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New Parishioners – Register at the Rectory during normal office hours.

Our Vision and Mission

We the members of
St. Mary's Catholic Church,
in order to become the saints
God calls us to be:

- ◊ Welcome the wanderer to the Way
- ◊ Educate the seeker with the Truth
- ◊ Worship the beauty of Christ's Life

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 20, 2021

Pastor's Corner

Welcome, Father Ratigan! As I mentioned last week, I am down in Albany this weekend for the ordination and first Mass of Thanksgiving of the new Fr. Steve Yusko. It is a great blessing, not only to see the first days of a new priest's life unfold, but also to be able to support him as I myself have been supported by my elder brother priests. I am so blessed.

Speaking of the blessings of (priestly) fatherhood, God bless all of our fathers! Your vocation is not an easy one, but it is essential. Thank you for sharing life with your children, biological and otherwise. This year, we are again making a donation in your honor to a group that supports you and other fathers in the area, the local Family Life Office and their Catholic Men's Retreat.

God bless all of you taking part in our chicken barbecue and the conclusion of our "Ramp-Up at St. Mary's Raffle." I'm sure I'll be hearing all about it when I return.

Finally, please be careful of the new grass on your way out of church.

I hope you all have a blessed week! *-Fr. Bryan Stitt*

A Prayer for Fathers

Loving God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you for our earthly fathers, those to whom you have entrusted the loving protection of families and guidance of children. We thank you, also, for our priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of your people. We ask you, bless these men; help them to imitate your Son's gentleness and mercy toward those who are weak, His humility, His perfect obedience to your Will, and His fearless witness to your Truth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cake, Coffee, and the Grand Prize Drawing

After the 9 am Mass this Sunday (June 20) there will be cake and coffee out by the Marian Shrine to celebrate Father's Day, as well as the Grand Prize ($5000) drawing of our raffle.

Siena Academy Fundraiser

Our friends at St. Catherine of Siena Academy will be having a fundraising **RUMMAGE SALE** Friday, **June 25** (8am—3pm) and Saturday, **June 26** (8am—2pm). Donations are needed to help make this fundraiser a success; as you are doing your spring cleaning, we ask that you please keep us in mind! Any gently used items that you may have intended for thrift or goodwill would be greatly appreciated. **Donations** can be brought to the St. Mary's Parish Center (2 Powers Street, Canton) Gymnasium entrance for **drop-off on**:

June 20, 1-3pm • June 21, 4:30-6:30pm • June 22, 4:30-6:30pm

Discussion of *Return*

Last month, some of you requested a copy of the book: *Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to Church.* Hopefully you've had a chance to read it! We'll have an **opportunity for discussion** of the book this **Tuesday, June 22, at 6:45 pm**, in the library of the parish center. This is an event for those who are trying to help others return to the faith (it is not intended for those who are considering returning).

Welcome Fr. Ratigan!

Thank you Fr. Patrick Ratigan for filling in at this weekend's Masses while Fr. Stitt is away at a friend's ordination in Albany. Fr. Ratigan is a retired priest of the Diocese who lives in Hannawa Falls.

Raffle Winner—9 of 10

Congratulations to **Donald Schrems of Buffalo, NY**, who was the winner of $2000 in our ninth drawing on June 15th! All that remains is the drawing for the Grand Prize of $5000, which will take place on June 20.

Happy Father's Day!

In honor of Father's Day, St. Mary's parish will donate $250 to the Family Life Office, which sponsors the annual Men's Catholic Retreat.

COVID GUIDELINES REMINDER

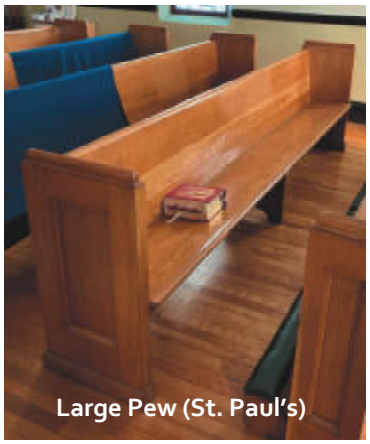
- All are welcome to wear masks.
- Those who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear masks at all.
- Those who are not fully vaccinated are asked to maintain social distancing and keep their masks on, especially any time when they are walking about or projecting their voices (as when singing).
- For Holy Communion, we begin with the people in the side pews (against the walls of the church), beginning from the front, moving to the back of church and forming a **single file** down the center aisle. After the sides are done, we go front to back through the center pews, again forming a single file down the center aisle.

Thank you for supporting last week's second collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign** and **Catholic University of America**. One-third of the collection remains in our diocese for local communication efforts, one-third assists the communication work of the U.S. Bishops and the final third supports Catholic University.

For Sale—Pews from St. Paul's & St. Rene's

Pews from the former St. Paul's Oratory in Pyrites and from the former St. Rene's Church in Russell are being offered for sale.

Large pews (St. Paul's) are 126" long; suggested donation: $100
Short pews (St. Rene's) are 60" long; suggested donation: $200
Call (315) 386-2543 for information.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Short Pew (St. Rene's)

St. James School—Summer Raffle

GRAND PRIZE: $10,000—drawing September 12

2nd Prize: $5000 • 3rd Prize: $2500
4th Prize: $1500 • 5th Prize: $500

Plus 5 Early Bird drawings for $100 each—first drawing July 4

All tickets will remain "in the drum" and be eligible for EVERY prize drawing!

Only 350 tickets will be sold—each ticket is $100

For tickets, contact St. James Parish, Gouverneur at 315-287-0114

My Source & Summit

What the Eucharist Means to Me
by Deacon Jim Snell

My first thought on being asked to express what the Eucharist means to me is: how do I explain and share something so intimate as my friendship with Jesus, my Lord and Savior?

All my life I have felt a close connection with Jesus present in the Eucharist. I often make visits to church to sit before the tabernacle in silent prayer, to meditate upon just how much Jesus loves all of us, and to thank him for the gift of himself to us.

As Catholics, we speak of the Eucharist as, "the source and summit of our faith", and sometimes the words can come out of our mouths without even thinking about what they mean. It is the source because God gives us his very self as the nourishment we need to grow in the knowledge and understanding of his love for us. It is the summit because there is no higher level that can be reached than to be in the presence of God. Each time Jesus becomes present in the form of the bread and wine being offered on the altar, I envision heaven opening up all around us; we are truly there with Jesus and our loved ones who have gone before us, together at the heavenly banquet.

A friend of mine once said, in a homily: "...the giver of the gift becomes the gift itself." In the Eucharist, Jesus gives himself to us, Body, Blood, soul, divinity. When the priest elevates the host and the chalice at Mass, the words of St. Thomas echo in my mind: "my Lord and my God!"

Please Return Statues

Tom Fayette had let it be known that there were free religious items at his Sea of Galilee Retreat; unfortunately, someone seems to have thought that three small statues (of St. Padre Pio, St. Rita, and St. Faustina) were included! If you have taken any of these statues, please return them; there are other free items still available. Thanks!

Mass Attendance
June 12-13

5:00 PM Saturday	82
9:00 AM Sunday	117
10.45 AM Sunday	24

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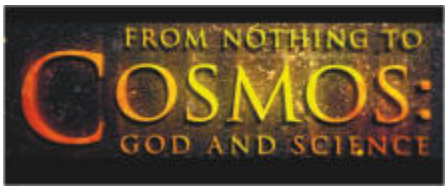

Ministry Schedule

June 19 and June 20, 2021

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Brad Mintener
	Greeters	Bill and Carol O'Horo
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Pat White
	Greeters	Shelly and Zadok Roiger

June 26 and June 27, 2021

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Mary Evans
	Greeters	Lisa Guccione, Peter Mueller
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Norma Jean LaPoint
	Greeters	John Bailey, Terry White

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us.

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden ***Amen.***

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Sam Bisonette
Barbara Brenhoch
Camille Brown
Peggy Cashman
J.J. Crooks
Phyllis Cunningham
David Datush
Debbie Gainey
Joe Guarino
Helen Hilts
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Lori Law
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Laurence McKenna
Rick Meilleur
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Nolan Joe Redmond
Lawrence Regan
Brent Robert
Judy Ruddy
Renee Smith
Natalie teRiele
Rose White
Abuse Victims & their Families
Covid 19 Victims

Parish Support

Week of June 13	2020	2021
Envelopes	$4,609.00	$3,571.00
On-Line Giving	$1,080.00	$1,306.00
Plate	$41.00	$263.00
Ascension Thursday	$35.00	
North Country Catholic	$35.00	
Missionary Projects of the Diocese		$5.00
Catholic Charities	$105.00	
Catholic Communications	$255.00	$645.00
Catholic Home Missions	$28.00	
Total	**$6,188.00**	**$6,833.00**

(Recent Candle Donations—$33.30)

Thank you for your support & generosity each week!

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 19:	**Weekday/Saint Romuald, Abbot**
3:45-4:45 pm	Confession
	Vigil, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Mass	Burton, Sr., Gerald, Sr., and Reardon Bessette by Susanne and Stan Smith
Sunday, June 20:	**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am Mass	Walter Butler by Sandra Bartlett
10:45 am Mass	Don Wilson, Harold Burke, and Ivan Wilson by Judy Wilson and Family
Monday, June 21:	**Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**
7:30 am Mass	Myrtle Burke by Judy Wilson and Family
8:15 am (Facebook)	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
Tuesday, June 22:	**Weekday/Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop/Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs**
8:15 am (Facebook)	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
4:10-5:10 pm	Holy Hour for Vocations with Adoration
5:15 pm Mass	Maureen Howard by Judy Ruddy
5:45-6:15 pm	Confession
Wednesday, June 23:	**Weekday**
7:30 am Mass	For All the People of the Parish
8:15 am (Facebook)	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
Thursday, June 24:	**Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**
8:15 am (Facebook)	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
5:15 pm Mass	Anne Whalen by Gerald Whalen and Family
Friday, June 25:	**Weekday**
7:30 am Mass	Harold Burke by Judy Wilson and Family
8:15 am (Facebook)	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
Saturday, June 26:	**Weekday**
3:45-4:45 pm	Confession
	Vigil, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Mass	Katie O'Marah by Sean Barkley
Sunday, June 27:	**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am Mass	Warren Bessette by Rosemary and John Langey
10:45 am Mass	For All the People of the Parish

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for

Bev Creasy and Nancy McCluskey
by Nancy Layhee

Readings for June 20

Jb 38: 1,8-11
Ps 107: 23-26,28-31
2 Cor 5: 14-17
Mark 4: 35-41

Readings for June 27

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15
Mark 5: 21-43

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