Saint Mary’s Church

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Saturday anticipated Mass at 5:30
Sunday at 7:00, 9:45 am & 12:00
Weekday at 7:00 am Mon-Fri
and Saturday at 7:45 am
Holy Day at 5:30pm (anticipated Mass),
and 7:00, 12:00, 7:00 pm
Reconciliation (confession)
Saturday from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Baptism & Marriage: call parish office
Communion to Homebound: call parish office
New Parishioners: register at parish office

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
(February 2, 2020)
INTRODUCTORY RITE

Organ Prelude: **Fiat Lux: Let there be light**

Dubois

Antiphon: Behold, our Lord will come with power, to enlighten the eyes of his servants,

alleluia.

Blessing of Candles and Procession

During the Procession: all sing **Canticle of Simeon**

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At 9:45, the *Introit* follows: **Suscepimus, Deus**

Chant

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.
**Vs. Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise, in the city of our God, on his holy mountain. Psalm 48:10-11, 2**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Readings & Psalm 24

Homily

Nicene Creed (Sung at 9:45: Red pew booklet p.2)

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of Gifts:

at 5:30/12:00: **Lift Up Your Heads**

at 9:45: **Offertery: Diffusa est gratia**

Grace has been poured out on your lips; therefore, God has blessed you forever, world without end. Psalm 45:3

at 9:45: **Infinite Light**

Halley

The greatness of God in his love has been shown: the light of his life on the nations is

thrown
And that which the Jews and the Greeks did divine Is come in the fullness of Jesus

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Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy

We proclaim...

Amen

M73 H239

M75 H241

M81 H247

The Lord’s Prayer

Breaking of Bread: **Lamb of God**

During Communion:

at 5:30/12:00: **Communion Antiphon**

at 9:45: **Responsum accepit Simeon and Psalm 48**

Chant

Simeon had received a revelation from the Holy Spirit, that he would not see death before

he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

at 9:45: **Ave, Regina Coelorum**

Anerio

Hail, Queen of heaven, hail, Lady of the angels. Hail, Root, hail the Door through which

the Light of the world is risen. Rejoice, glorious Virgin, beautiful above all. Hail, O very

fair one, and plead for us to Christ.

After Communion at 9:45: **Lift Up Your Heads**

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing & Dismissal

Organ Postlude: **Fugue on 'A light for revelation to the Gentiles"**

Guilmant
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

FROM THE PASTOR 2 February 2020

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple this Sunday replaces the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. February 2nd was the end of the Christmas Season in the old calendar, which gave us a reason to keep the Nativity Scene in our church after Epiphany.

The Presentation is one of the oldest feasts of the Christian church, celebrated since the 4th century AD in Jerusalem. There are sermons on the Feast by the bishops Methodius of Patara (died 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (died 360), Gregory the Theologian (died 389), Amphilochius of Iconium (died 394), Gregory of Nyssa (died 400), and John Chrysostom (died 407). It is also mentioned in the pilgrimage of Egeria (381–384), where she confirmed that the celebrations took place in honor of the presentation of Jesus at the Temple.

February 2nd also is known as Candlemas Day. Many Christians bring their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year. For Christians, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who referred to Himself as the Light of the World. This is highlighted in the Canticle of Simeon, sung during the procession:

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace,  
in accordance with your word.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.  
A light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.

If you brought any candles from home, they will be blessed at the beginning of Mass today.

Fr. Lioi

DO YOU SEW? Then the Mardi Gras Carnival Committee needs your help. We need roughly 50 bean bags for the bean bag toss. If a few people could each make 4 or 5, we would be very grateful. Thank you for your help! A SIGN-UP SHEET is available in the back of church where people can pick the job and time slots they want. AUCTION ITEMS, BASKET, ETC can be dropped off at the church office or given to an usher at Mass. Any questions: contact Ann Marie Heizmann at 315.568.2379 or meadevillefarmpumpkinpatch@gamil.com.

MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL is three weeks from now on February 22nd, the Saturday before Ash Wednesday. This is our second annual event and this year will take place at the Finger Lakes Mall from 2 to 9 pm. This is a major fund raiser for St. Mary’s Church, replacing BINGO which was discontinued last year. For the Mardi Gras to be successful, we need the help of all our parishioners. To ensure our Mardi Gras is a success, you are asked to pick up the multipage flyer in the back of church. This flyer outlines how you can help and how you can reach out to others to help, especially eliciting patrons & sponsors and vendors & auction items.

The Mardi Gras Carnival is an event for the whole family and the entire Auburn community. Suggested entrance donation is $10, with anyone under 18 free. Dollar tickets can be bought for each of the other individual events taking place at the Carnival. There will be food, drinks, activities, contests, gambling (for monopoly money) and revelry – all to remind us that these things should be set aside as we enter the holy Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. Multiple vendors will be available offering their wares to all who are interested.

Here is the schedule of the remaining General Meetings in preparation for the Mardi Gras: February 3 and February 10. All meetings are on Monday at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. The Basket/Auction Committee will meet on February 17 & 19 to prep items and meet on February 21 to move items and do set-up at Finger Lakes Mall. The Decorating Committee will meet on February 21 at the Finger Lakes Mall. Tear-down & Clean-up will be February 23. Any questions, contact Ann Marie Heizmann at 315-568-2379 / meadevillefarmpumpkinpatch@gamil.com or Joe Manning at 315-246-9956 / joemmanning@gmail.com.

ST. PEREGRINE PRAYER SERVICE will take place on this coming Tuesday, February 4th at 5:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Peregrine is the patron saint of all who are afflicted with cancer or any life-threatening or chronic illness. He is popularly known as “The Cancer Saint.” The Service consists of prayers for those who are afflicted with cancer or any other serious illness; each individual may receive a blessing with the relic of St. Peregrine. All are invited.

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DEACON’S CORNER: This past week I spent a bit of time marveling at the nativity scene at St Mary’s and noticed how the light shining down on the infant Jesus appeared more to be radiating up from him. I also noticed anew how all eyes in the scene were fixated on the infant child in apparent wonder and awe. It seemed a shame that this scene would be coming down in a just few days.

Then I picked up the Missal and read the story of Simeon that we hear in today’s Gospel and understood that, like Simeon, I must embrace the Child, give thanks to God and rest in the peace of salvation found here to keep the light of Christ radiating. The Canticle of Simeon (Lk. 2:29-32) prayed at the close of each day can serve as a reminder of this and as a way of keeping the nativity in place all year.

~ Deacon Dennis Donahue

FAITH IN THE FAMILY: Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Because Simeon and Anna lived lives of prayer and fasting in the Temple, they were filled with the Spirit of God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Savior even though Jesus was only a baby. To these two holy people, he was recognizable as the Redeemer who had been promised. Simeon described Jesus as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” We too are called to recognize Jesus as Lord. Together as a family discuss ways to recognize Jesus as Lord by praying and attending Mass, fasting, and serving others. As a family, decide on one specific sacrifice you can make in order to alleviate the suffering or need of someone you know.

~ Carlo Stebbings

BL. SOLANUS CASEY DOORWAY MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE: On Wednesday February 12th stop by our office at 299 Clark St. and learn about the psychological, spiritual and practical guidance and resources made available free of charge to the Catholic Community through this ministry. Also learn more about Stephen Ministry to see if you may be called to walk with another who is hurting. There will be giveaways, refreshments and a final prize drawing for those who attend. The hours of the Open House are from 1 PM to 6 PM.

PUBLIC POLICY WEEKEND for the whole diocese takes place next Saturday/Sunday, February 8/9. Signatures will be gathered to advocate for increased availability of palliative care across New York States, and opposition to physician-assisted suicide. Physician-assisted suicide targets those who are vulnerable to coercion, and the proposed legislation does not offer protection to those facing end of life decisions. You are invited to sign the petition next week to voice your support for the care of the vulnerable in our community. The petition also is available online: www.dor.org/petition. The petition reads: I strongly oppose any legislation to legalize assisted suicide in New York State. Allowing doctors to prescribe a lethal dose for patients to end their lives devalues human life. There is also significant potential for abuse. I urge you to focus instead on improving palliative care, to ensure compassionate, comprehensive care and pain management for those who are terminally ill. We need to accompany rather than abandon them.

### Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

As of 1/21/20, has 263 parishioners who pledged $57,920 or 82% toward our parish goal of $70,717. We only have about $12,500 more to go. We remind you that the CMA supports offices, personnel and ministries that provide assistance and resources to parishes, pastors, parish ministers and Pastoral and Finance Council. St. Mary’s gets back a lot from the CMA. If you have misplaced your pledge card, there are extras in the back of church.

### Stewardship of Treasure

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Bp. Hickey: $40.00 to $224.00
Cath. Courier: $42.00 to $9.50

Thank you for your regular and make-up sacrifices.

### Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend - February 8 & 9, 2020

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<td>G. Sliess, J. Wiseman, C. Dygert</td>
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THE FLU SEASON IS HERE and dioceses across the country are taking precautions to avoid spreading illness. The steps outlined by at least three dioceses are designed to minimize contact among the faithful in order to reduce the possibility of transmission of an influenza virus.

Attending Mass

1) The changes include asking people who are sick to refrain from attending Mass and stay home. When individuals are ill, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.

Holy Communion

2) The changes primarily involve the reception of Holy Communion and greetings during the sign of peace at Mass. The three dioceses of Santa Fe, Portland and Allentown have urged, but not required people to receive Communion in the hand, the norm in the United States under the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. "This will limit contact with saliva and the potential spread of the influential virus," the Santa Fe Archdiocese's directive said.

3) The three dioceses also have suspended reception of Communion from the cup. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal directs pastors to "instruct the Christian faithful that the Catholic faith teaches that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species: those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation.

Sign of Peace

4) During the sign of peace, worshippers have been asked to simply nod or offer a verbal greeting to their neighbors in church rather than shake hands or hug. Ushers and Hospitality ministers in the Portland Diocese also were being asked to welcome Mass-goers with a simple verbal greeting and to refrain from shaking hands.

5) "Parishioners should not hold hands during the Our Father," the diocese's directive added.

The Diocese of Rochester issued similar protocols in 2019. In light of the above observations, St. Mary’s will suspend reception of Communion from the cup until the flu threat passes.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS, on the feast of Saint Blase, Monday, February 3rd, will take place during the 7:00 am Mass at St. Mary’s and during the 9:00 am Mass at St. Hyacinth.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET will be prayed on this coming First Friday, February 7th at 3:00 pm at St. Hyacinth Church. The Chaplet is part of a Holy Hour consisting of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the singing of the chaplet, a period of quiet adoration, and concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lord asked St. Faustina for special prayer and meditation of Jesus’ Passion each day at the three o'clock hour, the hour that recalls His death on the cross.

"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonm ent at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy" (Diary 1320).

WHAT’S IN YOUR HEART? When you hit the “enter” button on a keyboard or keypad, you confirm a transaction or get a path to information you desire. You await the completion of the task, as in today’s gospel reading you are reminded of the waiting for a child whose presentation fulfilled the promise of salvation. What are you waiting for to fulfill your life on earth? What blessing gives you an entryway to an eternal relationship with God? Christ is here. You wait no longer!

ST. MARY’S PASTA DINNER takes place on Tuesday, February 11. Serving will be from 5 to 7 pm. The menu includes pasta, meatballs, salad, Italian bread, dessert & beverage. Tickets must be purchased at the door: Adults $8.00 & $6.00 for children under 12 years old. Eat in or take out! Remember, attending six Pasta Dinners makes you eligible for three drawings of $250, $250, and $500 at the May 2020 Pasta Dinner.

LITURGICAL THEMES AND FEASTS: A leap day on the 29th gives us more time to celebrate Black History Month—and to re-read Brothers and Sisters to Us, the U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral on Racism. Or to study Cyprian Davis’ deeply enlightening The History of Black Catholics in the United States. We enjoy a triple commemoration on the second: Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas, National Day of Prayer for the African American Family, and World Day for Consecrated Life. We might also highlight the memorial of Josephine Bakhita (8), as well as the death dates of apartheid-fighting white Archbishop Denis Hurley of Durban (13) and social reformer Frederick Douglass (20—coincidentally the U.N.’s World Day of Social Justice).

The church also observes World Marriage Day (9), and World Day of the Sick on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (11), before Ordinary Time gives way to Lent on Ash Wednesday (26). Valentine’s Day (14) and Presidents’ Day (17) are nationally noted. It’s also National Bird-Feeding Month, for those who worry about these creatures as much as the gospel says God does.
Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! Who is this king of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! Who is this king of glory? The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory.

Remain in Prayer
Those who have recently died:
Charles W. Elser, Jr.
Stella A. Mancini Losani
Daniel J. Farrell
Jennifer A. Pierce

This Week

SUNDAY, February 2
7:00 PM Rosary—St. Francis
7:30 PM AA—Hall

MONDAY, February 3
4:45 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-4 yr. olds)—St. Hyacinth
4:45 PM Faith Formation (Grades 1-7)—St. Hyacinth
5:30 PM Finance Council—Rectory
5:30 PM Mardi Gras Meeting—Hall

TUESDAY, February 4
5:30 PM St. Peregrine Prayer Service—St. Francis

WEDNESDAY, February 5
9:00 AM Blessed Solanus Casey till 12 pm—St. Francis
7:00 PM Choir—Church

THURSDAY, February 6
6:30 PM RCIA—Hall

FRIDAY, February 7
10:30 AM Contemplative Prayer Group—Hall
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet—St. Hyacinth

SATURDAY, February 8
8:45 AM Schola—Church

COMING UP
Mon., Feb. 10: Mardi Gras Meeting—Hall
Tues., Feb. 11: Pasta Dinner at 5:00 pm—Hall
Sat., Feb. 22: MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL
Wed., Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday
Fri., Feb. 28: Stations of the Cross at St. Mary’s at 12 pm & 7 pm