

14 January 2024  
II Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Calendar)  
II Sunday after Epiphany (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Ancient Rite Latin Mass 8AM

Sunday 9:30AM (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. 15 Jan. Our Lady of Prompt Succor/St. Paul the First Hermit  
8 AM Traditional Ancient Rite Latin Mass

For: Special Intention

Tue. 16 Jan. Our Lady of Refuge/St. Marcellus, (309) Pope & Martyr

8 AM For: Lawrence Simmons+

Req: Anne Johnson

Holy Rosary for the Preborn and the Newborn

Wed. 17 Jan. St. Antony the Abbot, Father of Monasticism

7 PM For: Mary Ellen Shaver+

Req: Mr. & Mrs. Allen Kraeger

Thu. 18 Jan. St. Prisca, Virgin & Martyr/St. Margaret of Hungary, Rel.

8 AM For: John Carvelli+

Req: The Rosary Society of OLGCC

Fri. 19 Jan. Sts. Marius, Martha, Audifax and Abachum, Martyrs

8 AM For: Kenneth Sheridan+

Req: Matt Lohr Family

Sat. 20 Jan. St. Fabian, Pope/St. Sebastian, Martyrs

8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Joseph & Rozalija Kardys+

Req: Theodore Kardys

Sun. 21 Jan. III Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Calendar)

III Sunday after Epiphany (Traditional Calendar)

8 AM For: Doris Maciag+

Req: Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Maciag

9:30 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

11 AM For: Joseph Lust (L.)

Req: Kathleen Bonanza

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TUE. FOR JR. & SR. HIGH/ADULTS**

Parents please note: whenever the schools call a “snow day”, or cancel after-school classes, we will not hold religion class on those evenings.

## **HOLY ROSARY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD: MON. 16 JAN.**

Please join us at the Planned Parenthood abortuary on Genesee St. Utica at 11 AM to pray the Holy Rosary to convert minds and hearts to the truth about human life.

## **CREDO CATECHISM**

We now have some more copies of Bishop Athanasius Schneider's wonderful catechism. If you would like a copy, you may come to the sacristy after Mass to get it. They sell for \$20/copy.

## **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: SAT. 20 JAN. 7 AM**

Our monthly “Mothers of Lu” holy hour for vocations. Please join us.

## **MARCH FOR LIFE IN SYRACUSE: SAT. 20 JAN. 12 PM**

We will be taking a busload of parishioners to the local March for Life once again. We urge all to come aboard with us as we pray for this state, especially, which will put up a referendum on this November's ballot, asking New Yorkers to enshrine the “right” to abortion in the State's Constitution. Do you care enough to join us? Please print your name (one per line, please) on the list on the bulletin board.

We will leave from **the parking lot of the Rectory at 10:45 AM.**

Chick-Fil-A will be there to provide sandwiches after the March.

We should be returning at approx. 2 PM.

## **COFFEE & DONUTS NEXT SUNDAY AFTER MASS**

Have you volunteered to help serve? It is easy...everything is prepared for you, all you have to do is keep the donuts and hot chocolate and coffee coming! Please sign up on the bulletin board to volunteer, and we will put a veteran with you to teach you the ropes.

## **PRIESTS' MEETING WITH OUR BISHOP**

This past Tuesday, the pastors of our Vicariate (Rome, Oneida, Verona, Canastota, Sherrill, Vernon, Hamilton, Camden, Boonville, Forestport, Taberg, Lee Center, and Holland Patent) met with Bishop Lucia over the present critical situation in the Diocese with priest personnel. The Bishop began the meeting telling us that right now, he has no one he can call to cover an emergency should a priest get ill or have an accident. The Bishop himself is covering two parishes, rather large ones at that. Bishop Lucia pointed out that changes have to be made, not down the road, but in the near future. He then went on to specify what changes he had in mind, although he did not give us liberty to announce them as yet. He went around the table, where there were 10 priests present. Of those, five of us are in our 70's, and thus eligible to retire (one priest is 81 and still a pastor!!!).

The astonishing, amazing and wondrous thing was, again, Our Lady of Good Counsel was completely passed over in any of the projections!

How pleased must Our Lady be with our “Memorare” to her after Mass!

## **GAME NIGHT: SAT. 3 FEB. 6 PM RECTORY**

Before slip into our lenten hairshirts and waist cords, why not come out for an evening of board games, great snack food and lively companions?

## SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS FOR 2023

Each year we present you the data for the previous year's administration of the Sacraments in our parish. They are one way of measuring the life of the parish, which is of course, a spiritual reality that defies quantifying. However, these are some observable indicators we have of gauging the parish's vitality. These figures are reported annually to the Diocese, and are used by the officials to determine the sustainability of the parish.

Baptisms: 13 (One of which was of an adult, on his deathbed).

Marriages: 2 (Both were between two Catholics).

First Holy Communions: 11

Confirmations: 9 (One of which was of an adult, on his deathbed).

Deaths: 6

Currently, we have 12 people confined to their homes or living in health care facilities, whom the Pastor visits regularly with the Blessed Sacrament. The women of our Rosary Society and our Sodality girls visit them during the holy seasons of the year to let them know that they are not forgotten by their parish. They also receive a parish bulletin weekly by mail to keep them "in the loop" as they say.

As we have reported to you in the past, the statistics diocesan-wide are disastrous, as is the case with most of the dioceses in the northeast, anyway. The numbers of Baptisms, Weddings, Confirmations and First Communions have plummeted over the past 10 years or so. A classmate of mine, pastor of a parish larger than ours in our diocese, recently told me that he has not had a wedding in three years in his parish.