# St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 16, 2022**



#### **Parish Mission Statement**

We, the people of the Catholic Community of St. Mary's find our unity made alive in the word of God. Fed by the Holy Eucharist and strengthened by the sacraments of our church, we remain open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

In our Christian journey, we strive to build a caring, prayerful and friendly community by living in compassion and service to one another and to all people. Through these efforts, we desire to demonstrate our dynamic faith in the message of Jesus Christ.

#### **Parish Staff**

Father Christopher J. Looby, Pastor pastor@route74catholics.org Father William G. Muench, Pastor Emeritus

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#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 9:00 AM

#### **Sacrament of Penance**

Saturday 3:15 PM or contact the Pastor

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Make an appointment for Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation at least 1 year in advance

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Call St. Mary's Rectory for appointment for Preparation Program

#### **Faith Formation Coordinators**

Karlene Gonyeau—518-585-7144 Sister Suanne Johnson—518-585-6547

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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him,

"They have no wine." — [1 21113]

**First Reading:** As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; And as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

Psalm: Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

**Second Reading:** But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

**Gospel:** Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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### A Word from Fr. Chris

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious an swer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

Fr. Chris Looby

#### **COVID-19 PROTOCOL UPDATE**



Due to the on-going rise in COVID-19 infections, all indoor places, **including houses of worship**, must require all persons over the age of 2 (except those unable to medically tolerate a face covering/mask) to wear a face covering.

Unvaccinated individuals continue to be responsible for wearing masks under CDC directives AND socially distancing while attending Mass. Please use the hand sanitizer located at all entrances and windows. Those receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to receive

communion in the hand. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are sick or have weakened immune systems. For up-to-date diocesan, live-streamed Masses, and other information related to the Coronavirus

please visit www.rcdony.ord/covid-19.

#### **ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS**

The 2021 Giving Tax Statements have been mailed. Those who received Tax Statements last year will automatically receive one this year unless your envelopes have not been used. If you would like to be put on the Tax Statement list, please call the rectory office Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday by 2:00 pm.

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# Mass Intentions

MONDAY —JANUARY 17—Martin Luther King Day

ST. M. 9:00 AM

Christopher Peters by his Family

EWNH 1:00 PM All Souls

TUESDAY — JANUARY 18

O.L.L. 8:30 AM

Leo, Marion & Walt McCabe by M/M Marshall Gero

WEDNESDAY — JANUARY 19

O.L.L. 8:30 AM

The McMullen family by Lillian Richardson

THURSDAY—JANUARY 20—St. Sebastian

ST. M. 9:00 AM

NO MASS/SERVICE

FRIDAY—JANUARY 21

ST. M. 9:00 AM

Ruth Deon by Elizabeth Jensen

SATURDAY—JANUARY 22

ST. M. 4:30 PM

Michael F. Wenz by Frank, Virginia & family

SUNDAY—JANUARY 23

ST.M. 9:00 AM

Chung-ja Kim (mother of Jihyan Giordano) by Kevin & Jane Kuhl

O.L.L. 11:00 AM

For the People of the Parish

#### St. Mary's Sanctuary Light

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If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, LMHC, PhD. Lic, 000186, NPI: 1356531149, 5050 Route 374 Merrill, NY 12955 Phone: Day time is 518-651-2267, evenings: 518-569 -0612 or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar of Personnel at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340. As part of the efforts of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries, it is important that your report identify: + The child or children in danger + The name of the suspected abuser + As well as your name, address and phone number as part of your report. The Diocese of Ogdensburg will report all allegations of suspected abuse to the appropriate law enforcement or civil authority. Making a report to the Diocese of Ogdensburg, in no way, means that you should not make a report to police or child protective agencies.

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#### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS:**

\$50 Country Florist-Susan Taylor, Stewarts Gas Card—Valerie Ezzo, \$100-June Curtis and Homemade Quilt—Sean Winchell. Thank You and congratulations to all!

# Thank You!

**Thank you** to all who donated baskets for our Basket Raffle and bought tickets. Special thanks to whose who worked to prepare and serve our Spaghetti Dinner, and to those who attended or had take-outs. The total for the Basket Raffle & Spaghetti Dinner was \$5,530.00. Our grand total for the Craft Fair was: \$9,019.00. **THANK YOU!!** 

#### Points of Interest:



St. Sebastian | January 20: Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350. We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the

beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave. One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

#### 2021 BISHOP'S FUND UPDATE AS OF LAST WEEK

**GOAL** \$17,241.00

TO DATE \$25,565.00. DONORS 102

AMOUNT % 148.28%

Our participation goal is to have 140 families or more donate. Please remember that every gift makes a difference.

THANK YOU!!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND

A Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children





... for all those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially: Claire Brown, Thomas Curtis, Marge McNeil, Marie Denno Murray, Tony Dettori, Art Hatfield, Ryun Grey, Jerry Peeters, Josh Ross, Katie Ernst, Dominick Osier, Deacon William Lenhart, Ron Drinkwine, Jen Merriam, Meredith Green, Leo Tringale, John teRiele, Dick LaBounty, Darby McLaughlin, Earl Barber, Jr., Pat Carroll, Jim Guyette, Juli Hall, Charlotte Belden, Wendy Shaw, Whitney Anderson, Mollie Woods, Pryce Brandt, Sue Huestis, Mason Charles Carr, Tommy Moore, Mary LaBounty, Kim Allinger, Tammy Morse, Sarah Diehl McLaughlin, Chris Ross, Bev Hutchinson, Andrew St. Pierre, Cindy Archibald, Lydia McLaughlin, Gene Wesley Peter Ross, Rebecca Gallagher, Joshua Connor, all those in the Nursing Home and those recuperating at home.

#### 26 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





#### **FROM GOD'S CHILDREN:**

Confession: En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect. "Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved. "Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

Christmas Break was over and the teacher was asking the class about their vacations. "We visited our family in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania," Michael replied. "Those sound like excellent vocabulary words," the teacher said. "Can you tell the class how you spell that?" Michael thought about it and said, "You know, come to think of it, we went to Ohio."

<u>Weekly Reflections:</u>
The educated may require knowledge but true wisdom is a gift from God



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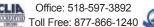


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