St. Mary's

The mission of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary in Potsdam, a community including the campuses of Clarkson University and SUNY Potsdam, is to foster the salvation of souls in Christ Jesus through evangelization by means of the sacraments, worship, service, education and fellowship.

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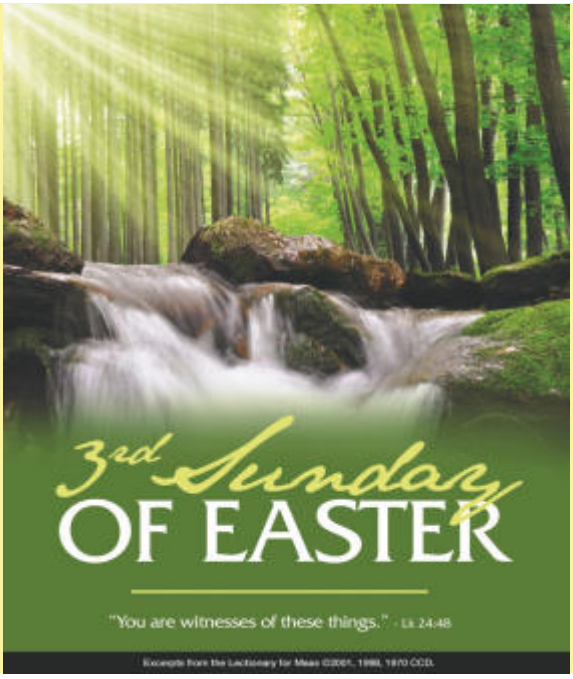

St. Patrick's

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish exists to unite the faith life of the people through worship, service, education, and fellowship.

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Saturday, April 17, 2021 - Third Sunday of Easter
4:00pm (St. Mary) Frank Corbett, Jr. by Jim Corbett & Family
5:45pm (St. Patrick) Mike Long by His Family
Sunday, April 18, 2021 - Third Sunday of Easter
8:00am (St. Patrick) John & Anne Hayes by Katheryn Hayes & Theresa Logan
9:30am (St. Mary) (Latin Mass) Lt. Laura Walker by Her Classmates
11:00am (St. Mary) Dan Burkum by Margie Scoville
Monday, April 19, 2021 - Easter Weekday
12:10pm (St. Mary) Gisela Gotsch by Mary & Phil Shatraw
Tuesday, April 20, 2021 - Easter Weekday
8:00am (St. Patrick) Betty Whalen by Her Family
Wednesday, April 21, 2021– St. Anselm
8:00am (St. Patrick) People of the Parishes
Thursday, April 22, 2021 - Easter Weekday
7:30am (St. Mary) Veronica Bisnett by Gus Baxter & Family
Friday, April 23, 2021 - St. George & St. Adalbert
4:30pm (St. Mary) A Soul in Purgatory by A Friend
Saturday, April 24, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
4:00pm (St. Mary) Special Intention for Arlan & Gretchen by Aunt Ann
5:45pm (St. Patrick) Dale Collins by Katherine Collins
Sunday, April 25, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00am (St. Patrick) Sarah Collins by Ralph Collins & Family
9:30am (St. Mary) (Latin Mass) Friedrich & Hannelore Chobeta by Alfred Sabor
11:00am (St. Mary) Eleanor Preston by Rose Preston

Confessions
Saturday: 3:00pm (St. Mary) or by appointment 5:30pm (St. Patrick) until Mass

Sacrament Life
Baptism: Parents should contact the pastor.
Marriage: Please call the parish office at least six months in advance and before finalizing a date.
Anointing of the Sick: Please advise the parish office of the serious illness or hospitalization of a parishioner.
Weekday Mass - as published in the bulletin

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3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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St. Patrick's Sanctuary Light the week of April 18th in memory of Mike Long by His Family

Festival of Sacred Music & Text Live Streaming Sunday, April 18th at 4:00pm

The Potsdam Interfaith Community's annual Festival of Sacred Music and Text will be live streamed on Sunday, April 18 at 4 p.m. via Zoom.

It is free and open to everyone.

Each year, Potsdam's many faiths share sacred music and readings with one another and with the community. Participants include musicians, choirs and readers from a variety of local congregations and campus groups, including St Mary's.

For more information or to receive the Zoom link, visit The Potsdam Interfaith Community Facebook page at www.facebook.com/diverse.community

The Knights of Columbus Council 340 will be sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive on April 22nd from 1pm to 6pm in the meeting room in the basement of St. Mary's church. Walk ins are welcomed but appointments will allow the Red Cross to better plan their time and staff.

A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. You can also register at the Red Cross webpage - RedCrossBlood.org

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

31Club: Prayer for Religious Vocations

April 19 John Andrikut, Richard Manning
April 20 Bob Gibbs, Arlene Bouvier
April 21 Kathleen Hepburn
April 22 Theresa Logan
April 23 Jean Hantz
April 24 Theresa Burcume
April 25 Rita Manning, Phil Baxter

Collection Report
Envelope, Plate & Mail Totals
April 10 & 11

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St. Mary's Parish Office - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30am-Noon, 1pm-4pm
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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

As warmer weather approaches, consider planting a veggie garden. It doesn't get much more local than that. Cut down on emissions from food transport and eat healthier at the same time. Don't have a plot to plant? Check out Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in your local area. CSA is a food production and distribution system that directly connects farmers and consumers. In short: people buy "shares" of a farm's harvest in advance and then receive a portion of the crops as they're harvested.

Campus MINISTRY

Schedule of Campus Ministry Events

Monday Bible Study 8:00 pm
(St. Mary's Basement)
A Bible Study of the Gospel of
Matthew (Zoom option available, Email Campus Minister)
Wednesday Adoration/ Group Prayer - 8:00 pm St. Mary's Church. A time of individual and group prayer.
Friday College Student Dinner - 6:00pm Join us for a home-cooked meal and fun activities!
Sunday College Coffee Hour - 11:30am
Join us following Mass for a coffee hour where you can hear more about upcoming Campus Ministry events and meet fellow Catholic college students!

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact **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 Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org.

RESPECT LIFE

Easter is a Season

Just as Sunday is one day out of seven, so the Easter season, a period of 50 days, is approximately one-seventh of the year. The Easter season, a time of special rejoicing and celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, is the "Great Sunday" of the year. The liturgical prayers and readings focus on the Resurrection and the effects that it has on believers and on the world. The Acts of the Apostles is a book of Scripture that provides the source of most of the readings of the Easter Season, and it shows the vigor with which the apostles proclaimed the Resurrection and brought many to the waters of baptism to share the new life of Christ. This season is a celebration of life, and leads us all to a deeper commitment to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gift of human life.

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