

16 February 2025  
VI Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Calendar)  
Septuagesima Sunday (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM  
Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM  
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

Mon. 17 Feb. The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (New Calendar)  
8 AM For: Rev. Msgr Eugene M. Yennock+

Tue. 18 Feb. St. Bernadette Soubirous, Virgin, Religious, Seer of Lourdes  
8 AM For: Randee Vermeulen  
Req: His Family  
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & the Newborn

Wed. 19 Feb. St. Conrad of Placentia Confalonieri, Hermit  
St. Lucy Y Zhenmei, Virgin & Martyr  
7 PM For: David Richards+  
Req: Wife, Marie Richards

Thu. 20 Feb. Sts. Francis & Jacinta Marto, Seers of Fatima  
8 AM For: Jarod Anderson (L)  
Req: The Anderson Family

Fri 21 Feb. St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church  
8 AM For: Marion Bracken+  
Req: Frances McCauley

Sat. 22 Feb. **THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER**  
8 AM Please come to the 8 AM Mass and pray for the Church,  
founded on the rock of St. Peter the Apostle.  
For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Edmund Finley+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Vanderhoof

Sun. 23 Feb. VII Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Calendar)  
Sexagesima Sunday (Traditional Calendar)  
8 AM For: Katherine Mazor+  
Req: Brendan Johnson  
9:30 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC  
11 AM For: Cody Anderson (L.)  
Req: The Anderson Family

**HOLY ROSARY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD: MON. 17 FEB. 11 AM**

Do you see how Our Lady is working? She is battering the ramparts of Planned Parenthood in response to our prayers and sacrifices. Soon it will be defunded and that will cut the head off the dragon. But our battle is far from over: 80% of abortions today are chemical abortions, committed right at home. So please join us in praying the "Psalter of Our Lady", the Holy Rosary with us at the Planned Parenthood abortuary on Genesee St. in Utica.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: NOTE THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION WILL BE 21 MAY AT 7 PM AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ROME.**

Please obtain a copy of your baptismal certificate if you have not already presented it to me, if you were baptized in a parish other than OLGCC.

Also, at class on 4 March, when we resume classes, please have your Confirmation Saint selected, and the name of your Sponsor for Confirmation. Your sponsor must be at least 16 years of age; you may have a sponsor of either gender; he/she must be a Confirmed Catholic who practices the Faith. Sponsors from parishes other than OLGCC will have to ask their Pastor for a "Certificate of Sponsorship". Bring this to class on the 4<sup>th</sup> as well.

Adults who will be Confirmed are asked to get this information to me as soon as possible: Confirmation Saint; Sponsors name and certificate.

**COFFEE & DONUTS WILL BE SERVED NEXT SUN. 23 FEB. YEAHHH!**

What's the hurry after Mass? Please join us downstairs and socialize with your parish family.

**GAME NIGHT: SAT. 1 MARCH 6 PM RECTORY**

Before donning your sackcloth and ashes (Ash Wednesday is 5 March), why not bring your favorite board game to the rectory with your snack food to the rectory social hall and join in some fun games? Pizza and soda will be provided.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST: SUNDAY 2 MARCH AFTER 8 AM & 9:30 AM MASS**

The St. Joseph Society men are unstoppable now, after the rousing success of the fish fry. They are going back to the griddle and crafting their mouth-watering pancakes and sausages. All for only \$7/person and \$35/family.

Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board if you will be dining in the elegance of our rectory social hall that morning. St Joseph Society men are asked to sign up to help with set-up, cook, serve or clean up. You know where to find the list.

**SURPRISE, SURPRISE, SURPRISE**

This week we received a letter from Beth Hoey who is the Executive Director of the HOPE Appeal. She informs us that since the 2024 HOPE Appeal fell short of its overall goal by \$143,000, we were being assessed another \$1,917 to make up the difference. This will be on top of our parish's assessment for the 2024 campaign, which was \$15,000. I want to stop getting mail from the Chancery!

**WOMEN'S RETREAT 8 MARCH MARY, MOTHER OF OUR SAVIOR CHURCH, UTICA** (That is Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2222 Genesee St.)

Hosted by the Women's Commission of the Diocese of Syracuse. Registration must be made by 1 March at [www.syracusecatholicwomen.org](http://www.syracusecatholicwomen.org). Cost: \$25 which includes breakfast. They are accepting mail-in payments only. Speakers for this retreat will be Frs. Ben Schrantz and Pawel Zmija, the two priests ordained last June for our diocese. The day will begin at 7:30 AM and end at 12:15 PM.

## THE VARIETIES OF HOLY WATER

Holy Water is one of the most venerable sacramentals of the Catholic Church. A Sacrament imparts grace, but a sacramental disposes us to receive grace.

Most Catholics think that all Holy Water is the same, but there are different types of Holy Water, used for specific occasions, or purposes. Our Catholic religion is an incarnational religion. That means that since God became flesh in order to redeem us, He continues to use material, sensible things to sanctify us: water, oil, candles, bells, vestments, incense, and of course, bread and wine.

Holy Mother Church, in her traditional rites, uses these kinds of Holy Water:

**Blessed water** (Commonly referred to as Holy Water). The water is first exorcised, then salt is exorcised to be mixed with the water. The prayers for the blessing of the salt include a reference to the Prophet Eliseus healing the barrenness of the land and water of Jericho with salt. In the traditional blessing for this sacramental, (which your Pastor always uses to bless the water), God is asked to use this water to cast out demons and cure diseases. The Church asks that wherever this water is sprinkled, it may be delivered from all that is unclean or hurtful, that the place may be preserved from contagion, and that everything opposed to the safety and peace of the occupants be banished. (See why you should sprinkle your homes frequently?)

**Easter Water:** Blessed during the Solemn Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, is used for Baptisms. In the ancient rite, the Oil of Catechumens and Sacred Chrism are mixed into the water. The Paschal candle is also plunged into the water.

**Gregorian Water:** When a Church is desecrated, it must be “reconciled” or purified before it can be used for sacred worship. (Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase of this today. This week, in fact, a man jumped up on to the altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, threw the candlesticks to the floor and started to rip off the altar cloth). The blessed water used to reconcile a desecrated church or altar is called Gregorian Water. It is a mixture of water, blessed salt, ashes and blessed wine. Gregorian Water is only used by a Bishop. He blesses the ashes without exorcising them. They symbolize our contrition for our sins, and the blessed wine symbolizes the wedding feast of Cana.

Gregorian Water is also used, again only in the traditional rite, when an altar is consecrated for the offering of the Sacrifice to God.

**Epiphany Water:** familiar to us because it is made available for our use at the Feast of the Epiphany each year. This Holy Water is used to bless houses, especially at the season of Epiphany. The water is solemnly exorcised with the praying of particular psalms, the Litany of the Saints, the Magnificat of Our Lady and the Te Deum, the Church's hymn of Thanksgiving. In blessing this water, Holy Mother Church asks that wherever it is sprinkled, sickness may be cured, evil influences may be eradicated, and peace and blessing may descend. In addition, there is the **Blessing of the Sea**, wherein God has already mixed the salt. This is often done in areas where fishing and boating are widely practiced.