

St. Francis & St. Clare Parish Weekly Bulletin

Welcome, Parishioners and Visitors. We are glad you attended Mass with us this week.

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> Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Closed Friday

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The Mission of St. Francis & St. Clare Parish

Through Baptism we are called by God, rooted in Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, to support and nurture a Catholic Christian Community:



- To learn, to love and to share our faith
- Rev. James D. Fennessy To worship in word and sacrament centered in the Eucharistic celebration
- This calls us to social justice to service those in need and to work together for God and one another

St. Patrick's Church



St. Mary's Church

95 West Bayard Street • Seneca Falls, NY 13148 Masses: Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

33 Center Street • Waterloo, NY 13165 Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM • Sunday 9:30 AM Monday 5:30 PM • Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM Confession: St. Mary's Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM or by Appt.

Seneca Falls & Waterloo, New York

September 14 & 15, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Sept 16 (1Cor 11 : 17-26, 33/Lk 7 : 1-10) 5:30pm - (SM) Communion Service Tues. Sept 17 (1Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7: 11-17) 8:30am - (SM) Communion Service Wed. Sept 18 (1Cor 12: 31-13: 13/Lk 7: 31-35) 8:30am - (SM) Communion Service Thurs Sept 19 (1Cor 15: 1-11/Lk 7: 36-50) 8:30am - (SP) Communion Service Fri. Sept 20 (1Cor 15: 12-20/Lk 8: 1-3) 8:30am - (SP) Communion Service Sat. Sept 21 (Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13/Mt 9: 9-13) 8:30am - (SP) Esposito family by Jane Esposito 5:00pm – (SM) James Sr. & Frances Hughes by Jim & Ellen Sun. Sept 22 (Wis 2: 12, 17-20/Jas 3: 16-4:3/Mk 9: 30-37) 8:00am – (SP) Lawrence & Joyce Peterson by Becky, Cyrus & Nate Spano 9:30am – (SM) Dan Skinner by Bill & Sheila Velte 11:00am – (SP) James Woods by family

ST. MARY'S

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR 9/21 & 9/22/24 LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

5:00 pm –Lector: Vol., Commentator: T Smith
9:30 am –Lector: R Capozzi, Commentator: L Shipley
<u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>
5:00 pm – C Felber, S Scarpa, D Wolfe
9:30 am – C Smith, C Swarthout, Vol.
ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 pm - as per sign-up sheet9:30 pm - as per sign-up sheet

MONEY COUNTERS FOR 9/17

Team #3

PANCAKE BREAKFAST CREW FOR 9/17

C DiDesare E Hughes S Carbone D Hay S Smith C Felber F Capozzi

CALENDAR

Monday Sept 16	
Tuesday Sept 17	
Free Pancake Breakfast – Min Ctr	8:30-10am
Wednesday Sept 18	
Eucharistic Adoration - SP Church	5-6:00pm
Thursday Sept 19	
Eucharistic Adoration - SM Church	9:30am-4pm
Friday Sept 20	
Saturday Sept 21	
Good Shepard 2 yr old Storytime – Min Ctr	9:00am
Sunday Sept 22	
RE - SM	10:30am-noon
Confirmation - TBD	

<u>Confession -</u> St. Mary's - Saturday - 3:30-4:30pm St. Patrick's - 1st Friday's - 9:00-10:00am or by appointment

St. Francis & St. Clare Parish Youth Ministry

Is a real thing ! We have a place to gather, now we need you! Our First need is for volunteers to assist our teens to create the program they would like 1 session a month. Pray for God's direction to see if He is calling you! Remember God doesn't call the equipped, He equips those who answer His call. Second we need teens! Please call 315-651-4351 for more information. This is a Ministry that has been greatly missed. Come and be a part of something great!

Free Pancake & Eggs, Etc. Breakfast every Tuesday from 8:30-10:00 AM at St. Francis-St. Clare Parish's Ministry Center (former St. Mary's School), 35 Center Street in Waterloo. Parking is behind the church with the entrance to the breakfasts nearby. These breakfasts are held every Tuesday except for major holidays or a snow storm. For more information call 315-539-8006. ALL ARE WELCOME!

	ANGELUS BELLS		
Week of 9/14 – 9/20/24	9/16	SM SP	
St. Mary's – <u>SANCTUARY LAMP</u> Alice Sabatine Offered by: Mike & Lola	9/17	SM SP	Tony & Lena DiPronio
ALTAR BREAD & WINE Alice Sabatine	9/18	SM SP	M/M Michael Fiorelli
Offered by: Mike & Lola St. Patrick's – <u>SANCTUARY LAMP</u>	9/19	SM SP	DJ Sinicropi
Anthony Coriale Offered by: Joanne Church	9/20	SM SP	
ALTAR BREAD & WINE	9/21	SM SP	
Offered by:	9/22	SM SP	Margaret Smith Deceased members of the Fiorelli family

The cost to have the Angelus bells rung in memory of a relative or an occasion is \$10. There are many dates available.

Pray for our sick & homebound...Robert Barnoski, John Barnoski, Elizabeth Martin, Thomas P. Callaghan, Paul F. Deal, Matthew Enger, Dave Russell, Edith Greene, Helen Boenigk, H.A.D., Mila Rae, Frank & Joyce Tedesche, Christopher Podgorny, Richard Daugenti, Doug & Rosemary Plank & family, Bob & Dolly Steinhouse, Barbara Crosby, Joanna Gould, Dr. Steven Ryan, Amy Marie Maloney Farr, Dan Hogen, Sr. Catherine Judge, Judy, Glenn Paul, April Lanphear, Hannah & her family, Tenley Gurreri, Kensel McClenathan, Jayden Jensen, Kendra, Christopher Jones, Doris Crawford Mitchell, Brian Oddi, Elizabeth Babiarz, Kay & family, Lisa, Anna Boise, Nancy Versteg, James Pokrzywa, Bonnie Jones, Bruce Gilbert, Pat Panek, Todd Gaglianese, Sandy Lopez, Bill O'Hora, Georgine Rosata, Vince & Bonnie Piscitelli, Timothy Youngs, Margaret Mitchell, Linda Arichiello, Randy Doty, Don, S.M., V.C, Mary Emilius, Tish Zepp, Michele V., Parker Fisher, Anna Wilkes, Jimmy Lamson, Scott Jones, Marsha Ryck, Terri M., AMM, LMM, JAM, Madeline DiManno, Betty Bellomo Levesque, Fran Barbieri, Kaydi Heins, Kathy Harper, Keith Stahl, Bob Sandroni, Marylou Murdock, Laura Worden, Anna Ellis, Holly Jones, Judy Ellis, Stacey Jansen, David Vacca, Stanley Fisher, K.M., Patty Lewis, Cheryl DeMillo, Jeff Page, T.H., E.B.L., Joel Rivera, Kay Eighmey, Richard Schweitz Jr., Barb Twist, Megan Seneca, Jim Mooney, Gene Lopez, Dorothy Rizzo, Anne Cannuli, Keith Gibbs, Jeremy Andrews, Michele, Alexis Eldrige, Roxanne Starry, Mary Ann Dambrosia, Ellen Moon, Barb C, Bob B, Kathleen Talcott, Dolores Boeticker, Marie Ramson, Jonah Decory, Marcella Hill, Eleanor Jackson, Karen Jenkins, Jayden Moone, Fritz Chrysler, Loretta C, Dorothy & John Euchlund, R.C., Mary Jo Semler, Ron Barnhart, Joseph Lotto, William Cathy, Dale Trout Jr., Ellen Clark, Kathy Cole, LM, Jesse Alcott, Amber Moses, Eric Gelsomino, Felicia Strong, Asa Poorman, Marjorie Edmeston, William Johnson Jr., M. Claire M, Miranda Y, Colleen VanCamp, Cathy Woods, Tyler Sheldon, Marilyn, Amy Roepnack, Cindy Brown, Orion, John Gnell, Julia Kennedy, David Smith, Judy Walczak, Mary Harrin, Maria C. Norman, Judy Hoffman, Ann Passifione, Gianna, Ashley Stillwell, Lucille Cook, Mary Lou's Intentions, Kathy, Judy Bauer, Michael Cunningham, Judy Wheaton, Carol Eck, Mary Ebers, Rose Nehring, Margaret Nardi, Tim O'Mara, John Bennett, Kathleen Deal, Cory Steinbacker, Robin Ryan, Jarrod Ticconi, Cindy Schlegel, Emily, Venturelli, Wendy Goodman, Bonnie, Lauren, Maureen Jusko, Neal Wood, Robin Jock, Zachary M., Kelly, Jay Colin, Rebecca Carson, Rebecca Tuccio, Trevor Cauler, Judy, Patricia L., Gerald Goodman, Cheryl Lewis, Marilyn Dickinson, Lainie Forde, Seitz Family, Misty Clark, Kitty Allenza, Jesse Pardee, Pat Battley & all of our sick Please note: I am trying to keep the prayer list updated - if you would like to be added to or **deleted from** the list, please call the parish office at 539-2944 or 651-4349.

"Anyone who seeks truth seeks God, whether or not he realizes it." St. Edith Stein

Novena to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots.

The devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots has become more popular ever since Pope Francis encouraged the devotion in Argentina, and then spoke about it during his first year as pontiff. The theology of the devotion actually goes back to the second century. Saint Irenaeus wrote that, "The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by the obedience of Mary; what the virgin Eve bound by her unbelief, the Virgin Mary loosened by her faith." Mary's faith unties the knot of sin!. So we will pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary will intercede for us all, to untie the knots of sin in our lives – so that we may be purified and ever closer to God.

In May of 2021, Pope Francis <u>called</u> on Mary, Undoer of Knots, for her intercession at the end of the global Rosary to end the pandemic. "*Tonight we gather before you, our Virgin Mother, venerated in this image as the one who unties knots. In fact, there are many knots that bind our lives and our activities. They are knots of selfishness and indifference, economic and social knots, knots of violence and war ... We pray to you, Holy Mother, untie the knots that oppress us materially and spiritually, so that we may joyfully bear witness to your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.*" *Pope Francis (May 31, 2021)*

The Novena to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots is available in the literature racks at both of our churches.

Thank you to the parishioners who cleared some land on the west end of the parking lot and planted some bulbs that will come up next year. I appreciate their hard work and dedication to help keep our properties looking beautiful.

This Sunday is the first of the family Masses for the school year. Our young people have many God given gifts and talents, and with this Mass we will be giving them and their families the opportunity to use those gifts in helping us to praise God. I would encourage all parishioners to continue to pray for our young people and their families.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

St. Francis & St. Clare Parish will again be following a food collection schedule developed by several area churches. Each church will collect specific items for the House of Concern and CAP each month. Although we are given specific items to collect, we will graciously accept **any** food or personal hygiene items. For the month of **September**, we will be collecting the following items for the House of Concern and CAP: **canned fruit, hairbrushes.** Thank you so much for your continued support. Social Ministry Committee

Spirituality of the Prayers at Mass Gloria

we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

We have just given reasons for God's greatness and our need to worship God. We now give titles to that God, "King" and "Father."

What does calling God "King" or "Father" mean to me?
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

We now glorify Jesus who is called," Lamb of God", a title that comes from the sacrifice of a lamb at the Passover in Exodus that led to freedom, and now signifies the sacrifice of Jesus for our freedom from sin.

1. What role does forgiveness play in my life?

NEW COATS FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

The Social Ministry Committee will be collecting new coats for children and teens.

We are always in need of new coats in all sizes. Barrels will be in both churches from Sept. 14 through Oct. 18.

Any questions or if you need coats to be picked up please contact Ellen Hughes 315-539-3674. Please help us keep local children warm this winter as you have so generously done in the past. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

September 15, 2024 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

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

Our special collection today supports the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD funds programs that empower low-income people to address the root causes of their poverty. These grants support organizations across the country. Over the past decade, six organizations in our own Diocese have received major national CCHD grants. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. Make your check out to your parish and write "CCHD" in the memo or give at give online at our parish web site, under "Second Collections". Please be generous.

FAMILY SPIRITUALITY WEEKLY TIP FOR:

9/15/24 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

After Mass, discuss these questions & brainstorm ideas & ways to implement them this week!

Adults: Why should faith always lead to good works? Children: What good work can I do to show my faith?

LET'S LIVE THE GOSPEL!!!!!!!

The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend** is planned for October 11-13, 2024 at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY. Register online at wwme.org.

The WWME weekend teaches communication techniques such as active listening, listening with the heart and empathy towards your spouse's feelings. It is based on the sacrament of Holy Matrimony and expresses the importance of love in the union and encourages this love be taken out into the world in various ministries to serve God by strengthening the couples and families in the church.

The Marriage Encounter gives busy couples much needed time together to focus on each other and deepen their communication. After the Experience, couples often return to their life and families refreshed with renewed commitment to each other.

Application fee is \$100. For more information, contact Mike and Kathy Williams <u>Applications@wwme-wny.org</u> or 585-872-5432

Faith Formation News:

Start-up

The Religious Education year begins!

Today, September 15th is our kick-off. Our 1st family Mass at 9:30 am will be followed by a meet and greet with ice cream social and family bingo. Don't miss the start of what will be a fantastic year

If you missed our registration days please contact the Faith Formation office, 315-651-4351, to set up a time to come by. We need to know numbers as soon as possible. This includes both methods of Rel. Ed. as well as First Reconciliation and Confirmation.

Sacramental Preparation:

Confirmation: Our Confirmation year begins Sunday Sept.15th with the family Mass at 9:30 am. Class will be held at the Ministry Center.

<u>First Reconciliation</u>: First Reconciliation Registration and Parents Meeting Wednesday 9/18 5:30pm children do not have to attend but are welcome.



FAMILY FAITH RESOURCE ROOM NOW OPEN!

Come check us out! We are located at the top of the ramp in the ministry center. Hours currently are:

Mon- Thurs. 8:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Looking for ways to improve your family's faith? We have games, DVD's, CD's, Christian toys & so much more. Come as a family and grow closer to our Lord.



This weekend our Religious Education and Confirmation Programs Begin:

Please keep in prayer the Staff, Catechists and most importantly the families who will be working together to grow closer to Christ and learn the importance of sharing the Good News with others. We are blessed to have most families returning and a few new families joining. Here's to a great year. God is Good!

Office of Faith Formation Volunteer Opportunities:

Religious Education

<u>Classroom substitutes</u>- Thank you to those new volunteers who have answered the call to help families grow in faith. We are still in need of substitutes for our Religious Ed. program. It is a safety mandate that we have 2 adults or an adult and teen in every classroom. Please call or email 315-651-4351 or <u>pamela.kane@dor.org</u> to see if this is where God might be calling you.

Ministry to Families seeking Baptism

We have started to offer support and share experiences with new parents as they plan to Baptize their children. We are in search of young families who might be interested in joining a team that will take turns in this ministry, please contact Pam Kane in the Faith Formation office 315-651-4351. What a great way to welcome and get to know each other.

Advent By Candlelight: Save the Date! Ladies, Our Annual Advent by Candlelight will be held Sunday December 8th! Mark Your Calendars.

Please consider joining our planning committee. Contact Sara Ryan or Pam Kane 315-651-4351 <u>pamela.kane@dor.org</u>

YOUTH MINISTRY-

Spread the word, we will be kicking off a new youth ministry opportunity for teens 7th–12th grade in October. These gatherings will include prayer, teen planned service to others, and social time. We will meet monthly in the new teen room in the basement of the rectory at St. Patrick's church. This will be a safe place to hang out and share our faith without fear of ridicule. (If you have a lightly used ping pong table you are looking for somewhere to donate please call Pam Kane @ 315–651–4351) More information coming soon!



Summer, 2024

Dear Pastor:

We want to alert you and the members of your church of the threat to Catholic values within the proposed Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to our New York State Constitution. The ERA is officially set to appear on the ballot for a popular vote on November 5, 2024, as Proposal One.

This state constitutional amendment, *among other things*, provides minor children with the fundamental right to abortion, chemical and later-term, as well as the fundamental right to engage in transgender medical interventions. The ERA empowers Courts to either uphold laws that ignore parental notice or consent or invalidate laws that require parental notice or consent for both of these life-ending or life-altering procedures. **The ERA potentially erodes protections for churches and other religious institutions to teach beliefs that run contrary to these newly created fundamental rights.**

The so-called ERA reads as though it simply promotes 'freedom and justice for all,' but it potentially harms children, families, and religious institutions; its impacts are far reaching. NY statutes already protect against the horrors of discrimination as does our current NYS Constitution. The ERA goes further, by not only eroding parental authority and crystallizing 'rights' for children that could be dangerous for them, but by threatening the ability of churches and other religious institutions to promote principles misaligned with radical reproductive and gender ideology.

The Coalition to Protect Kids-NY is a ballot issue committee missioned to defeat passage of the ERA. The Coalition is registered with the NYS Board of Elections, where any expenses paid to promote the defeat of this ballot measure must be reported. We have materials— <u>Paid</u> for by the Coalition to Protect Kids-NY— that we hope you will share, at your discretion and at no cost. Polls show that when people understand the effects of the ERA support for the amendment plummets.

The New York State Catholic Conference and the Diocese of Rochester oppose the ERA, and support the Coalition's mission to defeat it. Here are two ways we pray you will help us defeat the ERA:

WHY CATHOLICS SHOULD **VOTE NO TO THE ERA**

On November 5th, New Yorkers will vote on the "Equal Rights Amendment," or "Proposition One," a vaguely worded, unnecessary, and dangerous state constitutional amendment that would result in serious negative consequences by expanding "equal protection under the law" to include, among other things: age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and reproductive healthcare.

What does the ERA say?

Proposed changes to the constitution in BOLD

"No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this state or

any subdivision thereof.

No person shall, because of race, color,

ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE,

DISABILITY, creed [or], religion, OR

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SEX, INCLUDING SEXUAL ORIENTATION,

GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION,

PREGNANCY, PREGNANCY OUTCOMES,

AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE

AND AUTONOMY.

be subjected to any discrimination ... "

What can you do?

- Vote NO to the ERA in November!
- Share this information with other voters
- Learn more: tinyurl.com/oppose-ERA



What would the ERA do?

1. Enshrine abortion up until birth in the New York State Constitution.

Abortion limitations to protect women and children would become impossible to pass. Conscience protections of health care professionals and individuals would also be threatened.

Allow children to make life-altering medical decisions

without parental consent.

Children experiencing gender confusion would be able to seek gender reassignment therapies and surgeries without parental consent or knowledge.

3. Loosen age-appropriate restrictions.

Common sense age-restrictions on "sexual freedom" and the potential "right to die" would be endangered.



The Sunday 8:00am Mass as well as daily Masses are live streamed on Facebook which is accessible on the website at sfscrcc.org

Total number of people at all the Masses on Sept 7 & 8 was approx. 440

The parish appreciates your attendance and support!!

Don't forget that we survive on the offerings of our parishioners. If you do not feel comfortable attending Mass, you can still send in your envelope or drop it off at the Ministry Center office. Online giving is also available now at https://www.osvhub.com/sfscrss/funds God bless you for your support.

The Mass, mail-in & online contributions for the week of **Sept 7 & 8, 2024** was \$10,615.96 We thank you for your generosity!



