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OFFICE HOURS (window service)

Monday –Thursday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

1 pm to 4:30 pm CLOSED FRIDAY

CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST

DAILY MASS (upper church)

Monday 10:00 am at Senior Living Centers

Suspended until further notice

Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 am,

Wednesday 6 pm

Friday, Liturgy of the Word, with Communion

Suspended until further notice

WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday: 8:15 & 10:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 9:45 -10:15 am

Every Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 pm

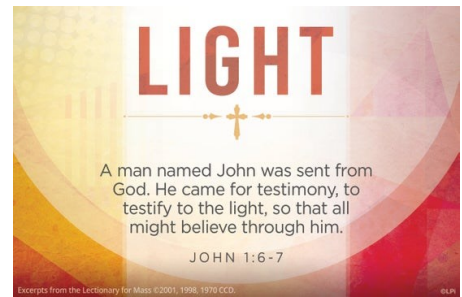
or by appointment

HOLY HOUR

Wednesday, 6:45-7:45 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please check the bulletin for updates



From Fr. Felician...

Recently, a well-known and highly respected Benedictine nun, reminded her readers of an old monastic story. Here is what she wrote: *"Once upon a time, a monastic ran from one end of the city to the other crying, 'Pride, greed and corruption...pride, greed and corruption...'* People stopped in shock to listen to her concerns. But after a while, tired of the repetition, they went slowly back to work. Only a small child remained, transfixed but puzzled. *"Old lady," he called, "nobody is listening to you."* And the old monastic shouted back, *"I know that, child."* He was amazed. *"Then, if you know that no one is listening to you, why do you keep on shouting?"* This time she slowed down a bit and answered clearly: *"You see, child, I don't shout in order to change other people. I shout so that they can't change me."*

This story may sound confusing, but think about it for a moment. This is an age of technology that makes it possible for anyone to say anything they want and within hours, that opinion can be duplicated many, many times. The statement of one person is meant to convince us that there is fraud, or scandal, or cheating, with little proof offered. Politicians do it, leaders of movements do it, and ordinary people do it---all the time.

But maybe we should let some things change. Isaiah tells us every Advent that God cares for us, holds us in his arms, like a shepherd holds his sheep. I am hoping that we can do more than simply trust.

In this time of lock-downs, closing of businesses, loss of jobs/income, and limited social contact with family and friends, it is difficult to think positively, to believe that God really takes care of us. We are eager to get back to "normal" as if everything should just go back to the way it was. I am hoping that we **don't** return to the same way it was, a time when we took a lot of things for granted—for example, that law enforcement people are always right; or that a thriving stock market is helping everybody when often it is helping only some of us; that people like bus drivers and ambulance workers and nurses, sanitation workers and farm workers, are taken for granted, hardly noticed. I am hoping that we emerge from this pandemic with a new sense of appreciation and gratitude for all those people whose work has gone largely unseen and undervalued.

A friend who used to live in Japan tells me that there is a word in Japanese that denotes *"for the common good, for mankind"* and that inconveniences, like wearing a mask, or not seeing friends and family, are accepted for the sake of others, not seen as depriving us of our freedom. Even the old monastic who didn't want to be changed would see the goodness and wisdom of that!

We are limited to the number of people at each Mass, with social distancing. You are not obligated to go to Sunday Mass at this time. The Bishop encourages people to go to daily Mass to help with the overflow of Sunday Masses. Please do not sit where there is tape across a pew. Also, please remember to practice these few guidelines, below, when coming to Mass. These are for the safety of you and others.

- ⇒ If you don't feel well, please stay home.
- ⇒ Please wear a mask in church at all times. This protects all, especially our elderly.
- ⇒ Wash your hands with sanitizer when you enter & when leaving the church.
- ⇒ Please remain 6 feet apart from each other. Please sit in open pews.

The church will be cleaned after each Mass for everyone's protection.





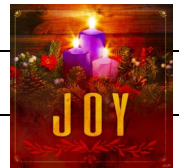
MASS SCHEDULE

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**Please don't
forget to
wear your
masks!**

DAY	MASS INTENTION	EVENTS
Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent 	8:15 am ~ Julia Lentz—David 10:30 am ~ Arlene, Natalie & Jerome—Betty	<i>Lector</i> 8:15 am ~ K. Sergeant 10:30 am ~ C. Hasseler <i>Return gifts for the Advent Giving Tree</i>
Monday, December 14 St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the church	<i>Masses suspended at Nursing Homes</i>	Reservations for Christmas Masses Closed
Tuesday, December 15 Advent Weekday	8:00 am ~ David Cronk—Chris & Paula Foster	
Wednesday, December 16 Advent Weekday	8:00 am ~ Betty Howlett—Ann, Judy & Randy 6:00 pm ~ Alex Kehoe—family	6:45-7:45 pm ~ Holy Hour
Thursday, December 17 Late Advent Weekday	8:00 am ~ Richard & Orma Surber, daughter	
Friday, December 18 Late Advent Weekday	<i>No Communion Service</i>	
Saturday, December 19 Late Advent Weekday	<i>No Mass</i>	10 am ~ Advent Penance and Adoration in St. John's, Clyde
Sunday, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent 	8:15 am ~ Wally Straight—Ann Straight 10:30 am ~ For the people of the Parish	<i>Lector</i> 8:15 am ~ J. Bouwens 10:30 am ~ C. Owen



Many thanks for your support of St. Michael's	Actual YTD As of 9/30/20	Budget YTD	YTD Overage shortage
Total Collections	\$75,839.00	\$86,417.00	(\$10,578.00)
Total Operating Income	\$89,175.00	\$95,550.00	(\$6375.00)
Total Operating Expenses	\$83,645.00	\$93,211.00	\$9567.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$5530.00	\$2338.00	

ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM St. Michael's is pleased to offer this safe and convenient option for you to contribute your Sunday offerings to the Church automatically through your checking, savings account or credit card. Please check our website, click on to Financial Giving.

Your offertory envelopes can be placed in the baskets at the two entrances. The main entrance and the side entrance where the handicap lift is.



ST. MICHAEL'S FINANCIAL GIVING Weekly Offertory November 29 \$ 4614.16

Thank you for your
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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal: \$44,851.00 Actual: \$18,395.00 Donors: 132
We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work! .

Christ, Our Light



Christmas Mass Reservations
Monday, December 14 is the **LAST**
day to make reservations for
Christmas Masses. Please call the
parish center, 315-331-6753 with
your reservation. Thank you.



December 24, 2020 ~ Christmas Eve-FULL

4:30 pm 7:00 pm 12 midnight

December 25, 2020 ~ Christmas

8:30 am



Advent Giving Tree
GIFTS ARE DUE TODAY,
DECEMBER 13.

Let's have some fun!

Since we can't visit one another this Christmas like usual, how about sending a picture of your Christmas tree decorated and/or Nativity Scene. We can then share it on our Facebook page. Please send to June's or



Katie's emails no later than
December 17th.
June.sherman@dor.org or
katie.childs@dor.org



"Don't Spend Christmas Alone"
Together in Christ invites everyone to the
Annual Community Shared Christmas
Dinner that is held on Christmas Day at the
Newark First United Methodist Church,
301 S. Main St., Newark.

Volunteers are always welcome. Anyone wishing
to help prepare the meal or with the clean up, please contact, Karen
Vanderbrook @ 315-331-7860 Any cash donations please direct them to
TIC Community Dinner, c/o Monika Brunner, 414 W. Miller St., Newark.



Newark Community Blood Drive
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020
IN THE CHURCH HALL.
1:30 pm-6:00 pm

Extra precautions will be taken for the safety of each donor.
Save a Life! Make a Difference!

Give blood. Help save lives.

Dear Parishioners:

Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome
you extended to Fr. Olsewski on our recent visit to your parish.
On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for
having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless
all of you for your love and support.

Yours in Christ,
James Cavnar, President

N. Sra. de Guadalupe, Madre de Cristo

Si, cuando miramos la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, debemos estar muy conscientes que ella es una mujer indígena encinta, esperando el nacimiento de su hijo. Lo que es importante en la vida de María es que ella es la madre de Dios. Ningún otro ser humano ha tenido ese honor. No solamente es la madre de Cristo, cuando aceptó la invitación del ángel Gabriela con "hágase en mí tal como has dicho," pero también es la primera discípula de Jesucristo. Ella llevó el mensaje de Cristo a la casa de Isabel al proclamar la grandeza de Dios y cómo su espíritu se alegraba en Cristo. Ella vivió el mensaje de su hijo durante su vida y después de la muerte de Jesús.

Lo que Jesucristo enseñaba y hacía durante sus años de ministerio público al entrar la casa de Isabel ella proclamó como necesario: deshacer a los soberbios, derribar a los poderosos de sus tronos, exaltar a los humildes, colmar de bienes a los hambrientos, dar socorro a Israel. Fue María de Guadalupe que dio el mensaje: "Yo soy la perfecta siempre Virgen María, Madre del verdadero Dios por quien se vive." Así fue la esperanza de María de Guadalupe que los pueblos pudieran abrirse al mensaje de Cristo y vivirlo. Ella es la evangelizadora de México. Ella es la fuente de la alegría de México y de toda América.

Espero que podamos apreciar el significado de la aparición de María al indígena Juan Diego en Tepeyac cuando los de Europa habían estado en México pocos años. Así mostró que no solamente a los europeos que María estaba prestando atención, sino también al Mundo Nuevo y a los indígenas. Baja presurosa a Tepeyac y a Juan Diego para mostrarlo su ternura y su cariño. Y así estaba mostrando a nosotros esa misma ternura y el amor. Su aparición y el milagro de las rosas en invierno nos ayudan saber que era causa de aumentar la fe en Cristo—ella siendo la proclamadora de su Hijo.

Ojalá que la celebración de la Eucaristía hoy en honor de ella y su mensaje de fe en su Hijo, su evangelio y seguimiento sean una ayuda para nosotros de ser mas fiel en nuestra fe cristiana. La celebración no es solamente una de María sino es el mensaje del seguimiento de Cristo. Esta fiesta es en el medio del tiempo de Adviento; es un tiempo cuando debemos salir al encuentro del Señor. De nuevo comenzamos una jornada de discipulado. Estamos llamados a ser discípulos por Jesús y por María. Debemos preguntarnos si somos de Cristo o no. ¿Tenemos una verdadera fe en Cristo? ¿Intentamos conocer a Jesucristo? ¿Leemos la biblia, especialmente los evangelios? ¿Estamos dispuestos a aprender de Jesucristo y de ser siervos del Señor? ¿Estamos siguiendo a ese Cristo del Nuevo Testamento? ¿Estamos preparándonos para recibir a Cristo en las formas que El nos viene hoy: en la Palabra, en la comunidad y en la liturgia? ¿El ejemplo de vida de Jesús nos ayuda a vivir más cristianamente y menos centrados en nosotros mismos? ¡Adelante vamos! *Hermana Kay*



St. Michael Beanie Hats for Sale, just in time for
Winter. Hats are black in color with stitched white
lettering "St. Michael Church, Newark, NY". Hats
are \$15 each. Sale continues this weekend, 12/13
and 12/20 in the church hall.
Makes a great stocking stuffer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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2020/2021 YEAR
The beginning of our Religious Education program will be delayed until early Winter.

We will have our Sacramental Preparation Program for any child who is of age to make their First Communion.

Family Ministry

Gospel Reading John 1:6-8, 19-28

John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another. In family life, we learn to trust other people for protection and care. This experience of trust within the family enables children to believe us when we testify about our faith in Jesus. John the Baptist was believed by those who heard him because he helped them to recognize Jesus in their midst. In our family life, we hope and pray that we lead one another to recognize Jesus' presence in our world.

As you gather as a family, recall that during the Advent season we are invited to pay particular attention to the signs of Jesus' presence in our world. Consider some of the signs of Jesus' presence that you have experienced. During Advent, we remember how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Read together today's Gospel, John 1:6-8, 19-28. Discuss the signs of Jesus' presence in our world that you named and explain what these signs tell us about God and God's love for us. Pray together that your family will be led to recognize that Jesus is present among us. Read and pray together the psalm for today's Mass, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).



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Cluster Mass Schedule

St. Joseph the Worker (St. Michael Lyons, St. Patrick Savannah & St. John the Evangelist, Clyde) & **Blessed Trinity** (St. Thomas Red Creek, Winter, St. Jude Fair Haven, Summer & St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott)

Weekend Schedule

4:00 pm ~ Saturday St. Michael Lyons
4:30 pm ~ Saturday St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott* change
8:00 am ~ Sunday St. Thomas Red Creek (winter)
8:00 am ~ Sunday St. Jude Fair Haven (summer)
10:30 am ~ Sunday St. John the Evangelist Clyde* change
4:00 pm ~ Sunday St. Patrick's, Savannah *change

Daily Mass Schedule

8:30 am ~ Monday St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott
7:30 am ~ Tuesday St. John the Evangelist Clyde
6:00 pm ~ Wednesday St. John the Evangelist, Clyde
7:30 am ~ Thursday St. John the Evangelist Clyde
7:30 am ~ Friday St. Michael Lyons
8:30 am ~ Friday St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott

Confessions

3:30-4:15 pm ~ Saturday St. Mary Magdalene, Wolcott
3:15-3:45 pm ~ Saturday St. Michael Lyons
7:00-7:50 am ~ Sunday St. Jude, Fair Haven
5:20-5:50 pm ~ Wednesday, St. John the Evangelist, Clyde

St. Joseph the Worker

Phone: 315-902-4130
Webpage: www.saintjoetheworker.org
Facebook page: St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Wayne County, New York

The Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity

Phone: 315-902-4130
Webpage: www.ccblessdtrinity.org
Facebook page: Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity

Advent Penance and Adoration

St. John in Clyde ~10:00 am—Noon ~ December 19, 2020
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Confessions
St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott December 18, 2020
Confessions after 8:30 am Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve

4:00 pm ~ St. Magdalene in Wolcott—FULL
4:30 pm ~ St. Michael in Lyons
4:30 pm ~ St. John the Evangelist in Clyde
7:00 pm ~ St. Thomas in Red Creek
7:00 pm ~ St. John the Evangelist in Clyde

December 25, 2020 Christmas

Midnight ~ St. John the Evangelist in Clyde
8:30 am ~ St. John the Evangelist in Clyde
10:30 am ~ St. Michael in Lyons
10:30 am ~ St. Mary Magdalene in Wolcott

Due to Christmas and New Year holidays the bulletin deadlines are as follows:

Bulletin for **Sunday, December 20th** deadline is **December 9th.**
Bulletin for **Sunday, December 27th** deadline is **December 16th.**
Bulletin for **Sunday, January 3rd** deadline is **December 21st.**



To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven

"... a time to be born..."

"...a time to love..."

"... a time to be healed..."

Please pray for the sick of our Parish.

Steven Sapp, Leigh Ann Henry, Nate Barnes, Claire Childs, Kim Zielinski, Michael Kowaleski, Gretchen Switzer Bouwens, Mary Santoro, Cathy Wilhelm, David Murphy, Darlene Fletcher, Marie Wemesfelder, ET Trunick, Donald Pieters, Marcia Palermo, Jerry Sielawa, Georgette Eagley, Mary Gilligan, Fran DeVelder, Mary Talbo, Ann Straight, Ivana Ernst,

Gloria Viola, Michael George, Ada Lasken, Phillip Juliano, Sr. & Pearl Johnson

And please pray for our Parish friends. *Scott Weber, Richard Schweitz, Jr., Bonnie Crane, Tracy Diaz-Cruz, Barb Gallant, Ann Maliborski, Sherry Caughell, Tom DeYoung & Michael Bauer, Jr*

"... a time to die..."

Arlene Smith

"... and a time for peace."

In our world and for all people, military and civilian, who are in the midst of war. ***Ecclesiastes 3:11***

Tim Schramm, our organist, is part of the Rochester Theatre Organ Society. He will be presenting a Virtual Christmas Musical this year. It is a little over an hour. For those who need a little Christmas hope and joy, please go to:

RTOSonline.org

(Rochester Theatre Organ Society)

go to RTOS on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RochesterTheaterOrganSociety>



FOOD CLOSET ITEMS ARE STILL NEEDED.

The Newark Food Closet is still accepting donations of non-perishable food items. A few suggestions are found below.

Canned vegetables and fruit, Peanut butter and jams

Pasta and sauce, cereal, etc.

Please leave in the gathering space. Thank you for your generosity.

The Newark Food Closet at 301 E. Miller St., Newark, is open Monday-Friday from 10 till noon.
