

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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OFFICE HOURS Monday thru Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Sacrament of Baptism – For Children to be Baptized, please call the Rectory to schedule a meeting.

Sacrament of Penance – Confessions: Tuesdays 5:45pm–6:15pm, Saturdays 3:45pm–4:45pm, or by appointment.

Marriage – Make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Pre-Cana instruction is necessary.

Anointing of the Sick – Please advise the parish office of the serious illness or hospitalization of a parishioner.

Communion for shut-ins – Please notify the Rectory if anyone is unable to attend Sunday Mass regularly.

New Parishioners – Register at the Rectory during normal office hours.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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Our Vision and Mission

We the members of
St. Mary's Catholic Church,
in order to become the saints
God calls us to be:

- ◇ Welcome the wanderer to the Way
- ◇ Educate the seeker with the Truth
- ◇ Worship the beauty of Christ's Life

PARISH STAFF:

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Pastor's Corner

"These are days to remember." These lyrics of a song from my youth come back often especially in the glorious days of early autumn. I hope you're enjoying them as much as I am.



With the shortening of the days seems to come the lengthening of my schedule. We have another wedding this weekend of Andy Bigelow (you'll remember his baptism at Pentecost) and Alyssa Hughes (who grew up here in the parish). There is also the Blue Mass on Sunday in Malone where we pray with and for all the law enforcement personnel and fire fighters. Next weekend is the Diaconate Ordination at the Cathedral on Saturday and the Marriage and Religious Jubilee on Sunday. I hope you don't mind me going through the list. It's in part to let you know where I am going to be and in part to try and keep it all straight in my mind.

This is the second week of Religious Ed lessons being done at home. We'll be back in person for our monthly class next Sunday.

This Friday is the feast of our parish's secondary patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux. We'll have the blessing of the roses at the conclusion of the 8:15 AM Mass. I hope that many of you can join us as we ask for the intercession of the French Carmelite who promised to spend her time in heaven showering roses upon the earth—and who appeared here in Canton in 1931.

Finally, and very importantly for the entire diocese, this is Commitment weekend for the Bishop's Fund Appeal. Thank you as always for your generosity.

I hope you all have a blessed week. - *Father Bryan Stitt*

Return of a Healing Mass

Please bring family and friends to our first Healing Mass Thursday, October 7th at 5:15 pm when the Anointing of the Sick will be offered to

- those who are dangerously ill through sickness or old age
- a sick person...before surgery whenever the surgery is necessitated by a dangerous illness
- elderly people...if they are weak, though not dangerously ill
- sick children...sufficiently mature to be comforted by the sacrament

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the LORD. (James 5:14)

Winter Clothes Needed

The St. Mary's Thrift Shop (7 Main Street, in Canton) is open to customers **10 am to 4 pm on Monday through Thursday** and **10 am to 1 pm on Friday**. St. Mary's Thrift Shop is in need of donations of fall and winter clothing for men, women and children.

Please bring your clothing or fabric donations into the shop on Main Street. Household goods can't be accepted at this time. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Due to an increase in COVID-19 cases, masks are required for all customers and staff.



Bishop's Fund Appeal

As we begin "Commitment Weekend" for the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal, it is our hope that we can continue or increase our support to this vital Appeal. The theme of this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal is **"Family of Faith in Action"**. Please prayerfully consider supporting the many good works of the Diocese. This year, any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our own community and throughout the Diocese. Your pledge will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you in advance for your support.

To make your Bishop's Fund gift online, please visit <https://www.rcdony.org/bfa.html#donate>.

Blessing of Roses

Generations of Catholics have admired young St. Therese of Lisieux, called the "Little Flower", and have found in her short life more inspiration for their own lives than in volumes by theologians.



Yet Therese died when she was 24, after having lived as cloistered Carmelite for less than ten years. She never went on missions, never founded a religious order, never performed great works. The only book of hers, published after her death, was a brief edited version of her journal called "Story of a Soul." (Collections of her letters and restored versions of her journals have been published more recently.) But within 28 years of her death, the public demand was so great that she was canonized.

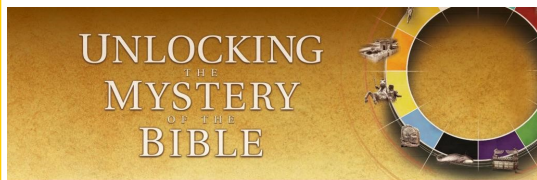
Over the years, some modern Catholics have turned away from her because they associate her with over-sentimentalized piety, and yet the message she has for us is still as compelling and simple as it was almost a century ago. Her way of growing closer to the Lord through what she called "the little way." In her words: "I will seek out a means of getting to Heaven by a little way—very short and very straight, a little way that is wholly new. We live in an age of inventions; nowadays the rich need not trouble to climb the stairs, they have lifts instead. Well, I mean to try and find a lift by which I may be raised unto God, for I am too tiny to climb the steep stairway of perfection. [...] Thine Arms, then, O Jesus, are the lift which must raise me up even unto Heaven. To get there I need not grow; on the contrary, I must remain little, I must become still less."

We hope you are aware of the local connection to St. Therese. You've surely noticed the statue of her in the chapel—next to it is the full story of the apparition of St. Therese made on October 2, 1932 over at the convent down the street at 33 Court Street.

Every sister in the convent saw her appear as a child (very fitting in appearing to a community of sisters that dedicated their lives to educating children) and left a perfect rose for the Sisters.



Campus Corner



College Students, have you ever wanted to understand the "big picture" of the Bible? If so, join us on Monday afternoons at 4:00 PM at the Celtic Knot on Main Street. Information on the eight week program can be found at the Ascension Press website.

Sign up or ask for more info by contacting Fr. Bryan Stitt, Pastor or Sarah McIntosh, Parish Administrative Assistant at (315) 386-2543 or office@cantoncatholics.com

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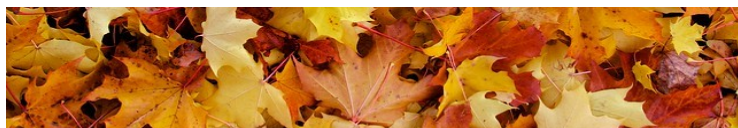
Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

We are pleased to announce the annual Jubilee Mass will be celebrated in person on Sunday, October 3, 2021, at 2:30pm by Bishop Terry R. LaValley at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Mass is to honor the Religious Sisters for their decades of service to the Church and all married couples celebrating their anniversaries (from one year and up). Family and friends of the honorees are welcome to attend. Bishop LaValley will host a light reception immediately following Mass in the Brzana Hall. Couples only please register for the Mass through your parish or register at <https://www.rcdony.org/jubilee> by Friday, September 24, 2021. For further information, please contact Steve Tartaglia at (315) 393-2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org or Sr. Bernadette Collins, SSJ at (315) 393-2920 or bcollins@rcdony.org



Just a reminder...besides the Masses being shown live at 9:00 AM on Facebook live and broadcast at FM 93.5, you can listen to the homilies on Apple Podcasts or on our website. Go to:

cantoncatholics.com -> Liturgy -> Homilies/Talks

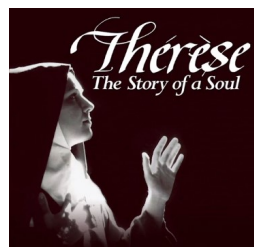
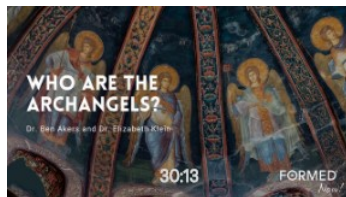


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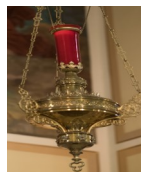
This week we celebrate the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels (Sept. 29th) and the Feast of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Oct. 1). Here are some Formed resources to help you learn more about these saints!



Mass Attendance

September 18th-19th

	2019	2020	2021
5:00 PM Saturday	122	41	95
9:00 AM Sunday	158	70	97
5:00 PM Sunday	69	21	44



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for

The Greater Glory of God

If you desire to have the Vigil Lamp lit for a loved one or for your intention, please contact the Rectory.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be at 6:45 PM on Monday, October 11th.



Fall Fuel Collection

Like it or not, the heat will have to come on soon. There will be a second collection next week to help defer the cost of the fuel.



Help Needed!

Each **Wednesday at 8:30 AM**, parishioners come into our church to vacuum, sweep, wipe, and dust. We call the group **Martha's Ministry** for the friend of the Lord and sister of Mary and Lazarus. Please consider helping out each week, occasionally, or even just once; please call the office for more details.



"It is Jesus that you seek..."

"...when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you".

- Pope St. John Paul II

If you're looking for the source of peace and love in a world that needs Him so badly, join us each **Tuesday from 4:10pm- 5:10pm** for an hour of prayer before our Eucharistic Lord. The Holy Hour will consist of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet, a scripture reflection on the following Sunday's Gospel, and time to simply rest in His presence.

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Ministry Schedule

September 25 and September 26, 2021

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Mary Evans
	Greeters	Lisa Guccione, Johannes Richter
	Altar Servers	TBD
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Norma Jean Lapoint
	Greeters	Terry White, Helen Dominy
	Altar Servers	TBD

October 2 and September 3, 2021

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Lisa Guccione
	Greeters	Phil & Mary Shatraw
	Altar Servers	TBD
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Joan Hyde
	Greeters	Barbara teRiele, Cheryl Curry
	Altar Servers	TBD



PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us.

Katie Coakley Ba	Helen Hilts	Brent Robert
Milton Bessette	Arleen Jordan	Judy Ruddy
Sam Bisonette	Carlos Law	Renee Smith
Barbara Brenhoch	Lori Law	Natalie teRiele
Camille Brown	Leward Lucia	Rose White
J.J. Crooks	Laurence McKenna	Abuse Victims
Phyllis Cunningham	Rick Meilleur	& their Families
David Datush	Corazon Negron	Covid 19 Victims
Debbie Gainey	Doni Peters	
Joe Guarino	Nolan Joe Redmond	

Parish Support

Week of September 19th	2020	2021
Envelopes	\$3,115.00	\$4,582.00
On-Line Giving	\$885.00	\$766.00
Plate	\$396.00	\$442.00
Fall Fuel		\$60.00
Church & Community Program	\$45.00	\$50.00
Mission Sunday		\$40.00
<u>All Saints</u>		<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$4,441.00	\$5,950.00

(Recent Candle Donations—\$12.00)

Thank you for your support & generosity each week!

Please continue to remember how important your weekly offering is to the life of our parish!

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 25: Weekday

3:45-4:45 pm Confession

Vigil, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass Yasment & Layhee families by Sean Barkley

Sunday, September 26: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass Joan Pope by Judy Bennett

2:00 pm Blue Mass— Notre Dame Church, Malone

5:00 pm Mass For all the People of the Parish

Monday, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:30 am Mass Deceased members of the Lamere family by Henry Sieg

After Mass Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

Tuesday, September 28: Weekday/St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

4:10-5:10 pm Holy Hour for Vocations with Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 pm Mass Harold and Myrtle Burke by Judy Wilson and family

5:45-6:15 pm Confession

Wednesday, September 29 : Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

7:30 am Mass Mark Lee by the Lee family

After Mass Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

Thursday, September 30: Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

5:15 pm Mass Edd White by Bill and Kay Tambs

Friday, October 1: Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church/First Friday

8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

8:15 am Mass Elma LaForce by Rosemarie Miller

Saturday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels/First Saturday

7:30 am Mass Edd White by Joe & Kathy Siemetkowski

3:45-4:45 pm Confession

Vigil, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass Gerald Proulx by Bernard Proulx

Sunday, October 3: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass For all the People of the Parish

2:30 pm Marriage Jubilee— St. Mary's Cathedral

5:00 pm Mass Edd White by Ginny & Butch Hotzler

Readings for Sept. 26

Nm 11: 25-29

Ps 19: 8, 10, 12-13, 14

Jas 5: 1-6

Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48



Readings for Oct. 3

Gn 2: 18-24

Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Heb 2: 9-11

Mk 10: 2-16