

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday
FEBRUARY 17, 2021

MASSES

NEW CHURCH

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

12:00 Noon

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

CHAPEL

9:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Church . Swormville NY

Consider this... Preparing for the Desert!

How can Lent be upon us already? Time certainly has a way of sneaking up on us. This final weekend before our sacred journey in Lent is a time for us to prepare to enter this holy season. As you can see our Ash Wednesday schedule, please know that when we begin our journey on Ash Wednesday, we should already have an idea of how the season is going to help us turn our life around. What are we going to do to draw closer to Jesus in Lent?

I'd like to suggest a few opportunities for you to take advantage of.

1. Reconciliation – Lent is the season of repentance, a time for us to be reconciled to God. Take advantage of the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation. St. Mary's is having a Lenten Day of Mercy on Monday, March 1 beginning with 7 am Mass, and will have confession available for 24 hours. A full schedule for our Lenten Day of Mercy will be in next weeks bulletin.

2. Every Tuesday of Lent, our parish will host Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel from 7 – 8pm having confessions available. Please consider taking time before the Blessed Sacrament to focus your Lenten journey on Jesus.

3. Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday of Lent after the 9 am morning mass and at 7 pm. Come journey with Jesus and reflect on the Stations as a way to draw closer to Jesus' love for us.

4. Daily mass – Consider attending daily mass to build your spirituality during Lent. The celebration of mass is our highest form of prayer. Come to mass one extra time during the week, or each day. Masses are at 7 and 9 am.

5. Quiet prayer – both the new church and the chapel are open daily for private prayer until 8 pm. Stop by for some quiet prayer time at your convenience.

6. Other Lenten activities will be available and an entire list of what our parish is doing will be in next week's bulletin. Take advantage of the many opportunities to draw closer to Jesus and make this the best Lent ever!

If we want Lent to be fruitful, we need to prepare ourselves now. Consider not just what you might 'give up', but consider what you might do extra to make this the most prayerful Lent yet.

Keep smiling 😊

Fr. Bryan

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All are welcome here, St. Mary's is a safe place to meet Jesus.

Update on St. Mary's Bells. We are having a special campaign to restore the bells. Any donation over \$50 will be acknowledged on a special plaque in the chapel. We will also include all donations on that plaque that helped make our first giving Tuesday a success (if "bells" was in comment section). The *new* preliminary cost estimate we have received from the bell company is *approximately* \$24,300 to get them working properly. Approximately \$4,671 has been collected thus far in our "Bell Restoration" Fund. If you can help us, please send your donation to St. Mary's and put Bells in your memo, or feel free to donate online at www.stmaryswormville.org, there is a special Bell fund setup for this project. If we are blessed to go over needed funding for this project, we will use the excess funds to help offset our very large budget deficit. If all goes well, our goal is to have the bells ringing for Easter! Please help – we have a lot to be proud of at St. Mary's and having the bells call our community to prayer and celebration would be an amazing accomplishment and a great way to celebrate St. Mary's love in our community. 😊 Fr. Bryan

Parish Office—The Parish Office staff is available to assist Parishioners Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm. **At this time**, during the Covid Crisis, it is preferred that all inquiries be handled by phone or email unless pre-arranged visits to the Parish Office are scheduled with a specific Office employee, at which time visitors upon entry will be asked Covid-19 related questions along with providing their name and telephone number. Parish Office NON-ENTRY Options Preferred.

Pick-up: A **Correspondence Pick-up File Pocket** found on the Side Main Door above the Mail Drop Off Slot is where individually ID'd non-confidential materials will be placed for pick up at any time.

Drop-off—**Mail Drop off slot** found directly beneath the Pick-Up File Pocket is where parishioners can securely drop off offerings or other correspondence any time at the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions can be arranged by phone or email to be either mailed out or picked up as described above.



Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. COVID-19 Protocol for Ashes: Ashes should not be imposed on a person's forehead in the usual manner. The European custom of sprinkling ashes on the crown of a person's head should be employed. This is further clarified and affirmed by a note published by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments:

- The priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes.
- He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything.
- Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula of blessing as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general.
- The priest or minister then puts on a face mask, cleanses his hands, and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places.
- The priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

PALMS—The ashes distributed on **Ash Wednesday (February 17th)** are made from palms. Each year, as we make preparations for Ash Wednesday, it has been a tradition to collect palms from the previous year. Please bring in your palms and place them in the collection boxes at the exits of the church.




St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry
Friday, February 19th at the Unbridled Café
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 Call DIRECTLY to UNBRIDLED CAFÉ Sunday February 14th by 3PM
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- ★ OR a vegetable pot pie, accompanied by a garden salad \$14.00

Payment due when ordering Pick up at Unbridled Café on Friday, February 19th 1pm—5 pm

****There will be another fish fry on the following Friday. All preorders must be called in by Sunday, February 21st by 3 pm.****

Educating our Young Disciples...



A Wonderful Wrap-up Catholic Schools Week!

St. Mary School Swormville was the first school in the diocese visited by Bishop Michael Fisher. He presided at our all-school Mass, toured the school, and stopped in each classroom with Fr. Bryan and Fr. Luke to answer students' questions about vocations.



We were blessed again to welcome Deacon Steve Schumer, CEO of Catholic Charities, to whom a check for \$2,000.00 was presented! Thanks to the support of our parents and students, donations were raised through \$1.00/day themed dress days and a raffle whose winners were able to throw whipped cream pies at Fr. Luke, Mrs. Aiken, Fr. Bryan, and Mr. Mangione!



Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction During Lent Tuesdays, February 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd 7:00-8:00 pm in the Chapel

Come and spend an hour with Our Lord in the Eucharist. This is a great opportunity to spend a little time in prayer or experience a little sacred silence during the busy weeks before Easter.

Join our Deacons on Tuesdays during Lent (February 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd) for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. Fr. Bryan or Fr. Luke will be available to hear confessions during the holy hour. All are welcome. Covid protocols in effect.

Congratulations to the following parishioners who attend Canisius HS and achieved the honor roll for the 2nd marking period: Nicholas Adams, Michael Masci, Patrick Nettina, Adam Trubish, William Wind, Francis Eskra, Christian Nettina, Matthew Nettina, Michael Davis, Tyler Lucia and John Scioli.



When you are lonely, we are hope. What we do with the 24 hours in a day can effect countless hours and days ahead. Our volunteers at Catholic Charities know this to be true. Through our programs, volunteers have the opportunity to serve the community through our multiple food pantries, lend a friendly ear through Friendly Phones and the Telephone Assurance Program, and much more. Help continue to move hands and hearts through Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith by giving to **Appeal 2021**. Call our Help-line at 716-218-1419 if you need assistance or want to donate, or visit www.ccwny.org/donation today. Catholic Charities of Buffalo is **HOPE for all seasons**.

Disciples Support their Community...



"The victims of this [throwaway] culture are precisely the weakest and most fragile human beings – the unborn, the poorest, the sick and elderly, the seriously handicapped, etc. – who are in danger of being 'thrown away', expelled from a system that must be efficient at all costs.... It is necessary to raise awareness and form the lay faithful, in whatever state, especially those engaged in the field of politics, so that they may think in accord with the Gospel and the social doctrine of the church and act consistently by dialoguing and collaborating with those who, in sincerity and intellectual honesty, share – if not the faith – at least a similar vision of mankind and society and its ethical consequences. ~ Pope Francis: *Speech to a delegation from the Dignitatis Humanae Institute, Dec. 7, 2013*



Diocese of Buffalo Office of Pro-Life Telephone Hotline Numbers: Crisis Pregnancy, Abortion Alternatives & Healing, 847-2205. St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers, helping Mothers & Fathers in

Need: Buffalo, 716-842-2229, Chautauqua County, 716-203-7593, Niagara County, 716-284-2229.

WNY Postpartum Connection—For a directory of mental health and support services for pregnant and postpartum moms visit wny-postpartum.com

Project Rachel—A post-abortion Reconciliation Program. Receive free, nonjudgmental, confidential information. Office of Pro-Life Activities/Diocese of Buffalo. We care. Let us help you. Confidential Hotline (716) 847-2211.

Every Saturday from 8:15-9:45AM the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet are said outside of Buffalo Women Services at 2500 Main St. for the unborn children, mothers, fathers and families. Please consider joining the Warriors of Love for a peaceful, prayerful witness to pray for the end to abortion. Come for all or part of the prayer time.

Prayers for the Sick—May they receive the healing power of Christ: Christine Varnum, Rita Manno, Ray Nowak, Jr., Patricia Messina and James Staveski.



Daughters of Mary: We welcome all women to our next evening zoom meeting at 8:00pm on **Thursday, February 18th**. This month we will be discussing the book, "When Life Gives you Pears; The Healing Power of Family, Faith, and Funny People", by Jeannie Gaffigan. There are copies available in the Buffalo Library System (ebook, audio book and traditional book formats). If you run out of time to read, join us anyway for the lively discussion and fellowship. To be added to our email list and to receive the login info, send a message to Elizabeth Forman at daughtersofmary815@gmail.com or call 691-6554. *Daughters of Mary is a women's ministry to encourage each other in their vocation of motherhood. Dedicated to honoring Mary while growing in our relationship with her Son, Jesus.*



ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast at A. J. Jurek Legion, Smith & New Roads, E. Amherst, **Sunday, February 14th 8AM-NOON**. Includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, beverage. Adults \$9, Covid regulations apply.

St. Mary Lancaster to host Pre-Cana Program—Daylong for couples preparing for marriage in the Catholic Church. **Saturday, February 20th, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** in their Parish Center concluding with 4:30 p.m. Mass at their church. Cost is \$90 per couple. Address: 1 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086. (corner of Aurora & St. Joseph Streets in the Village of Lancaster)

Pre-Cana is a Buffalo Diocesan requirement prior to being married in the Church. For more information, please visit <http://stmmarysonthehill.org/before-cana/> or contact Deacon John 683-3269 deaconjohnowczarczak@gmail.com

THE BIBLE and the CHURCH FATHERS

Adult Bible Study. As Catholics, we should want to know our family tree, our history, who has gone before, where they came from, and what they believed. This study program from the St. Paul Center with Scott Hahn will teach you everything you need to know about how the Bible took form, and its powerful effect on the Church Fathers. Join us live on Sunday mornings, or zoom on Monday evenings. Discover how the lives of the Church Fathers were transformed, and the power they have to transform your life. Twelve 90 minute sessions scheduled from May 9 to August 9. Check out <https://tinyurl.com/SMS-CF-Register> for a trailer video, study options, resources, schedule, registration, etc. Questions: Dick Marchessault (221-0046 [voice or text])

Join us for Daily Prayer! When the Pandemic struck last year and the church was closed, we began a prayer experience using Zoom. We chat, begin with intercessory prayer, read and reflect on the Psalm of the day, and close with prayer. Starts every day at 8 AM and lasts about 15-20 min. It's all good. Come and see. Come when it fits your schedule. Come when you need prayers. Come! Use this address with your online device to join us: tinyurl.com/SMSPrayAM Questions? Text or call Dick M at 221-0046



Clocks and Watches - During Lent, used clocks and watches are being collected for the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 1298 Main Street in Buffalo. Collection boxes are provided for this near the entrances to the church.




In Memoriam

MaryAnn Barbarossa, John P. Greiten,
Marilyn E. McGee and Erin M. McCarthy

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace, amen.

Educating our Young Disciples...

Faith Formation News—This formation year's focus is to Serve with a Heart Like Jesus

Prayer: Dear God, Thank You for giving me the Spirit of Your Son to live in my spirit. Please help me to serve others with His Heart. Let people feel Your love as You touch and bless them through me. Amen.

Scripture: "Serve him with all your heart and with all your soul." Joshua 22:5

Serving with a Heart Like Jesus: Feed the Hungry is a Corporal Work of Mercy. Feed the Hungry is a Corporal Work of Mercy. On Valentine's Day and leading up to Mardi Gras, a time when we get a few more treats than usual, let us be more mindful of those that are less fortunate and do not receive these extra goodies.

- Your family can live out this Corporal Work of Mercy by donating food. An example of an organization in our area that serves those who are hungry is **Hearts For The Homeless**. Their mission is:
"Hearts for the Homeless of Western New York, Inc. is a mobile soup kitchen that feeds the poor and homeless on the street, characterized by a profound spiritual motivation. The program offers nourishing food, as well as winter clothing, pertinent information regarding area services, companionship, and hope for the future." Go to heartsforthehomeless.org to learn more about their mission.

Highlight of what's happening: One of our Faith Topics presented this month was on Missionary Vocation. In this lesson, families learned about Saint Paul who was one of the greatest missionaries in the early Church. His story inspires us to understand our faith so that we can share God's love with others. Check out the online lesson found on our St. Mary's website (Faith Formation – Faith Topics and Lesson). There is so much to learn about Saint Paul and his mission.

Faith In Action! With the season of Lent fast approaching, now is the time to prepare your hearts to walk closer with Jesus. Many people choose to give something up that takes their time or focus away from God. Consider giving up the thing that might be a distraction from you living out your faith. We can also choose to add something to help us walk a little closer to God. Consider these ideas as options:

- Find a prayer to read every morning when you first wake up and again before you go to bed.
- Text a heart emoji to a new person each day during Lent. This will make them smile!
- Start a "Gratitude Journal" writing down what you are thankful for each day.



Faith Challenge: This Tuesday is known as PANCAKE TUESDAY! Pancake Tuesday is an old English custom celebrated on the day before Ash Wednesday. In those days, Christian families would try to use up all the fattening ingredients that were in their homes (flour, eggs, butter and milk) in preparation for Lent. As a family, plan to celebrate pancake Tuesday by making pancakes for dinner! While enjoying your dinner together, share prayer and discuss how to walk closer with Jesus this Lent.

What to look forward to:

- All Families** – Thank you to all who supported our Youth Ministry Restaurant Fundraiser at Jonny C's. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to help our efforts with Youth Ministry.
- Families with young children** - Watch "Take A Minute with Jesus" found in the weekly online newsletter each Sunday.
- Families with teens** - Sign up to attend:
 - ◇ Teen Bible Study. March 22nd from 6:30pm -7:45pm
 - ◇ What's Lent All About: February 19th—March 12th 5:30-6:45 pm.
- Young Adults** - No need to sign up, just show up for our Second Sunday young adult group for ages 18 - 25. Our next gathering is **Sunday, February 14th 10:45am-12:15pm**. Meet in room 109 of the Parish Center (Youth Room) Please use the rear parking lot entrance of the Church.

To get more information on these activities and more, check out our online calendar found on our St. Mary's website under the Faith Formation tab.

Contact the Faith Formation Office if you would like more information about:

- Our Faith Formation programs,
- Adult Faith Enrichment,
- Youth Ministry
- Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation.

Readings During the Week

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13	Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-2	Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14, 2021**

Saturday, February 13, 2021—Vigil

4:00PM Capt. Robert Bager by the family

Sunday, February 14, 2021—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Walter Zaporowski by Fran Armstrong
9:30AM Stan Gembala by his family
11:30AM Irene Cummings by Chris Bates
6:00PM Timothy Luthart by Brian Morreale

Monday, February 15, 2021

7:00AM Richard Kahle by Fr. Bryan
9:00AM Marie & Jacob Monkelbaan by their estate

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

7:00AM All Souls' Intentions by Parishioners
9:00AM Ed Pilat by Candy Konczakowski

Wednesday, February 17, 2021—Ash Wednesday

7:00AM All Souls' Intentions by Parishioners (church)
9:00AM All Souls' Intentions by Parishioners (chapel)
9:00AM Alda Anzelone by daughters Giovanna & Paulette (church)
NOON John Ducoli by the family (church)
5:00PM All Souls' Intentions by Parishioners (church)
7:00PM Sam Ward by his estate (church)
7:00PM All Souls' Intentions (chapel)

Thursday, February 18, 2021

7:00AM All Souls' Intentions by Parishioners
9:00AM Elizabeth Gottstein by Art & Regina Lauer

Friday, February 19, 2021—St. Agatha, virgin & martyr

7:00AM All Souls' Intentions by Parishioners
9:00AM Sarah Luke by Sheila, Abby & Kristina

Saturday, February 20, 2021

9:00AM People of the Parish by Fr. Bryan
4:00PM Capt. Robert Bager by the family

Sunday, February 21, 2021—First Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Marie & Jacob Monkelbaan by their estate
9:30AM Patricia & Thomas Gates by the Rogers Family
11:30AM Angelo Lauria by the family
6:00PM People of the Parish by Fr. Bryan

Prepare Next Week Sunday's Readings

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
"Repent and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:15
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

Daily Mass:

7 & 9am, Monday-Thursday (chapel)
Friday 7am & 9am (church)
Saturday 9am (church)



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Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil: 4pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am & 6pm
Daily: 7 & 9am Mon.-Thurs. Chapel
7 & 9am Fri. Church
9am Sat. Church
Holy Days: 5pm Vigil, 7 & 9am, 7pm
Eucharistic Adoration:
First Friday, 9:30am-noon in the church
Confession: Saturday 3-3:45pm

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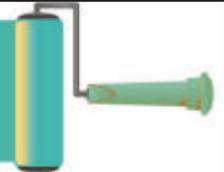
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