



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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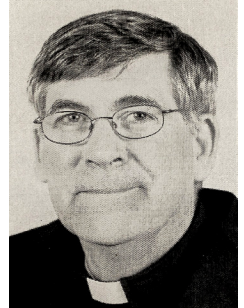
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Jennifer Cornwell
Finance: Vince Sinicropi
Social Ministry: Linda McCully
Parish Life: Volunteer Needed
Buildings & Grounds: George Strally
Cemetery Manager: Pamela Jones
Knights of Columbus: John Nesbit
Catholic Daughters: Patty Agnello
Music Ministry:
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
- 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



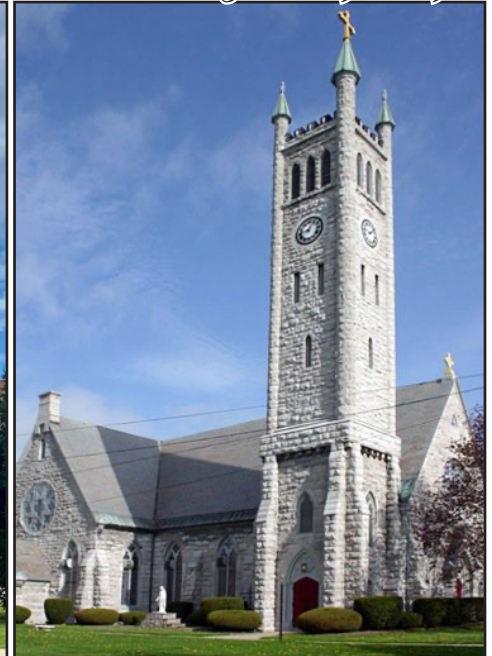
Rev. James D. Fennessy

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Jan 13 (Heb 1 : 1-6/Mk 1 : 14-20)
 5:30pm – (SM) Communion Service

Tues. Jan 14 (Heb 2: 5-12/Mk 1: 21-28)
 8:30am – (SM) Anthony & Frances Barbieri by family

Wed. Jan 15 (Heb 2: 14-18/Mk 1: 29-39)
 8:30am – (SM) Helen Dilts & family by family

Thurs Jan 16 (Heb 3: 7-14/Mk 1: 40-45)
 8:30am – (SP) William Novak & deceased family members by family

Fri. Jan 17 (Heb 4: 12-16/Mk 2: 13-17)
 8:30am – (SP) Andrew LeBrun by Gena & Keith Stahl

Sat. Jan 18 (Heb 4: 12-16/Mk 2: 13-17)
 8:30am – (SP) Dominick Sinicropi by John & Marie Leo
 5:00pm – (SM) Gordon Heinzman by family

Sun. Jan 19 (Is 62: 1-5/1Cor 12: 4-11/Jn 2: 1-11)
 8:00am – (SP) Bernice Pesesky by Social Ministry
 9:30am – (SM) Deceased members of the Sposato family by Joe & Laura
 11:00am – (SP) Joseph Giovannini by Dan & Adriene Emmo

ST. MARY'S

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR 1/18 & 1/19/25

LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

5:00 pm –Lector: E Hughes, Commentator: T Rosata
 9:30 am –Lector: M Grillone, Commentator: S Scarpa

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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 1/14

Team #4

PANCAKE BREAKFAST CREW FOR 1/14

J Scholl J Scholl
 N Zona D Allen S Ryan

COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR NURSING HOMES

January 16, 2025 - Seneca - 10:30am
 Jim (P)
 Denise, Joanne

CALENDAR

Monday Jan 13
 RCIA - Min Ctr 7:00pm

Tuesday Jan 14
 Free Pancake Breakfast – Min Ctr 8:30-10am
 Finance Mtg – Min Ctr 5:00pm
 KofC Mtg – Min Ctr 7:00pm

Wednesday Jan 15
 Eucharistic Adoration - SP Church 5-6:00pm
 Bldgs & Grounds Mtg - SP Rectory 6:30pm

Thursday Jan 16
 Eucharistic Adoration - SM Church 9:30am-4pm
 Huntington Mass 2:30pm

Friday Jan 17

Saturday Jan 18

Sunday Jan 19
 NO RE

Confession - 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

Fr. Roy Kiggins address:

**Chapel Oaks Apt. 1111
 1550 Portland Ave.
 Rochester, NY 1462**

The Social Ministry Committee is collecting new and gently used blankets, comforters and afghans thru the middle of February. These items will be given to the House of Concern and CAP for the needy in our communities. There are barrels at the doors of both churches. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Week of 1/11– 1/17/25

St. Mary's – SANCTUARY LAMP

Fran Morabito
Offered by: Mike & Lola

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

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St. Patrick's – SANCTUARY LAMP

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ALTAR BREAD & WINE

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ANGELUS BELLS

1/13 SM
SP

1/14 SM
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1/15 SM
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1/18 SM
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1/19 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... 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, Jayden Jensen, Kendra, Christopher Jones, Doris Crawford Mitchell, Brian Oddi, Elizabeth Babiarz, Kay & family, Lisa, Anna Boise, Nancy Versteeg, 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 Passifone, 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 Steinbacher, 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 Battle & 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.

"What is taking place in America," she said, "is a war against the child. And if we accept that the mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another." *Mother Teresa-February 1997 - National Prayer Breakfast in Washington attended by the President and the First Lady.*

I would like to thank all those who helped to make for a wonderful Christmas season. Both our churches were so beautifully decorated which led to powerful celebrations. Now that we are in Ordinary Time, there are still many people who strive to keep our church clean and maintained so that we can continue with prayerful liturgies. This week, St. Mary's will switch back to taking up the collection. If you don't see the wood collection boxes, please hold onto your contribution, and put it into the collection basket that will be coming around at the usual time.

Baptism of the Lord

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season. This feast is a celebration of who Christ is. The following, from the preface for the Baptism of the Lord states:

For in the waters of the Jordan

*you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism,
so that through the voice that came down from heaven
we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us,
and by the Spirit's descending in the likeness of a dove
we might know that Christ your Servant
has been anointed with the oil of gladness
and sent to bring the good news to the poor.*

This short text has references to numerous Scripture passages that speak to who Jesus is. The first three lines speak of what we hear in the Gospel for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, referring to the voice of God telling who Jesus is, the Son of God. The "Word dwelling among us" is from the prologue of John that speaks of the Incarnation. Calling Jesus "your Servant" refers to the four Servant Songs of Isaiah that speak of a suffering servant who saves his people. The "oil of gladness" is from the Old Testament. The phrase, "bring good news to the poor," is from Isaiah and is spoken by Jesus in chapter 4 of Luke when he refers to his mission. Knowing that Jesus is the promised Savior gives comfort to us in difficult times.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

I would be most appreciative, if you haven't already, to consider renewing your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. We are close to 57% of our goal. The CMA is the chief means by which the Diocese of Rochester, with Bishop Matano at its head, will carry out this year the crucial and life-giving ministries that support families, the elderly, the sick and infirm, our youth and young adults, all those for whom the Church is a beacon of hope and healing balm. Look for Catholic Ministry Appeal envelopes by the doors of both churches. If you have already donated, then please share the envelope with others.

Rosary in a Year

Ascension Press has come out with a new series on the Rosary. It is a series of podcasts on the Rosary which began Jan 1. I have seen them and am very impressed with the way the series is laid out in six phases over the year. The speaker, Fr Mark -Mary Ames, is very easy to listen to and does a great job. All the podcasts can be found on Youtube.

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 **January**, we will be collecting the following items for the House of Concern and CAP: **pasta, rice, spaghetti sauce & feminine products**. Thank you so much for your continued support. Social Ministry Committee

**Spirituality of the Prayers at Mass
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,

It is because God is Holy himself that he can then make the gifts Holy. The gifts are to be made Holy in the same way that God himself is Holy; they are to be made into the very presence of God.

by sending your Spirit upon them

As these words are said the priest puts his hands over the gifts of bread and wine. The coming of the spirit is seen a number of times in Scripture. In Gen 1:1 God's spirit comes upon the water and gives life. In the story of the baptism of Jesus we hear *"it happened in those days that Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'"* Mk 1:9-11 The Spirit also descends upon the disciples at Pentecost-Acts 2:1-4. The Holy Spirit is God's love which changes all that it touches. There are many other examples of the Spirit affecting healing and designating people for certain tasks, Luke 4:40, Acts 9-17. and Acts 13:1-3, just to mention a few.

1. When have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life?
2. When have you been touched or transformed by something greater than you can explain?

Family Hope Center is looking for a new Executive Director. The job consists of 24-30 hours per week. As an ambassador of Jesus Christ, the Executive Director is responsible for ensuring the effective operation of the center, including overseeing the administration, programs, budgeting, staffing, and strategic plan of the organization. Other key duties include fundraising, marketing, media relations, and community outreach. For more information, contact Kevin Berg, Board Chair @ kevinberg309@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of Our Lord

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'" - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Men's Retreats

Notre Dame Retreat House has announced four Men's Retreats for 2025:

Jan 17-19

Jan 31-Feb 2

Sept 12-14

Oct 24-26

The theme is "Walking in Friendship with God", which is in line with Pope Francis' 'theme' for this year of Jubilee 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

Although operated by a lay board, the Retreat Team this year is led by a veteran Redemptorist Priest. Volunteer Jesuits are expected in to assist on Retreat Weekends.

Register through the website at notreddameretreat.org/register or call 585-394-5700. For local assistance all/leave a message at 315-577-2282 or rrivet@ad.com

FAMILY SPIRITUALITY WEEKLY TIP FOR:

1/12/25 The Baptism of the Lord

Gospel: Luke 3: 16-15, 21-22

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

Adults: Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

Children: What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

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

A NOTE FROM ANN MARIE ZON

My Dear Friends,

Our Lord promised to "...be with us always..." and in Faith we must believe that He keeps His word and that He is truly ever "here"...

But I also "see Him" in the goodness of othersHe is with us in each one of us ... in what we do for one another .

That is why I am so grateful to Him for putting you into my life .. into the lives of so many, many Nicaraguans whose lives you have touched over the years.

And appreciation extends to your Christmas "gifts" I was overwhelmed with how you continue to support our care for those in such want in the missions ..

We truly cannot continue what we have been called to do without your "being there" with us ... and believe me ... your presence is in Nicaragua... in every person on the receiving end of your sharing ...

Thank you more than very much and know that you are ever in our prayers ... (both in English and Spanish !!!!!)

God bless each and all of you and may 2025 be your year of Hope and Peace in Christ ..

Ann Marie (Zon)

**A Reminder from the Faith Formation Office
Sunday**

January 26th, 2025

9:30 Mass @ St. Mary's Church

10:30 Family Faith Day @ Ministry Center

Theme: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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

Total number of people at all the Masses on Jan. 4 & 5 was approx. 478

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/sfscrcss/funds> God bless you for your support.

*The Mass, mail-in & online contributions for the week of **January 4 & 5, 2025** was \$14,341.68
We thank you for your generosity!*

SFSC Catholic Ministries appeal update as of 12/30/24

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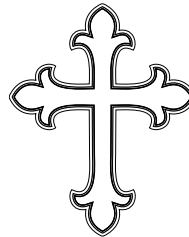
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