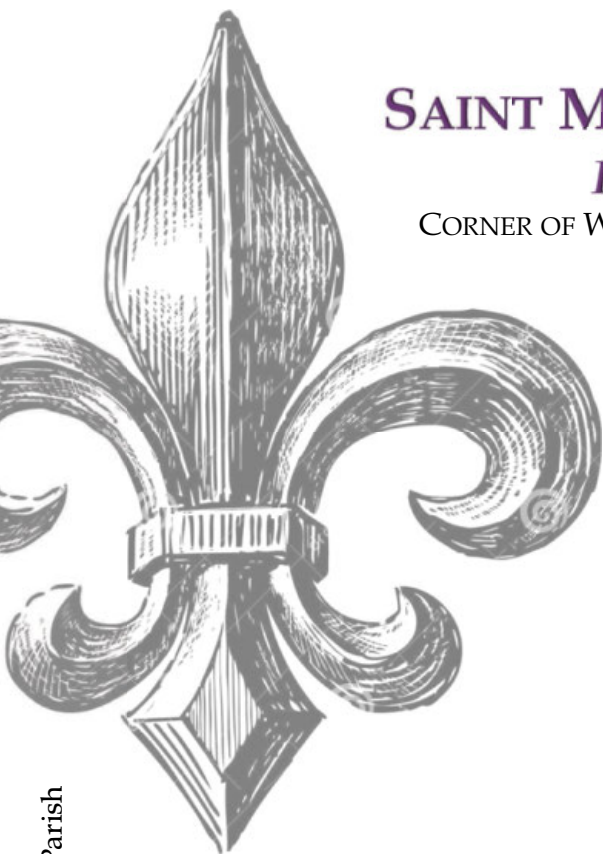


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### *Welcome...*

*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

# STONE



“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

JOHN 8:7



## San Lucas Toliman Student Update

We have received letters from our ten San Lucas Toliman Scholarship students. In these letters students shared what they did over the Holidays and the vacation prior to school opening in January.

Most worked during their vacations to help support their families. They picked coffee, wove cloth, worked at stores, picked corn and more. All are excited about the beginning of the new school year. Some students continue to study at home while others are doing face to face learning while taking precautions. Every student expressed their gratitude to St. Mary's for giving them support to be able to attend school.

Check out the display in the back of the Church to see pictures and learn more about the students.

**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.

### St. Mary's Holy Sews ...is now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year of



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providing hospitals with appropriate size burial gowns used when parents lose their baby during the early 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester. Soon after distributing more layettes recently, a testimonial was received from a

maternity nurse that read "Thank you all so much for the beautiful layettes. They are so sweet and allow us to make these precious angels' keepsake photos and memories for the short time they get to spend with their families. The talent and selflessness seen in each set gives us hope there is still love and care in the world and want to thank all of you for your time and love put into each one." We in turn

are grateful for your generosity which enables us to continue our mission. If you wish to make a contribution, checks payable to **HOLY SEWS, INC.** should be mailed to St. Mary's Church, **ATTN: HOLY SEWS,** 39 Walnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820.



### 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).

## 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).

### Refundable Bottle and Can Collection

The Peace and Justice refundable bottle and can collection for the year will begin for the year on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and continue every third weekend through October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Collection will begin at 9 am and continue until after mass each weekend. Please make sure ALL bottles and cans are to be **Nickel refundable in NY** and empty. **NO wine, sports drink, or juice containers.** The recyclable container will be in front of the parish garage. Thank you for your support of our ministry to help those in need.



## **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 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" Hurlbert
By Family

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

MONDAY 4 April 2022
8:30 am Margaret Morales

Friday 8 April 2022
8:30 am Alice Welch

SUNDAY 10 April 2022
8: 30 & 10:30 am Pro Populo (for the people)

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!



5th SUNDAY OF LENT
Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her" - Jn 8:6b-7

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 27, 2022.....\$2,233.00
Electronic Giving for March 21--27.....\$1,910.00



It's time to mark our 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.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) will be offered on Friday, 15 April from 1:00pm—3:00pm in the main body of the church. You may also call to schedule an appointment with Fr. David at another time.*



### **Palm Sunday**

**There will be NO VIGIL Mass**

**Sunday, 10 April 2022**

Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am

### **Monday of Holy Week—11 April 2022**

8:30 AM—Mass

### **Holy Thursday—14 April 2022**

6:00 pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00 pm—Night Prayer

### **Good Friday—15 April 2022**

8:30 am—Morning Prayer

12:00 pm—Mid-day Prayer

1:00—3:00 pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 pm—The Lord's Passion and Death

### **Holy Saturday—16 April 2022**

8:30 am—Morning Prayer

### **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night—16 April 2022**

9:00 pm—Liturgies of Fire, Word, Water (Baptism)

And The Holy Eucharist

### **Easter Sunday Morning—17 April 2022**

Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am



## 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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