

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 23, 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.

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Father Christopher J. Looby, Pastor
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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
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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

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor...
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

First Reading: Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh:8)

Psalms: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading: For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel: He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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A Word from Fr. Chris

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

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.org/covid-19.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 23, 2022

"You are the body of Christ and individually members of it." Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact at Contact the Vocation Office Fr. Christopher Carrara, Vocation Director, ccarrara@rcdony.org, ext. 1340 or Sister Mary Eamon Lyng the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1345 elyng@rcdony.org. See us also at www.myvocation.net.

SHARE THE NEWS...Please take a bulletin to a homebound friend or neighbor. If someone would like to receive our weekly bulletin, please contact the parish office, and we'll mail it out.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY — JANUARY 24

ST. M. 9:00 AM

Bruno Ronkese by his Family

TUESDAY — JANUARY 25

O.L.L. 8:30 AM

Joanne Gervais Christner and Donald Morgan by Kathleen & George Vanderzwaag

WEDNESDAY — JANUARY 26

O.L.L. 8:30 AM

Rene Vaillancourt by Fosella & Vaillancourt families

THURSDAY — JANUARY 27

ST. M. 9:00 AM

NO MASS/SERVICE

FRIDAY — JANUARY 28 — *St. Thomas Aquinas*

ST. M. 9:00 AM

Dec'd Mem. of the Sisters of St. Joseph by the Sisters of St. Joseph in Ticonderoga

SATURDAY — JANUARY 29

ST. M. 4:30 PM

Rosemary Frey by Paul Smith

SUNDAY — JANUARY 30

ST. M. 9:00 AM

For the People of the Parish

O.L.L. 11:00 AM

Andy & Alice Wagner by Martin & Judy Thompson

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January 22/23 The Respect Life Second Collection is held in parishes each January, near the anniversary of the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision

which legalized abortion in our nation. In 2022, this collection will be held the weekend of January 22/23. Grants from the collection benefit pro-life projects in our diocese. Thank you for your support of efforts to build a culture of life.

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A Point of Interest:

St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28



One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "*The Summa Theologiae*." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become

abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

CRUISE NORWAY IN JULY OF 2022



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PRAYER REQUESTS

... 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.

3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FROM GOD'S CHILDREN:

And Jesus said, "Who do you say I am?" And they answered: "You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being, the kerygma in which we found the ultimate meaning of our interpersonal relationship." And Jesus said, "What?"

And God said: "My name is not I was."

"My name is not I will be."

"My name is I Am."

A keynote speaker at a convention of priests came to the dais, shuffled his notes, scanned his audience, and said, thoughtfully: "Where to begin? Where to begin?" A voice in the crowd yelled: "As close to the end as possible!"

Weekly Reflections:

***My Lord knows the way
Through the wilderness.
All I have to do is follow.***

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