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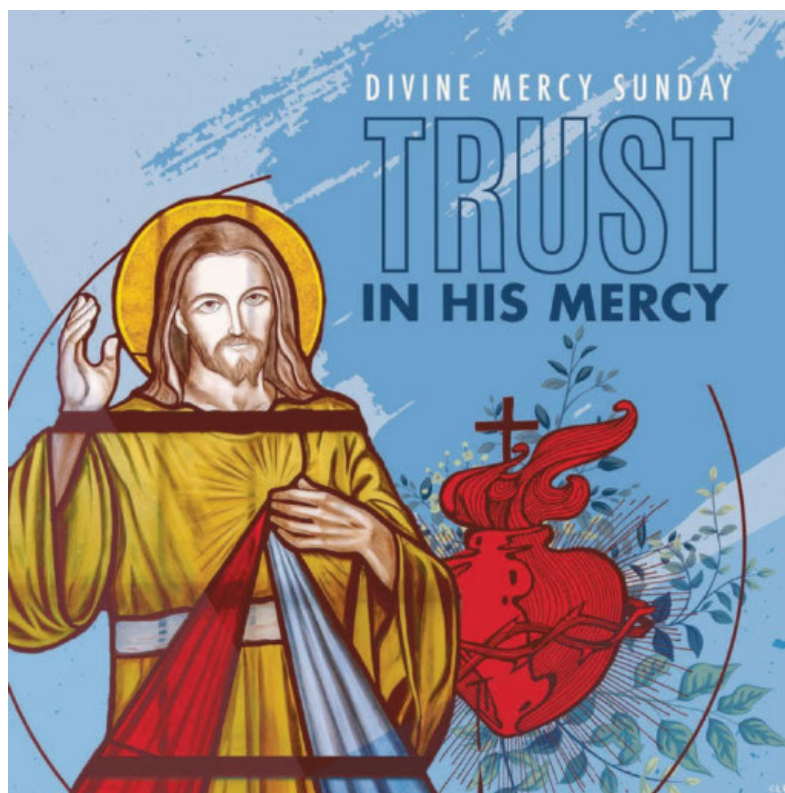
### *Welcome...*

*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



### 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.

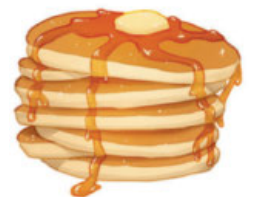
We have participated in roller skating at Interskate 88, Curling in Schenectady, Leatherstocking Council's 1st Aid Meet with 1 Senior and 2 Junior teams and our youngest junior team earning 2nd place. We will be attending Binghamton Bears Hockey Game and will be the Color Guard April 1st. In May we will 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 dflynn8@stny.rr.com

## 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.



### Does God have more for You?

Join Us in a

### Life in the Spirit Seminar

Sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Albany

(All session must be attended)

Friday: May 6<sup>th</sup>. @ 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Saturday: May 7<sup>th</sup>. @ 8:30am to 2:30pm

AND

Friday: May 20<sup>th</sup>. @ 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Saturday: May 21<sup>st</sup>. @ 8:30am to 2:30pm

Where: Christ the King RC Church, 20 Sumter Ave.,Guilderland, NY (off of Route # 20)

Topics: Talk # 1 Introduction  
Talk # 2 The Fathers Love for his Children  
Talk # 3 Salvation / Having a Personal Relationship with Jesus  
Talk # 4 The Holy / His Guidance and Power in our Lives  
Talk # 5 The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit  
Talk # 6 Baptism / Praying for the Greater Release of the Holy Spirit  
Talk # 7 What's Next?

Cost: Free.... Bring a bag lunch, Beverages will be provided

Registration: Pre-registration is necessary...Go to [WWW.Albany.org](http://WWW.Albany.org)...Instructions will be there.  
(Call-in registrations, if needed: Diane: 518-663-5125 or Jack: 518-334-6503 after 6:00pm)





# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. (Acts 5:14)



## PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)  
Or Alleluia.



## SECOND READING

"I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever." (Rev 1:17-18)



## GOSPEL

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst. (Jn 20:19)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"





### 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 8<sup>th</sup> year of 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.



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