

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. HENRY

WELCOME TO ST. HENRY'S

We extend a warm welcome to all new members of our parish. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith life will grow. Please introduce yourself after one of the Masses and do not forget to register. You may register on-line or by calling the parish office at the number below.

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OFFICE HOURS

The parish office hours are:

Monday—Thursday 9:00am—4:30pm

Friday 9:00am—2:00pm

STEWARDSHIP—TAKE A STEP

Our weekly donations need to average \$7500 to meet operating expenses. E-Giving is available online. Please contact the parish office to receive an email to help set it up .

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Instructional classes for parents prior to the Baptism of their children are held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm, at St. Henry's Church. Please call the parish office to register for classes. Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the month during Mass and the fourth Sunday of the month following the 10:00am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

St. Henry's Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion will begin after completing at least (1) year of Faith Formation. This is the prerequisite to registration into the sacramental preparation classes. Participants will attend weekly classes, Mass and a retreat to further their faith education experience. For more information, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament is conferred in Tenth grade. The diocese requires a two year preparation period. That takes place in grades 9 & 10 with a retreat and two day mandatory preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements for marriage should be made at least 6 months in advance. Kindly call the parish office for an appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am
Weekdays..... 8:30am

NO MORNING MASS ON THURSDAY

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30pm

**WEEKEND OF June 4 & 5
Attendance 324**

**Collection for May 28 & 29
\$3,200.00 Includes E-Giving**

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS COLLECTION

We will be collecting personal care items to benefit outreach agencies the weekend of June 25th & June 26th. These items are much needed and always in short supply. Please contribute what you can (store brands are fine). Some needed items are shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream and disposable razors, toothbrushes & toothpaste, hand & body lotion, deodorant, bar soap, body wash, feminine hygiene products, chapstick, Q Tips, baby wash/baby wipes/diaper cream, hairbrushes & hair ties. All contributions are welcome.

APPRECIATION DINNER

In lieu of an appreciation dinner again this year because of the uncertainty that persists with Covid, I would like to thank all the Mass Coordinators, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members, Cantors, Ushers, Altar Servers, the ladies who decorate the Church, The Knights of Columbus for their take-out dinners, all of our catechists for Faith Formation, and those who helped with Faith Formation, and all the ladies who helped with the receptions for First Communion and Confirmation, all those who serve in our Pastoral Council, our Finance Committee and Re-Igniting our Faith Committee for all your volunteer work in the parish. Without you, we wouldn't function as well as we do. It is our hope that next Spring we can have an Appreciation Dinner as we have had in the past. Thank you for all your help! God Bless, Father Tom

DIOCESAN APPEAL

Only a few short weeks remain for our parish to reach its Diocesan Appeal goal by June 30th. Why should you contribute? Support of the parish and the greater Church is the responsibility of ALL of us, not just a few. It's the expectation that the church is here to serve you and your family in your everyday and milestone moments. Unfortunately, there are costs associated with that, but if we ALL share the costs, the individual burden is less AND we are more likely to be able to fund the church beyond its needs and toward our wants. Support of the Diocesan Appeal is not for the benefit of the Diocese as an entity itself – rather it is a key mission and logistics partner/resource for our parish. It is gratifying to know that support of the Diocesan Appeal impacts ALL 126 parishes in the Diocese – that is powerful! Together our parish and the Diocese bring to life the ministries from which our hearts are nourished. If the practice of your Catholic faith brings value to your life and you pray for a culture of others living a life in Christ, won't you join us in stewarding and strengthening our Church by making your gift to the Diocesan Appeal today? Make your gift online at www.thediocesanappeal.org or mail a check payable to Diocesan Appeal to 40 N. Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

St. Henry's Diabetes Support Group will meet on Wednesday, June 15, at 6:30pm in the Community Room. Our topic for the meeting will be **Review and Refresh – Nutrition Guidelines**. This will include tips on reading labels and ingredient substitutions. Time permitting, we will discuss **Foot Massage and Pressure Points** as well. Jane Boyd, RPh, CDCES, is the moderator of the group, and will be happy discuss questions you may as well. Please call the office (518-674-3818) if you have any questions.

SAND LAKE AREA**ECUMENICAL EDDY CAREGIVER TEAM**

We send a note of **Congratulations** and a big **Thank You** to the people who participate in the Sand Lake Area Ecumenical Care Team sponsored by Eddy Caregiver Services. They are celebrating eleven years as a team and have assisted many families in those seven years. Many heartwarming memories have been made and wonderful relationships forged over these years. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry please call Linda Banker at 518-674-3818.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

St. Henry's Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, **July 10**, from 11:30 -5:00 pm. This year the picnic will be held at **North Greenbush Town Park** on Snyder's Lake. Tickets are \$5. per person with a \$20. cap for families, and will be on sale after all masses beginning June 11/12. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share. We are also looking for donations of gently used stuffed animals for the children. Please leave them in plastic bags inside the double doors of the Community Room (on the right when looking at the side of the building). If you have questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Hutchinson at 518-573-7098.

RESPECT LIFE

"Many young families are receiving the help and resources they need because of the St. Henry's faith community. During the Lenten season baby bottle drive, parishioners generously donated \$1,559.03 to Alpha Pregnancy Center! Thank you to those who participated. Your support makes a difference."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to set up and take down tables in the Community Room for different functions that we hold throughout the year. If you can be of help, please call the office at 518-674-3818 so we can put you on a volunteer list for that purpose.

DEACON BOB'S CORNER

PROVERBS 8:22-31 by Mary M. McGlone

Today's Liturgy of the Word begins with an introduction to Lady Wisdom, a companion to God the Creator. In her book *Preaching the New Lectionary*, Dianne Bergant comments, "The mysterious figure of Woman Wisdom has intrigued interpreters since the first day she appeared alongside God at the time of the creation of the universe." Scholars see the influence of Israel's pagan neighbors in the personification of Wisdom in this reading, suggesting that it may reflect ideas about a goddess from another culture. This song to Wisdom may also have originally been a poem praising Solomon's wisdom. Of course, the church has chosen this selection for our celebration of the Trinity because later creeds would echo some of its ideas — with the exception of all the feminine pronouns.

The phrase that our version of Scripture translates "from of old I was poured forth" (*italics added*), uses a Hebrew word that very well can be translated as "begotten." In that sense, Wisdom seems to be a figure of Jesus, the Son who was begotten, not made. The phrase implies that Wisdom, although uniquely personal, is not separate from God in the same way as the rest of creation. That leads to the temptation to read Proverbs as if it were written from a modern mindset. Doing that, we can easily posit that Wisdom prefigures Christ or the Spirit or even that Wisdom reflects the feminine side of God. None of those interpretations is likely true to the mind of the author or the Jewish communities in which these writings were used.

Rather than try to capture the figure of Wisdom as a goddess or a reflection of Christ or the Spirit, we can allow the reading to speak for itself. If we abandon attempts to fit this passage into our own theology or mindset, it becomes a lovely depiction of creation and the interplay of a creature with the God who begot her.

In that light, Wisdom is the first witness to all God does. She watches the process of creation with exquisite delight. Then, not only is she an observer, but she is so enchanted that she actually gets involved in the process with God, helping to craft creation and delighting God in all that she does. She describes her participation in creation as play, suggesting that God too was playing throughout the creative process.

As we avoid the urge to conceive of Wisdom as a member of the Trinity, we can still appreciate the idea that she, the first "other" in all of creation, was drawn into intimate relationship with God. In that sense, she models the vocation God gave humanity from the beginning, the vocation to participate in the creation of the world, delighting in God even as God delights in humanity and all of creation. She reminds us that God created in joy for the purpose of sharing that joy.



Trinity Sunday

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 13

8:30AM Antoinett DeChristopher

Tuesday, June 14

8:30AM Betty DeJong—Pat Arnold

Wednesday, June 15

8:30AM For the People

Thursday, June 16

8:30AM NO MASS

Friday, June 17

8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory

Paula DeFrancisco—Husband

Saturday, June 18

4:00 PM Sean Murdick (B-day) - Family

Jack Markham—TC McEntyre

Robert Wilkinson—Sil & Barbara Martinage

Sunday, June 19

8:00 AM Francis Bayly—Jim & Cindy Coleman

Michael Mihalko—Jim & Cindy Coleman

Raymond Schmid—Jeanie & Chuck Vejvoda

Wanda Minch—Family

10:00 AM Agnes and Jack Flavin—Anne Flavin Ahlborn

Jim Hankle—Anne Flavin Ahlborn

Monday, June 20

8:30AM NO MASS Office Closed

Tuesday, June 7

8:30AM For the People

Wednesday, June 8

8:30 AM For the People

Thursday, June 9

8:30AM NO MASS

Friday, June 10

8:30AM For the People

Saturday, June 11

4:00 PM Donna M. Mullen—Steve Coffey

Nick Cioffi—Patricia Glasser

Sunday, June 12

8:00 AM Andrew Treventi—Tom & Nora Zink

10:00 AM Bill Rentz (Wedding Anniv.)—Wife Anne Rentz

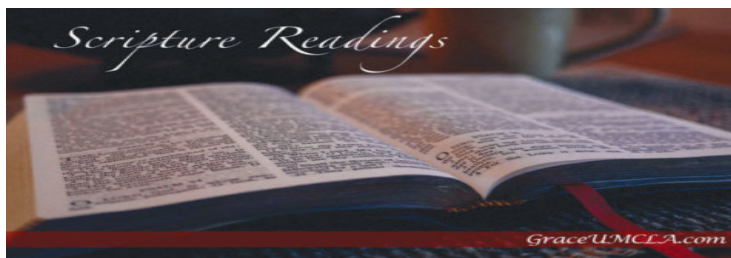
Calendar of Events

Prayer Group meets every Tuesday 1:00pm in the Blue Room

Rosary Group meets every Tuesday 7:00pm in the Chapel

Mens Scripture Group meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm

If you would like to help prepare a meal quarterly for Joseph's House or monthly for Damien Center please call Lynn Waterman at 518-674-3377 or 518-469-8687



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 6/18 & 6/19

1. Genesis 14:18-20
2. Corinthians 11:23-26
3. Luke 9:11b-17

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 6/25 & 6/26

1. Kings 19:16b, 19-21
2. Galatians 5:1, 13-18
3. Luke 9:51-62

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 7/02 & 7/03

1. Isaiah 66:10-14c
2. Galatians 6:14-18
3. Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



Saturday, June 18

4:00pm

Altar Servers

Lectors Bill Petley and Dave Helwig

Counters

Sunday, June 19

8:00am

Altar Servers

Lectors Mary Sapp and Nancy Bush

Counters

10:00am

Altar Servers

Lectors Gretchen Schulz and Greg Brown

Counters

Saturday, June 25

4:00pm

Altar Servers

Lectors Dave Helwig and Bob Werek

Counters

Sunday, June 26

8:00am

Altar Servers

Lectors John Morley and Theresa Schmid

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10:00am

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Lectors Greg Brown and Mark Frost

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