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ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY
Open 1 pm - 4 pm
2nd and 4th Mondays of the month

SHUT-INS

Do you know of someone who is not able to go to Mass on Sunday, because of *weather or* sickness? Please call Dianne Russell at 529-7474 or Dick Hurteau at 483-1832 for someone to bring Holy Communion on a weekly

Sacrament of Baptism: Infants: contact the parish office before or soon after birth. Adults: inquire about the RCIA
Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 2:45-3:00 p.m. St. Mary's Church. You may also contact Fr. Ray
Sacrament of the Sick: Contact Fr. Ray in advance of surgery or as soon as possible when serious illness occurs
Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date to begin prep

TO REPORT ABUSE: If you have a complaint or suspect misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees, or volunteers, contact the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator Terrianne Yanulavich, Adult & Youth Counseling Service of Northern New York, 413 Ryan Road, Churubusco, NY 12923, Phone: (518) 483-3261. E-mail: terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Or call Fr. Chris Carrara, Episcopal Vicar for clergy at 315-393-2920.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MON - January 25 - Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
9:00am SM: Terry Trudeau by Mary Jane Latreille
TUE - January 26 - St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops
9:00am SM: Paula Poupore** by Theresa Smith
WED– January 27 - 3rd Week of Ordinary Time
9:00am SM: John & Nancy Boisseau**by the Estate
THURS - January 28 - St. Thomas of Aquinas
9:00am SM: Bill Delarm by Mom, Dad, Char, Sandy, Kyle, & Erika
SAT - January 30 - 4th Week of Ordinary Time
4:00pm SM: Carmen Jock by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Russell
SUN - January 31 - 4th Week of Ordinary Time
8:00am SM: For the people of the parish
11:00am SM: Margret Hallahan by Ann Hallahan

This week's Sanctuary Candles:
SA & SM - *For the Safety of our Troops*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 24, 2021

Sun: Jon 3:1-5,10/Ps 25:4-5,6-7,8-9/1Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20
Mon:Acts22:3-16orActs9:1-22/Ps117:1bc,2/Mk16:15-18
Tue: 2Tm 1:1-8orTi1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,7-8a,10/ Mk 3:31-35
Wed: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1,2,3,4/Mk 4:1-20
Thur: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2,3-4ab,5-6/Mk 4:21-25
Fri: Heb 10:32-39/Ps37:3-4,5-6,23-24,39-40/Mk 4:26-34
Sat: Heb11:1-2,8-19/Lk1:69-70,71-72,73-75/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sun: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2,6-7,7-9/1Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28

LIVE THE LITURGY

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

ENVIROMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

In the midst of our troubled and hurting world we are reminded in the quote from Leonard Cohen, "There is a crack in everything; that is how the light gets in." As we begin this week, let us pray that we find a way to allow God's light to shine in us by embracing one new concrete practice of good stewardship of the earth's resources. A good starting point might be: only use what I need.

COLLECTION:

St. Augustine - Jan. 16/17
Envelopes: $1,245.00; Plate: $101.00
Solemnity of Mary: $30.00; Int. Off.: $15.00
Total: $1,400.00
Respect Life: $30.00

St. Mary - Jan. 16/17
Envelopes: $1014.00; Plate: $106.00
Solemnity of Mary: $20.00; Int. Off.: $20.00
Total: $1,160.00
Retired Religious: $150.00; Christmas: $100.00
Respect Life: $20.00

TAX TIME... CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a record of your 2020 contributions for tax purposes, please contact the parish office at 518-529-6674 Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 12 noon or drop a note into the collection basket with your request. We do not automatically print them unless requested.

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours this week for both churches are: 9am to 12 noon Monday through Thursday.
Office #518-483-6674.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Grades K to 8

Teachers will provide home-schooling material to parents. For those who wish, as long as the public schools remain in session, students will meet with their teacher at the Parish Center of St. Mary's on **February 7; March 14; and April 18 from 9:15-10:45am.** Anyone who has yet to register is asked to contact Fr. Ray.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Please call the office 518-483-6674 with any change in your address or phone number . This will allow us to update our records with your current information. You may also write your information on a note and place in the collection basket at Sunday Mass or mail to the office: 2472 St. Rt. 11, North Bangor, NY 12966.

THE LORD CALLS

"Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you." Talk to Father Ray or Fr. Christopher Carrara, ccarrara@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315) 393-2920, ext. 1450/crussell@rcdony.org. See us also on Facebook or at www.myvocation.net.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Joseph, you were a man who carried into dark of anxious sleep the haunting mystery of deep, unsettled doubt. But yet, within, and all untouched, your citadel of trust was calm, serene and still and flamed your unstarred night into the answering of dawn in God's unchanging will. O carpenter of faith, build our inwardness into a city lamped with trust; and when we, too, must face the nights and tread the desert's way, let us, like you, take Mother and Child into the Egypt of each day. Good St. Joseph, come to our aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the critical and troubling circumstances of the day. Keep us calm and serene, so aware of your Presence. AMEN.

THE SEARCH: a virtual discussion via Zoom

The office of New Evangelization will offer an opportunity to view and discuss Formed.org program THE SEARCH.

The Search is a 7-episode program that explored the deepest questions of the human heart: Why am I here? What's life all about? What happens when we die? — and guides you through the great big story of everything, as astrophysicists, psychologists, neuroscientists, artists, chemists and professors point to one big (surprising) conclusion: Jesus Christ, and the Catholic Church. What do you seek?

We will meet seven consecutive Mondays from 6:30-8pm starting February 1, 2021 to view and discuss The Search episodes via Zoom.

Feb. 1 - Episode 1: What Do You Seek?
Feb. 8 - Episode 2: Who Are You?
Feb. 15 - Episode 3: Why a God?
Feb. 22 - Episode 4: What's Our Story?
Mar. 1 - Episode 5: Who is Jesus?
Mar. 8 - Episode 6: Am I Saved?
Mar 15 - Episode 7: Why a Church?

Online Registration form is at https://www.rcdony.org/thesearch. For more information, contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org or 315-3932920 ext. 1380.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR SEPARATED OR DIVORCED:

If you or someone you know is interested in participating in a support group for separated/divorced people in Colton and the surrounding areas, please contact Steve Tartaglia at startaglia@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920 for more info.

GIVE UNTIL IT HURTS

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done. Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers - they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him - not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

From Bishop LaValley…

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope St. John Paul II wrote, in *The Gospel of Life*, "To defend and promote life, to show reverence and love for it, is a task which God entrusts to every person" (*no.42*). Each one of us is called to oppose abortion by every legal means available and to voice that opinion in the public square. We are called to support women and families whose circumstances may lead them to seek an abortion. "We are asked to love and honor the life of every man and woman and to work with perseverance and courage so that, our time, marked by all too many signs of death, may at last witness the establishment of a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and love" (*The Gospel of Life, no.77*). This is our time for witness.

The Church of the North Country continues to accept our responsibility to promote a Culture of Life in a resistant society. For the last several years, here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, a special *Respect Life Collection* is taken up to support our diocesan Respect Life efforts. Colleen and John Miner, from our Diocesan Respect Office, faithfully coordinate the steps we need to take in promoting and protecting the dignity and worth of every human life.

Every year at this time, we are given this opportunity to support the efforts this local Church makes in promoting the Culture of Life. Grants from this collection support such ministries as *Gabriel Project* which aid struggling new mothers with a compassionate ear and with material assistance to care for their newborn child. Grants also assist *Birthright*, an interdenominational organization helping women with unplanned pregnancies. Other grants have supported educational programs, Catholic radio in the Adirondacks and a variety of other pro-life efforts. Grants have also provided buses for our youth and college students to participate in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Thank you for your prayers, witness, and generous support of the ***2021 Respect Life Collection***, helping to build a Culture of Life, one life at a time.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Terry R. LaValley

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

KEEPING THE LIGHT OF FAITH ALIVE IN YOUR HOME: ideas for at-home catechesis

"Tips for Keeping the Light of Faith Alive in Your Home" are posted weekly on the Diocese of Ogdensburg's Facebook page by the Department of Faith Formation to give parents and catechists ideas to keep catechism going in the home.

ST. MARY'S TAKE OUT ROAST PORK DINNER

Feb. 6th, 3:00pm -6:30pm at St. Mary's Parish Center, Brushton. Menu: Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Squash, Applesauce, Roll and Dessert. $10.00 per dinner. May preorder by calling 518 529 6580, on Feb.5th, 8:00am to 12:00 noon, and Feb 6th 9:00am until all meals sold, though not necessary.

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