

#### **Parish Office Address: 35 Center Street** Waterloo, NY 13165

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

Phone: 315-651-4349 or 315-539-2944 Fax: 315-539-8841 **Faith Formation:** 315-651-4351 **E-mail:** sfscparish@dor.org Web Address: www.sfscrcc.org Facebook: St. Francis & St. Clare Roman Catholic Parish

Pastor: Reverend James Fennessy Finance Director: Rebecca Pizzirusso Business Manager: Marianne Piscitelli Administrative Assistant: Anne Marie Adler Catechetical Leader: Pamela Kane Organists: Kate Small, Jennifer Cornwell Pastoral Council: Vincenta Porretta Baptism & Liturgy: Fr. Jim Fennessy Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): 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



# St. Francis & St. Clare Parish Weekly Bulletin

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

# 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

# April 12 & 13, 2025

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Apr 14 (Is 42 : 1-7/Jn 12 : 1-11) 5:30pm – (SM) For the people of the parish Tues. Apr 15 (Is 49: 1-6/Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38) 8:30am – (SM) Alice LeBrun by Edda Hall & family Wed. Apr 16 (Is 50: 4-9a/Mt 26: 14-25) 8:30am – (SM) Ricky Tanner Jr. by family 7:00pm - (SM) TENEBRAE Thurs Apr 17 HOLY THURSDAY (Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14/1Cor 11: 23 -26/Jn 13: 1-15) 7:00pm – (SP) Mass of the Lord's Supper – for the people of the parish Fri. Apr 18 GOOD FRIDAY (Is 52: 13-53: 12/Heb 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9/Jn 18: 1-19: 42) 3:00pm – (SM) Good Friday Service Sat. Apr 19 EASTER VIGIL (Gn 1 : 1-2 :2 :2/Gn 22 : 1-18/Ex 14 : 15-15 : 1/ls 54 : 5-14/ls 55 : 1-11/Bar 3 : 9-15, 32-4: 4/ Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6: 3-11/Lk 24: 1-12) 7:00pm – (SM) Easter Vigil Mass – for the people of the parish Sun. Apr 20 EASTER (Acts 10: 34a, 37-43/Col 3: 1-4/Jn 20: 1-9) 8:00am – (SP) For the people of the parish 9:30am – (SM) For the people of the parish 11:00am – (SP) For the people of the parish

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR 4/19 & 4/20/25

#### FOR ST. MARY'S & ST. PATRICK'S

#### AS PER SIGN-UP SHEETS

MONEY COUNTERS FOR 4/15 Team #1

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST CREW FOR 4/15

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



#### WATERLOO in BLOOM always needs more

**volunteers**!! Flowers are paid for by area businesses. Volunteers plant and take care of their flowers during the summer. The village waters our flowers for us. **If you can spare an average of 15-30 minutes a week**, YOU can be another reason to take pride that our village will be in BLOOM the summer of 2025!!! Please call or email Kate Schweitz, if you are interested in helping, at 315-539-3622 or <u>katevelte13@gmail.com</u>.

#### **CALENDAR**

Monday Apr 14	
NO RCIA	
Tuesday Apr 15	
Free Pancake Breakfast – Min Ctr	8:30-10am
Chrism Mass – Cathedral, Rochester	6:00pm
Wednesday Apr 16	
Huntington Mass	2:30pm
Tenebrae - SM Church	7:00pm
Thursday Apr 17 HOLY THURSDAY	
Mass of the Lord's Supper - SP Church	7:00pm
Adoration	until 10:00pm
Friday Apr 18 GOOD FRIDAY	
Service - SM Church	3:00pm
Stations of the Cross - SP Church	7:00pm
Saturday Apr 19 EASTER VIGIL	
RCIA rehearsal – SM Church	9:30am
Blessing of Easter food – SM Church	noon
Easter Vigil Mass – SM Church	7:00am
Sunday Apr 20 EASTER	
No RE	

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



HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT

POSSIBLY VOLUNTEERING FOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST but aren't sure what it involves?? NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO CHECK IT OUT by becoming an INTERN! You would come in on a Tuesday and help to see what volunteers do. If you have thought about this and MIGHT BE willing to intern (no final commitment necessary), call or email Kathy at 315-539-8006 or kathy.nasal1968@gmail.com.

**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 4/12/25– 4/18/25	4/14	SM SP	
St. Mary's – <u>SANCTUARY LAMP</u> Alic LeBrun Offered by: Ellen Armitage & family	4/15	SM SP	
ALTAR BREAD & WINE Tony & Lena DiPronio	4/16	SM SP	
Offered by: children St. Patrick's – <u>SANCTUARY LAMP</u>	4/17	SM SP	
Anthony Socci Offered by: Rose Mary Costantino & family	4/18	SM SP	Grace Clark
ALTAR BREAD & WINE Mark Bender	4/19	SM SP	
Offered by: Rose Mary Costantino	4/20	SM SP	Ralph 'Peter' Carbone

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...Stephen Gillen, Myrna Manning Pollino, Deborah Barbieri, Jack Morabito, 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, 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 Versteg, James Pokrzywa, 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, 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, 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.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. - St. Paul

Dear Parishioners of Saint Francis and St. Clare Parish,

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. We hear the very descriptive Gospel reading, which goes through the whole Passion. I'm going to focus on some of the saints present in the Passion. As I do, I ask you to think about points in your life that may relate to the experiences of these saints. We will focus on Peter, John, Mary, Mary Magdalene, and the centurion who pierced Jesus' side. Let's begin with Peter. I have always loved Peter because I find him to be a very relatable saint. He constantly makes mistakes but learns from them and gets back on track. He starts out at the Last Supper with complete confidence that he will stay with Jesus to the end. Yet, when it comes to the moment for him to make his decision, stay with Jesus or run away, he chooses to leave. This is like those of us who start out Lent with commendable goals. However, by the end of Lent, we've had a lot of trouble with keeping up with our Lenten promises. Or maybe, we just keep forgetting about fasting and abstaining on Fridays and part of us feels like we just can't keep going. But, just like how Peter turns it around and reaffirms his love for Jesus, we too can turn it around this Holy Week and make those extra sacrifices for Jesus. On the other hand, John, also an apostle of Jesus, never left His side. It is evident by John's actions that he always wanted to be the favorite. He calls himself the "most beloved" and sometimes desires to be the most important of the apostles. However, during the Passion, his actions were not focused on himself, but rather true devotion to Jesus. He is the only one of the apostles to stay with Jesus throughout the Passion and he's the only one of them there when Jesus dies. I think he shows the strength we need to have during Lent and at all times when we must make sacrifices. We have the strength to do hard things, such as fasting and abstaining during Lent, because we have the Savior of the world at our back! Speaking of strength when going through something hard, let's focus on Mary. It's hard to imagine anything more painful for a mother. Mary goes all the way to Golgotha with Jesus and shows amazing strength. The Bible says that Mary stood at the foot of the cross. Imagine being in her place. It is so hard when we see people we love carry a heavy burden. We are called to help others when they are going through something tough. Sometimes, there's nothing we can do except pray. But prayer has such power! We should aim for Mary's strength to inspire others and increase their faith and our own faith. Mary Magdalene is at the foot of the cross and carried heavy burdens. She had a very difficult life prior to meeting Jesus, but He shed light into her darkness. You can imagine how much she loved Him and how hard it was for her to see Him die. She not only watches Him die but goes to His grave on Easter morning to finish His burial. She would have known that Roman soldiers would be standing guard. Yet, she goes anyway. This reminds me of those of us who always push through trials and keep going. If we give up something for Lent, we are going to try our very hardest to keep up with it. If we slip, we always try to get back up again and persevere. Lastly, I'm going to focus on the centurion who pierced the side of Jesus. He is only present in the Gospel briefly, but he represents a very special person. He reminds me of those who have been away from the Church for a long time but have since returned to the Church. He also reminds me of the many people who are going to enter our Church this Easter. They have realized that truly, He is the Son of God. It's never too late to become that centurion. We should always take the time to realize the truth and reality of Christ in the Eucharist. I encourage you to meditate on the lives of these individuals. Pray for their intercession to help you emulate them and persevere through your trials as they did in theirs. I hope you have a blessed and fruitful Holy Week!

With peace, Carley

#### 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 **April**, we will be collecting the following items for the House of Concern and CAP: **breakfast cereals, deoderant.** Thank you so much for your continued support. Social Ministry Committee

#### Spirituality of the Prayers at Mass EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Blessed Joseph her spouse, with the Blessed Apostles, and all the saints, who have pleased you throughout the ages

This intercession is for the living. The ultimate goal of the living is to live such that one may attain eternal life. The example of Mary the Mother of God and the saints is given. Their faithfulness in earthly life is now shared with Jesus in eternal life.

1. Who is your favorite saint and why?

2. What role has Mary played in your life?

#### Lenten Prayer Jesus, Bread of Life,

As we encounter you in the Eucharist this Lent, nourish us with your love, unite us in communion with our sisters and brothers, showing us how we are connected. Transform our hearts, that we may be moved to Share bread for life with our global family And work for a world where all can thrive. **Amen** 

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a very sacred time of the year in our faith

Read this sacred week at:

crsricebowl.org/holy-week

#### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"...I tell you, peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

### PART TIME PARISH SECRETARY JOB

**OPPORTUNITY:** We are taking applications for a parish secretary. 8:00 am-1:00 pm Monday-Thursday. Starting hourly rate \$16.00 – \$17.00. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Rebecca at rebecca.pizzirusso@dor.org.

#### FAMILY SPIRITUALITY WEEKLY TIP FOR:

4/3/25 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Gospel: Luke 22: 14-23: 56 After Mass, discuss these questions & brainstorm ideas & ways to implement them this week!

Adults: When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?

Children: When have you let someone down who trusted you? What did you feel?

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

Please return all Rice Bowls and envelopes to the Churches on Palm or Easter Sunday. There will be baskets located in the front entrance of each Church labeled Rice Bowl donations. Thank you for your generosity.

The Social Ministry Committee

#### **DECORATING THE CHURCHES FOR EASTER**

We will be decorating at St. Mary's immediately following the Good Friday Service

We will be decorating at St. Patrick's on Saturday, April 19th at 10am

Everyone is welcome to help!

# **BUNCO FUNDRAISER**

Our local chapter of Phi Beta Psi Sorority is sponsoring a Bunco Fundraiser on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at the Seneca Falls Recreation Center, 35 Water Street, Seneca Falls. Registration begins at 6:30pm. Prizes and snacks are provided. The cost is \$20, which is tax-deductible. Phi Beta Psi is a national organization that supports cancer research grants at major hospitals and universities. Our local chapter sponsors this event and also supports local community organizations and families. Everyone is welcome!

#### First United Methodist Church

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Curbside Pick-up on State Street, Seneca Falls Sunday, April 27, 2025 from 4-6pm 315-568-6306 Chicken & Biscuit with gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable & Apple Crisp Cost: \$12.00 per person 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 April 5 & 6 was approx. 464

#### 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 <a href="https://www.osvhub.com/sfscrss/funds">https://www.osvhub.com/sfscrss/funds</a> God bless you for your support.

The Mass, mail-in & online contributions for the week of **April 5 & 6, 2025** was \$13,524.57 We thank you for your generosity!

SFSC Catholic Ministries appeal update as of 4/7/25

# of donors-216 YTD Pledged-\$59,424 goal-\$82,000 % to goal-72.4%

You are invited to come and experience life-changing events of Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum

#### Wednesday April 16

Tenebrae Service 7:00 P.M. at St. Mary's

# **EASTER TRIDUUM**

#### Thursday April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 P.M. at St. Patrick's Adoration to follow until 10:00 P.M.

#### Friday April 18

Good Friday Service 3:00 P.M. at St. Mary's Stations of the Cross 7:00 P.M. at St. Patrick's

# **CHRIST IS RISEN**

#### Saturday April 19

Easter Vigil 7:00 P.M. at St. Mary's

### Easter Sunday April 20

St. Mary's 9:30 A.M. St. Patrick's 8:00 & 11:00 A.M.

# WHAT IS SUMMER WITHOUT VBS

# (TRAGIC!) GET OUT THOSE CALENDARS

OUR LADY OF PEACE & ST.FRANCIS & ST.CLARE PARISH BRINGS TO ALL CHILDREN



# JULY 14-18 9AM-12:30PM

# SFSC MINISTRY CENTER WATERLOO

COME JOIN FRIENDS AND GET READY FOR AN ALASKAN ADVENTURE !

LEARN ABOUT TRUSTING JESUS IN OUR WILD WORLD

> GAMES SNACKS MUSIC BIBLE ADVENTURE AND MUCH MORE FUN

#### PRE-K-6TH GRADE GET YOUR CAMPING GEAR AND JOIN US

ONLINE REGISTRATION: VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/TRUENORTHSFSCOLP

Call 315-651-4351 or 315-781-2624 for more information







Catholic Daughters from Geneva, Seneca Falls and Waterloo Court Theresa #806

### <u>Ziti Dinner</u>

Includes ziti, meatballs, salad and dessert SMS 95 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls

Dine in or take out \$12.00 each Thursday May 1st 4:30-6:30

Presale tickets will be sold before and after all Masses the month of April.

Contact Gina Suffredini 315-521-0472, Jackie Gantz 315-521-0276 or Trish Rosata @trosata@rochester.rr.com



Catholic Daughters Court Theresa #806 Lottery Tree Raffle

> \$300 Worth of Lottery Tickets Unlimited Value!

> > \$5.00 per Ticket

Drawing May 1st, 2025

Presale tickets will be sold before and after all Masses the month of April.

Contact Jackie Gantz (315-521-0276), Gina Suffredini (315-521-0472) or Trish Rosata @trosata@rochester.rr.com for tickets

www.stfrancisststephen.org Call today to schedule a tour: Come see the St. Francis-St Stephen difference! Enrollment Open for Preschool – Grade 6! 💥 315-789-1828 Visit us online: Care -Q Faith-Based Education -© Financial Aid Available Nurturing mind, body, and spirit @ Before & After Schoo Making quality education where everyone belongs 0 Q Personalized learning Community – A place Q Family-Friendly Small Class Sizes **Bus Transportation** within 15 Miles Flexible support for experience accessible families

