

12 February 2023

VI Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Calendar)

Sexagesima 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. 13 Feb. St. Paul Liu Huanzuo, Pr. Chinese Martyr

8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass

For: Special Intention

Tue. 14 Feb. STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS/ST. VALENTINE

8 AM For: Robert McCauley+

Req: Frances McCauley

Holy Rosary for the Preborn & Newborn

Wed. 15 Feb. Bl. Onesimus/ St. Claude de la Columbiere

7 PM For: Charles Bianchi+

Req; Dr. & Mrs. Francis Bianchi

Thu. 16 Feb. St. Juliana, Virgin & Martyr

8 AM For: James Dobson+

Req: Drs. James & Irene Vanderhoof

Fri. 17 Feb. THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITES

8 AM For: Bob & Kathy Blehar (L.)

Req: Ryan & Rose Blehar

Sat. 18 Feb. Bl. Fra Angelico (Giovanni Faesulani), Priest, Artist

8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

Sun. 19 Feb. VII Sunday of Ordinary Time (New Calendar)

Quinquagesima Sunday (Traditional Calendar)

8 AM For: Magdalena Pia Maciag (L.)

Req: Mr.d & Mrs. Andrew Maciag

9:30 AM For: David Richards+ (Ann.)

Req: Wife

11 AM For: Gennaro Rucci+ (3rd Ann.)

Req: Wife

NO RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION TUE. 14 FEB.

We are on a midwinter break this month from class.

BLESSED CANDLES AND PRAYER BOOKS

Candles that were blessed on the Feast of the Presentation (2 Feb.) for use in your home at prayer time, for the visit of the Blessed Sacrament to your home for the sick; and for light during the three days of darkness. They are \$5 each.

The US Grace Force Prayer Book, which is in the pews, is available for \$17. Both the candles and the Prayer Book are available in the sacristy after Mass.

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY WITH US AT PP FRI. 17 FEB 11 AM

Since the schools are off this week, let us have a massive turnout of pray-ers for the babies and their Moms at the Planned Parenthood clinic on Genesee St. in Utica. God bless you.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: SAT. 18 FEB. 7-8AM

Please make the sacrifice of getting up early and join us for the Mothers of Lu Holy Hour, to beg Our Lord for vocations.

GAME NIGHT AT THE RECTORY: SAT. 18 FEB. 6 PM

Come and enjoy an evening of fun before Lent begins (Wed. 22 Feb.). Bring your favorite board games. Our Rosary Society will provide some food for you, so please sign up on the list on the bulletin board.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER: SUN. 19 MARCH RECTORY

In honor of St. Joseph's Feast, the Rosary Society is planning a Spaghetti Supper for this day. They are looking for helpers though, to set up, serve and clean up afterward. Let's all pitch in and make this a truly parish family event! Sign up on the list on the bulletin board to help out. Closer to the date, there will be a sign-up list for the dinner itself.

WOMENS' DIOCESAN CONFERENCE: SAT. 25 FEB.

To be held at Holy Cross Church in Dewitt. There will be Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession and a talk by Fr. Joseph O'Connor. Doors will open at 7:45 AM, and the event will end at noon. A light breakfast will be served. To register, email swc@syrdio.org. Please let Father know if you will attend, and he will refund the registration fee (\$25) to you.

MENS' IGNITE CONFERENCE: SAT. 25 MAR. SRC ARENA

Onondaga Community College, Syracuse. This year's theme is "Empowered". The speakers are: Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Michael McGlenn, and Gus Lloyd. Register at www.ignitecatholicmen.org and let Father know so that he can reimburse you for \$25 of the fee.

OPEN HOURS OF ADORATION AT ST JOSEPH'S CHAPEL

121 St. Joseph's Pl., Oneida, NY. Please call Stephen or Cindy van Lieshout (315 -361- 1801 or 315-761-1394) if you are willing to take one of these time slots: Sun. 10-11AM; Thu. 2 AM-3AM; Fri. 4-5AM; Sat. 12-1AM; 9-10AM; 12 Noon-1 PM.

FEBRUARY 14: ST. VALENTINE

Everyone knew that St. Valentine's Day was celebrated on 14 February. It became the traditional day to give that special someone an expression of love. In a move that was utterly insensitive to the popular recognition of this Day, dedicated to a Roman martyr for centuries, the Holy See, in issuing an "updated" version of the Roman Martyrology (official listing of Saints and Blesseds and their Feast Days), in 2004, the Feast of the Martyr St. Valentine was subordinated to that of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Apostles to the Slavs. So sad...but anyway....

In the early martyrologies, three different Valentines are mentioned. Information about them is sparse, but here is what we know:

The first St. Valentine was believed to be a priest and physician in Rome. He comforted martyrs being persecuted by the Emperor Claudius II. St. Valentine was arrested, beaten with clubs, and sentenced to death and then beheaded all because of his faith on 14 February 270 A.D. Pope Julius I (333-356) built a basilica over his tomb, where archeological digs recovered evidence of the tomb in the 1500's and the 1800's. His relics were transferred to the Church of St. Praxedes, near the Basilica of St. Mary Major where they are today.

The second St. Valentine was believed to be the Bishop of Interamna, now known as Terni, 60 miles from Rome. He was persecuted under the orders of the Prefect Placidus also under the Emperor Claudius II. He was arrested, beaten and decapitated, very similar to the first St. Valentine.

The third and least known St. Valentine was martyred in Africa with other companions.

Tradition holds that all three Saints Valentine showed heroic love for God and the faith. Although Valentine's Day has been affected by secular influence, the remembrance of St. Valentine is a Christian message that should be remembered. The unconditional love of Our Lord, His Sacred Heart, His sacrificial, selfless and unconditional love. Each Catholic is obligated to express this love for God and neighbor.

It is well to remember that Jesus said, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends," (Jn.15:12-13).

This heroic love all three St. Valentines showed in suffering and dying for the Faith. By bearing witness to the Faith with such dedication, each earned the crown of unfading glory.

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