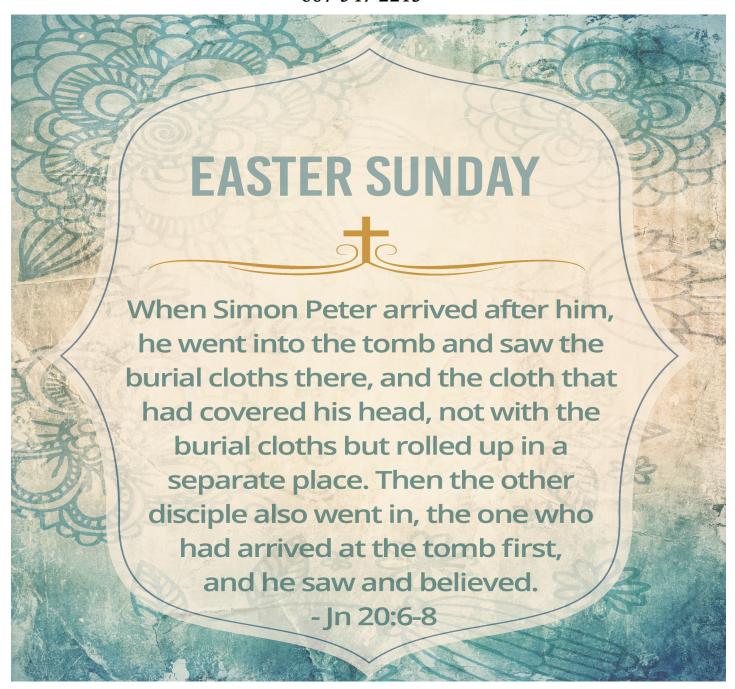
April 21, 2019 ~ Resurrection of the Lord

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 20 ~ Easter Vigil: 7:00PM

Sunday, April 21 ~ Resurrection of the Lord: 8:00 AM / 10:00 AM

Happy Easter to all from Father Pagones, Karen Walker and the Parish Leadership Team of St. Mary's

Today the Easter Vigil has regained its rightful place as the most important ritual of the year and as the primary celebration of Easter. This happened first in 1951 by way of experiment and was finalized in 1955. In its renewal form, the Easter Vigil is almost the same as that in early centuries, except that the ritual takes about two hours rather than all night. It has four clearly defined parts: the service of light, the liturgy of the word, the celebration of baptism, and the Eucharist.

The renewal of the Easter Vigil has resulted in what seems like two Easters in the typical parish. Each year however, the Easter Vigil is becoming for more and more parishioners what it had been in its origin: the nigh of all nights and the primary celebration of resurrection, or Easter. The renewal of the adult catechumenate in parishes has added an important feature to the Easter Vigil that had been lost for centuries: the baptism of adults. For other parishioners, Easter Sunday morning Mass, officially the second Easter Mass, is still the Easter experience.

The elaborate and beautiful ritual of the Easter Vigil calls for extensive preparation by the parish team and many other parishioners. The church is decorated, sacramentals of oil, incense, water and fire are readied, and the liturgy is rehearsed. Adult catechumens begin their final hours of preparation.

Until recent decades Holy Saturday was a day of fasting and partial abstinence (meat was permitted only at the principal meal) in preparation for the greatest feast of the year. This discipline of fasting continued even when the solemnities of the Easter Vigil were celebrated during the early morning

The Gospel is very clear:
we need to go back there, to see
Jesus risen, and to become
witnesses of his resurrection ... It
is returning to our first love ...
—POPE FRANCIS

hours of Holy Saturday, concluding with all the joyful overtones of Easter. It was a reminder that the mystery of Easter was still associated with the night hours and early Sunday morning.

In recent years this tradition of fasting has returned with the renewal of adult catechumenate. Adults preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil usually spend some time in a mini-retreat with fasting and prayer as the hours of the Easter Vigil approach.

Remaining classes for grades Kindergarten – 6th:

- April 28th
- May 5th, 12th, and 19th



UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, April 27: 4:30PM

Sunday, April 28: 8:00 AM / 10:00 AM

Remaining classes for Confirmation students:

May 5th ~ Panel of Speakers "Living Your Faith"

Potluck Supper to follow

9th grade students: Remember to complete all of your Confirmation requirements and email them to Mrs. Davidson: cooperstowncatholic@gmail.com

The 2019 Bishop's Appeal begins the week-end of May 4/5. Donation envelopes will be distributed at each Mass that week-end. Please consider making a one time donation or a pledge to this year's appeal. No amount is too small.

Interim Presider: Father Peter Pagones
Regular Mass Schedule: Saturday Evening ~ 4:30PM /
Sunday Morning ~ 8:00 AM & 10 AM

Parish Rectory: Kitty Dykstra ~ 607-547-2213 Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. If no one is available to answer the phone, please leave a message and it will be returned as soon as possible.

Interim Parish Administrator: Karen Walker

607-264-3779 / stthomascv@nycap.rr.com Karen is the Parish Life Coordinator at St. Thomas the Apostle in Cherry Valley. She will be actively helping St. Mary's through our transition and is available to assist with any questions.

Faith Formation Director:

Maureen Davidson 607-293-7901 / cooperstowncatholic@gmail.com

Anointing of the Sick: Betsy Jay, Bassett Chaplain.

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Likewise, if you or someone you know in the parish is getting on in years and could benefit mentally, physically and/or spiritually from anointing, don't wait until the situation is critical. We currently have only one full-time priest in Otsego County and he cannot come to Cooperstown every time we may need him. We will do our best but, for your part, please DO NOT WAIT.

Of course, if there is an emergency at the hospital, the chaplains office will certainly respond and make every attempt to reach a priest.

Thank you.

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