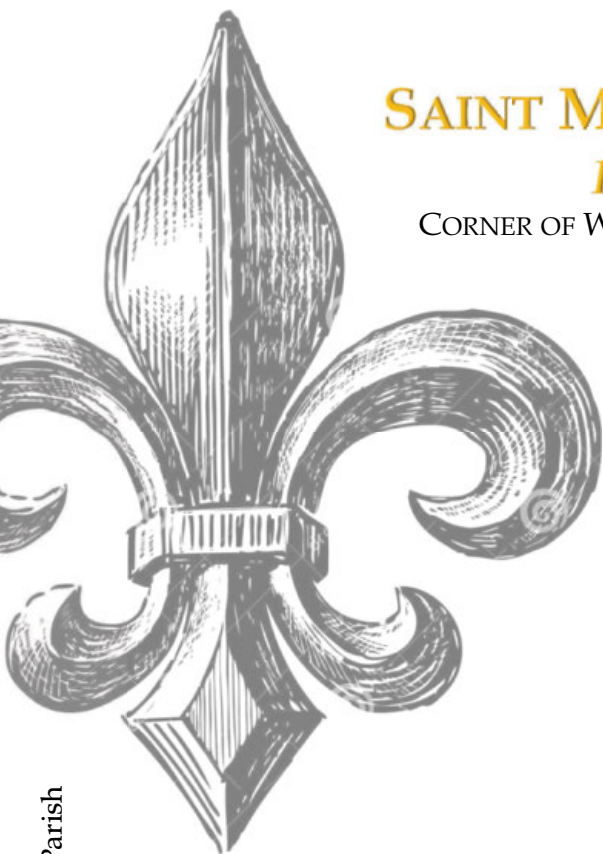


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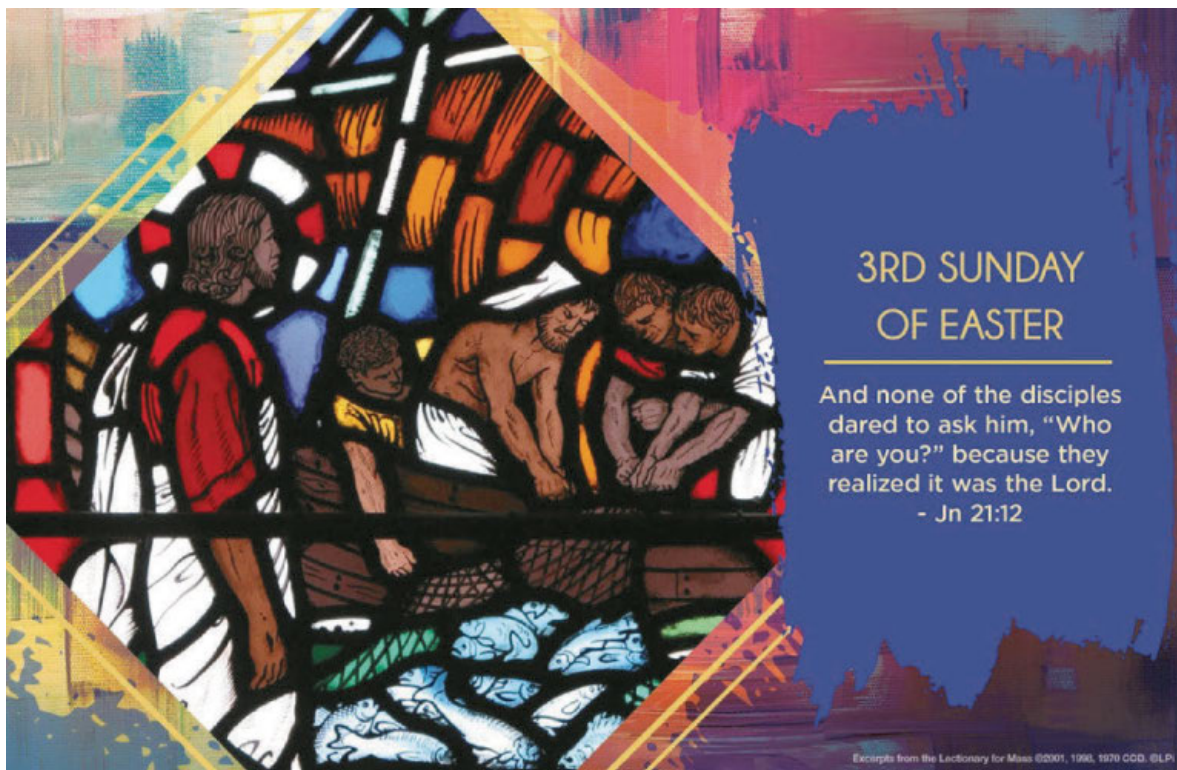
Welcome...

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



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And none of the disciples
dared to ask him, "Who
are you?" because they
realized it was the Lord.
- Jn 21:12





**Leatherstocking Vicariate
Synod Listening Session**

NEW DATE: Monday, May 23, 2022

6:30 pm

St. Mary's Parish Center—Oneonta

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.

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.



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 6th. @ 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Saturday: May 7th. @ 8:30am to 2:30pm

AND

Friday: May 20th. @ 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Saturday: May 21st. @ 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...Instructions will be there.**
(Call-in registrations ,if needed: Diane: 518-663-5125 or Jack: 518-334-6503 after 6:00pm)



GIFTS IN DISGUISE

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

ARE CATHOLICS ALLOWED TO DONATE THEIR ORGANS?

Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not "sacrifice or seriously impair any essential

bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor" (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when "performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope" (no. 86).



MASST
INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **30 April 2022**
5:00 pm Tony & Nina Licata
 By daughter
Nino La Greca
 By Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rizzo

SUNDAY **1 May 2022**
10:30 am Virginia Sullivan
 By Family
Marybeth Croster
 By Carol Basha
Wes Chlopek
 By Stella Krystyniak
Eric Wolven
 By Steve Baldwin
 By Family

MONDAY **2 May 2022**
8:30 am Antonia Walsh

FRIDAY **6 May 2022**
8:30 am Paul Vergari
 By The DeDominicis Family

SATURDAY **7 May 2022**
5:00 pm Betty Lou Polley
 By Family
Lyle Leib
 By Marianna Leib

SUNDAY **8 May 2022**
10:30 am Frank Gallucci
 By wife, Aida
Paul Vergari
 By Walt & Diane Terry

*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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Bob Goss, *Buildings and Grounds*



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.

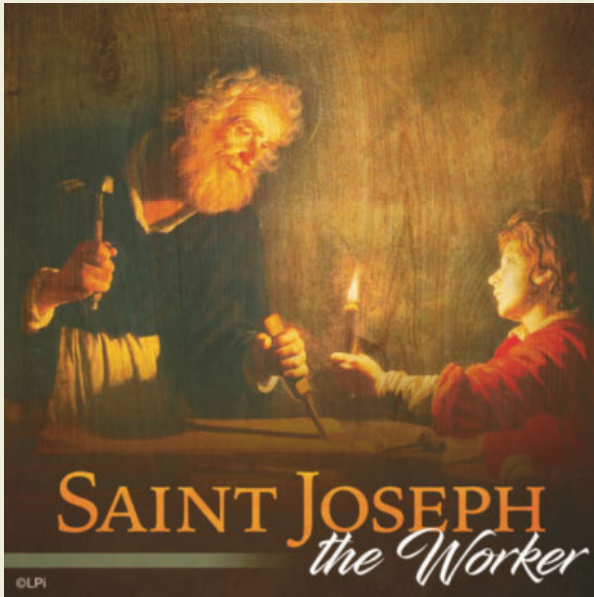
All are welcome—Bring a friend!



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 April 23-24, 2022.....\$4,089.00
Electronic Giving April 18-24, 2022.....\$1,040.00



May 1, 2022



What a wise Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary is!

When the Virgin revealed to Sr. Lucia (Fatima seer) in 1925 the requirements necessary for gaining the promises attached to completing 5 consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation, The Sacrament of Reconciliation [Confession] was among them. She knew the importance of setting time aside to examine our conscience, acknowledge our sins and seek forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation [Confession].

We might want to ask ourselves why we are often reluctant to admit our faults, or to justify them. The gracious and generous gift of God's grace in the Sacrament assists us in overcoming our failings. The Sacrament of Reconciliation [Confession] like the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available upon request. Call the rectory at 607.432.3920.

Requirements for making the First Saturdays is in the Fatima rack at the church entrance. Devotions are held here at 9 a.m. the 1st Saturday of every month.



Camp Breakaway

Catholic Summer Camp

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.

**June 26
to
July 1**

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



IT'S TIME TO PLAN AHEAD for THE CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

The annual Peace and Justice Rummage Sale will be held **June 10th and 11th**. To help you plan on organizing your donations for the sale, the following guidelines are for your use.

- Please be sure all items are clean and not moldy
- We cannot take large furniture or sewing machines
- No picture frames or photo albums
- We ask that any dishes donated be in matching sets of at least 4
- No baskets
- No encyclopedias or dated reference books. Other books should be copyrighted no later than 2000.

We appreciate your support and donations to the rummage sale. The guidelines above help the organizing committee plan for both set up and clean up.

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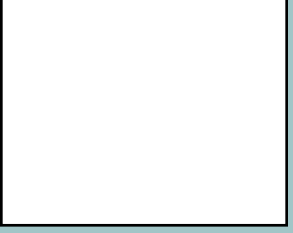
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