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8:00AM Tuesday & Thursday
Weekend Mass
10:00AM Sunday

St. John's Church
18 Broad Street
Daily Mass
8:00AM Mon., Wed. & Friday
Weekend Mass
5:15PM Ant. Saturday
Sunday
8:30AM

St. Peter's Church
114 Cornelia Street
Daily Mass
12:05PM Mon. - Friday
Weekend Mass
4:00PM Ant. Saturday
Sunday
11:15AM

St. John XXIII Newman Center
90 Broad Street
5:00PM (starting August 29th

CONFESSIONS - Saturday
St. Peter's - 3:00 to 3:30PM
St. John's - 4:15 to 4:45PM

Inquiry

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Inquiry Sessions to begin soon!

- Do you want to become Catholic? Do you know anyone who is not Catholic and wants to be?
- Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If not, we offer you the Sacrament of Confirmation and any other Sacraments that you are lacking.

If you have any questions, please call the rectory office at 518-563-0730 or email Mary Skillan at: mary@holycrosspbg.org.

Foster Parents in Clinton County Needed

There continues to be a need for foster parents in Clinton County. More and more adolescents, children and their families are in need of support.

There will be an orientation and informational meeting for prospective Foster/Adoptive & Respite Parents on Tuesday, September 14th from 6:00 to 7:30PM at Department of Social Services, 13 Durkee Street. All are welcome to attend and there is no commitment. Due to COVID restrictions, the Department is requesting you call 518-565-3320 to confirm attendance as space is limited to maintain social distancing.

Canned Food Sunday at Holy Cross Parish

is next weekend. Please be generous to our friends in need as we help stock our local food pantry with non perishable food. Items needed are: tuna, cereal, 100% canned juice, powdered milk, macaroni and cheese, dry pasta, canned pasta, soups, fruits, vegetables, stews and meats, instant mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing, spaghetti sauce, pork & beans, peanut butter, jelly, rice, baking mixes, crackers, pancake mix and syrup, cooking oil, sugar, flour, hot chocolate, coffee (regular or decaf) and cookies *Thank you for all your help!*

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"Stop for a moment. Look! Let a tiny aspect of nature come into focus. Admire. Notice peace and joy within you. Sense the mystery. When enriched move on, only to return later. Gradually the doors of your perception are cleansed: you see beyond, and glimpse the divine source." Finding God in a Leaf: the Mysticism of Laudato Si by Brian Grogan, SJ (pg. 34)

"Happy is the soul that knows how to find Jesus in the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in all things!,"

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

Masses for the Week

Monday, August 30th
8:00am (SJ) Sue Carpenter Conners by St. John's Class of 1953
12:05pm (SP) Pro-Life Mass by Knights of Columbus #255

Tuesday, August 31st
8:00am (OLV) Eileen Bouyea by Butch & Marion Bourdeau
12:05pm (SP) Nicole Miller Brove by Her Grandparents

Wednesday, September 1st
8:00am (SJ) Fr. Patrick Mundy by Shirley Coffey & Family
12:05pm (SP) Ellen & Alvin LaCroix by The LaCroix Family

Thursday, September 2nd
8:00am (OLV) Bill Belair by Marv & Mary Conner
12:05pm (SP) Leon Harding by Tim & Laura Pearl

Friday, September 3rd ***St. Gregory the Great***
8:00am (SJ) Jack & Maggie Pearl by Tim & Laura Harding
12:05pm (SP) Roy & Tammy Rabideau (8th Wedding Anniv.) by The Family

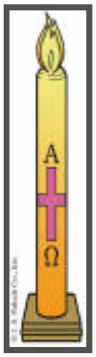
Saturday, September 4th
4:00pm (SP) Jim Boire by His Family
5:15pm (SJ) Sharon St. Germain by Sheila & Dick Aguglia

Sunday, September 5th
8:30am (SJ) Ronald Rector by His Wife, Marianne
10:00am (OLV) People of the Parish, Living & Deceased
11:15am (SP) Art Baker by His Wife, Jean & Family
5:00pm (NC) Vincent Hogan by Anita & Bob Soltero

CONFESSIONS at Church
SATURDAYS

St. Peter's 3:00 to 3:30 pm

St. John's 4:15 to 4:45 pm



This week's Sanctuary/Vigil Candles
burns in memory of…

St. John's Church
Joseph Galasso *by The Skillan Family*

St. Peter's Church
Nicole Miller Brow *by Her Grandparents*
Charles Hepburn *by His Daughter, Marie*
In Honor of Art & Winnie Frennier's Anniv.
Love Ellen & Family

STEWARDSHIP

Holy Cross Parish Annual Budgeted Expense for 2021-2022 is $1,554,801.27, which means we need to bring in approximately $30,000 a week. Below is this week's contribution:

SUNDAY August 22, 2021 Income -- $16,254.21
Average Weekly Budgeted Expenses -- $30,000.00
Total -$13,745.79

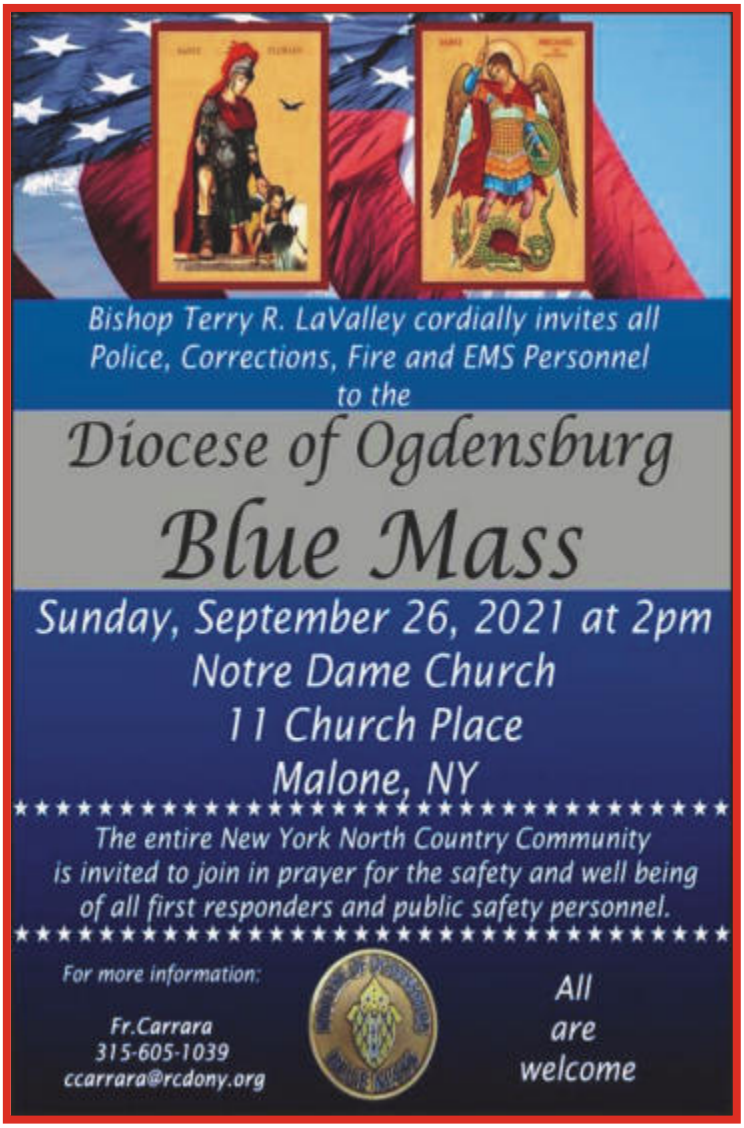
Faith Formation Corner

Faith Formation Returns This Fall

(We will be following NYS/Diocese of Ogdensburg Covid Guidelines)

Pre-K thru 5
Edge (6-8th) and
Confirmation (9-12th)
Please Register Now

If you haven't received a registration form yet, and would like to register your child/children or if you have any questions, please call the office at 518-563-0730 Thank You!



The **Bishop's Fund Appeal** provides us the opportunity to share our blessings with others as we continually serve those who most need our help throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. We have great hope that together we will be successful in our 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Please respond as generously as possible when you receive your request from Bishop LaValley asking for your support of this year's Appeal.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER: Did you know?
…the Monique Burr Foundation endorses 5 Safety Rules to help keep children safe. **Rule #3 – Make a Move**. If you suspect a child is being abused, trust yourself and act. If a child tells you that abuse or bullying has happened, praise them for telling you and take action immediately. Report bullying to the school or organization where it occurred. Report child abuse to Child Protective Services, and unsafe online behaviors to law enforcement.

For more information, visit
www.mbfpreventioneducation.org.

to all who donated to the Knights of Columbus for the special collection they had to for ***COVID Assistance for Fr. Tojo Chacko's home parish in India***. They received a total of $3,350.75 in donations. Thank you again for your generosity.

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course, you do" his mother insisted. "We always said a prayer before eating at our house. "That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

From the Pastor's Desk

Today's Gospel reminds me of the wonderful line from the movie Forest Gump, "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get." I am sure there are many of you who at one time or another received one of those boxes of chocolates that were filled on the inside with something. Whether it was a cherry or coconut or nuts there was always one that we wanted to avoid. The problem was they all were covered with rich chocolate and you had to take a bite to find out what you were getting, at which point it was too late to put it back. None of the items that were inside were bad in and of themselves it's just that they have no place being inside my chocolate. Let's face it cherries are wonderful and I can eat them by the handful just don't put them in my chocolate because what comes out is just not the same. Right now you are either agreeing with me or you are thinking where the heck is he going with this? Well I'll tell you, there is nothing in this world that we can eat, smell, taste, hear, or see that can defile us and I mean nothing. The problem comes from what we do with it after we take it in. Where or mind goes after the experience is a whole different matter. In most cases it is usually in reference to what we see or hear that leads us down the path to sin. The best example I can think of to illustrate this reality is the human body. The human form is created in the image of its creator namely God and thus it is good. For everything that God created was made good as we know from the Book of Genesis. When we see this form we have a decision to make, we can see it as a representation of the Divine, the true beauty of form and a gift or we can see it in a debase way. We can lust after it or turn it into an object instead of a subject. We can quite literally remove its humanness and turn it into an object to do with as we please, thus the evil comes from within and not from the thing itself. Once this has happened then the things that Jesus mentioned become possible, "evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly." All too often we see the reality of this in our world. In order to overcome this we must cleanse the inside of the vessel. A cleansing of our souls with the help of God leads us to recognize the beauty around us and to cherish it as it should rightly be. So, let us pray for the grace to appreciate the beauty that surrounds us, to see it in everyday situations of our lives and to turn and thank the one from whom it all comes, God!

Fr. Kevin

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