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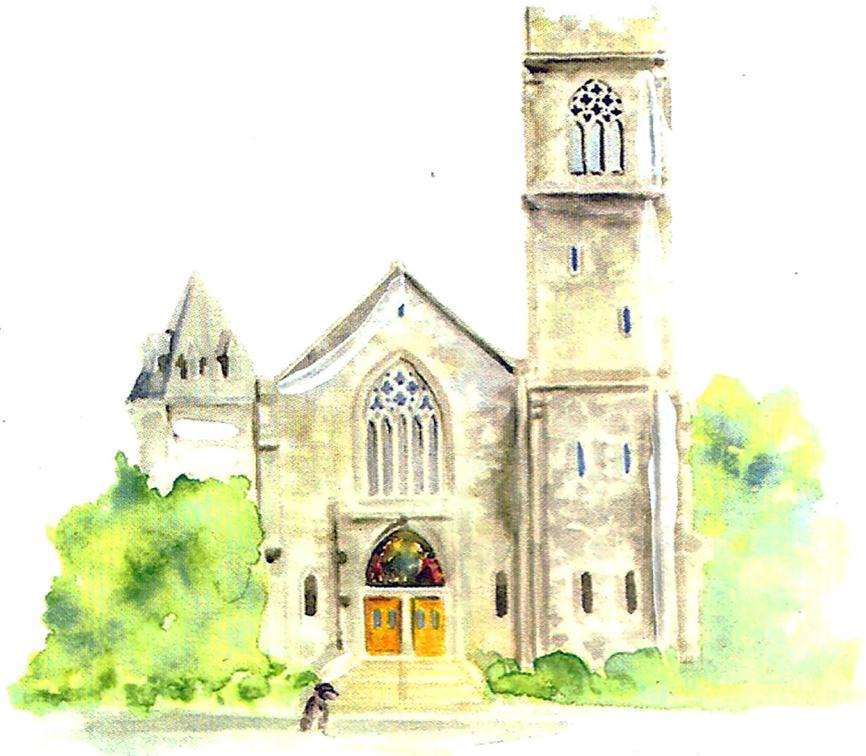
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BAPTISM: Baptisms are generally scheduled on Sunday. Parents must attend a class held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements should be made six months in advance by calling for an appointment with a priest or deacon.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confession/Penance - Saturday 4-5 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Upon Request - Please call Fr. Demo if you are planning on having any surgery and he will be happy to anoint you.

Holy Family Church Welcomes Everyone

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church; no matter your family or marital status; no matter where you are in the practice of faith; no matter what your self image may be; you are invited, welcomed and loved at Holy Family Church.



Sunday	APRIL 5TH PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Jerry Tufo by His Wife Carroll and Family Paul R. Haley, Elizabeth Joynt Haley and Their Deceased Family Members by the Estate of Elizabeth J. Haley 8th Anniversary Christian Honan by His Family
Monday	April 6th (Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11) For the Intentions of Rachel Rebello by Her Daughter
Tuesday	April 7th (Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33,36-38) Catherine Afonso by Sr. Angelica Rebello
Wednesday	April 8th (Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25) Louise Bishop by Mike and Judy Geng
Thursday	April 9th (Ex 12:1-8,11-14/ 1Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15) Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper People of the Parish
Friday	April 10th (Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42) Good Friday Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday	April 11th (Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1,26,31a/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a,18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10) Easter Vigil People of the Parish
Sunday	April 12th EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD People of the Parish

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

"Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Call Fr. John Demo at 315-782-2468 or [email hfchurch@twcny.rr.com](mailto:hfchurch@twcny.rr.com) or contact Fr. Christopher Carrara, Vocation Director, ccarrara@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, Vocation Coordinator, crussell@rcdony.org. Visit us at myvocation.net.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

UNTIL JUNE 1, 2020

MONDAY-THURSDAY

9:00am-4:00pm

The Stations of the Cross

- ◆ *First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Death*
May I always praise, honor, and glorify you, Lord.
- ◆ *Second Station: Jesus Takes up His Cross*
Help me to accept my suffering as redemptive.
- ◆ *Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time*
I can face my falls because I am united with you.
- ◆ *Fourth Station: Jesus Meets His Mother*
Mary meets you as an icon of the Father's mercy.
- ◆ *Fifth Station: Simon Helps Carry the Cross*
Saying yes to your cross is a great Yes of faith.
- ◆ *Sixth Station: Jesus Meets Veronica*
Faith is meeting something—Someone— greater than anything I can think up for myself.
- ◆ *Seventh Station: Jesus Falls a Second Time*
I fall like the seed that becomes the fertile harvest.
- ◆ *Eighth Station: Jesus Comforts the Women*
Despair does not win; your comfort brings life.
- ◆ *Ninth Station: Jesus Falls a Third Time*
I keep my focus only on your mercy and power.
- ◆ *Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments*
May I be stripped of all my false attachments.
- ◆ *Eleventh Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross*
Give me the faith to stand by your cross so that all my sins may be nailed fast to it with you.
- ◆ *Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross*
By faith you carry us over the elements of death.
- ◆ *Thirteenth Station: Jesus' Body Is Taken Down*
I received your body with the same reverence with which I guard the great deposit of faith.
- ◆ *Fourteenth Station: Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb*
May I keep vigil at your tomb as at a tabernacle.

-Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Readings: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. Today we read the Passion according to St. Matthew. Jesus tells his disciples that "this night all of you will have your faith in me shaken." The Passion of Christ is an earth-shattering event that shakes and scatters the disciples. It is an earth-shattering event for us as well, but so often we get distracted and we tune out during the reading. It is long. We have heard it before. We think we know it. Perhaps this Sunday, we can listen to the reading of the Passion as if it were the first time and remind ourselves of how much Jesus loves us.

Church will be opened
7 days a week from 1-4PM for
INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

As you are aware of Masses being suspended in our Diocese, below please find sites you can live-stream Mass, within the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Internet Streaming

- St. Anthony's Church, Watertown
<https://catholicwatertown.org/>
- St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg live at 8am Sunday <https://www.rcdony.org/livemass>
- St. Augustine's Church, Peru live at 9:30am <https://www.facebook.com/StAugustinesChurchPeruNY/>
- Catholic Mass is broadcast on TV Station WGN Cable channel 12 @ 8AM
- Word on Fire Daily Mass from Bishop Barron's Chapel
<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

Ten Things to Focus On For Holy Week

- Needing to have the last word.
- Taking those who love you for granted.
- Worrying about things you cannot change or control.
- Losing your temper.
- Trying to be a perfectionist.
- Patronizing people who work for or with you.
- Complaining
- Carrying grudges
- Nagging
- Feeling sorry for yourself.

APRIL
Month of the Holy Eucharist

During the month of April, we give special honor to the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist, the Second Vatican Council taught us, is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (Lumen gentium, 11). What does that mean? It means that our participation in the Eucharist is the source from which we draw our strength to live as Jesus taught and to serve in his name. It is also the summit, the high point of our communal life.

We use the word Eucharist to describe our celebration of the Mass. We use the same word when we speak of the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. In this month of the Holy Eucharist, let us participate more fully and actively in the Church’s liturgy, our celebration of the Eucharist. And let us take time, too, for quiet adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, and become more aware of the wondrous way Christ comes to us in the Eucharist.

Hymn of the Week
(*May be sung to the tune used for O God, Our Help in Ages Past*)

*The regal dark mysterious cross
In song is lifted high,
The wood on which the Son of Man
Was stretched against the sky.*

*Upon this wood his body bore
The nails, the taunts, the spear,
Till water flowed with blood to wash
The whole world free of fear.*

*At last the song that David sang
Is heard and understood:
“Before the nations God is king
Reigns from his throne of wood.”*

*This wood now spread with purple wears
The pageantry of kings;
Of chosen stock it dares to hold
On high his tortured limbs.*

*O blessed Tree, upon whose arms
The world’s own ransom hung;
His body pays our debt, and life
From Satan’s grasp is wrung.*

*O sacred Cross, our steadfast hope,
In this our Passiontide,
Through you the Son obtained for all
Forgiveness as he died.*

(Magnificat 2020)

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.

From the Pastor's Desk

BLESSED PALMS from Palm Sunday's private mass are available for you to pickup on the Rectory front porch anytime, or in the Vestibule as you enter the front doors of the church 1-4pm.

If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Holy Week or the Easter Season, you may schedule a time by calling one of the priests at the Rectory (315-782-2468).

In 2018, Pope Francis issued his apostolic exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world, *Gaudete et Exsultate*. He describes holiness as the Christian's "mission on earth" (19), and how vitally important we live this call in our relationship with others.

As we observe Holy Week this year, we ask our Lord to sustain us in our efforts to avoid the Corona Virus. Please keep all medical personnel in your prayers.

Even though we cannot gather to celebrate this most Holy Week as in years past, we know and believe the Lord unites us as one as we think and pray for one another.

May we meditate on the following words of Pope Francis during this solemn week leading to Easter Glory: "The Beatitudes are like a Christian's identity card. So if anyone asks: 'what must one do to be a good Christian?', the answer is clear. We have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount. In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives."

[Gaudete et Exsultate, 63]

We will continue to publish the mass intentions in the bulletin that are being offered by Fr. Deepak and myself at our daily private masses. You can continue to call the Rectory for prayer requests or any other items we can help you with during this most difficult time.

Scripture Insights (Sourcebook 2020)

Monday of Holy Week As Holy Week begins, we recall the suffering servant, the Lamb of God, sent by God. He is our light and salvation as spoken in the psalms. Jesus reminds his Apostles that he will not always be with them; we know he has not left us without his presence.

Tuesday of Holy Week Jesus knew his disciples; he called each one, and he knew their hearts. In this knowledge and understanding, he knew that one would deny knowing him for the sake of saving his life. Jesus would later forgive Peter after Jesus rose from the dead.

Wednesday of Holy Week Despite loving Jesus and following him during his preaching and teaching ministry, Judas Iscariot betrays Jesus to those who wish to kill him. We pray that we may always remain faithful and true to Jesus and his teachings.

ATTENTION! Palm Sunday and the Triduum Services will be streamed on Podcast from our website.

Fr. Mickey

OUR TITHING PARISH FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

This Year	\$ 1,672.00
	(Corona Virus)
Last Year	\$ 7,549.50

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR OFFERTORY SUPPORT

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office while we are in this isolation period with the COVID-19 Pandemic. As many of you understand our parish expenses and obligations do not take an isolation, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even while you cannot personally attend Mass. We continue to look to our faith as we carefully navigate in the coming months. Here at Holy Family Church we continue with our Mission of administering to the sick and helping those in need. We pray together for all the victims of this disease, those assisting with the care and for a cure.

The Holy Triduum

Holy Thursday: The Battle between Gathering and Scattering So that they may be one as we are one
John 17:22

Jesus made enemies by eating with sinners and telling tales of Good Samaritans. The Lord's Table symbolizes both peace and contention. It is a place where enemies join hands, but also where the blood of the Lamb is poured out. The real holy war is not between the left and right or the haves and have nots, but against our preference for scattering over being one body in Christ.

Good Friday: The Battle between Love and Hate
Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?
Luke 22:48

It is a great mystery why goodness and love inspire such antipathy: "Let us lie in wait for the righteous one, because he is inconvenient to us." Judas is an unsettling reminder that the war between love and hate must first be waged in each human heart. Good Friday is a day to enlist in the battle against the forces of evil out in the world and deep within ourselves.

Holy Saturday: The Battle between Life and Death
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live
John 11:25

Easter is the culmination of the battle between life and death lauded in the Easter sequence: "Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign." After the crucifixion, the disciples hide in fear, certain that the battle is lost. The women, however, perhaps unabashed in faith and hope, keep vigil at the tomb and find life victorious.

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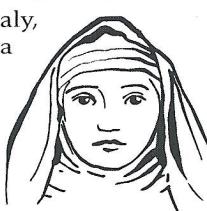
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One Minute Meditations

St. Catherine of Siena

Born in Siena, Italy, St. Catherine was a doctor of the Church. A mystic from a young age, she had regular conversations with Jesus. At age sixteen, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and served the sick and the poor. For her reputation for holiness and wisdom, she was called on to be a peacemaker and counselor, even by popes! She is credited with coaxing Pope Gregory XI back to Rome from Avignon, France.



Necessary choice

Rather than a day to catch up on errands and chores, God intends Sunday to be a day of contemplation and of rest. Sunday is the day we set aside for God and moments of praise and worship.

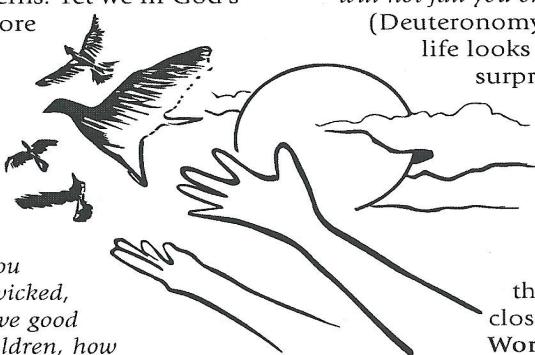
"He said to them, 'Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.'" (Mark 16:6)



It's hard not to worry these days with reports of viruses and financial concerns. Yet we in God's family have more reasons to be hopeful no matter how uncertain the world ...

God, our Father, knows what we need. *"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him"* (Matthew 7:11). He will take care of us when we trust him.

He can work miracles when we ask. *"Know that the Lord works wonders for the faithful; the Lord hears when I call out"* (Psalm 4:4). *"Be strong and of*



good courage, do not fear ... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you"

(Deuteronomy 31:6). Just when life looks bleak, God can surprise us.

He will never abandon us.

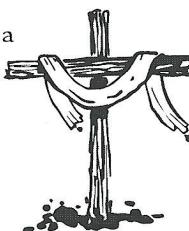
"You, Lord, are near to all who call upon you ... (Psalm 145:18). Know that he is always close.

Worrying won't do any good. *"Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest?"* (Luke 12:25). Don't waste energy on worrying about what is beyond your control. Enjoy your blessings.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Easter on different dates?

Although celebrating Easter on a different day every year isn't strictly a Catholic practice, the reason why we do this has its roots in the Church's history. There was a dispute in the second century about the date of Easter: should it be celebrated



on the exact date or on the nearest Sunday? At the Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.), it was decided that Easter Sunday would be celebrated the Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal (Spring) equinox.



WISDOM FROM OUR MASCOT

- Q. What is the motto of the skunk?
- A. Walk softly and carry a big stink."

TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK

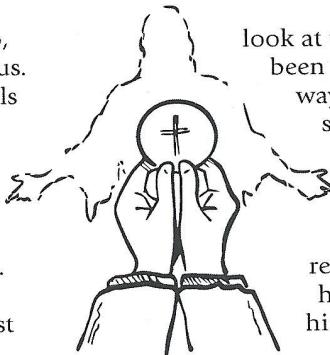
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| April 7th | United Nations World Health Day
Day to Remember Genocide victims |
| Also April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month as well as Black Women's History Month and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month. | |

Get personal with Jesus

The Easter season is a perfect time to develop, strengthen and deepen our friendship with Jesus. During this time of celebration, we can set goals that aim to deepen our knowledge and love of our Lord.

The Eucharist is the source. The best way to get close to Jesus is in the Holy Mass and by receiving Holy Communion. It is God's way of bringing us into communion with him.

Visit the confessional. Confession is a Sacrament that encourages us to take an honest



look at the way we are living. Even Catholics who have been away from Confession will find that the best way to get a new beginning with Jesus off to a great start is to visit the confessional. Clean that slate! Begin anew.

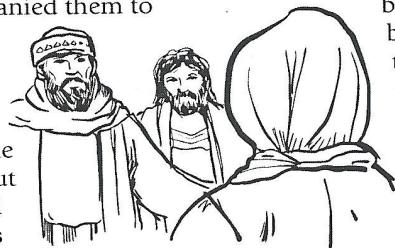
Spend time with him. We can spend time reading inspirational books and blogs, and chatting on Catholic sites, but to develop a relationship with Jesus, we need face time with him. Adoration is one of the best ways to keep him company.

from Scripture

Luke 24:13-35, Jesus accompanies us

Imagine what it would be like to have a Bible study with Jesus! This was exactly what Cleopas and his friend experienced when Jesus accompanied them to Emmaus. Failing to recognize Jesus and still grieving his death, they unknowingly told the risen Christ all about it. In an unexpected turn of events, Jesus explained to them how his death and resurrection was part of God's saving plan.

The disciples invited Jesus to stay with them, even though they still didn't recognize him. Jesus took the bread,



blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples. Suddenly, they recognized him. He vanished, but their hearts burned with joy. They raced back to Jerusalem to share the Good News with their fellow disciples.

Cleopas and his friend's story is ours too. At every Mass, God speaks to our hearts through Scriptures. In the Eucharist blessed, broken and given to us, we encounter Jesus and receive him into our hearts. With the final blessing, we are sent to spread the Good News: Christ rose from the dead and reopened heaven for us.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 19 – Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised those who honor him as the King of Mercy and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy would receive special graces and great mercy.

April 21 – St. Anselm (1109). St. Anselm left a rich court life to become a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of Canterbury, England. He was exiled for rebuffing the king's interference in Church matters.

April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist (1st century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter's perspective. Mark travelled with SS. Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) through the island of Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.

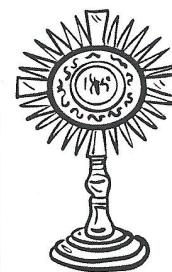
April 28 – St. Louis de Montfort (1716). A French priest with a passion for preaching the Gospel, St. Louis had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother, and his *True Devotion to Mary* is widely popular today.



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What is a monstrance?

In practicing or learning Catholicism, one can find some funny sounding words. "Monstrance" is one of them. It's



an upright container for the Blessed Sacrament (a consecrated Host), usually made of gold or silver and often shaped like a sunburst. The rays are meant to evoke the power and grace radiating from the Host. They also draw the eye to the window (luna) at the center where the Host is. By means of it, Christ and the viewers can literally be face to face.

The monstrance is used to display the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration. Adoration of the Eucharist outside of Mass developed to satisfy the devotion of the faithful. When you love someone deeply, you want to see him – in person – and spend time with him frequently. God doesn't just want to hear our prayers; he wants to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). Jesus longs for us to visit him in our churches. He remains in the Blessed Sacrament so that anyone who seeks him can find him.

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HELPFUL SENIOR

I am a senior citizen who works in a bank. The other day, an older man came up to me at the cash machine and asked me to help him check his balance....so I pushed him over.