

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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St. Patrick's - Jennifer Cornwell St. Mary's 5pm - Kate Small St. Mary's 9:30am - Bob Dinan



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:



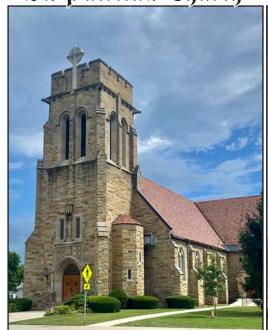
• To learn, to love and to share our faith

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Dec 16 (Nm 24 : 2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21 : 23-27)

5:30pm - (SM) Communion Service

Tues. Dec 17 (Gn 49: 2, 8-10/Mt 1: 1-17)

8:30am - (SM) The Lewis Sabatine Jr. family by family

Wed. Dec 18 (Jer 23: 5-8/Mt 1: 18-25)

8:30am –(SM) The Chuck Smith family by family

Thurs Dec 19 (Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1: 5-25)

8:30am - (SP) Vincent Cuccari by Maria

Fri. Dec 20 (ls 7: 10-14/Lk 1: 26-38)

8:30am – (SP) Vincent DiPasquale by Rita

Sat. Dec 21 (Sq 2: 8-14/Lk 1: 39-45)

8:30am - (SP) Dennis Zwick Jr. by his mom

5:00pm - (SM) Bill Maher by his wife

Sun. Dec 22 4th Sunday of Advent (Mi 5: 1-4a/Heb 10: 5-10/Lk 1: 39-45)

8:00am - (SP) Bill Moody by Kathy & family

9:30am – (SM) Cameron Messecar by David & Sandra Ridley

11:00am - (SP) Sam Ferrara by Rosalie

ST. MARY'S

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR 12/21 & 12/22/24

LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

5:00 pm –Lector: Vol., Commentator: T Smith

9:30 am –Lector: R Capozzi, Commentator: L Shipley

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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 sheet

9:30 pm – as per sign-up sheet

MONEY COUNTERS FOR 12/17

Team #4

PANCAKE BREAKFAST CREW FOR 12/17

C DiCesare E Hughes

S Carbone D Hav

C Felber S Smith

F Capozzi

CALENDAR

Monday Dec 16

RCIA - Min Ctr 7:00pm

Tuesday Dec 17

Free Pancake Breakfast - Min Ctr 8:30-10am

Wednesday Dec 18

Eucharistic Adoration - SP Church 5-6:00pm

Rosary - Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries

SM Church 7-8:00 pm

Youth Group – SP Rectory Basement 6:15-7:45pm

Bldgs & Grounds Mtg – SP Rectory

6:30pm

Thursday Dec 19

Eucharistic Adoration - SM Church 9:30am-4pm 2:30pm

Huntington Mass

Friday Dec 20 Saturday Dec 21

Sunday Dec 22 4th Sunday of Advent

NO RE

Children's Choir rehearsal - SP Church 12:15-1pm

<u>Confession - St. Mary's - Saturday - 3:30-4:30pm</u>

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 no pancake breakfast on Dec. 24th or Dec. 31 due to the holidays. We will resume on January 7th.

Fr. Roy Kiggins address:

Chapel Oaks Apt. 1111 1550 Portland Ave. Rochester, NY 14621

Week of 12/14-12/20/24

St. Mary's – <u>SANCTUARY LAMP</u>

Al Coggins Offered by: Clarisse

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

Tony & Lena DiPronio Offered by: children

St. Patrick's – <u>SANCTUARY LAMP</u>

Gene Martello Offered by: Rosemary

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		ANGELUS BELLS
12/16	SM SP	
12/17	SM SP	Laura Capuco & Anne Galbraith
12/18	SM SP	Betty Ann Monti
12/19	SM SP	
12/20	SM SP	Marsella, Didona, Miller, Kierst, DeRosa Families and grandmother Marino
12/21	SM SP	Joe Armitage
12/22	SM SP	Joe Armitage

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...Ann Turkett, 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, Marylou 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.

"In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course."

The annual Advent by Candlelight celebration last Sunday was a wonderful experience of prayer and community. There were over 120 women that attended with a group of women from Our Lady of Peace parish in Geneva. A great deal of planning and effort went into the success of this event. There were a number of our youth that helped with serving those attending. Across the hall from the gym, Tom Liebner and I were with some of the second year Confirmation students having tacos and a discussion.

The It's A Wonderful Life festivities in Seneca Falls takes place this weekend. It is a wonderful time of the year when people from around the country descend to "Bedford Falls" and enjoy the wonderful atmosphere that the movie provided. The Knights of Columbus will roast chestnuts again this year. I have been attending these festivities for many years and am always impressed with the friendly attitude of the local residents who are always so helpful to the visitors.

Collect Prayer for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation, and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

In this prayer our attention shifts toward the coming feast of the Lord's birth or Nativity.

In this prayer we are aware that God is looking at us, as we look forward to the approaching feast of the Lords Nativity. So, this prayer gives us the opportunity to consider how the members of the Sunday assembly look forward to Christmas. This prayer is offered by the whole Church, which includes children, adolescents, adults and seniors. Yet, both the prayer and the feast of the Lord's Nativity have different meaning for a person over the course of one's lifetime.

Children may be introduced to this mystery by celebrating the birthday of Jesus. This prayer does not focus on the historical birth of Christ, but on its meaning for us today, much as a child's birthday celebrates the life of the child with us.

As we mature in life we may begin to discover new subtleties in this prayer. As adolescents, we begin to appreciate the ways in which we are saved, they come to name and to celebrate the joys of our salvation in Christ.

Adults, through their commitments to others and professional contribution to society may come to share in many ways in the generativity of this feast and may learn from the humility of the Savior. Seniors may reflect upon the many Christmas feasts they have celebrated to realize that they have indeed

attained the joys of their salvation. They may become aware that all is a gift and as of yet incomplete.

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest

Not only the words of the heavenly beings but the words of humans are also used, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" Matthew 21:9. Both the heavens and earth proclaim the greatness of God.

- 1. When have we given God the most thanks and praise?
- 2. What are we most thankful for?

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 15, 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

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.

FAMILY SPIRITUALITY WEEKLY TIP FOR:

12/15/24 3rd Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

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

Adults: To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness could you do this week?

Children: What kind action have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?

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





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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
- " 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.
Lights not necessary. Call 315-651-4351 for information.



Thank you to all who made this year's Advent By Candlelight a huge success! Over 120 women filled the Ministry Center gym for a time of reflection and fellowship. Thank you, Sara Ryan, the decorating crew, Celeste Trickler,

Jeanne Stebbings, Kitty Peterson and Jen Cornwell. Also, we send a huge thank you to our table hostesses who took the time to make all the women in attendance feel welcome. May the rest of this Advent season help you prepare for the hope and joy our savior brings and may you all be an angel for someone by bringing them the message of God's love. Make sure to join us next year.



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

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

at:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH!!

at 12:15pm-1pm!

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 🙂



Spread joy this Christmas with a gift that truly matters!

Consider making a donation in his/her name.

Cows cost \$100 and serve a family for 7 years with a calf birthed each year.

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

(Any questions, contact Mary Ann at 315–568–5359)
Please feel free to take an ornament from our Nicaragua Giving Tree.

The donation is tax deductible.

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 Dec. 7 & 8 was approx. 510

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 **December 7 & 8, 2024** was \$20,332.07 We thank you for your generosity!

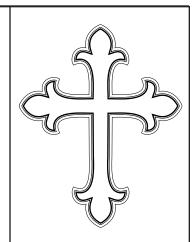
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of donors-148 YTD Pledged-\$39,658 goal-\$82,000 % to goal-48%



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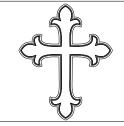
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