



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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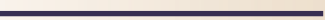
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OFFICE HOURS

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 25 & 26
Attendance 317**

**Collection for June 18 & 19
\$4,659.00 Includes E-Giving**

WEB SITE PROBLEM

We are experiencing difficulty with St. Henry's website currently. We ask for your patience while this is being corrected.

FOOD ANGELS IN ACTION!

St. Henry's will be joining the Church of the Covenant to supply lunch bags for the homeless in the month of July. The bags, filled with a variety of ready to eat items, will be distributed through Bethany Center in Troy. Please look over the list of needed items below and bring whatever you can contribute to church no later than **July 17th**. Bags will then be assembled and brought to Bethany Center. Please call the office (518-674-3818) with any questions.

-Meat (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausage, potted meat) in pull tab containers only -fruit applesauce or fruit cups, etc. -individually packaged chips, crackers or granola bars -individually wrapped snack cakes or pudding cups - bottled water

Please remember that these items must not need refrigeration and need to be self-opening.

The number of bags we can provide will depend on the donations we receive. Please be as generous as you are able.

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.

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

Attention all mom's with kids in high school. Please join us for prayers on the 1st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We will be meeting the Community Room at 7:00pm starting July 5th. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office 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 the parish office at 518-674-3818.

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.

WELCOME TO ST. HENRY'S

We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church to call home, we would be honored to welcome you into our parish community. If you are interested in joining our parish family, please call the parish office at 518-674-3818.

BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism class will be held on **Tues., July 5th at 7:00pm in Community Room**. Please call the office at 674-3818 to register.

RESPECT LIFE

“O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”

DEACON BOB'S CORNER

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time by Mary M. McGlone

How good to be the chosen ones! As the United States celebrates Independence Day, we revel in our founding myths. Colonial preachers described their American venture in biblical terms, calling our early settlements a City on a Hill; they painted the nation-in-the-making as the new Israel, chosen by God, a New World alternative to the wearing-out European monarchies. Abraham Lincoln told the nation that we were "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

In hindsight, we realize that those ideals, like so many human endeavors, were as flawed as they were lofty. The founders' dream of equality applied to white males. The image of being a new Israel was corroded from the start by the fact that instead of fleeing slavery, early settlers bought and sold slaves and treated the Native Americans and their cultures with contempt — all for their own gain.

While Israel also had moments of high nationalism and pride, they remembered that those moments led to their downfall. What we hear from Isaiah today is written to the exiles whom God had just accused with these words: "I was ready to respond to those who did not ask. I said, Here I am, here I am, to a nation that did not invoke my name" (Isaiah 65:1).

Perhaps the biggest difference between us and the chosen people is that we write our history as one of heroic victory and manifest destiny while they wrote theirs as one of sin and conversion. It's easy to think that God is with us when we win anything from wars to ballgames but our Scriptures challenge us every time we promote an image of God leading the conquerors.

On this Fourth of July weekend, Paul's letter to the Galatians, nicknamed the gospel of Christian freedom, challenges us with an image of power and glory that undercuts all sorts of pride.

Paul's voice booms humbly through the Scriptures, saying, "May I never boast of anything but the cross." According to Paul, no attempt at virtue can make us worthy of God's love and grace; those are ours free and unmerited. As with Israel, Christ came saying, "Here I am" to people who too often wanted something else. God took flesh to identify humbly with us while we seek a God who conforms to our ideals of power and might.

Like our ancestors, we are called in spite of our flaws. Sometimes we will knock Satan down; sometimes we will fall. But if we remember who has chosen us, we won't need to worry about the wolves.

Jesus spent his life in mission to give living witness to God's vulnerability and noncompulsory interaction with humanity. Thus, when Jesus commissioned the 72 disciples (an image of all the apostles who would come after), he sent them "as lambs among wolves."

Jesus sent his disciples to serve, equipped with nothing more than the Gospel message of the reign of God. They were to demonstrate that the reign of love is the only future worth working for and the only one that will last.

In order for the disciples to understand the message they were preaching (one always learns best by teaching), Jesus insisted that their gift to others be couched in poverty. As unshod missionaries without money or provisions, they needed bed and board at the same time as they sought new homes for their message.

In Jesus' methodology, the missionaries could not preach their message of mutual love and vulnerability unless they were living it and learning from it from moment to moment.

To everyone's amazement, their mission succeeded. Jesus told them that he had seen Satan fall like lightning — a vivid image of how effectively they were undermining the coercion and competition rampant that reigned in their day (and ours). That was also a warning — a fallen Satan will get up again.

Of course, their first missionary journey was but a practice round. Even after doing it over and over, they would comprehend its depths only through the experience of Jesus' death and resurrection.

What are we to take from these readings on this holiday weekend?

We need to pay attention to how countercultural our Gospel is. We may live in the "most powerful nation on earth," but the might of our country has very little to do with the vulnerable, noncoercive character of divine power.

Jesus sent his disciples out without snack packs, credit cards or hotel reservations. In our version of that type of vulnerability, we are called to give humble witness to the Gospel of peacemaking, solidarity and justice for the marginalized in a society filled with violence, individualism and private privilege. Suddenly, being chosen begins to sound more dangerous than special.

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 4

8:30AM NO MASS Office Closed

Tuesday, July 5

8:30AM

Wednesday, July 6

8:30 AM

Thursday, July 7

8:30AM NO MASS

Friday, July 8

8:30AM

Saturday, July 9

4:00 PM The Cane Family—Steve Coffey

Daniel Mahoney—wife

Marie Weisenforth—Daughter

Sunday, July 10

8:00 AM For the People

10:00 AM Sr. Ellen Boykin—Linda Coffey

Monday, July 11

8:30AM

Tuesday, July 12

8:30AM

Wednesday, July 13

8:30AM

Thursday, July 14

8:30AM NO MASS

Friday, July 15

8:30 AM

Saturday, July 16

4:00 PM Shirley Ernst—Family

Arthur Mardon—Kevin & MaryLisa Lyons

Sunday, July 17

8:00 AM For the People

10:00 AM Ben Lindeman—Family

Rosemary Keefe—Family

Agnes & Jack Flavin—Anne Flavin Ahlborn

Jim Hankle—Anne Flavin Ahlborn

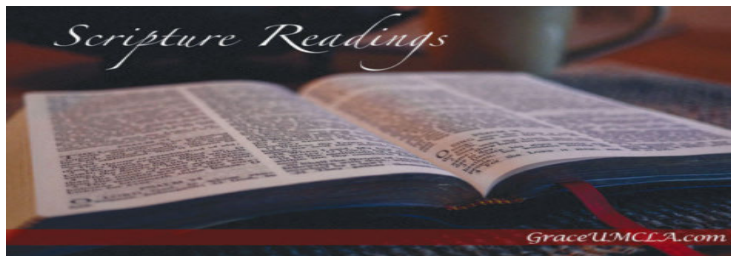
Calendar of Events

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 7/9 & 7/10

1. Deuteronomy 30:10-14
2. Colossians 1:15-20
3. Luke 10:25-37

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 7/16 & 7/17

1. Genesis 18:1-10a
2. Colossians 1:24-28
3. Luke 10:38-42

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 7/23 & 7/24

1. Genesis 18:20-32
2. Colossians 2:12-14
3. Luke 11:1-13



Saturday, July 9

4:00pm

Altar Servers

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Jean Chenette and Bob Wereb

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Sunday, July 10

8:00am

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Lectors

Chris Hough and Mary Sapp

Counters

10:00am

Altar Servers

Lectors

Stephanie Hayes and Mark Frost

Counters

Saturday, July 16

4:00pm

Altar Servers

Lectors

Jackie Tremont and Dave Helwig

Counters

Sunday, July 17

8:00am

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10:00am

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