

St. Francis & St. Clare Parish Weekly Bulletin

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

Parish Office Address: 35 Center Street Waterloo, NY 13165

> 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:

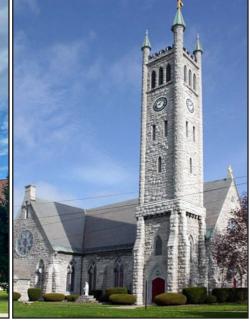


- To learn, to love and to share our faith
- Rev. James D. Fennessy To worship in word and sacrament centered in the Eucharistic celebration
- This calls us to social justice to service those in need and to work together for God and one another

St. Patrick's Church



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



St. Mary's Church

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

December 7 & 8, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Dec 9 Immaculate Conception (Gn 3: 9-15/Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12/Lk 1 : 26-38) 8:30am - (SP) For the people of the parish 5:30pm – (SM) For the people of the parish **Tues. Dec 10** (Is 40: 1-11/Mt 18: 12-14) 8:30am – (SM) John Izzo by Herb & Marianne Meyer Wed. Dec 11 (Is 40: 25-31/Mt 11: 28-30) 8:30am – (SM) Angela & James Altemari by family Thurs Dec 12 (Zec 2: 14-17/Lk 1: 26-38) 8:30am – (SP) Michael Golden by the Rauscher family Fri. Dec 13 (ls 48: 17-19/Mt 11: 16-19) 8:30am – (SP) Andrew Ryck by the Adler family **Sat. Dec 14** (Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11/Mt 17: 9a, 10-13) 8:30am – (SP) Andrew LeBrun by Rich & Nora Ricci 5:00pm – (SM) Bob Robinson by Barb Sun. Dec 15 3rd Sunday of Advent (Zep 3: 14-18a/Phil 4: 4-7/Lk 3: 10-18) 8:00am - (SP) Maria & Frank Verzillo by Ada 9:30am - (SM) Deceased members of the Anderson, Thompson, & Maleski families by Frank & MaryJoan Maleski 11:00am – (SP) M/M James Sinicropi & M/M Vito Ceo by Mary & Vince

ST. MARY'S

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR 12/14 & 2/15/24 LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

5:00 pm –Lector: E Hughes., Commentator: T Rosata 9:30 am –Lector: M Grillone, Commentator: S Scarpa <u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>

5:00 pm – J Bells, L Nightingale, T Smith 9:30 am – L Shipley, C Struzik, D Duprey

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 pm – as per sign-up sheet 9:30 pm – as per sign-up sheet

MONEY COUNTERS FOR 12/10

Team #3

PANCAKE BREAKFAST CREW FOR 12/10

J Scholl J Scholl N Zona D Allen S Ryan

COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR NURSING HOMES

December 12, 2024 - Seneca- 10:30am Jim (P) Mary E, MaryAnn, Janet, Neil

CALENDAR

Monday Dec 9 Immaculate Conception See Mass times			
RCIA - Min Ctr	7:00pm		
Tuesday Dec 10	1		
Free Pancake Breakfast – Min Ctr	8:30-10am		
KofC Mtg – Min Ctr	7:00pm		
Wednesday Dec 11	-		
Eucharistic Adoration - SP Church	5-6:00pm		
Rosary - Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries			
	ch 7-8:00 pm		
Thursday Dec 12	-		
Eucharistic Adoration - SM Church	9:30am-4pm		
Friday Dec 13	1		
Saturday Dec 14			
Sunday Dec 15 3 rd Sunday of Advent			
NO RE			
Children's Choir rehearsal - SP Church	12:15-1pm		

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

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

There will be <u>no</u> pancake breakfast on Dec. 24th or Dec. 31 due to the holidays. We will resume on January 7th.

The Men of St. Joseph will be meeting at the Ministry Center on Tuesday mornings at 8am. All are welcome!

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us.

		ANGELUS BELLS	
Week of 12/7–12/13/24	12/9	SM SP	Shirley Hunt Stryker
St. Mary's – <u>SANCTUARY LAMP</u> Kyle Coggins Offered by: Clarisse	12/10	SM SP	
<u>ALTAR BREAD & WINE</u> Peter Nicosia	12/11	SM SP	Vita Mary Felice
Offered by: Clarisse St. Patrick's – <u>SANCTUARY LAMP</u>	12/12	SM SP	
Edward Walters Offered by: Mom & family	12/13	SM SP	
ALTAR BREAD & WINE Edward Walters	12/14	SM SP	
Offered by: Mom & family	12/15	SM SP	

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...Jack Morabito, Lee Patchen, 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, Marvlou Murdock, Laura Worden, Anna Ellis, Holly Jones, Judy Ellis, Stacey Jansen, David Vacca, 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, 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.

The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works. You do the truth and come to the light. - St. Augustine Many thanks to all those who participated and attended this year's Real Christmas celebration at the Rec Center in Waterloo. I couldn't go this year because of my commitments to the parish. I am sure that it was a wonderful experience. The event took place on Saturday December 7, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. With is in mind the Real Christmas focused on veterans. Many thanks to all those who served.

Penance Service Saturday December 14, 2024 at noon at St. Patrick's with confessions until 2:00pm Reconciliation opportunities this Advent are every Saturday from 3:30-4:30 PM at St. Mary's

Reconciliation

Paul Turner

Our Catholic church treasures the sacrament of reconciliation. Many parishes offer a communal celebration of penance, especially during Advent and Lent. But private reconciliation is usually available every week of the year.

If you'd like to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, here's what to do:

Prepare. Prayerfully recall your sins. Some will be specific actions. Some represent a more general pattern of behavior.

Go to the priest. Visit when he's in the reconciliation room at your parish or ask for an appointment. You may either kneel anonymously behind a screen or sit in a chair where you may speak face to face.

Be welcome. You and the priest may greet each other. Make the Sign of the Cross. He may urge you to have confidence in God. You may indicate the interval since your last confession or anything else that will help. Just use common sense. Either you or the priest may read from Scripture.

Confess your sins. Some penitents begin with a formula like, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." But you don't have to. Let the priest know your sins. You may discuss the sins you confess so the priest can give you the best counsel.

Receive a penance. The priest will recommend some action after you leave to indicate to God the sincerity in your heart. Usually he suggests prayer or self-denial. If it sounds difficult, let him know.

Pray for forgiveness. The priest may invite you to say a prayer of sorrow aloud. If you remember the Act of Contrition, you may use it. But you may also speak simply from your heart.

Receive absolution. This is the best part. The priest proclaims absolution, and God forgives your sins.

Conclude. The priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." If so, answer, "His mercy endures forever." Or he may conclude informally.

Change! Go forth, and with God's help, begin to live a new life of freedom from the slavery of sin!

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Prayer to the Immaculate Conception

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

The Mass times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be Monday December 9 at 8:30am at St. Patrick's and 5:30pm at St. Mary's

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 **December**, we will be collecting the following items for the House of Concern and CAP: **canned vegetables & shampoo.** Thank you so much for your continued support. Social Ministry Committee

Spirituality of the Prayers at Mass EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest

These words appear in the beginning of the Book of Isaiah. As Isaiah stands in heaven in front of the heavenly hosts of angels he says *"I saw the Lord* seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft. *'Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of* hosts!' they cried one to the other. *'All the earth is filled* with his glory!' "Is 6:1-3

HELP IS NEEDED AT ST. PATRICK'S!!

Do you have an hour to spare each week? Or every other week?

We are in desperate need of volunteers to clean at St. Patrick's Church. For the past 5 years, volunteers have been faithfully cleaning weekly or bi-weekly at St. Patrick's. A few of those volunteers are no longer able to manage the cleaning or are in need of a break. Others are looking for a substitute when they are out of town. The tasks are not time consuming and can be done at your leisure. You can work alone, with a friend or even with your family. Please call or email me if you are able to help out. My phone # is 315-568-2424 and my email is Lemccully@yahoo.com. Thanks so much for your help in keeping our church looking beautiful!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

December 8, 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

FREE MOVIE AFTERNOON

Free Movie Afternoon will be Thursday, December 12 at 1:00 PM in the Ministry Center (former St. Mary School), 35 Center St. in Waterloo. This month's movie is Room for One More, an older movie which was first shown in 1952. Poppy (Cary Grant) and Anna Rose (Betsy Drake) have a soft spot for young people in need. Despite having three children of their own, they can't help but take action when they meet a pair of troubled young orphans. Young Jane (Iris Mann) is horribly depressed, while Jimmy (Clifford Tatum Jr.) is physically disabled and has a long history as a troublemaker. As they welcome the pair into their home, the Roses use love and understanding to help the orphans get to the bottom of their problems. The movie is 1 hour and 38 minutes long. Parking and entrance are in the parking lot behind the church. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 315-539-8006.

FAMILY SPIRITUALITY WEEKLY TIP FOR:

12/8/24 2nd Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

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

Adults: In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance? Children: What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during

Advent to show you are sorry?

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







Special Events

- "The Gift of Peace" Noel Retreat for Women in Recovery December 6-8 With Susan Barber Skinner, PhD
- "God Present and Coming: The Reigning of God in Our Day" Advent Retreat December 7th With Sr. Mary McGlone, CSJ
- "The Journey From Reformation to Transformation: The 12-Steps and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola" – January 10-12 With Fr. Gerry McKeon, S.J.
- A Lenten Journey "A Walk to the Well" Women's Retreat March 22nd With Marie Mozzi

CORE Retreat Weekends -

"Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope"

Men's Weekends: January 17-19 and January 31-February 2

Couple's Weekend: February 28-March 2

Women's Weekends: May 2-4 and May 16-18

"Fill Your Soul Days"

- December 11th "A Time for Every Purpose" with Mike Wischnowski, PhD
- January 14th "Reading God: the Practice of Lectio Divina" with Fr. Edison Tayag
- February 11th "Stations of the Cross: An African American Saint worthy Journey " with The Catholic Black Coalition

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" Senior Luncheon Series"

December 13th - Free Christmas Lunch followed with music by Canandaigua Middle School Chorus

"Book Read"

 "Boundless Compassion" "In person Once a week January 8-February 12 (limit 20) facilitated by Mary Ellen Darling

St. Francis & St. Clare Youth Group

First Annual Teen Christmas Party December 18th 6:15-8:00pm Ministry Center Waterloo

Bring a friend! Food, games, and fun. Please bring your favorite Christmas Cookie to share!

(We are meeting at the Ministry Center only because the guys would like to play basketball!)

Now meeting monthly in the basement youth room of St. Patrick's Rectory.

Help Us make this a wonderful place to gather.

The kids have asked to set up a coffee bar and gather some more comfortable seating. We are in search of:

Thank you for the Keurig donation!

3 bean bag chairs

Coffee pods & coffee supplies including hot chocolate.

Snacks: individual chips, crackers, or candy so that the kids can start a snack cupboard- (snacks will be purchased by the teens for a small price.) The money will be used for a special event, trip etc. We also need a couple 20- 40-year-olds who could be energetic Catholic witnesses on our team. Please call 315-651-4351 for donation or questions.



SFSC VBS planning is starting early. If you Are planning to purchase a new Christmas tree this year? If so, please don't plant your old one by the curb. We need as many as we can find. Our hopes are to create a forest in gym as VBS travels to Alaska: Summer 2025.

No lights needed. Call 315-651-4351 for information.



The Youth Choir is Rehearsing for the Christmas Eve Mass at St. Patrick's!

Rehearsal dates are: SUNDAYS December 8th, December 15th, December 22nd

at:

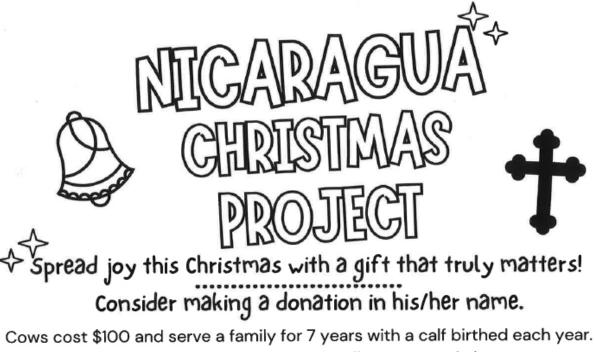
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH!!

at <u>12:15pm-1pm!</u>

Children in grades K-12 are welcome to sing!

Hope to see you all there! Any questions or for more information, please call the Office

-Miss Jen 🙂



Each cow comes with a supply of milk, cream, and cheese. Pigs cost \$50 and give birth twice a year for at least 3–4 years. Piglets are sold providing funds for the family to buy daily basic needs

OR

Consider providing funds to educate a Nicaraguan child for one year. For pre-school through 2nd grade, the cost is \$30.



For 3rd to 6th grade, the cost is \$50. For high school, the cost is \$100



Send your name and address, the person you are honoring, particular project, and your check (made out to Nicaragua Mission Project) to: The Nicaraguan Mission Project, 10100 Transit Rd. East Amherst, NY 14051 The donation is tax deductible.

(Any questions, contact Mary Ann at 315–568–5359) Please feel free to take an ornament from our Nicaragua Giving Tree. 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 Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 was approx. 493

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 <u>https://www.osvhub.com/sfscrss/funds</u> God bless you for your support.

The Mass, mail-in & online contributions for the week of **Nov 30 & Dec 1, 2024** was \$11,795.66 We thank you for your generosity!

SFSC Catholic Ministries appeal update as of 11/18/24

of donors-138 YTD Pledged-\$37,163 goal-\$82,000 % to goal-45.3%



