



SAINT MARIANNE COPE PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF LAKELAND AND SOLVAY

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 5

8:00am OLOPC ~ John & Madaline Caslake, 60th Wedding Anniversary-Joanne Caslake
† James & Mary Gosson-John & Marlene Gosson
† Dennis & Mary Ryan-Jennifer & Mike Ryan

10:00am SCC † Emilio Salvaterra, 60th Anniversary-Irene Salvaterra
† Tillie Simonetti-Daughter & Family
† Mary Capella, Anniversary-Family
† Elizabeth Scaia-Cornelia & Lillian Scaia

Tuesday, September 7

8:00am OLOPC † Peter Mulvihill-Marie Iadanza

Wednesday, September 8

8:00am SCC † Genevieve Formoza-John & Kathy Formoza

Thursday, September 9

8:00am OLOPC † Richard Gryzniec-Nora Adams

Friday, September 10

8:00am SCC † Amelia Pellizzari-Rose Pellizzari

Saturday, September 11

4:00pm SCC † Reno Rudari, Second Anniversary-David Rudari
† Joseph Fragnito-John & Kathy Formoza

Sunday, September 12

8:00am OLOPC † Paul Clisson-Carmella & Bob Hoffman

10:00am SCC † Mike Pirro-Sue Pirro & Family
† Dick Martini and Peter & Lena Cerio-Anna Martini
† Olive Przepiora-Canestrato Family
† Joseph Fragnito-Marie Iadanza

Memorials

Bread & Wine

~ John & Madaline Caslake,
60th Wedding Anniversary-Joanne Caslake

Church Sanctuary Lamps

~ John & Madaline Caslake,
60th Wedding Anniversary-Joanne Caslake

† Emilio Salvaterra-Irene Salvaterra
† Genevieve Formoza-John & Kathy Formoza

Flowers

~ John & Madaline Caslake,
60th Wedding Anniversary-Joanne Caslake

Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Sorrows

Ad Orientem at the High Altar

September 15th 7 PM

St. Cecilia's Church

Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Mary



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021

From Father Clemente:

Adam Eichelberger, our Youth and Evangelization Minister, and I often have conversations about current issues of church and parish life. We have, with some frequency, reflected on the effects of Covid-19 on the Church. I don't know if any of you care to think about it but it can be a fascinating subject. I would maintain that Covid-19 has changed the Church more than anything else in the last 150 years. We talk about how the industrial revolution changed society in dramatic ways. Covid-19 has had a cataclysmic effect on the Church.

How have things changed? Firstly, Covid-19 has put tremendous fear in people. Nobody wants to get sick and die. I have heard from several older people that their children have forbid them to attend Mass or some other functions. Isolation from the rest of society has the good effect of stopping the spread of disease but isolation also has reduced intellectual and emotional stimulation to that point that some older people are suffering cognitive issues and environmentally induced depression. I have witnessed this personally in interactions with some of these people. They also have more neurotic episodes that cause them to be overanxious, oversensitive and obsessive about everyday things.

Fear and isolation have also effected the Church in that people are not attending Mass and other parish functions. Watching Mass on TV is not an acceptable option unless one is totally confined to an institution or home. Jesus never intended that we be a non-physically present Church. He instituted the Sacraments as a means of grace and salvation. The Sacraments, by their very nature are physical and sensible actions that contain the grace they convey.

While on-line church services have been a great source of spiritual nourishment for us while we have not been able to have public worship, they cannot replace one's physical presence at Mass and the other Sacraments. In person worship expresses the reality of the Body of Christ on earth and gives one the opportunity to receive the Eucharistic Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist then what could be more valuable and life-giving than to receive Him sacramentally and physically? Nothing!

Secondly, the effects of lower Mass attendance have had a harmful effect on the Church. We already have so many people who have rejected the Church as a means of salvation. Most of those who were brought up in the 60s and 70s have no affiliation with the Church. Therefore, their children are not being raised with any religion. I was talking to a young man the other day who wanted to see the inside of the church because he had never been in a church in his life. Knowing rationally this reality I still

am amazed when I meet these people. At this point, we can safely say that less than 30% of Americans who should be Catholic are catechized and initiated with the Sacraments of Initiation. More and more in wedding consultations I find out that one or the other of the wedding couple is unbaptized or confirmed.

The profound effect of low Mass attendance is that it reduces the spiritual effect of the celebration on those who attend. Let's face it, when a church is full and everyone is participating, our experience is uplifting and inspiring. Full churches inspire good preaching, up-lifting music and singing and a profound sense of community and common faith. Mostly empty churches are lifeless and deadening to the spirit. In many places in our world, country, and local community, people choosing not to go to Mass has caused us to be running too many church buildings, too many Masses and to waste the fragile priest personnel we have. Many older priests are hanging on because they worrying about parishes being without a priest. It's taking a huge negative toll on them.

In the Northeast, which was the original population center of the country, we now have too many parish churches for the number of people going to Mass. Bishops find themselves in a very difficult position because they don't have the priests to staff this many parishes and they also know the tremendous outcry that happens when they declare a parish closed. None of us want to see our parish closed. I would want to be opening a new parish if I could. Closing a parish is a sign of death and sadness. At the same time one has to be realistic and not pretend that we are living in the past when churches were full and priests were plentiful. How can churches be full and priests be plentiful when faith is weak. What produced a parish in the beginning? People came together because they wanted to express their faith. Priests came from families that practiced the faith and valued holiness.

We have a big challenge ahead of us. I don't know where it will all go. I suspect that it is going to get worse before it turns around. Bishops will be forced to close parishes and people will be angry at them. Some will survive because they will evangelize and welcome new members. Most will not be willing to do the hard work of evangelization that is necessary to stay alive. We will be a much smaller Church and society will struggle terribly due to lack of values. It may not be until people are suffering so badly that they cry out to God and recommit themselves to Him that the Church will again be the center of truth and stability. All I know in the end is that Jesus has told us that the gates of Hell will not prevail against His Church. God will triumph. I want to be on that wagon.

**St. Marianne Cope Parish
The Week of September 5th**

Sunday (09-05-2021)

8am Mass ~ Our Lady of Peace Church
10am Mass ~ St. Cecilia Church
(live-streamed)

Tuesday (09-07-2021)

8am Mass ~ Our Lady of Peace Church
9am to 12pm ~ Solvay Food Pantry open

Wednesday (09-08-2021)

8am Mass ~ St. Cecilia Church

Thursday (09-09-2021)

8am Mass ~ Our Lady of Peace Church
9am to 12pm ~ Solvay Food Pantry open

Friday (09-10-2021)

8am Mass ~ St. Cecilia Church

Saturday (09-11-2021)

4pm Mass ~ St. Cecilia Church

Sunday (09-12-2021)

8am Mass ~ Our Lady of Peace Church
10am Mass ~ St. Cecilia Church
(live-streamed)

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Please visit <https://stmariannecope.org/townhall> and take the Congregational Town Hall Survey.

This is an important part of helping us grow as a parish community and we welcome all feedback and questions. Thank you so much for your participation!

Ministers of the Liturgy

Sept. 11-12	4pm Mass	8am Mass	10am Mass
Lector	Charlene Patapow	Carol Ball	Brian Goodrich
EMC	Fr. Clemente, Dc. Bowden, Charlene Patapow	Fr. Clemente, Dc. Bowden, L. Ball	Fr. Clemente, Dc. Bowden, Joe Mingin
Server	Alan Patapow	Kevin Riley	Arthur Santos

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour has returned following Sunday 8:00am Mass, on a limited basis. Currently, 'coffee...and' is offered the first and third Sunday of the month. Please be sure to stop by and enjoy time with your fellow parishioners.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you share time 3-4 Sundays per year to hostess Coffee Hour? Are you willing to provide refreshments (homemade or purchased)? With your help, the Hospitality Committee will be able to hold weekly Coffee Hour. All assignments are scheduled in advance allowing volunteers to plan and/or exchange times.

Please contact Shirley Nendza at 315-487-7048 or nendzas1@gmail.com for more information.

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CHURCH PHYSICAL LOCATIONS

(For GPS purposes, not mailing addresses)

St. Cecilia Church
1001 Woods Road
Solvay, NY 13209

Our Lady of Peace Church
203 Halcomb Street
Lakeland, NY 13209

Access the weekly Gospel and Father Clemente's Homily from any phone (toll free) by dialing: 1-857-385-7630



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