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SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."

- Jn 6:48-50

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Our Mission:

"Energized by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, we the parishioners of St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross and St. Rose, in joyful unity embrace our baptismal call to worship God, spread the good news of Jesus Christ, build up a welcoming community of faith and hope, and lovingly serve and comfort those in need."

CALENDAR

- SAT 8/7** 2:00pm **SA** Baptism
3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession
4:00pm **SA** David & Laura Roland ~ 50th Wedding Anniversary
- SUN 8/8** 8:00am **SR** Joyce Rapp - By Margit Mathe
9:45am **SP** Christine Giuliano Frey - By St. Paul of the Cross Choir
11:30am **SA** Nancy Coyne - By DeVito Family
- MON 8/9** 8:00am **SR** For the People of the Parish Cluster
- TUE 8/10** 8:15am **SA** O'Connor Family - By David & Laura Roland
- WED 8/11** 9:00am **SP** Fr. Larry Gross and Family - By Family
4:30-6pm **SR** Adoration & Confession
- THR 8/12** 8:00am **SR** To Honor the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - By Margit Mathe
- FRI 8/13** 8:15am **SA** No Mass
10:00am **SA** Jon Woodruff Memorial Mass
- SAT 8/14** 3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession
4:00pm **SA** Joe Biondolillo - By Rose & Family
- SUN 8/15** 8:00am **SR** Friends, Frank & Regina Grop - By Margit Mathe
9:45am **SP** Alvin, Marion & Donna Hunt - By Weber/Hunt Family
11:30am **SA** Marie Halbin - By Daughter

Readings

- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
- Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
- Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday:** *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Observances

- Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
- Tuesday:** St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Clare, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
- Friday:** Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love.

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A WORD FROM FATHER

For the Life of the World

It should be no surprise to us that Our Lord could provide His own physical body and blood for our food and drink. After all he is God, and God can do anything. But beyond that, this is the same Christ who early in his ministry performed His first public miracle by changing water into wine. No ordinary wine, mind you; the stewards were amazed that they saved the best quality for later in the party. Usually, after the guests' taste buds weren't so discriminating, they would serve inferior wines. But not so with Christ's creation. He is the Word of God; "through Him all things were created" we proclaim every Sunday in the Nicene Creed. It may be difficult to wrap our minds around that which looks, smells and tastes like bread and wine truly becoming the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ during the holy sacrifice of the Mass. No Problem. We don't have to understand it, give a crisp, scientific explanation or articulate it theologically. We only have to believe it, as the source and summit of our faith. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fish, another prefiguration of the Eucharist like the Wedding Feast at Cana, continues to take place today. Whenever we are kind, compassionate or generous with our time, that which Christ accomplished through the Apostles for the hungry crowd now occurs through us as His ambassadors. The help we provide to another person, either physically in their hunger or need for clothing or shelter or spiritually in their need for another human being to be with them if only to listen; the generosity of Jesus in feeding the hungry occurs again and again. Like the apostles we may not understand how it is happening but the miracle continues to occur. Eventually of course Christ's followers did understand the significance of the Last Supper. Today's Apostles, the Bishops of our Church, urge us to further our understanding. Vatican II's **Lumen Gentium** recognized the Eucharist as the "fount and apex of the whole Christian life" (para. 11). Bishop Matano established the **Year of the Eucharist** from June 2017 to June 2018, noting that "the Most Holy Eucharist is our greatest blessing from Jesus Himself" in his outstanding Pastoral Letter. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is planning a **National Eucharistic Revival** from 2022 to 2024; a national initiative "to explain the breadth and impact of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist." If anyone you know has difficulty understanding or believing, help is available and more is on the way!

Faith through Understanding,

Father Michael Fowler

PRAY FOR

Our Deceased

Sue Anne Harnish

Annual School Supply Drive

Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston is now collecting for the Livingston County School Supply Drive. Our annual School Supply Drive runs through August 19th, and donations of new backpacks and school supplies are accepted. All donations will be given to students in need in Livingston County.

Monetary donations are also being collected for direct purchase of school supplies. View the area collection sites, amazon shopping link or make a monetary donation on our website at our School Supply Drive page at www.ccsteubencilivingston.org. Supplies for those who qualify will be given away at our Giveaway Event on August 20th.

Local Collection Sites:

Avon Lattimore Physical Therapy & Sports Rehabilitation 490 Collins Street, Avon, NY 14414 585-226-2480 Contact: Danielle Hours: M-F 8am-4pm

Livingston Eye Care 243 E Main Street, Suite #3, Avon, NY 14414 585-226-3400 Contact: Amy Hours Mon 9am-5pm, Tues 10am-7pm, Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-4pm



St Agnes Traditional Choir has restarted!

New singers are wanted Men and Women

Inquire: David Roland 585-750-7190



Elizabeth Jensen, who has been principal at St. Agnes since 2016, will now be principal at St. Rita School in Webster.

Liz Dowd, who previously taught fourth grade at St. Agnes School, will now be our new principal!

Congratulations to both Elizabeth and Liz!

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Collections - July thru June 2021			
	20/21	19/20	% Change
St. Agnes	\$217,084	\$240,029	- 10%
St. Paul	\$129,348	\$122,481	6%
St. Rose	\$121,905	\$118,772	3%

St. Rose Church ~ Looking for Volunteers!
The church cleaning team is looking for help with the weekly cleaning of St. Rose Church. Please contact Judy Atwood.
624-3651 Thank you!



2020-2021

The Year of Saint Joseph Commemorate it by Participating in a Tool and Scrap Wood Collection



Pope Francis has declared Dec. 8th, 2020 – Dec. 8th, 2021 as The year of Saint Joseph.

Saint Joseph, step-father of Jesus and husband of Mary, was also a carpenter. As such, he needed the tools of his trade. To honor this man of many talents and generosity we

are having a tool collection. They do not have to be new tools but should be in proper working condition. The tools collected will be given away through several outlets like St. Michael's Workshop and Habitat for Humanity to crafts-people who cannot afford to purchase them for themselves. While we were looking into sites to donate these tools, something interesting came to our attention. Due to the pandemic, there is a shortage of building materials. That means that youth groups, school wood working classes and the Boys Scouts are having a hard time finding scrap wood. They use the scrap to learn wood working by making small projects. Consequently, we decided to expand our collection to include scrap wood.

There are collection boxes at all 3 churches. You may drop your donations of tools there or call Ellen Hallahan (624-1628) to pick them up. Please contact Ellen to make arrangements about wood donation pick up. Thank you!

*Saint Joseph the Worker,
Bless the work of our hands and hearts.
Amen*



Vacation Bible School Opportunities

- **Honeoye Falls Ecumenical**
Aug. 16-20 ~ 9am - 12pm
Pre K-6th Grade
HFVBS.Eventbrite.com
- **St. Catherine of Siena**
Aug 16-19 ~ 6pm - 8pm
Family VBS
<https://saintcath.org/family-vbs-2021>
- **There is NO Avon VBS this year.**

YOU ARE INVITED

A Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony
Sunday, August 29, 2021 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.
Please join the Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano,
Bishop of Rochester and couples celebrating
anniversaries of Matrimony.

All married couples and their guests are welcome to
attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano.
Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given
special recognition.

Please register online at: <https://conta.cc/3vjYs7x>
or emailing donald.smith@dor.org or
katey.bourne@dor.org

Please note, we will be following all safety
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Are you interested in the art of Pysanky?

(Ukrainian Easter Eggs) We will be having a group
session on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the St.
Agnes Parish Center (2nd floor)
beginning Aug. 21st. The session
will run from 9 am until 4pm with
some materials available. If you are
interested in visiting to see how this
art is done, stop by! If you would
like to work on your own Pysanky,
this is a great opportunity to meet
other people and learn from them.
For more information. call Bonnie Deprez at 350-5048.
(We will be following all current COVID guidelines.)



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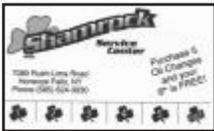


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