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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**



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."
- Jn 10:27-28a

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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.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts
of your faithful and kindle in
them the fire of your love!*

We rejoice with the young people of our parish who were sealed with the Holy Spirit in Confirmation on Sunday May 1:

Martha Stella Dolan
Zachary Christopher Grygiel
Bella Cecilia Holleran
Brett Bartholomew Holleran
Veronika Angelica Madej
AlanMichael Michael Rubin



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.

PASTA DINNER

Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties

is having a Pasta Dinner on **Thursday May 19th from 5-7:30**

p.m. at the Quality Inn in Oneonta. 100% of ticket sales will

go to benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities in the three counties they serve. **Tickets for the "All You Can Eat" dinner are \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Kids (5-12), and free for kids under 5.** Tickets can be purchased by contacting Mary Ann Sturm 607-267-4617 or Karen Sullivan at 607-353-5823. or at the Catholic Charities Office, 176 Main Street Oneonta; the Catholic Charities office in Sidney located at the Sidney Civic Center, 21 Liberty Street; or Catholic Charities Office in Cobleskill located at 49 West Main Street.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door the evening of the event and gluten free pasta is available upon request. Catholic Charities serves all individuals regardless of race, religion, or life style. To find out more information about programs and services offered by Catholic Charities, please visit their website at

www.charitiesccdos.org



LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as “sheep” if we think they haven’t sufficiently questioned authority or if they’re too willing to go along with someone else’s plan. We say someone has “the wool over their eyes” if they aren’t willing to see what we think is very obvious. “A wolf in sheep’s clothing” is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you’ve really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it’s no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can’t protect themselves. They’re vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we’re shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don’t have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: You don’t have to do this on your own.

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

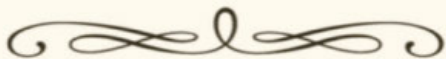
I have a friend who says she doesn’t need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

Answer:

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by “one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.” It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God’s life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God’s sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?

MASST
INTENTIONS



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

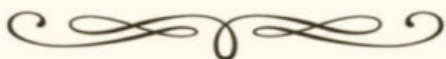
SUNDAY **8 May 2022**
10:30 am Frank Gallucci
 By wife, Aida
 Paul Vergari
 By Walt & Diane Terry

MONDAY **9 May 2022**
8:30 am Richard Sheehy

FRIDAY **13 May 2022**
8:30 am Paul Vergari
 By Matilda

SATURDAY **14 May 2022**
5:00 pm Ann Mongillo

SUNDAY **15 May 2022**
10:30 am James Carter
 By Verna Carter
 Mimi Vagliardo
 By daughter, Connie
 17th Anniversary Remembrance



*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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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 30-May 1, 2022.....\$5,816.00
Christ @ Your Table for April 30-May 1, 2022....\$1,673.00
Electronic Giving April 25-May 1, 2022.....\$480.00

Marian Retreat

The Parish of Mater Christi is hosting a Marian Retreat with well known speaker, Nikki Kingsley, who will share her conversion testimony from Islam to Christianity through the Love of Our Blessed Mother. The day will start with Mass/adoration and conclude with the Rosary and Benediction.

**Location: Mater Christi Church
40 Hopewell Street**

Albany, NY 12208

Date: May 21, 2022

Time: 9am to Noon

Admission: Love offering

Please contact the Parish Office at 518-489-3204 or susan.iviemahar@mcalbany.org with any questions.



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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