



Thank you so much for the gifts donated to the residents of A.O. Fox Nursing Home. The gifts helped to make our residents' Christmas a truly special time.

Again, thank you so much for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Robin Voorhis, Director: Activities



Is Your Child Preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion?

Please remember to send a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the Faith Formation office. You may drop them, off on Sunday morning, bring them to the rectory or mail them to us at 39 Walnut Street, attn: Faith Formation. Thank you!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national program which allows youth to raise funds and awareness to help relieve hunger in their local communities.

On Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5, Saint Mary's young people will be collecting food items and monetary donations after each of the Masses for Saint Mary's Food Pantry.

Please give generously, and support our young people in their efforts to reach out to our neighbors in need.

Begin the New Year by helping to provide a hot meal and warm fellowship at Saturday's Bread. Adults and youth 12 and over are welcome. Please sign up to participate by calling Ellen at 432-5514 or by e-mail at ealex@stny.rr.com. Other dates for 2012 are March 3rd, May 5th, July 7th, September 1st, and November 3rd.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Parish Mission here at Saint Mary's,
Oneonta
March 24 - 29, 2012**

**conducted by
Sister Joan Bukrey, Father Michael
Champlin
and Father Nicholas Punch
of
The Thomas More Center**



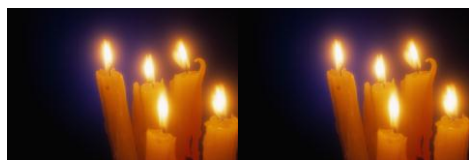
WOMEN'S RETREAT - 2012

We have a guest director! Sr. Eleanor Guerin, RSM will lead us in a consideration of the theme: "**---seize the hope which is set before you.**" (Heb.68b) The dates are April 20-22. The fee for the week-end is \$195. (65 and over - \$180.) A non-refundable advance deposit of \$50. is required with your reservation. (Deposits may be transferred one time during the calendar year.) Remember - we share the week-end with Sidney so don't delay! Let's fill the Retreat House! Questions? Call Barbara 432-5509, Helen 286-7080, or Martie 432-2852. Never been? Always wanted to? Call Martie!

REMINDER

PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS

The 2012 Visiting The Sick and Homebound Handbook is available - please pick yours up in the Sacristy.

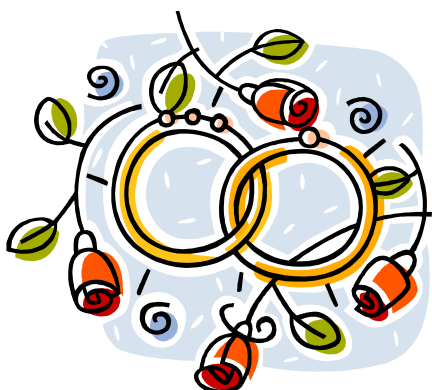


THURSDAY, February 2, 2012 is **The Presentation of The Lord**, we will bless candles at the beginning of the Liturgy – if you have candles at home you wish blessed, please bring them with you to the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

THE FEAST OF ST. BLASÉ

Friday, February 3, 2012

We will bless throats after the 9:00 A.M. Mass and also after all the weekend Masses on February 4th and February 5th.

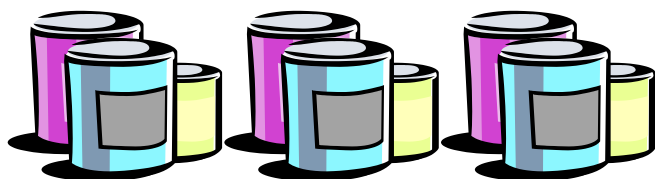


MARRIAGE CELEBRATION at St. Mary's February 11th & February 12th

This is a special time set aside to honor all couples who have embraced the vocation of marriage. St. Mary's is planning a very special renewal of vows for all married couples at all of the Masses on this weekend. All married parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Repeat your vows to each other today, "I _____, again take you, _____, to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life." Bonus points if you memorize it.



Our Food Pantry is in need of tomato soup and spaghetti.



**WEEKEND
RETREAT**



FEBRUARY 17 - 19, 2012

Father Benintende will be conducting a weekend retreat at Mount Saviour Monastery, Pine City, NY. We will be using "Finding Our Sacred Center: A journey to inner peace" by Henri Nouwen as our basis of discussion.

About the book:....*It was January 1990, the dawn of a new decade, and Henri Nouwen, world-renowned spiritual writer, was in France but his writing wasn't going well. Frustrated and discouraged, he decided to go to Lourdes, even though it was the off season, to give his anxious heart a rest. This profoundly inspiring journal is the result of his three-day stay.*

Lourdes restored Nouwen's inner peace and helped him return to his sacred center. He realized, of course, that he did not need to be at Lourdes to find peace and joy. The purity, simplicity, and freedom he experienced belong to the heart and can be lived anywhere. Whether we have been to Lourdes or not, does not matter. This small journal is bound to touch our own restless and searching hearts and help us to find again our own sacred center, the living Christ within us.

Cost of the retreat will be \$125.00 plus food - if you plan to participate call the rectory office as soon as possible, as space will be limited. Henri Nouwen's book, "Finding Our Sacred Center" is now available in the rectory for \$10.



ASH WEDNESDAY, 2012

7:00am Prayer Service with Ashes
12:10pm Mass with distribution of Ashes
7:00pm Mass with distribution of Ashes

**During the Season of Lent Masses Monday thru
Friday will be at 12:10pm**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Fridays of Lent
at 4:00pm and 7:00pm

LENTEN VESPERS

On the Mondays of Lent we will gather at 7pm to pray Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church) – this gathering usually lasts about a half hour and is a time of prayer in song and word. No Parish Meeting will start on Mondays before 7:30pm. Come and join with us as we join with the whole Church in prayer.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Will be held in the church on Saturday, February 3rd, 9:00am – (Please note the time change). Our Lady told the 3 children of Fatima, “**You have seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. It is to save them that God wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If you do what I tell you, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace...**” Come join us as we do as she tells us by making the First Saturdays.



GET A FIRE BLAZING IN MINUTES.....

Believe it or not, you can get a blaze going in a minute with these **HOLY SMOKES FIRESTARTERS**, which combine recycled church candles and wood fiber. One-quarter stick of starter gets logs going without newspaper and their toxic chemicals. Amen! With every purchase you make, **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** receives a donation. One package will start more than 30 fires. Set of two packages. Scented. **USA. FOR SALE BY OUR ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP!** Contact Diane at 432-3920 ext 204 if you have any questions.

MARK 12 verses 30-31: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. The second (commandment) is this, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Looking for a way to reach out to others and share God's love? Why not join the Peace and Justice Committee? Call Marjorie Pietrafacc at 432-1385 for further information.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2 1 Corinthians 7:32-25

SINGLES CLUB

Being single usually means being available. In our culture, singles are those who are not yet hooked – as if the partnering is inevitable. Family and friends often put pressure on singles to find someone and get married.

But some people choose to be single. They are concentrating on another vocation, for example, and cannot give marriage and family life the attention it deserves. A dedicated student will devote free time to study. Some people developing a talent in sports or the arts remain single because of the demands of their craft. And some religious figures are single in order to devote their whole lives to God.

In the New Testament tradition, several prominent figures were single, including Jesus, John the Baptist, the apostle John, and the apostle Paul. Paul explains the virtues of being single in a letter to the Corinthians, “**An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided.**”

Paul oversimplifies the case; many married people devote themselves to the things of the Lord, and many singles are trying to please a friend. But his point is that unmarried people have a unique opportunity to devote their attention to God.

Being single need not mean being available. It can also mean being taken-by study, art, sport or faith.

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MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 28th – FEBRUARY 5th

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012

4:00pm Pasqua Bagnardi-Courtney and Gemma Bagnardi-Cardo by Luigia Bagnardi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

8:30am Helen Holman by Anna McCabe People of the Parish

10:30am In Loving Memory of Fr. Godwin (5th Ann.) by 'Diz' & Jo-Ann LaMonica Francisca Garcia by Daughter & Family (8th Anniversary) For All Parishioners and Family Members Who have died in 2011 by Grummons Funeral Home

MONDAY, January 30, 2012

9:00am Joey Micale by Connie Micale Schwarting & Anne Micale

TUESDAY, January 31, 2012

9:00am Linda Fox by Helen & Gene Reilly

WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2012

9:00am Donna Hathaway by Sonny & Kay Amatucci

THURSDAY, February 2, 2012

9:00am Leonard VanBramer by Family

FRIDAY, February 3, 2012

9:00am Bud Bridger by Carol Ann & Jo-Ann Birthday Remembrance For the Intentions of the Sacred Heart Home Schoolers

SATURDAY, February 4, 2012

4:00pm Anthony & Lena Chicorelli by Lucrezia Lettis

SUNDAY, February 5, 2012

8:30am Al Parisian by Ann & Dennis Enright 10:30am John Kenneth Stankiewicz by Family 20th Anniversary Remembrance Julia Quinonez by Ana & Frank Vendemmia

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn January 28th – February 4th In loving memory of Sebastian Saglimbeni by Wife & Daughters

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2012 Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Mk 5:21-43 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

PRAYER CORNER

We ask that you remember in your prayers the following persons who are ill: Phil and Patricia Devine, Sharon Ann Hickey, Frank Furlan, Beulah and Ralph Morley, Barbaranne Nelson, Frances Baker, Mary Downs, Margaret Osterhoudt, Kathleen O'Hara, Owen Howarth, Betty Benintende, Dorothy Walsh, Robert Conway, Deborah Conway, Jack Stanley, George Parslow, Pat Healey, Ruth Healey, Noel Ranieri, Joseph Mercun, Karen Kelsey, Kristen Collins, Christine Schermerhorn, Joan Ingram, Jason "Jake" Deleski, Paula Hickey, Patty & Carl Wener, Victor Olmedo, Robert A. Harlem, Marlene Nagy, George Gerken, John Collins and Fr. Joseph Benintende.

(names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks, and then removed unless notified by family - thank you)

We pray for the men and women of our parish and community who are serving in the military.

We remember in prayer the following Priests of The Albany Diocese: Rev. John O'Kane, Rev. Terence Healy, Rev. Gary Gelfenbien, Rev. George Fleming, Rev. Donald Ophals, Rev. James Mackay, Our Holy Father, Rev. Paul Redmond, Rev. Joseph Dworak, Rev. James Lefebvre, Rev. Dominic Ingemie, Bishop Howard J. Hubbard.

Let us remember those who have died especially the members of our families and parish community. Mary Dobinsky

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25



Please remember our parish in your will...we are: "St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Oneonta, NY"

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