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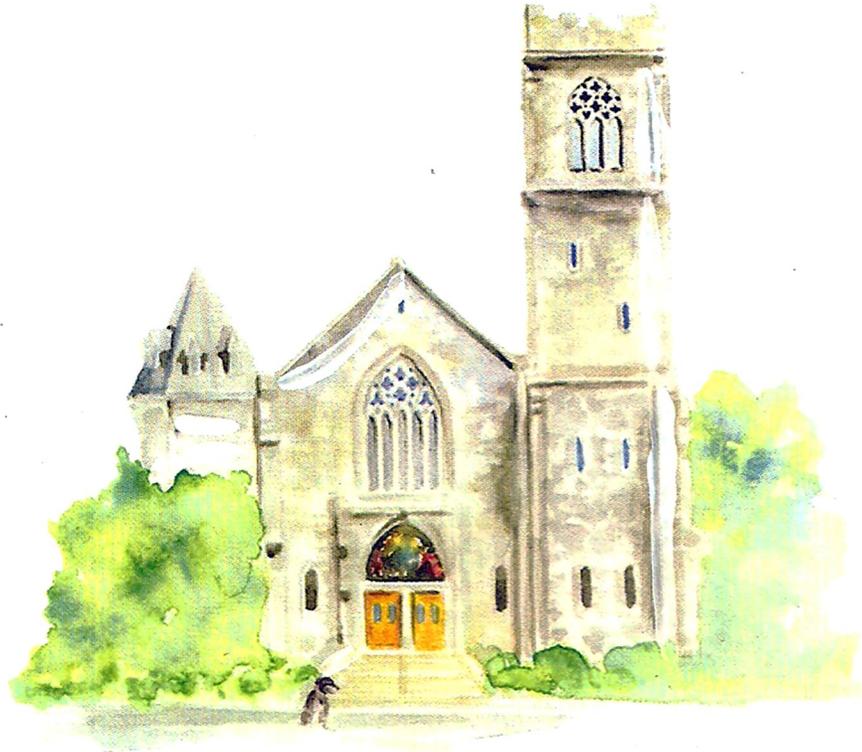
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BAPTISM: Baptisms are generally scheduled on

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	MAY 31st PENTECOST SUNDAY Kevin Shepard by Beverly Shepard Jacqueline Gemayel by Mike and Judy Geng
Monday	June 1st (Gn 3:9-15,20 or Acts 1:12-14/ Jn 19:25-34) The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Jacqueline Gemayel by Dave and Rose Missert
Tuesday	June 2nd (2 Pt 3:12-15,17-18/Mk 12:13-17) Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs Betty Oakes and the Fleetham Family by the Estate of Elizabeth Oakes
Wednesday	June 3rd (2 Tm 1:1-3,6-12/Mk 12:18-27) Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Athalie Wiley by Sr. Angelica Rebello
Thursday	June 4th (2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12: 28-34) James E. Brett by the Estate of James E. Brett
Friday	June 5th (2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37) Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr Frances McGowan and Deceased Members of the McGowan Family by the Estate of Frances McGowan
Saturday	June 6th The Most Holy Trinity For the Intentions of Joshua Alphonso by His Godmother
Sunday	June 7th THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Larry Fioretto by John and Patty Spicer Paul R. Haley, Elizabeth Joynt Haley and Deceased Family Members by the Estate of Elizabeth J. Haley

Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020

“There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.” Is the Lord inviting you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Fr. John Demo at 315-782-2468 or email 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 JULY 1, 2020
MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00am-4:00pm**

**Church will be opened
7 days a week from 10AM-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 (The Daily Mass)

- St. Anthony's Church, Watertown <https://catholicwatertown.org/>
- St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg live at 8am Sunday <https://www.rcdony.org/livemas>
- 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/>

MAY 31 PENTECOST SUNDAY Solemnity

Readings: Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” At Baptism and Confirmation, we have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. We, too, like the disciples in today’s gospel, are called to go out and share the Good News. Pray to the Holy Spirit for the gifts we need to be a witness of Jesus Christ. Pray for awe, piety wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, and courage. Be not afraid and invite others to explore the faith so as to come to know Jesus Christ, that they too may find the Peace he offers to all.

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Exodus	34:4b-6,8-9
(Ps) Daniel	3:52-55
2 Corinthians	13:11-13
John	3:16-18

God sent his Son to save us (3) and to forgive us, making us his adopted children (1). Like the Trinity, may we be united in peace and love through the Spirit (2), through whom we offer God praise and glory (Ps).



*Frances Jackson
Josephine Oliver Scée*

Welcome to one of the newest feasts
In the Catholic Church! (June 1st)

The Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church

was established by Pope Francis in Spring 2018. While the formal celebration is new, the honor is as old as the Gospels. Jesus spoke few words on the Cross, but several of them were addressed to His mother and the Apostle John. “*Woman, behold your son.*” “*Son, behold your mother.*” This means far more than simply someone to care for Mary as she got on in years and someone for John to celebrate Jewish festivals with. John represents all of us, the Church. Jesus entrusted Mary to us as our mother. At the end of the historic Second Vatican Council, in the midst of tumultuous times, Pope St. Paul VI formally declared Mary as Mother of the Church and invited us to pray to her under that title. With this Sunday’s celebration of the Birthday of the Church at Pentecost, we remember that every birth has a mother.

HAPPY FEAST OF MARY,
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH!



Hymn of the Week

*(This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)*

*You who own the faith of Jesus,
Sing the wonders that were done
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the vict'ry won,
When he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only son.*

*Blessed were the chosen people
Out of whom the Lord did come,
Blessed was the land of promise
Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blessed far the mother
She who bore him in her womb.*

*Wherefore let all faithful people
Tell the honor of her name,
Let the Church in her foreshadowed
Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's mother sang in gladness
Let Christ's people sing the same.*

Thoughts in May on Mary:

Devotion to *Our Lady of the Snows* began on Rome's Esquiline Hill in the year 352 and may be the oldest of Marian devotions. In the Eternal City, an elderly couple had an apparition of Mary one hot August night during which Mary requested that a shrine be built on one of the city's celebrated hills.

The next morning the city woke to find the Esquiline covered with snow. Today, St. Mary Major, “Church of St. Mary of the Snow,” stands on this site as the largest and most important of all churches dedicated to the Blessed Mother. (In the United States, pilgrims can visit *Our Lady of the Snows Shrine* in Bellville, Illinois. Open all year, the shrine includes meditative and devotional areas. It is also the site of an annual outdoor novena during nine nights surrounding August 5, the feast day of *Our Lady of the Snows*, today called the Dedication of St. Mary Major).



A FAMILY BLESSING

Lord of all,

Bless our families.

*Be they formed by blood or by
circumstance,
Make them holy.*

May we find you

in our relationships.

In our marriages, in our families,

*In our households, in our
communities,*

In our global humanity.

May we look across

all that divides us

And see family,

And embrace as a family does.

And love as a family ought to.

For where two or three gather

In your name,

There are you.

Amen

REMINDER: You are encouraged to check the
Diocesan website for updates on Covid-19.
<https://www.rcdony.org/covid-19>

From the Pastor's Desk

The Catholic Community of Watertown welcomes Lukas Gruber, a Seminary student of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, who will be with us for the months of June and July. Lukas is currently in theology studies and is looking forward to spending some of his summer in our Faith Community.

A few thoughts on Pentecost (LTP, Sourcebook)

Pentecost is the Greek word for fifty. It originally began as a celebration in thanksgiving for the "First Fruits", when winter grains and spring vegetables were harvested, enjoyed, and offered to God. For Christians, Jesus is the "First Fruits" of those who have died (1 Corinthians 15:23).

His Resurrection heralds our own at the end of time. For now, we live as Christians in the world, empowered by the Spirit of peace and forgiveness.

Scripture and Reflection

A spreading olive tree, goodly to behold, / the Lord has named you. (Jer 11:16b)

One tradition holds that the tree of life in the garden of Eden was the olive tree. In the Mediterranean world of the Bible, its fruit provided food, and oil for light, heat and healing. Mary bore the One who is the light of the world and the healing of the nations.

Fr. Mickey

A Celebration of Mary, Mother of the Church: The Church's Marian identity will be honored in a new feast day, on the Monday after Pentecost

The dual purpose of the new feast, as noted by Pope Francis, is to promote greater appreciation of Marian piety and of the Church as Mother. We can better understand this by looking at Vatican II.

The fathers of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) had considered issuing a separate document on the Blessed Virgin Mary, and there was even a move to ask Blessed Pope Paul VI to define a new Marian dogma. Instead, they spoke about Mary in the eighth and final chapter of *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, which they titled "The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God in the Mystery of Christ and the Church."

Then, at the end of the last session of the council, Pope Paul VI made a solemn proclamation of Mary as "Mother of the Church," the very title that Francis has now reaffirmed. (by Sean Innerst, professor at Augustine Institute in Denver).

The image on the prayer cards handed out for the Feast Day of Mary, Mother of the Church is a replica of the Mater Ecclesiae Mosaic that overlooks St. Peter's square and is also displayed in permanent exhibit at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C.

OUR TITHING PARISH Seventh Sunday of Easter

This Year \$ 3,987.00
(No Public Masses
Coronavirus)
Last Year \$ 9,204.50

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR OFFERTORY SUPPORT

With all of us being unable to celebrate physically together at Mass now for two months, Pastors continue to express their gratitude from the continued support of parishioners throughout the Diocese. Parishioners have continued to contribute their weekly offertory gifts through the mail, personal delivery to the rectory or on-line (for those who are set up accordingly), realizing this weekly support of their parishes is the primary source of funding the day-to-day operations of the parishes which continue during these social distancing efforts. Seasonal residents who feel they may not be able to make it to the North County this year with the current environment have also been sending in support. Your continued generous support is very much appreciated by Bishop LaValley, your pastors and the Development Office.

"God is not Solitude, but Communion; he is Love, and therefore communication, because love always communicates; indeed, it communicates itself in order to encounter the other."— Pope Francis. The second collection the weekend of June 13th and 14th supports two important needs: **Catholic Communications and the Education of Catholic Leaders**. One third of the collection supports communications in our diocese and another third goes to communications efforts across the country in this year's "Connecting Community in Christ", the Catholic Communications Campaign. The final third supports **Catholic University of America** in Washington DC.

Please prayerfully consider supporting these efforts. More information is available at www.usccb.org/cc and engage.catholic.edu/giving/how-give/national-collection.

PSALM OF THE WEEK

I am like a growing olive tree
in the house of God.
I trust in the goodness of God
for ever and ever.

I will thank you for evermore;
for this is your doing.
I will proclaim that your name is good,
in the presence of your friends.

Psalm 52:10-11

Scripture Insights Week of May 31-June 6

(LTP Sourcebook 2020)

31 May, Pentecost Sunday

We celebrate today the gift of the Holy Spirit empowering and sanctifying the Church of Christ. The 1st Reading from Acts, narrates the initial events associated with the descent of the Holy Spirit on to the Apostles. Luke's gospel foreshadowed this with the words of John the Baptist: "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire" (Luke 3:16). The association of the image of Fire with the Holy Spirit is significant. In the Old Testament, fire symbolizes God's presence in the Covenant at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:18). In the New Testament, Fire symbolizes the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. As the fire came to rest on the Apostles, "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit," transforming them and enabling them to proclaim the resurrected Christ to the large crowds gathered in Jerusalem.

1 June, Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church

We reflect upon the Blessed Mother under the title, "Mother of the Church". Virtue is something for which we strive; we desire that our hearts be aligned to good works to the point that good works become habitual. When we perform works of mercy, we are participating with God's grace; but our salvation is always a Free gift from God, - it is not dependent upon these good works.

2 June Weekday Ordinary Time

Pride led the Pharisees and Herodian's to attempt to trick Jesus into heretical speech. Jesus was not tricked by their treacherous words, and he responded reasonably and logically. Always committed to his mission, Jesus made God's expectations clear to his people.

3 June Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

In Christ we gain eternal life in heaven. Our life with God is not just a spiritual life but life in a body renewed and glorified in the resurrection on the last day.

4 June Weekday Ordinary Time

Love is the central theme of the gospel. Love drives the Virgin Mary to say yes to the angel, and love died for us on the Cross. God's love for us allowed for Christ to come to us. We are called to live lives in Christ-like love and to lay down our lives for our friends.

5 June Memorial of St. Boniface

Scripture is central to the teaching of the Church. It is inspired by God, and we grow in Wisdom when we apply ourselves to understanding it. The Church helps us understand and interpret Scripture, having the unique authority to do so.

6 June Weekday Ordinary Time

We are called to give according to the needs of others, not just giving out of our excess. Widows represent the poor and the helpless in ancient society. According to the Old Testament, a right and wise society cares for the poorest of its ranks.

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time affords us a good opportunity to focus on Sunday, the original and "primordial" Christian feast day. For some two-thousand years, Christians have gathered on the first day of the week to hear the words of Scripture and break bread together in the celebration of the Eucharist. This first day of the week is also referred to as the eighth day, an eschatological distinction that marks the beginning of a new era in Christ. If seven is the perfect number, eight is one more than perfect.



- 6/1 Global Day of Parents
- 6/4 World Day for Child Victims of Aggression
- 6/5 World Environment Day



MASCOT WISDOM

**The difference between
stumbling blocks and stepping
stones is the way you use them.**

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

June 2 Saints Marcellinus and Peter, (303AD) Martyrs

They were martyred under the Diocletian persecution of Christians. Marcellinus, a priest, and Peter, an exorcist, are reputed to have faced death with so much courage that their jailor and his family were all converted by their witness.

June 3 Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Saint Charles Lwanga was martyred alongside twenty-one other Christian pages in the court of Ugandan King Mwanga II for resisting the King's immoral lifestyle, enraging Mwanga, and undermining his absolute authority over his subjects. Lwanga, a catechist, baptized his catechumens in preparation for execution, and together they were burnt alive, steadfast in faith to the end.

June 5 Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Saint Boniface was an Anglo-Saxon monk and bishop who evangelized in Germany with such success that he was able to build it by reforming the Frankish Church with his monks, and he died while ministering to lapsed Christians in Friesland. His often dramatic efforts succeeded in uniting Christians across the area in a common Church and spread monasteries as centers of education across Germany and France.

June 6 Saint Norbert, Bishop

After a dramatic personal conversion, the young canon from the Rhineland renounced his former carefree lifestyle and became a reformer, attracting resistance from corrupt clergy, but admiration from laypeople. Norbert exhorted the clergy to recommit to purity and simplicity in life, and he founded the religious order called the Norbertines.

A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH: FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

By Bishop Robert Barron

I fear that for many Christians, the Ascension implies that Jesus has gone, essentially, "up, up, and away" - that he is now at a far remove from this world. Nothing could be further from the truth. Think of a military commander from, say, the Civil War period. He would endeavor to find the higher ground on any field of battle, so that he might survey the entire situation and thus provide more efficacious leadership.

Through the Ascension, Jesus has achieved, as it were, a higher point of vantage, a position from which he can direct the work of his Mystical Body, the Church. It is of signal importance that the Acts of the Apostles commences with a description of the Ascension of the Lord, for what the rest of that text lays out is the manner in which the ascended Jesus coordinates the efforts of his disciples as they go about their ministry. He has not abandoned his Church; he has entered more deeply into its life and work.

It might be useful in this context to say just a word about heaven. Again, we tend to be misled if we literalize spatial metaphors. We poetically indicate the reality of heaven with images of clouds and sky, and there are meant to signal how heaven transcends our world. But this should not be construed as though heaven is geographically far away. On the biblical reading, heaven is a dimensional system that impinges most intimately on ours, even as it lies beyond. It is from this "place" that the Risen and ascended Jesus acts as Lord of the Church.

Due to the recent changes of personnel at the hospital, we may not be informed of a Parishioner being admitted to the hospital. We encourage you to contact the Parish Office at 315-782-2468 if you have a loved one at the hospital, so we can keep them in our prayers.

Celebrating Mary Our Mother

(by Sean Innerst of the Augustine Institute in Denver)

The popes in recent decades have shepherded a revival of Marian piety, each in a particular way that reflects the important role of our Blessed Mother in the Catholic Church.

For St. John Paul II, Mary was primarily Redemptoris mater, the Mother of the Redeemer. In his 1990 encyclical of that name, she is the woman of faith, the first to believe in the mystery of Christ, as recorded in the words of Luke 1:45: "Blessed are you who believed." She is not self-concerned, but entirely Christ-centered.

Pope Benedict XVI in various works before and after becoming pope noted that Mary at the Annunciation is addressed by the angel Gabriel in terms that parallel prophecies from the Old Testament, i.e. Zephaniah 3:14-15 and Zechariah 9:9.

These prophecies foretell the joyful announcement of the coming of Messiah to "Daughter Zion," and the promise that God would be "in the midst of you" (literally "in your womb"). For Benedict XVI, Mary is the woman of Zion. The woman who hopes, who believes and who loves (Deus Caritas Est, 41).

For Pope Francis, Mary is always present in the midst of the people with the Holy Spirit. "She joined the disciples in praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14) and thus made possible the missionary outburst which took place at Pentecost. She is the mother of the Church which evangelizes, and without her we could never truly understand the spirit of the new evangelization" (The Joy of the Gospel, 284).

QUESTION AND ANSWER

- (Q) What is the biggest jewel in the world?
(A) A Baseball diamond