



INGATHERING OF ASHES

This year, Ash Wednesday is celebrated February 17th. As always, the question arises as to what to do with last year's palm. The palm should be reverently disposed of by (1) burning and then scattering the ashes outdoors; or (2) burying the palm. If you do not want to dispose of the palm yourself, please bring the palm to Church on the weekend of February 14th and place it in the designated baskets. **We will burn the palm on Tuesday, February 16th after the 9 a.m. Mass.**

Ashes will be distributed at 7:00 a.m. at a Prayer Service - this will be a Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes. Please know that Communion will NOT be distributed.

Mass with Distribution of Ashes at 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

During the Season of Lent There will be Mass Monday thru Friday at 12:10 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year we will continue the practice of having Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent. We will gather to pray the Stations at:
4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (with Benediction)

LENTEN VESPERS

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

LENTEN FISH FRY

Once again, the Knights will be hosting their popular Lenten Fish Fry on Fridays of Lent, starting Feb. 19 at the St Mary's Parish Center from 4:30-7:00 PM. The menu is the same as other years; baked potato, french fries, coleslaw, dessert, beverage, including a delicious baked haddock, for those who prefer it to fried fish. Come and enjoy great fellowship and the best fish fry in Oneonta!

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

Once again we have available "The Little Black Books" published by the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan. Cost is \$2.00 each, and they are available at all of the Church entrances. A wonderful resource for Lent!



OPERATION RICE BOWL

As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, Operation Rice Bowl. Since 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the United States to pray, fast, learn and give as we increase our understanding of our global community. We will connect this understanding with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching throughout our Lenten journey. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones. **Rice Bowls may be picked up at all of the entrances of the Church.**



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Saint Mary's Youth Group will be hosting a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 16th from 4 until 7 p.m. in The Parish Center. Cost will be \$5.00 for Adults and \$3 for Children ages 3 to 10. Proceeds will help our Young People pay for this Summer's Workcamp.



Marriage Celebration at Saint Mary's February 27 - 28, 2010

This is a special time set aside to honor all couples who have embraced the vocation of marriage. Saint 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. A reception will follow the 10:30 a.m. Mass in The Parish Center.



**Come, Celebrate the Church Universal and
The Guatemalan Lenten Experience!**

On February 20, 2010, at the 4:00 PM Mass, St. Mary's Parish will offer Parishioners an opportunity to see some of the Lenten practices of our Sister Parish in Guatemala. It is a chance to celebrate the oneness of our faith and grow in appreciation of the beauty of some of the Guatemalan Lenten traditions.

This special Mass will be followed by a covered dish dinner in the Parish Center. Joann Chmielowski and friends will provide musical selections. All members of the Parish are invited to attend this dinner. Dishes, tableware and beverages will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to pass. This dish can be dropped off at the Parish Center prior to the 4:00 PM Mass.

So mark your calendars and plan to be with us on February 20th! See you there!!

ATTENTION MEN ONLY!

You are welcome to join over 800 men on Saturday, February 27, 2010 for ***Ignite 2010 Catholic Men's Conference*** at the Oncenter Convention Center in Syracuse for an amazing day that could impact your life. Make plans to attend ***IGNITE 2010 Catholic Men's Conference*** where you will hear from Father Larry Richards, Jesse Romero, three-time World Police Boxing champion and Sean Forrest, Movin' With The Spirit, Inc. Talk about this with your friends and father, brother and/or sons so you can all attend together. You can register online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org.

**Saint Mary's School
LOTTO FOR LEARNING
February 8, 2010**

Janet Maine Oneonta, NY

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursday, February 18th AT 7:00 P.M.

"The Widow and Judge"

Modern Parables is an **original film-based Bible study curriculum** on Jesus' parables. It uses short films of the parables, and in-depth study materials to create an entirely new learning experience. Modern Parables **seeks to re-create the emotional immediacy that Jesus' 1st-century audience felt** when hearing the parables. It does this by using some of the best parable scholarship and exploring it through creative filmmaking.

TUESDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP

February 16th at 10:00 a.m.

**Lost Christianities: Christian Scriptures and the
Battles over Authentication**

by Bart D. Ehrman M.Div., Ph.D.

Lesson 19

"The Rise of Early Christian Orthodoxy"



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

We are in need of Altar Servers! Our numbers have dropped to the point that we can only schedule two servers per Mass, and sometimes the same person is scheduled for several weeks in a row. Our sincere thanks to our Servers who have been so faithful.

We invite any girl or boy who has made their First Communion to become an Altar Server.

**A Training Session for ALL Altar Servers
will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday,
Feb. 27th in Church.**

**The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on
Monday, February 15th beginning with supper
at 6:00 p.m. - we ask all members to come
together in fellowship before we pray and
discern.**

*The Flowers at The Altar
Last Weekend - Feb. 6 and 7
were given in loving memory of
Pasquale and Rose Mongillo,
Josephine Mongillo, Rose Mongillo Dewey
and Charles Washburn, Sr.
by Family*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time C 2
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Our Most Important Belief

Easter is the most important day in the year. Not everyone feels it. A lot of people treat Christmas with more importance. Or Valentine's Day, or Independence Day, for that matter. But Easter tops the Christian calendar.

The reason, of course, is the meaning of the resurrection. Our belief in life after death directs everything we do. We live not as citizens of this world, but as citizens of heaven. We go about our daily tasks, but with one eye fixed beyond the horizon to a world yet to come. We believe we are forgiven and that a new home awaits us.

In Paul's day, some of the Corinthians were having a problem with this. They questioned the resurrection of the dead. They suspected that death ended life, and that was that. Some of them believed Jesus had risen from the dead, but they did not go the next step, believing the same would happen to his followers.

To Paul, it made no sense. He wrote to the Corinthians, "If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead?" The resurrection meant everything to Paul. "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain."

With the resurrection of Christ comes forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the dead. It is our firm faith. And it's why Easter is the biggest day of the year.

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CONFIRMATION, 2010

Confirmation Retreat, which is required for all who are to be confirmed, will be on Sunday, March 7th at Saint Mary's Parish Center. We ask that all students be present at the 10:30 Mass when a Rite of Inscription will be celebrated; the Retreat will begin with Lunch and continue until 8:00 p.m. Confirmation Candidates from Sacred Heart, Sidney will be joining us for the retreat.

Bishop Hubbard will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Saint Mary's on Monday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m.



Young people are gifted and resourceful individuals who have the potential and the right to be active leaders in our Church Community. The Christian Leadership Institute helps a young person discover their gifts and learn new skills which EMPOWERS them to take on leadership roles in their parish, school or diocese.

We ask you to pray for all who will be participating in CLI at the Adirondack Center in St. Johnsville, NY on February 14 thru 18. Please pray especially for....

*Bethany Gollin
Nicholas De Dominicis
members of our Parish*

Readings for the Week of February 14, 2010

Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20---6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Mass Intentions

When there is a Funeral Mass scheduled at Saint Mary's the Intention of the day will be rescheduled

FEBRUARY 13 - 21, 2010

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010

4:00 p.m. Anthony & Lena Chicorelli by Lucrezia Lettis
People of Saint Mary's Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2010

8:30 a.m. Herman & Susan Colone by Eileen Colone
Archie Rogers by Son, David Rogers

10:30 a.m. Robert Steidle (2nd Ann) by Wife
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent La Guardia by Daughter
66th Wedding Anniversary of
Les and Helen Quackenbush
7th Wedding Anniversary of
Carl and Margaret Osterhoudt

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2010

NO MASS TODAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010

9:00 a.m. Dolly Angelotti by Sonny & Kay Amatucci

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010

12:10 p.m. Rose Mongillo Dewey by Tony & Ann Mongillo

7:00 p.m. John Minarcin by Tom & Jayne Kelly & Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009

12:10 p.m. Francesco & Anna Loduca by Rose Grigoli

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010

12:10 p.m. Vincent Petronio by Angie Van Bramer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010

2:00 p.m. **Marriage of**
Sean Buckley & Maura Townsend
4:00 p.m. Christine Vanderwerker by Janice Hinkley
Joseph Tessitore by Family
Ani Colone by Ron & Karen Brzenk

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010

8:30 a.m. Margaret Parisian
by Tom and Jayne Kelly & Family
Lyle Leib by Virginia Rock

10:30 a.m. Giuseppe Mannino by The Ruffino Family
Sebastian Saglimbeni by Wife & Daughters
People of Saint Mary's Parish



Wanted: Loving husbands and Wives
Reward: Passion and appreciation for your marriage
Found: In Cooperstown, March 20-21 on a Marriage Encounter Weekend
Application deadline March 8th, so hurry! Call 518-3243 or email: MEalbany@juno.com.

PRAYER CORNER

We ask that you remember in your prayers the following persons who are ill: *Phil Devine, Al Parisian, Sharon Ann Hickey, Frank Furlan, Marie Supple, Dorothy Walsh, Denise Pier Rogatnick, Beulah Morley, Father Paul Roman, Meagan Kelsey, Robert and Deborah Conway.*

We pray for the men and women of our parish and community who are serving in the military, especially *SP4 James Connolly, Airman Leah Lent, Sgt. Vincent J. Diglia, Sgt. Josephine M. (Diglia) Hendrich, Airman Ben T. Nelson, SSgt. Christopher Santiago, Airman Douglas Lent, Maj. Patrick M. Clune, SPC Brandon Reed, Sgt. Derek Lloyd, AF/JAG Jason Hull, Seaman Zachary Thomas, Brendan Evans, Tyler Evans, Seaman Joyce Collier and Pvt. Aaron De Dominicis, Maj. Ramona Discavage.*

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

STEWARDSHIP

February 7, 2010

First Collection **\$7017.00**

This represents 100% of our budget needs in order to operate the Parish



SPRING TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA

Father Joe is organizing a Spring Trip to Lancaster, PA - three day trip, **April 13 - 14 - 15.** We will see **"Meet Me In Saint Louis"** at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, participate in a **"Graze Your Way Through A Pennsylvania Dutch Day!" (Tour and Meal),** and attend the brand new show **"Joseph"** at The Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre. Come and kick the Winter Blues and enjoy Spring with friends. Cost is \$350 per person, and reservations and itineraries may be had at the Rectory.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

February 16 is Mardis Gras. Celebrate your love. Don't be afraid to wear something silly or be a little foolish for, "God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong." (1 Corinthians 1.27)

PARENTING POINTERS

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and thus you may be considering what to give up or do differently for Lent. Perhaps giving up a favorite drink or desserts can be a prayer prompt as we act in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Haiti who do not have a choice.

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