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the Catholic Communities of
St. Mary's, Clayton
St. John's, LaFargeville*



March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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Holy Week

We begin the Journey through Holy Week to Easter.

On Palm Sunday the Church celebrates Christ's entry into Jerusalem to accomplish His paschal mystery (passion/death/burial/resurrection and return to the Father). We enter with Christ...we enter into our holiest week...we enter into our final preparations for the Easter feast. We carry branches to honor Christ our triumphant king. We will hear about the "suffering servant" on Palm Sunday. The Letter to the Philippians tells us: Christ, though he was in the form of God, He did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, born in human likeness.

On Good Friday we find ourselves going to Calvary with Christ and standing at the foot of the cross. We find ourselves crying our "crucify Him".

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are so special that we call them the Triduum - Christ Crucified, Buried, and Risen.

The Triduum

HOLY THURSDAY: We remember that Jesus gave us the Eucharist and Priesthood and that beautiful example of SERVICE in the washing of the Apostles feet and He prayed THAT ALL MAY BE ONE.

GOOD FRIDAY: The most sober day of the year. We listen to the Passion – How Jesus gave himself up to death. We venerate a plain cross.

HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER: We wait and watch. The Vigil begins with a light service. We hear our story/history and recall what GOD has done for his people.

CHRIST IS RISEN and we rejoice with Alleluias! We renew our Baptismal Promises. The Resurrection is proclaimed. Jesus is saved out of death--not from death.

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The Lord Calls: "Morning by morning He wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught." Listen in prayer daily to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, seeking to know your vocation. If He is asking you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to Fr. Art LaBaff, or Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarra-ra@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920, or Cathy Russell at crussell@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920.



MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, March 27, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) LouAnne Drake by Dc. Bernie Slate

SUNDAY, March 28, Palm Sunday of the Passion

9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

11:00 (SJ) Marcus Nellis by Ann Duffany & family

MONDAY, March 29

9:00 (SM) Maureen Littlefield by Joe & Rosemary Kehoe

TUESDAY, March 30

9:00 (SM) COMMUNION SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, March 31

9:00 (SM) Joe Rittling by Randy & Kevin

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1

9:00 (SM) Confessions

5:30 (SM) Special Intentions

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

9:00 (SM) Confessions

12:00 (SM) Special Intentions

SATURDAY, April 3, Easter Vigil

9:00 (SM) Confessions

8:00 (SM) Special Intentions

SUNDAY, April 4, Easter Sunday

9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

11:00 (SJ) Special Intentions

Baptism is the protection against the virus that is Satan.
 —Cardinal Timothy Dolan

Summer Camp Guggenheim

registration is now open for 2021.

Although camp may look a bit different because of the anticipated COVID protocols, we feel that it will still be a wonderful experience for all. Visit www.rcdony.org/youth/camp for more details. Contact Tom Semeraro, Director for the Office of Youth Ministry with inquiries at 315-393-2920 ext. 1415.

Red Cross Blood Drives

To schedule a time to give, phone 1800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and provide the site sponsor code listed below.

Friday, April 2, 10am-3pm at River Hospital
 Sponsor code: RiverHosp

Friday, April 2, 1-5pm at Alexandria Bay American Legion
 Sponsor code: alexbay

Saturday, April 17, 10am-3pm at Clayton Municipal Building
 Sponsor code: LucyReff

Donors age 16-24 who give in April receive a \$10 e-gift card for a place to eat or shop. All April donors will be entered for a chance to win one of five \$1,000 e-gift cards. April 1-15 donors will have a chance to win a trip for 4 to the 2022 Indy 500.



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Weekly Giving

Thank you for your continued support.

St. Mary's	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,378.04	\$ No Public
Plate	\$ 531.00	\$ Mass

St. John's	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 850.00	\$ No Public
Plate	\$ 57.00	\$ Mass

Please consider electronic giving...a safe and consistent way to support your parish. Sign up at www.stmarysclayton.org or contact the parish office for more info.

Deacon's Corner by Dc. Neil Fuller

Happy Easter to all in the Parish communities of St. John's and St. Mary's. It is so nice to have the days getting a little longer and a little warmer as well. Some of our snowbirds are arriving home and it is so good to welcome them back. Soon, farmers will be busy planting, children will be finishing up the school year, and tourists will be back enjoying all the beauty that nature has to offer in our region. Hopefully, life as we know it, will return to normal after months of enduring the pandemic. Many of us are now vaccinated and the rate of infection has dropped remarkably. We have much to be thankful for.

I hope to see many of you back in church as it becomes safer to be in congregated settings once again. Please know I think kindly of each of you and I pray for you daily. I am so blessed to be a part of these communities and serve as your deacon...May God Bless You Always.

Good Friday Collection: Pope Francis asks our support for the Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve sacred shrines. Christians have been especially effected by war, unrest and instability. The collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace working in solidarity with Catholics in the Holy Land and around the world. Videos and more details are available at www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

**Stations of the Cross**

Good Friday at 7pm
at St. Mary's Church

The Women's Prayer Group will meet immediately after 9am Mass at St Mary's on Sunday, April 18. We will pray the rosary and offer intentions and spend a short time sharing our faith. Everyone is invited to join us. For questions, call Jennifer Lucia at 513-304-2264.

Chrism Mass: Bishop LaValley along with the clergy, consecrated religious, seminarians, and deacon candidates will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 30 at 1:00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. At the Chrism Mass, the priests are invited to join the Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley in the renewal of their priestly commitment and for the Blessing of the Holy Oils, and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism for use in all the churches of the Diocese symbolizing that we are one family in Christ. Due to the COVID-19 safe distancing guidelines, seating capacity is limited. We encourage the lay faithful to join us via livestream at www.rcdony.org/livemass.

Explore Your Faith: The Diocese of Ogdensburg is running an online Alpha starting April 5 from 6:30pm-8pm via Zoom. A computer with a mic/camera or a smart phone is needed. Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. It's a series of conversations focused on the questions of life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others, hear a talk on some element of faith, and then a chance for people to share their own questions and perspectives with the group. Register at <https://www.rcdony.org/alpha>. For more info, contact Marika, Office of Evangelization at mdonders@rcdony.org.

St. Mary's Booster Club: Winners of the first weekly drawing on March 19 are Linda Springer, Bruce Daugherty, and Walter Patrick Cummings. Tickets are still available for the Booster Club with dinner on May 22. A \$15 ticket enters you in 10 weekly drawings of \$30, \$20, and \$15 and three \$100 drawings on the evening of the dinner. Get your ticket today! To join, volunteer, or for questions, contact Donna (315-778-8672), Tim (315-778-2484), or the parish office (315-686-3398).

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 2-3pm

during Lent

at St. Mary's Church

All are welcome to join the
Marian Cenacle in prayer at 2pm



Did You Know...

by Judy Pearson

Conclusion: Month of St. Joseph

We conclude this Month of St. Joseph with a list of the seven powerful moments in his life: the list of the 7 Sorrows & Seven Joys of Joseph. They can be used as a prayer by reflecting on each, then reciting one Our Father and Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

His doubts about Mary and the Angel's Message of Joy.

His Pain at the Poverty of Jesus' Birthplace & The Savior's Birth.

Watching Jesus' First Blood & The Honor of Naming Him.

Simeon's painful Prophetic Message & Jesus' Redemptive Work.

Taking the Holy Family Into Exile & Idols Fell at Jesus' Feet.

The Hard Trip Back From Egypt & Holy Family Life.

Loss of Jesus for 3 Days & Finding Jesus in the Temple.

(Adapted from: Catholic Prayers by Catholic Culture; Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Oblates of St. Joseph. The complete Meditation can also be found there.)

And remember the words of Pharaoh to the people of Egypt during the years of famine, **'It is to Joseph!'**...**Go to Joseph!** They are the words inscribed at the base of the statue of St. Joseph in front of *St. Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal*. This Oratory was founded by St. André Bessette, who obtained many miraculous healings through the intercession of St. Joseph.

Saints have been telling us to **Go To Joseph** for centuries...saints like St. Theresa of Avila, who said she always received graces when she prayed to St. Joseph; saints like St. Francis de Sales, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, St. Andre Bessette, St. Josemaria Escriva, Bl. William Joseph Chaminade, St. Bernardine of Siena, and so many others. **"Go to Joseph."**

Father Donald Calloway, MIC, *who travels the world promoting devotion to Our Lady, but also has a great love of St. Joseph, reminds us that* "We need our spiritual father more than ever these days, in light of the chaos of the times. There's disorder, there's disunity in society and, sadly, even in the Church. ...we need to return to the fatherhood of St. Joseph to have unity and to have peace."

"Go to Joseph and do whatever he tells you"
(Gen 41:55).

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the great sacrament of mercy in which we encounter the Divine Physician, Jesus Christ, who not only desires to forgive us of our sins, but also to heal the wounds of sin and give us true peace.

Opportunities for Reconciliation/Confession

By appointment, call the rectory at 315-686-3398
Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Mary's
Sunday, March 28, after 11am Mass at St. John's

Penance Service: Sunday, March 28
1pm at St. Cyril's and 3pm at St. Mary's

Holy Week: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after 9am Mass at St. Mary's; Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday at 9am at St. Mary's.

Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1

9:00 a.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's

Good Friday, April 2

9:00 a.m. Confessions
12:00 noon Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Holy Communion at St. Mary's
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Mary's

Easter Sunday, April 4

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's
11:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's

Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, March 27, 4-7pm
Clayton Fire Station, Graves Street

Cost is \$10 for spaghetti & meatballs, bread, salad, and dessert. Proceeds to assist the family of Peyton Morse. Hosted by LaFargeville, Clayton, & Alexandria Bay Fire Departments.

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