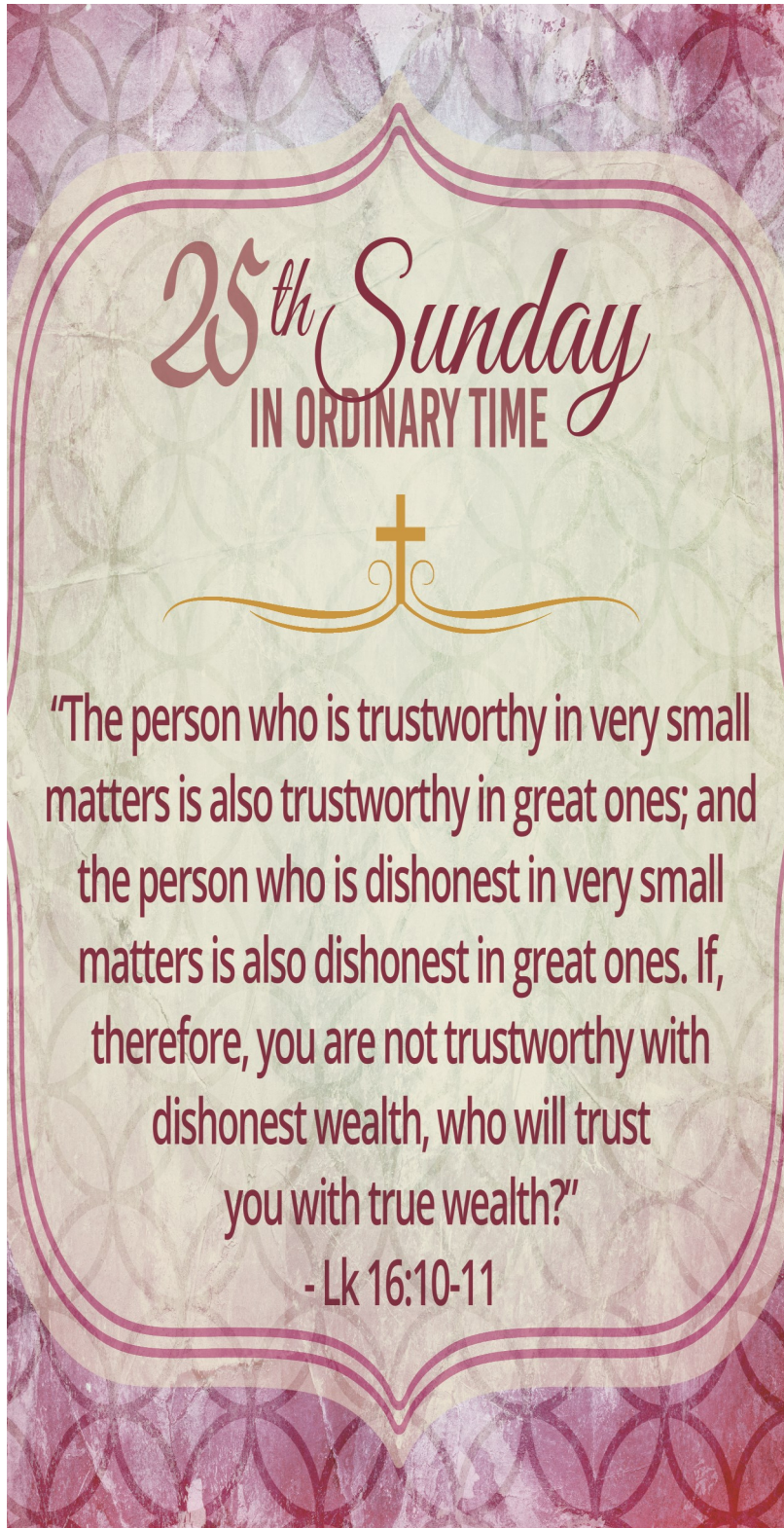


September 22, 2019 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*St. Mary's
Our Lady of the Lake Church*
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Anointing of the Sick
Call the Parish Office, or if at the hospital,
contact the Chaplain Office's office at
547-3626

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 21: 4:30 PM

Sunday, September 22: 8:00AM / 10:00 AM

Weekend of September 14/15: Attendance: 334 Offertory: \$2,165

Second collection for our Religious Education Program: \$980

This week's second collection is for Catholic University.

Since 1903, The Catholic University of America has been greatly blessed by the generosity of parishioners around the country through the National Collection. James Cardinal Gibbons, our first chancellor and the ninth Archbishop of Baltimore, once called the collection "the people's endowment." Taking his words to heart, contributions from faithful parishioners have benefited generations of students. University faculty and scholars promote Catholic social teaching and, through their research and discourse, help form the Church's response to challenging social issues of our time. In addition, Catholic University educates hundreds of priests and religious each year and can proudly call more than 12,000 of them alumni.



K – 6th grades: Sunday, 9/22/19, is the first, official day of faith Formation classes for grades Kindergarten – 6th grade. **Class begin at 9:00a.m.** in the parish hall. Registration is still open. Forms will be available in the parish hall and in the back of the church. Please pray for a wonderful year for our students and teachers!

7th-9th grades: Sunday, 10/06/19, is the first day of class for the Confirmation program, grades 7th, 8th, and 9th, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Registration forms will be available that day and are in the back of the church, in the parish office, and on our church website. You may also email Maureen Davidson for the forms at cooperstowncatholic@gmail.com



Confirmation Class
(current 10th grade students):

Retreat: Sunday, September 22nd. We will meet at the church parking lot at **8:00am**. This will be all day. More information to follow.

Rehearsal/dinner: Saturday, September 28th. Rehearsal will begin at **5:30**, immediately following the 4:30 pm Mass, with dinner to follow. Families are invited, as are the sponsors, if they can make it.

Confirmation: Thursday, October 3rd;
6:30pm. Students are asked to report at 6:00 pm. to the parish hall. Cake/punch and pictures with Bishop Scharfenberger in the parish hall after.

VIRTUS Training: This free, 90 minute training is mandated by the Albany diocese for any adult who works with children, volunteers at parish events, or drives children other than their own to youth activities. *This year, our Faith Formation is requesting one adult from each family to take the class before volunteering for your annual, hallway duty during religious instruction, as described in the class registration letter.* Ms. Mary Margaret Kuhn will be facilitating the class on **Tuesday, September 24th, at 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall.**

The Fourth Annual Emmaus Men's Conference of Diocese of Albany will be held on **September 28, 2019 at St. Edward the Confessor Church in Clifton Park.**

The Conference is sponsored by the Office of the Vicar for Vocations. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will open the Conference with the celebration of Mass at 8:30am.

The day will include: Lectures, Eucharistic Adorations and Confessions.

Register on-line at www.albany-emmanus.org or same day beginning at 7:30am.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our picnic a big success! The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious, and the company was great! Special thanks to Brian Wrubleski for the wonderful meal; Marjorie Landers for the delicious, beautiful cake; Joan and Hank Nichols for bringing the Mass materials; Mike Cea for supervising the desserts; Mike Perrino for his awesome photography; Jean Bohm, Edna Chase, and Karen Walker, for manning the Faith Formation registration, volunteer opportunities, and raffle table; Roger Davidson for cooking the burgers and hotdogs; and to all of the adults who helped in any way. Most of all, thank you to the McCaffrey and Hopkins children for stacking all of the tables and chairs!

The 37th Family Rosary Crusade
Sunday, October 6th at 3pm ~ at St. Joseph and St. Patrick Church in Utica, NY.
This year's speaker will be Rev. Jewel Aytona from the Divine Mercy Fathers.

This event will be the start of a four day mission continuing on Monday, Oct 7th at 7pm
For information contact
David Piacentino (315) 292-2663.

Sacraments

Sacraments are rituals that are highly symbolic with many layers of meaning. Catholic sacraments are ceremonies that point to what is sacred, significant and important for Christians; they are celebrations of Christian tradition, Christian life and of Christian hope. They share the dimensions of past, present and future that give ordinary celebrations meaning. In the Baltimore catechism, which many of us grew up with, we all memorized "A sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace."

The Latin word *sacramentum* means "a sign of the sacred." But, since the origins of Christian scripture are in the Greek language, the word for sacrament we find in the Bible is the Greek word *mysterion*. Although we translate this in English as mystery—something we cannot understand, the Greek word *mysterion* is usually translated in our English Bibles as plan. The wonderful mysterious plan that God had before creation began to take flesh in Jesus and to draw all creation into unity and a harmony so spectacular and breathtaking that the very idea is too wonderful for us. This plan is something we never fully understand. This is the fundamental meaning of sacrament found in the Bible.

As Thomas Richstatter, O.F.M. states: If there is anything we can say about the Mass - or any of the sacraments it is this: They all start with Jesus." Over the next 3-4 weeks we will introduce or reintroduce each of the sacraments- three sacraments of Christian initiation; sacraments of healing and sacraments at the service of community and the mission of the faithful.

Our newly formed Senior Center will be open in the Parish Hall on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00—3:00. Come and play cards, checkers, scrabble or bring your favorite game. Meet new friends or re-ignite old ones. Bring a snack to pass if you can. See you there.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 21

4:30pm: Max Kranbuhl
Req. by the Mooney Family

Sunday, September 22

8:00am: Karl & Becky Dykstra
(1st Wedding Anniversary)
Req. by Kitty Dykstra

10:00am: Ricky Hensley
Req. by Theresa Hensley
Julius, Mary, Robert & Richard Markovich
Req. By William Markovich

Saturday, September 28

4:30pm: Fr. Roos & Fr. Sise
Req. by Polly & Jim Renckens

Sunday, September 29

8:00am: Patricia & William Dornburgh

10:00am: Carlos Mora
Req. by Gayle & Jack Smith

2019 Sunday & Holy Day Mass remembrances or tabernacle candle remembrances are arranged through the parish office. Masses are \$10 donation and candles \$5 donation.

Please pray for our Vicar, the Most Rev. Michael Cambi, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer. Until we get a pastor, Fr. Cambi is the pastor of record for our parish.

Pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Maureen Brennan Robert Davenport
Julia Fasset Carol Kelly
Steve Markusen Bradley Smith

Please call the Parish Office to add any names.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Your time and talent is needed and appreciated in many ways. No experience necessary. If you are able to assist, or would like additional information, please call the parish office at 547-2213 or Karen Walker at 264-3779.

- ◆ A **dynamic leader or co-leader** to lead St. Mary's youth group for the 2019-2020 school year. Planning and chaperone support provided. This would involve one, thirty minute planning/pizza session with the teens each month, prior to Faith Formation class, and helping to chaperone one service, educational, or social event each month. For more information contact Maureen Davidson: cooperstowncatholic@gmail.com
- ◆ **Respect Life Liaison with the diocese needed.** Person to receive info from Diocesan rep regarding Respect Life issues and to put up notices, keep the parish informed, etc. Please call the parish office for more information.
- ◆ A **second adult**, who has attended **VIRTUS**, to assist LJ Alexander during any trainings. Do we have a volunteer please.
- ◆ A volunteer **to unite our ushers**: to verify all who wish to be ushers, to elicit new ones as needed and to schedule their mass preferences so we are not short at any masses.
- ◆ A **counting team** (2 people) to count Sunday collections once a month.