

September 12, 2021

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



To Live the Great Commandment: Love of God and Love of Neighbor

Fr. John Gathenya

Welcome Home and Together Celebrate the Eucharist!

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We have all felt the impact of COVID-19 as individuals and families. It has been a time of acute hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation. Even with many recent hopeful signs on vaccinations and the reduction in the number of COVID-19 cases, there is no date certain at which the coronavirus pandemic will be declared over. That should not stop us from planning now to welcome back parishioners to Mass. The mere act of lifting the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation as the coronavirus pandemic eases won't be enough to get Catholics to come back to church, each Christian Community should actively work on bringing people back for the celebration of the Eucharist. Christ is calling us to reach out to those not currently attending Sunday Mass and invite them back—the many healthy people who have not yet returned to Mass. These individuals and families need to hear a message of invitation and hope. They need a warm greeting at the door and a caring community attentive to their needs.

Covid-19 pandemic impacted heavily on our lives of faith. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has been with us throughout this challenging period and is most especially near to us when we encounter him in the Eucharist. The Eucharist offers us His healing and peace, His mercy and reconciliation. It is now time for everyone to return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy. Welcome back! We resumed offering public Masses here Holy Family Catholic Community: St. Mary's; Dansville; St. Pius, Cohocton; Sacred Heart; Perkinsville and St. Joseph, Wayland Since June 6, 2021, on the Feast of Corpus Christi. We are very excited about coming together again in person as a faith community and we look forward to seeing you. **We love offering Masses and reuniting in-person with each one of you! We all know It has been a very long pandemic environment that has affected so many people in various ways. We are excited to again experience the community, fellowship and love that Holy Family Catholic Community has to offer. Yes, there is an obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, but that's not the reason we go to Mass. We go to Mass because God invites us to communion with him and the church. As we've noticed during the last year, isolation can be very dangerous. Isolation from God, friends, family and the parish led to an increase in depression and mental illness. Here is an invitation to restore ourselves with our church community and with God, to receive Christ in the Eucharist and to gather once again as the Body of Christ in worship and thanksgiving.** It is through the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith, that we are sustained with the lifegiving nourishment of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Due to the essential spiritual need we have for weekly physical participation in Sunday Mass, the tremendous gift and spiritual nourishment of physically receiving our Lord in Holy Communion is critically important for our spiritual growth and is very much needed right now.

You can watch Mass on television, as many did, but you're still sitting at home by yourself. Livestreamed Masses have been a great blessing for many people. Our parishes made every attempt to use every means – internet, Facebook, social media – to bring the liturgy to their people. But we were still alone in our houses. That's still the fact. As beneficial as livestreaming can be, especially when you can't go to Mass yourself because of the restrictions, we were still isolated. The ability to encounter God in the Eucharist, in the liturgy and in the community of believers is special. We are made by God to be in relationship. Presence is part of that relationship

A Prayer as we Return to Church for Public Worship and celebration of the Eucharist!

“Father, The doors of our Church are open wide once more beckoning us to enter after this period of lockdown. Each one of us carries in our hearts and minds a vast mixture of emotions and uncertainties for the future. As we enter may we be filled with a desire to re-dedicate ourselves to help each other and those in our community to grow in faith and love of you. We pray that you will still our restlessness and fill us with your grace in the knowledge that all which may challenge us is surmountable because you are with us. May this building once more ring out its voice of praise and prayer for you. May we as a parish community flourish and fulfill your calling to love and serve our neighbor. We ask this in your dear Son's name, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Let's continue to pray for all those who have been impacted by COVID-19... those who have lost loved ones to the pandemic, those who are still struggling to regain health as a result of having contracted the virus, those whose livelihood has been greatly impacted by the effects of the pandemic and those who still live-in fear of this virus.

I love you and May God bless you all. Fr. John

Mass Intentions for the Week**Monday, September 13**

9:00am St. Joseph + **Richard Olsen**
by Bonnie Olsen

Tuesday, September 14

8:15am St. Mary + **William and Oleta Yohonn**
by Family

Wednesday, September 15

9:00am St. Joseph + **Michael Murphy**
by Family

Thursday, September 16

8:15am St. Mary + **Donna Hartman**
by Emery & Jeannie Jaeger

Friday, September 17

8:15am St. Mary + **Jon Shay**
by Sullivan Family



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week

Sacred Heart *In Memory of deceased members of
the Edmond and Lawrence families
by Ron and Linda Sahrle*

St. Joseph *In Memory of Jane Mark,
by Family*

Weekend Mass Celebrations

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/
Mk 9:30-3

Saturday, September 18

St. Mary + **Ed Wise**
4:00 pm by Family

Lector *Kellee Hoag*
Eucharistic Minister *Kellee Hoag*
Greeter *Tom Fellion*

Sunday, September 19

St. Joseph + **Richard and Catherine
Rauber and deceased Family**
7:30 am by Family

Lector *J.L. Ward*
Eucharistic Minister *Jacquie Stephens*
Greeter *Volunteer*

Sacred Heart + **Ryan Reigelsperger**
9:15 am by Mom and Dad

Lector *Dan Wensel*
Eucharistic Minister *Volunteer*
Greeter *Volunteer*

St. Pius V + **Michael Murphy**
11:00am by Family

Lector *Jim Feely*
Eucharistic Minister *Volunteer*
Greeter *Volunteer*

Readings for September 12, 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised
to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

Gospel:

"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

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**Reflect and respond to this week's readings,
September 12, 2021****First Reading:**

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the importance of being strong
of heart when it comes the ways of God. Why do you think
this is such an important virtue?

Second Reading:

James encouraged believers to view the rich and poor from
God's perspective. Why do you think people struggle with
this divine point of view?

Gospel:

In today's reading, we hear how Jesus healed the deaf man
with a speech impediment at the request of the "people"
close to this man. Who do you know in your life who needs
healing from Jesus?

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PARISH OUTREACH FOR LOCAL NEEDS

One way our parish helps local families is through the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**





Happy Birthday Fr. John! 9/12

Happy Birthday Fr. Mike! 9/16

NCYC - SAVE the DATES FOR NCYC 2021

Sunday, November 14, 2021 for the kick-off gathering local and in person at Parish of the Holy Family (Gates), 3:00 p.m., Doors Open at 2:00 p.m. with live music from Rock of Faith. Gathering concludes with Mass at 5:00 p.m.; and **Saturday November 20, 2021** for virtual participation in the live streaming event from Indianapolis.

- ◆ The next NCYC informational meeting will be Sunday, September 12 at 6:30 at the parish center in Perkinsville. The registration deadline for NCYC is October 1. There are different cost options available that will be discussed at the meeting, ranging from \$25-\$150 pp. If you are unable to attend the September 12 meeting please contact Kathy Finch at kfinch4@stny.rr.com or 585-314-1055.

FAITH FORMATION - Are you interested in Faith Formation for your child/children? Please fill out the form below.

Holy Family Catholic Community
 Faith Formation Registration Form
 2021-2022 School Year

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Family E-Mail Address _____

Phone number _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY - Section III

Improvements - Section III improvements are being made around the statue of Mary. Please do not plant any flowers around the statue.

Please note: this section is designated for ground markers only. We've noticed that people have placed flowers, flags and statues in this area. We kindly ask that you remove these items by October 1, 2021.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend, **Sept. 18/19**, we'll be taking up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting community-controlled, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, four life-changing community organizations are being funded with major CCHD national grants! They include a farmworker organization, a workers' center, a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester, and a refugee organization empowering their members to know their rights as tenants. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

How long do most Catholics need to fast before receiving the Eucharist?

- a) 6 hours
- b) 18 hours
- c) 1 hour
- d) 30 minutes

Trivia September 5: Answer: c - Pentecost

*We are resuming the assistance of Eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters and adult altar servers to weekend Mass. Also, if you'd like to be a lector at any of our weekend Masses, please call the office.

Thank you to those who have responded to continue in this ministry.

If you are interested in joining one of these ministries, or wish to know more about them, please contact the parish office, 728-2228.

There will be a Memorial Mass for Janice Edmond Hohman, Friday, September 17, 11:00am at Sacred Heart Church in Perkinsville.

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION - Are you looking for ways to engage your child and continue their faith formation at home? Use the link below to access the "Family Zone Newsletter". There are activities for children, articles for parents, blog posts for teens, videos on prayer and much more. Check it out!

<https://oec.dor.org/evangelization/the-family-zone-newsletter/>

Diocese of Rochester Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.

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Learn more about St. Joseph during this YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH!

St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, Pray for us!

In 1847, during a typhoid epidemic in Bytown, now Ottawa, a chaplain placed a statue of St. Joseph in the church where people gathered each day. The disease quickly disappeared. The intercession of St. Joseph for healing of the sick has been recorded in many stories of the Saints as well.

Fr. John Gathenya

Fr. Michael Twardzik - Senior Priest

Deacon Dan Slattery, Emeritus

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism: Call the office to set up an appointment with a priest at least 4 weeks ahead.

Please contact the priest if special arrangements need to be made.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:45pm at St. Mary Church or by appointment with a priest.

Marriage: Call the office, to set up an appointment with a Priest, at least 6 months ahead, and to reserve the church and date.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the office or the Rectory.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish. We would like to get to know you and invite you to register. Registration forms are available in the Parish office and in each of the Churches.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry: Pre-kindergarten through Adult Formation. For more information call the Parish Office

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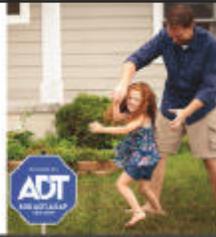


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