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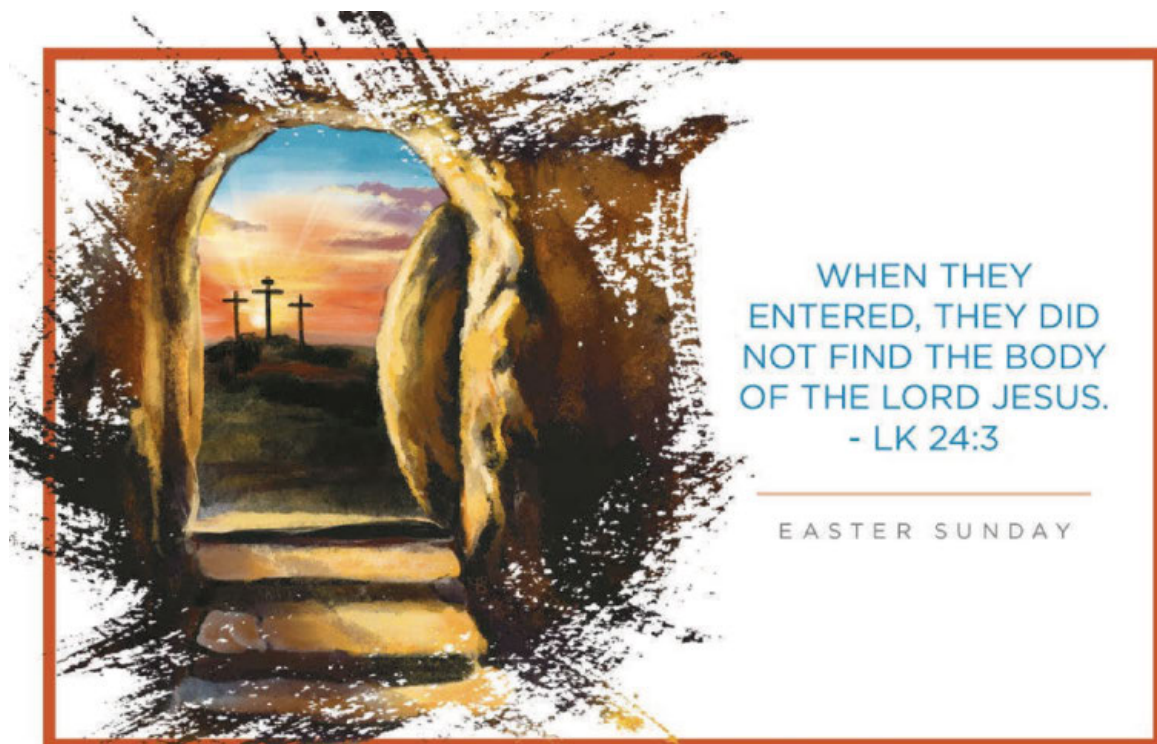
Welcome...

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



WHEN THEY
ENTERED, THEY DID
NOT FIND THE BODY
OF THE LORD JESUS.
- LK 24:3

EASTER SUNDAY



Troop 23 News:



We have had 3 scouts become Eagle rank, BSA's highest rank in 2021 with Church member, Stephen Baker ensuring safety of mountain bikers using trails behind OHS with 2 wooden bridges built where running water pools. Nathan Tessitore putting a safety wall, beautification, new sidewalk and flagpole at the West Oneonta Volunteer Fire Dept where he is also a member. Dylan Sorensen built a handicapped accessible ramp and beautification at Oneonta World of Learning in Town of Oneonta Fortin Park.

We have Noah Ashe working on submission of Eagle Scout application for proposal to complete a brick walkway at Swart Wilcox House to their Corn Crib and beautification.

We have participated in roller skating at Interskate 88, Curling in Schenectady, Leatherstocking Council's 1st Aid Meet with 1 Senior and 2 Junior teams and our youngest junior team earning 2nd place. We will be attending Binghamton Bears Hockey Game and will be the Color Guard April 1st. In May we will start the NYS DEC Catskills Fire Tower Challenge hiking to 6 towers. We will also be going to Battleship Cove in Falls River, MA May 21-22.

In regards to Community Service We will be providing Easter Vigil Fire April 16th for St. Mary's, yard work for the Tyler's of Franklin Mountain who are St. Mary parishioners, Road clean up of portion of West Street to Blend Hill Rd in the Town of Oneonta, USA Flag placement for Veterans at Plains, Oakwood, and St. Mary's cemeteries.

Thank you for your continued support of our Troop and if we can be of assistance, please contact David Flynn 607-437-8424 or dfflynn8@stny.rr.com



Synod Listening Session At St. Mary's Parish Oneonta, NY Easter Tuesday, 19 April 2022 6:30 - 8:30 pm

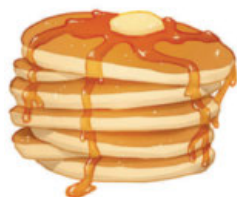
The Diocese of Albany is excited to announce the beginning phase in the worldwide "Synod on Synodality" initiated by Pope Francis. The diocese will coordinate regional listening sessions, at which everyone is encouraged to share their opinions on what they are looking for from today's Church. The listening sessions will be guided by a facilitator utilizing universal questions and provide the opportunity for small group breakout sessions. Bishop Scharfenberger will be in attendance, lead the opening prayer, and spend time listening to the faithful.

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

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!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Boy Scout troop 23 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday April 24th 8:30am-12:30pm. Cost is \$5 for adults and kids 6+, Under age 5 free and Families up to 5 members \$20.. We are seeking to offset transportation cost for summer camp as our Troop 23 will be going to Camp Bowers in NC July 10th-17th.



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.

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)



SATURDAY **16 April 2022**
9:00 pm *Easter Vigil*

SUNDAY **17 April 2022**
8: 30 & *Easter Sunday*
10:30 am *Pro Populo (for the people)*

FRIDAY **22 April 2022**
8:30 am Catherine Tisenchek

SATURDAY **23 April 2022**
5:00 pm Josephine Colone
 By Family
 Tom Stokes
 By wife
 Margaret “peggy” Pianka
 By Family
 21st Anniversary
 Margot Olberg
 By Family

SUNDAY **24 April 2022**
10:30 am William & Eleanor Ronovech
 By Vic & Andrea
 Rev. Joseph Benintende
 By Carol Ann Bagnardi
 Virginia Sullivan
 By Family

*Prayer corner.....*We ask that you remember in your prayers, the following persons who are ill:

Ronald & Margaret Marsh, 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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Spiritual Direction

The role of the Catholic Spiritual Director is to assist an individual on their personal path of spiritual growth. A spiritual director listens and offers insight to assist an individual to discern the unique way God is calling them to live a life of faith in Jesus Christ and to recognize the promptings and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

For people seeking such spiritual companionship and discernment, contact:

Spiritual Director, Cindy Korb,
Website: www.cindykorb.com; Email: listeningpresence518@gmail.com; Phone: 607.267.0539

Spiritual Director, Diane DeDominicis,
Email addresses: Diane@SMCCOneonta.org or pondsideretrievers@gmail.com

The Consultation Center of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese, offers information about spiritual direction on their website which includes a listing of trained spiritual directors.

Website: www.consultationcenteralbany.org See the upper menu under Spiritual Direction.



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 April 2-3, 2022.....\$5,515.00
Electronic Giving March 28-April 3, 2022.....\$595.00

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.

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!



St. Mary's Holy Sews ...is now in its 8th year of providing hospitals with appropriate size burial gowns used when parents lose their baby during the early 2nd 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 or Call: 518-585-7545

For more information. 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.

Refundable Bottle and Can Collection

The Peace and Justice refundable bottle and can collection for the year will begin for the year on April 23rd and 24th and continue every third weekend through October 15th and 16th. 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.



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