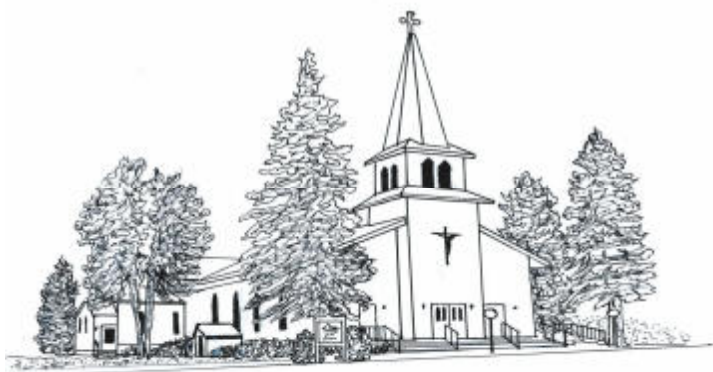


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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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SHUT-INS

Do you know of someone who is not able to go to Mass on Sunday, because of weather or sickness? Please call Di-
 anne Russell at 529-7474 or Dick Hur-
 teau at 483-1832 for someone to bring
 Holy Communion on a weekly or
 monthly basis.

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

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 preparation.
TO REPORT ABUSE: If you have a complaint or suspect misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employ-
 ees, or volunteers, contact the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator Terrienne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route
 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com - Phone: 518- 651-2267 days; 518-569-0612 evenings. Or Fr.
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 pected sexual abuse or misconduct by the bishops, contact Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562 or
www.ReportBishopAbuse.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MON: Jan. 3 – Christmas Weekday

9:00am SM: James Raudenbush by Joan Whipple

TUE: Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth

9:00am SA: Marguerite Doucette

by Rita Malark, Laura, Mae, & John West

WED: Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann

9:00am SM: Carol Keese by Janie & Tommy

THURS: Jan. 6 - St. Andre Bessette

9:00am SA: Jack White by Sally White & Wayne Miller

SAT: Jan. 8 - Baptism of the Lord

4:00pm SA: For the People of the Parish

SUN: Jan. 2 - Baptism of the Lord

8:00am SA: George Poirier by Don Critchlow

11:00am SM: Terry Trudeau by Rita Hutchins

This week's Sanctuary Candles:

SA /SM - For the Safety of our Troops

SM - Readings for the week of Jan. 2, 2022

Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13/

Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Mon: 1Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue: 1Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2,3-4,7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wed: 1Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thur: 1Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2,14 & 15bc,17/Lk 4:14-22a

Fri: 1Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13,14-15,19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Sat: 1Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2,3-4,5&6a&9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sun: Is 42:1-4,6-7/Ps 29:1-2,3-4,3,9-10/

Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16,21-22 or Is 40:1-5,9-11/

Ps 104:1b-2,3-4,24-25,27-28,29-30/Ti2:11-14;3:4-7/

Lk 3:15-16,21,22

LIVE THE LITURGY

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

As we prepare for the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, let's take a moment to pray before the manger to let the vulnerability of God soften and disarm our hearts and awaken our hope for the possibility of creating a better world.

WORDS TO PONDER...

The meaning of life is to find your gift...
the purpose of life is to give it away!

-William Shakespeare



COLLECTION:

Due to the Christmas holiday and the early publication date of this bulletin, the Christmas Collection and the weekend collection of December 25/26 will be posted in next week's bulletin.

St. Augustine - Dec. 18/19

Envelopes: \$1,008.00; Plate: \$339.00

Christmas Flowers: \$30.00

Total: \$1,377.00

Rel. Ret.: \$65.00

St. Mary - Dec. 18/19

Envelopes: \$843.00; Plate: \$180.00

Christmas Flowers: \$35.00

Total: \$1,058.00

Rel. Ret.: \$25.00

ST. AUGUSTINE / ST. MARY PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours this week for both churches are:

Monday through Thursday 9am to 12 noon only.

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Grades K to 8: 9:15-10:45am

St. Mary's Parish Center, Brushton

Sunday, January 9 & 23, 2022



LOVING AUTHENTICALLY:

Attention Commissioned Lay Ministers

This program for Commissioned Lay Ministers and Candidates is designed to strengthen the participants' conviction about the truth, beauty and importance of church teaching on natural law and sexual morality and to give participants a basic understanding of the ethical basis of the teaching. Presenters: Deacon John Fehlner & Dr. Maura Fehlner, Mr. Steve Tartaglia and other members of the Family Life Department.

January 29, 2022

Emmaus Room, St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh

9:30AM - 1:00PM - Cost is free and all are welcome.

Bring your own lunch.

Participants are required to watch an 80 minute video prior to the event. The link for the online video will be sent after registration.

Register at: <https://www.rcdony.org/lovingauthentically>.

If you have questions, contact Family Life Director, Steve Tartaglia at startaglia@rcdony.org or call 315-393-2920.

MASS REQUEST

To request a Mass for a loved one, or for a special intention, call the parish office 518-483-6674 with your request or send a note to 2472 St Rt 11, North Bangor NY 12966. A stipend of \$10.00 is the usual donation for a Mass.

ADDRESS CHANGES

In order to keep our records current for St. Augustine & St. Mary please notify the Church office of any changes in your address or phone number by calling the office at 518-483-6674 or placing a note in the collection basket.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Diocese of Ogdensburg was acknowledged on February 16, 1872 by Pope Pius IX, "We, with definite knowledge, mature deliberation, and by our Apostolic Authority, in virtue of the present document, separate and sever from the Diocese of Albany, the following territory -- the counties of St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton, Jefferson, Lewis, and Essex, together with that part of the counties of Herkimer and Hamilton which lies above the northern line of the townships of Ohio and Russia; and this same territory we erect and constitute as a true and properly called diocese."

Until 1872 the entire north country which is now under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Ogdensburg was a part of the Albany diocese. In 1871 the Bishop of Albany discussed with his counsellors the advisability of recommending to the Holy See a division of the Albany diocese. The recommendation was made. Ogdensburg was designated by the authorities at Rome as the seat of the new see, and Father Edgar P. Wadhams, rector of the Cathedral of Albany and Vicar General of the Albany diocese, was named the first bishop.

2022 CALENDARS

The 2022 Calendars have arrived and are at the entrance of our churches for your taking. A special note of thanks to Jamie Sienkiewyz of Flint Funeral Home in Moira for providing our churches with such beautiful Catholic Calendars. When you see Jamie say a thank you to him!

THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/ And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FROM FR. RAY...

Next weekend we conclude the Christmas Season of the Church as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Thus our churches need to have their decorations taken down. For the Church of St. Augustine the decorations will be taken down after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and for the Church of St. Mary's decorations will be taken down after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. I appreciate anyone able and willing to help with this. The more hands the better!

THE CHOSEN SEASON 2

Join the Office of New Evangelization and the parishes of St. Mary of the Fort in Fort Covington/St. Mary in Waddington for a viewing and discussion of the second season of THE CHOSEN, either in-person or via zoom. It is highly recommended that participants have seen season 1 before participating in this second series of 8 episodes. We will watch the video via zoom. If you prefer, you can meet in person at either location St. Mary's Parish Center, Waddington or Fort Covington Adult Center in Fort Covington. Our first session will be January 4, 2022 from 6:30-8pm. Online Registration is required at www.rcdony.org/chosen.

BROWN BAG SERIES:

Lunchtime Discussion via Zoom

The Office of New Evangelization will be running a new Brownbag Chat starting Wednesday, January 5 from noon-1pm via Zoom. We will use the Revive Parishes Series by Bishop Andrew Cozzens on **The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church**. We anticipate running the series in seven sessions. In each session, we will watch a video together via zoom and then have an informal discussion. Description of the Series: *The Eucharist is indeed Jesus Christ, and as Catholics, a gift that requires our response. And what a gift it is! In this groundbreaking new course, Bishop Cozzens breaks open the new document published by the USCCB: "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church." This is the perfect companion resource!* If you would like to join us this series of lunch-time chat discussions, please sign up online at <https://www.rcdony.org/brownbag>. For more information, contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON/JANUARY 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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