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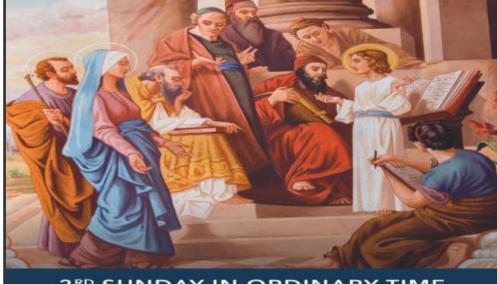
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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.

Website: www.staugustinesandstmary

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 or monthly basis.

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

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, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com - Phone: 518- 651-2267 days; 518-569-0612 evenings. Or Fr. Chris Carrara, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org - 315-393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or misconduct by the bishops, contact Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org.



MON: Jan. 24 - St. Francis de Sales

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

TUE: Jan. 25 - Conversion of St. Paul

9:00am SA: Joseph Cherrier **

by John & Ann Jock & Family

WED: Jan. 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00am SM: George Poirier by Ernie & Dawn Barney

THURS: Jan. 27 - St. Timothy & St. Thomas 9:00am SA: Margaret Hallahan **by Anne Hallahan

SAT: Jan. 29 - Third Sunday in Órdinary Time

4:00pm SA: For the People of our Parishes

SUN: Jan. 30 - Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00am SA: Donald & Edna Cornell by Family

11:00am SM: Rachel Moreau & Marguerite Doucette by James & Rose Ross

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

Readings for the week of Jan. 23, 2022

Sun: Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10/Ps 19:8,9,10,15/

1Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,27/Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

Mon: 2Sm 5:1-7.10/Ps 89:20.21-22.25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tue: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc,2/

Mk 16:15-18

Wed: 2Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5,27-28,29-30/

Mk 4:1-20

Thur: 2Sm 7:18-19,24-29/Ps 132:1-2,3-5,11,12,13-14/

Mk 4:21-25

Fri: 2Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17/Ps 51:3-4,5-6a-d-7,10-11/

Mk 4:26-34

Sat: 2Sm 12:1-7a,10-17/Ps 51:12-13,14-15,16-17/

Mk 4:35-41

Next Sun: Jer 1:4-5,17-19/Ps 71:1-2,3-4,5-6,15-17/

1Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

LIVE THE LITURGY

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

THE LORD CALLS

For all men and women called by Jesus to teach the Gospel as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that the joy of the Lord will remain their strength during their discernment, formation and mission, we pray to the Lord.

COLLECTION:

St. Augustine - Jan. 15/16

Envelopes: \$1,108.00; Plate: \$55.00; Fuel: \$215.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$20.00; Int. Off: \$5.00

Total: \$1.403.00

Christmas: \$10.00; Respect Life: \$10.00

St. Mary - Jan 15/16

Envelopes: \$1,158.00; Plate: \$105.25; Fuel: \$138.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$50.00: Int. Off.: \$20.00

Total: \$1,471.25 Respect Life: \$ 20.00

ST. AUGUSTINE / ST. MARY PARISH OFFICE

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

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Those of you who are in need of a statement of your 2021 contributions to claim on your income taxes, please call the office on Monday through Thursday from 9am to 12 noon (518-483-6674) or drop a note in the collection basket, including your name and envelope number, and we will be happy to mail the statement out to you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Deacon Lee Trudeau Director of Religious Formation Phone: 518-529-0403

Email: lee@stmarysbrushton.org Grades K to 8: 9:15-10:45am St. Mary's Parish Center, Brushton

Sunday, Jan. 23, & Feb. 6, 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 loving authentically. If you have questions, contact Family Life Director, Steve Tartaglia at startaglia@rcdony.org or call 315-393-2920.

SECOND COLLECTION

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 is being held this weekend of January 22/23. Grants from the collection benefit prolife projects in our diocese. Thank you for your support of efforts to build a culture of life.

From Father Ray...

I am on vacation and will be returning Tuesday afternoon, February 1st. During my absence Fr. Al Lamica will be celebrating all weekday and weekend Masses, as well as any funerals which may occur. Should an emergency arise, feel free to contact The Alice Hyde Hospital at 518-483-3000 and ask the receptionist to page the priest who is on call to give you a call back. Or if you are in need of Fr. Lamica's assistance, please contact him at 518-354-3812. You may also contact Pat White or Sheila LaRock at the church office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon (518-483-6674).



BRUSHTON VFD all you can eat breakfast 8:00 am to 12:30 pm Sunday Jan. 30th. Pancakes, french toast, sausage, bacon, eggs, home fries, toast, coffee, milk, orange and apple juice Adults \$10.00 Children 6-12 \$6.00 5 and Under Free. Take outs available.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Creation Care Tip: Most medical professionals note that people function best when the relative humidity is between 30% and 50%. In winter this property of indoor air can fall well below this range. To make the air more comfortable and healthier, try using a humidifier, especially one that disperses a stream of cool mist from an ultrasonic system. This will often allow you to turn down the thermostat by a degree or two without making you feel chillier.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: February 2, 2022

As the Second Vatican Council clearly stated, by our Baptism all are called to holiness. All who are baptized are consecrated "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" to live the Christian life in faith, hope and love. Living the Christian life, a call is given to each of us to live His love in a particular way of life to love Him more and to serve others.

From Bishop LaValley...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

One might ask: "Is there a declared war on the preborn?" It is unlikely that there ever existed a war with one side totally and completely incapable of any form of self-defense whatsoever. That is the dilemma of the preborn today. Our nation will never be a "shining city on a hill," as President Ronald Reagan once said, as long as the bottom of that hill is littered with the corpses of tens of millions of its innocent preborn babies.

My sisters and brothers, we now live in a society that speaks persuasively about protecting the environment and rescuing species on the brink of extinction. But then it promotes and funds the mass killing of unborn children and contemplates the killing of the sick and elderly in the name of their "dignity." A persevering effort is needed to present to God our united will to put an end to the carnage resulting from abortion.

Today, people of faith are facing a multitude of threats to religious liberty. Bringing our religious beliefs to bear on public policy is not just a privilege, but a right. Regardless of what some of our political leaders say, Believers can't be silent in public life and be faithful to Jesus Christ at the same time. **Equality begins in the womb!**

The Church of Ogdensburg continues to hear the silent scream of the baby in the womb and seeks to defend and protect the right to life of every child. Colleen and John Miner, Directors of our Respect Life Office, coordinate the steps we take in promoting and protecting the dignity of every human life.

Every year at this time, we are given the opportunity to support the effort this local Church makes in promoting the Culture of Life. Gabriel Project, Elizabeth Ministries, Rachel's Vineyard, as well as organizations such as the Legion of Mary, Birthright, the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters, in addition to our own Respect Life Office, are just a few of those who support life at all stages. In "normal" (i.e., non-pandemic) years, this collection also supports the Youth Buses for Life for participants at the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Other grants support educational programs, Catholic radio in the Adirondacks and various Pro-Life programs.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support of the 2022 Respect Life Collection and for all your efforts to build a Culture of Life by changing hearts and minds.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley Bishop of Ogdensburg

WORLD YOUTH DAY, 2023: Young Adults, are you interested?

World Youth Day is a worldwide encounter of Young Adults with the Holy Father that occurs approximately every three years. The next World Youth Day will be in Lisbon, Portugal from August 1-6, 2023. It is an amazing experience of the universality of the Church with thousands of young adults from around the world. If you are interested in attending World Youth Day in 2023 and will be 18 or older by the time of travel (late July 2023), contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org. Additional details will be released to interested parties as we get closer to the event.

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