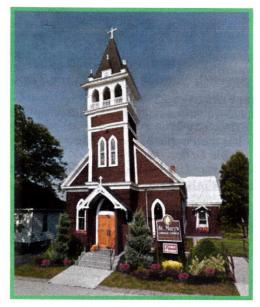


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#### February 23, 2020 **Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:00SJ(ant.) - Intentions of Mary Holliday by Trust Fund

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00SM - For the People of the Parishes 9:00SJ - Divine Office /Rosary

10:00SJ - Bernice Miles by Brady Acres Senior Citizens Club

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:00SJ - Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena 5:30SJ - Mike Kamide by Ronnie & Judy

Tuesday, February 25

12:00SJ - Katie Bezanilla by Diana Hutchins & family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00SJ - Bernard Nortz by Duane & Karen

12:00SJ - Donald W. Monahan by Donny, Ashley & boys

5:30SM - Al Eisel by Ray & Verna Hebert

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00SJ - Marilyn Brady by Jane Reape

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:00SJ - Stations of the Cross

5:30SJ - Paul S. Jarvis - 21st Anniversary by Mary Jarvis

6:00SJ - Soup Supper

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

5:00SJ(ant.) - For the People of the Parishes

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:00SM - Fran Hebert by Copenhagen Central School, Class of 1975

9:00SJ - Divine Office /Rosary

10:00SJ - Don Monahan by Bob & Bonnie Haskins

NOTE - Mass times on Wednesday & Friday

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 23 - Little Flowers Girls Club, 11am-12:30pm (CR)

Feb. 24 - Family Life/Vocation Meeting, 7pm (CR)

Feb. 25 - St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting, 7pm (SM)

Feb. 26 - Elks Lenten Fish Fry, 5:30pm (Elks Club)

Feb. 29 - VEM Soup Lunch Fundraiser, 11-2pm (Church of Nazarene)

Mar. 2 - Good Samaritan Society meeting, 6pm (Small - CR)

Mar. 2 - Lenten Adult Enrichment Program, 6:30pm (CR)

Mar. 3 - Ave Maria Circle Meeting, 6pm (Small CR)

Mar. 5 - K of C Meeting, 7pm (CR)

Mar. 9 - St. James Parish Council Meeting, 7pm (Rectory)

Collection for Ash Wednesday - Our special collection on Ash Wednesday, February 26th supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your gift helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries recovering from communist oppression. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and outreach to alleviate poverty. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/ccee

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Plate	\$1,124.63	Plate	\$179.25	
TOTAL	\$5,978.63	TOTAL	\$1,159.25	
Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$9,938.07	Weekly Need to Meet Budget	\$1,754.80	
Last Year	\$5,103.83	Last Year	\$888.50	
	THANK	YOU!		

#### Augustinian Academy School News February 23, 2020

A big thank you to all who supported our Catholic Schools Week activities, especially the Roaring 2020's Gala! What a great evening!

Congratulations to our winners in the Geography Bee: 7th graders for the older division and 3rd grade for the younger division! They will have a Sundae party after vacation!

Congratulations to Cheyanne Walseman and Kenley Sloan who have advanced to the K of C Northern Conference level for their "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters! Best of luck to both of them!

Our students in grades 5 – 8 will join the Denali Park Rangers on Tuesday to learn about the "Science of Sled Dogs"! On Wednesday, our 4th graders will go on a Safari! The wonders of technology help to bring such exciting opportunities into the classroom!

There will be an assembly at 1:00 on Friday to kick off "One School/One Book". The families in grades K - 4 will have the opportunity to read together Mr. Popper's Penguins", or to hear the chapters online as read by school staff! What a fun way to get everyone reading!

On Feb. 26th, Ash Wednesday, the Elks Club will be hosting a Fish Fry from 5:00 – 7:00! A portion of the proceeds will benefit Augustinian Academy! Please join us for this wonderful meal!

#### Carthage Elks Lodge - Ash Wednesday Fish Fry Wednesday, February 26 - 5:00-7:00pm Open to the Public A portion of the proceeds to benefit Augustinian Academy

Menu

Fried, Broiled Fish or Ham Steak Macaroni & cheese or fries & coleslaw \$10 Children's Menu

Chicken Tenders & fries or macaroni & cheese \$7 Kids Mac & Cheese only \$4

Take outs available at 4:30pm by calling 315-493-1762

K of C News - Upcoming event: "Pennies " collections, Feb 29-Mar 1

MARK your CALENDAR- the K of C will be hosting a St Patrick's Day dinner on March 14th, with dinner being served in the Community Room at 6:30pm after 5:00pm Mass. Dinners will be \$25per couple. More details next week.

This dinner is OPEN to the PUBLIC

We hope to see you there!

Respectfully, James T (Jim) Gratch, Grand Knight

The Roman Catholic Communities of Lowville, Houseville And Glenfield will be hosting a Lenten Parish Mission Monday, March 8th through Wednesday, March 10th at St. Peter's Church, Lowville at 7pm. The mission will be led by Fr. Fran Pompei OFM. Fr. Pompei is the original author and director of the Mystery Players from IHC which have been presented at local churches across the United States. He has done extensive retreat work with adults and young people. Topics that will be covered are:

- Sunday, March 8th ~Theme: "Seek first the Kingdom of God
- Monday, March 9th ~Theme: "Jesus Frees Us From Stress &
- Tuesday, March 10th~Theme: "Experiencing Jesus & Family"

The Good Samaritan Society - will meet at 6:00pm in the Small Community Room on March 2. We will be planning for our Easter baskets. New members always welcome.

#### **UPDATE ON OUR MISSION AS A DIOCESE**

This is a challenging time for the Church and our diocese, as we work to continue our mission to catechize, sanctify and serve the people of God in the North Country while simultaneously trying to bring about reconciliation and healing to those who were so grievously wounded by sexual abuse. We want to update you about how we are continuing our mission while facing lawsuits under the Child Victims Act.

Our diocese has been working to address the sexual abuse scandal for decades in a serious and determined manner. Our goal is to provide healing to victims and prevent abuse from occurring. We have implemented policies and procedures toward those goals. We require all volunteers and employees to undergo background checks and participate in safe environment training. All allegations are reported to the appropriate district attorney or law enforcement agency. All claims are evaluated by our independent Review Board, predominately lay women and men with experience and background in abuse cases, which assesses each case and recommends appropriate actions.

The policies and procedures also call for pastoral outreach to victims who have been harmed by this evil. Assistance is offered to victims through the Victims' Assistance Coordinator. Bishop LaValley is available to meet with all victims.

In 2018, as part of the Year of Mercy, we reached out to victims of abuse through the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) seeking reconciliation with victims and compensating them for what they suffered. We were able to resolve 38 claims through this program. Additionally, our diocesan attorney was able to resolve 14 claims outside the IRCP.

In January 2019, the Child Victims Act (CVA) became law in New York. Among other things, the Act opened a one-year window (from August 14, 2019 to August 13, 2020) for victims to bring a claim of sexual abuse that was previously time barred.

Since the CVA's window opened, 23 lawsuits have been filed against the Diocese of Ogdensburg, all of which involve claims of abuse that occurred decades ago, prior to the institution of our current safe environment policies and procedures. We have not had a report of sexual abuse of a minor occurring after 1999. More lawsuits may be filed, and we are unable at this time to determine the number of lawsuits that may be filed while the CVA window is open.

The Church in the North Country continues to focus on discipleship while addressing these lawsuits. We simply cannot stop doing the work we are called to do as Church. With the help of professionals, we are evaluating our diocesan assets to determine how we can maintain our mission while addressing the needs and claims of victims. Our staff and professional advisors are committed to responding to victims and to CVA lawsuits while continuing our mission of preaching the Gospel and reaching all in need. Chapter 11 reorganization has proved to be a positive way for other Catholic dioceses to address victims' claims in the most fair and equitable manner possible while giving the dioceses the opportunity to continue vital ministries into the future. For these reasons, it is one of the options being considered by our diocese. No decision has yet been made.

It is our hope that the process to resolve CVA lawsuits will have minimal impact on parishes and parish life.

We have created a "Responding to current questions" page on our diocesan website that offers answers to frequently asked questions related to the Child Victims Act. It can be found at rcdony.org/rcq. That page will be updated as new information becomes available.

As we move forward, please pray for and support the victims of abuse. Also, please pray for and support our clergy, religious, laity, our parish families and our diocese.

### St. James-Carthage, St. Mary's-Copenhagen

Rev. Donald Robinson, Pastor

# LENT 2020

= a day of fasting and abstinence from meat = a day of abstinence from meat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Wednesday and ends with the (Faster Triduum), Lent is the	of forty days which begins with the celebration of the Paschal My primary penitential season in forty days Jesus spent in the definition of the Catholic Church).	stery the Church's	26 Ash Wednesday Get ashes on Ash Wednesday and keep them on all day.	27 Choose something small but challenging: no snacking, rising early (or on time), etc. Let your sacrifice remind you of Christ's.	Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the Church, Learn how here: www. thedivinemercy.org.	29 List some ways you can serve God at home, church, or work. Pick one to do before Easter.
I March After Mass, decide what you need to change in your life in order to truly experience Jesus' love during Lent.	2 Pick a Lenten saint and learn about them. Ask him or her to be your patron. Think of a virtue of theirs to imitate.	3 Ask God to give you the grace to better know his love for you this Lent.	4 "Take ten" and: pray, go for a walk, read a good book, or simply enjoy the quiet for ten minutes.	Fread Galatians 2:20. Consider that Jesus gave himself up - sacrificing for you, personally. What can you do for him today?	Share a meatless meal with friends and tell them why you are abstaining.	7 Spring-clean like a saint. Donate clothes you haven't worn in a year. Pray for those who might use them in the future.
Pick a situation in the news and pray over it today.	9 Ask Jesus to heal whatever keeps you from feeling God's bountiful love.	Pope Francis said the mark of a saint is never speaking ill of another. Today, say only kind, encouraging things.	Do a screen fast. No texting while eating, driving, conversing, or praying. Chances are, it can wait.	I2 Deal with anyone in your life who may be interfering with your relationship with God.	Scope out your parish fish fry. Yum! Go with a group of friends or make new ones while you're there.	Visit Jesus who is truly present in the Eucharist. Pray before the tabernacle of your church. Speak to him as you would a friend.
I5 Take one idea from today's Gospel reading or homily to implement during the coming week.	This week, practice the Heroic Minute. Get up when the alarm goes off. Offer your day to God's service.	17 St. Patrick's Day In St. Patrick's honor, evangelize silently by wearing a symbol of your faith (e.g. a cross or a medal).	18 Make a fresh start on your Lenten journey today. Renew your Lenten observances.	Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www. crs.org) to see how you can help.	Enjoy pretzels – a traditional Lent snack. Recall that Catholics used to give up milk, eggs, and fat.	Examine your conscience and attend Confession. Seek out God's loving forgiveness. Resolve to do better.
22 Laetare Sunday Celebrate the halfway point of Lent. Do something fun after Mass today.	23 Pick a topic in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Read what the Church teaches about it.	Do an act of kindness today without being asked. Do it for God's glory; it's really him you're serving.	25 Today, offer up not having everything perfect: room temperature, music, meals and more.	26  Consider tithing – giving 10% of your money to your church or donating it to a charity of your choice.	27 Attend a Stations of the Cross service. Otherwise, the Stations are listed here: www.usccb.org.	Visit a nursing home and read to a resident, take one for a walk, or pay someone some attention.
29 Try to find the time to read an entire Gospel at one sitting. (Hint: St. Mark's Gospel is the shortest.)	30 Show patience today. This is a work of mercy pleasing to God. Remember, be patient with yourself, too.	3I Resist "idle curiosity." Don't research every question or read every magazine. Unless it's crucial, it's OK not to know.	I April Visit a Catholic/Christian bookstore and find some good spiritual reading.	2 Today, pray for someone you don't like.	If possible, observe a prayerful silence from noon to 3 PM, the time Christ hung on the Cross.	4 Look around your neighborhood today for signs of new life.
5 Palm Sunday Place palms around each image of Jesus in your home. Welcome the Messiah into your heart!	Pray for all those who are preparing to enter the Church this Easter.	Ask God for a new grace today that will bring you closer to him.	8 Forgive someone who has hurt you.	9 Holy Thursday Look for someone who is poor or homeless and share your food.	IO Good Friday Meditate on the Stations of the Cross today. Try to imagine yourself at the scene of each one.	II Holy Saturday Think about a way in which you might have betrayed Jesus. Ask his pardon.

# From the Pastor:

#### Wednesday is ASH WEDNESDAY!

We begin the season of LENT, a time in which we try to unite ourselves more closely to the Lord Jesus Christ as we journey toward his passion, death and resurrection. There are 3 scheduled Masses and ashes will be blessed and distributed at each. The daily Mass schedule is the same as last year. You probably remember that we changed the schedule a few years ago offering different times for the celebration of Mass. People seemed to appreciate the change of times – some morning Masses as well as evening.

The entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance. Each day we try to do something special but especially on the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Much like last year we will have meatless SOUP SUPPERS each Friday at St. James. These were inaugurated a few years ago and were very popular. The schedule will be: 5pm — Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm — Lenten Mass, 6:00pm — Soup Supper with bread in the Community Room. Please join us for the Fridays of Lent for this special prayer and meal time. Make it a family Lenten devotion.

This Lent our community will also participate in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help us experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. CRS Rice Bowls help Catholics in the US live out the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in union with our poorest brothers and sisters. You can pick up your Rice Bowl after Mass – they are located in the Gathering Space in each church. Keep your Rice Bowl near your family dinner table during Lent so that you can refer to it each night.

# PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT GROUPS: Attention Men Hearing the Call.

Have you felt the invitation to follow Jesus Christ as a Catholic Priest? Discernment groups will meet in Plattsburgh, Potsdam and Watertown in the upcoming months and those who are considering the priesthood are encouraged to attend.

#### WATERTOWN AREA:

Where: St. Anthony's Church, Sechi Hall, Arsenal Street, Watertown

When: The following Sundays at 3pm: February 23, March 22 and April 26 and May 31.

Contact: Fr. Chris Looby fatherlooby@gmail.com 315-782-1190 To register, or if you have questions, contact the Vocations Director Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarrara@rcdony.org or 315-375-6571.

#### St. Mary's News ... February 23rd

**Tuesday, Feb. 25th** - Pastoral Council - 7pm - Members : Fr. Robinson, Sr. Mary Ellen, Ruth Brady, Nicole Mangan, Peg Nevills, Brian Thompson, Joe Godlewski, (Trustee) and Lori Snyder (Trustee)

Thank you to Lucille Shettleton for her faithful commitment as Trustee. Congratulations to Lori Snyder as she begins her commitment.

**Sunday, March 1st** - Coffee & Donuts following the Mass thanks to Mary Jane & Terry Fleming and Betty Woodard

Wednesday, March 4th - Altar & Rosary Meeting following the recitation of the Rosary at 7pm

**Ash Wednesday begins on February 26th**, consult the weekly bulletin for ways to participate for the best Lent ever.

#### Lent 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope Francis concludes his Lenten Message this year with a challenge for you and me: "...to become what Christ asks His disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world" (cf. Mt. 5:13-14). Lent is always a graced time for reflection on our growth in discipleship. The Holy Father urges us to fix our eyes on the Paschal Mystery and be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with Jesus as the means to zealous discipleship.

This is an especially urgent call given the troubled times in which we live. At the Chrism Mass back in 2014, the Diocese set out to do precisely this. We fixed our eyes on the Church of the North Country and presented a Pastoral Vision that is Christled, Christ-fed and Hope-filled. Our Envisioning Process helped us establish Diocesan Priorities and Goals. Now, six years later, with 20/20 Pastoral Vision, we continue to keep our eyes and hearts focused on: following Jesus as disciples in mission; nourishing our lives through the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist; and instilling hope for the future through pastoral planning.

For generations, the Church has taught the value of fasting, almsgiving and prayer in helping us be the salt of the earth and the light for the world. They are important means for us to stay focused on our Diocesan Priorities of: Creating a Culture of Vocations, Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life and Building Parishes with Living Stones.

As we begin this Holy Season of Lent, we persevere in our mission as local Church to be passionate disciples of Jesus Christ. I encourage you to continue to be active participants in the faith life of your parish. Be a source of loving support for your priests.

My prayer is that these next forty days, as disciples in mission, we might pray fervently for peace in our world and for healing and the purification of our Church. We pray for the courage and humility to be the salt of the earth and light of the world. May our prayer "penetrate deep within us and chip away at our hardness of heart in order to convert us ever more fully to God and His will."

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley Bishop of Ogdensburg

**Lenten Adult Enrichment Program** - From Genesis to Jesus will continue during every Monday of Lent at 6:30pm in the St. James Community Room.

VEM SOUP FUND RAISER - February 29, at the Church of the Nazarene, 11am-2pm. Multiple kinds of soups will be offered for \$5.00. All monies to benefit the needs of the Village Ecumenical Ministries. Take outs available - please bring own container. Tickets available at food pantry or by calling Joanne Sligar 315-493-0169.

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