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Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

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Authentic faith, Welcoming and Engaging



Baptized in Christ
...“yet I live, no longer I,
but Christ lives in me;
insofar as I now live in the
flesh, I live by faith in the Son
of God who has loved me
and given Himself for me.”
- Galatians 2:20

In our time, many Catholics live in the great tragedy of seeking to receive God's gift of Baptism but only to live without bothering to open, appreciate, and use this divine gift fully.

But what does it mean to unbox this most precious of gifts?

Firstly, understand Baptism properly as a sacrament, which means visible signs are done to convey the invisible realities of the faith, e.g. the pouring of water means cleansing, the anointing with oil means being chosen and strengthened for the life in Christ, the white garment means putting on Christ, the lit candle means being enlightened by Christ, our ears and lips are blessed to hear and speak the Word of God. The ritual actions are not the end but must lead us to live the deeper divine realities of the Catholic faith.

Secondly, in Baptism, parents promise to God that they will raise their child in the faith of Jesus Christ. As first witnesses of the faith to their child, parents themselves must live the Catholic faith, which is the faith of Jesus whom He taught and showed and lived for us. Our personalized faith only carries weight to the degree that it reflects the faith of Jesus! For example, parents may not appreciate the value of the Eucharist—still, to Jesus, the Eucharist is the food of eternal life. Since only the faith of Jesus that can save, then, why witness any other faith besides the faith of Jesus?

Thirdly, Jesus alone can teach and show us how to be a child of God. Every son and daughter of Adam and Eve tried and failed. Even our parents, Adam and Eve, could not keep themselves in paradise! If we could get to heaven on our own, Jesus becoming man were pointless, and Jesus dying on the Cross were a cruel joke to God the Father. We need help, and God is willing to help us.

My brothers and sisters, we are Christians because of Christ - through Him, with Him, and in Him.

Let us open and keep using the gift, that is, Baptism, by living according to its grace today and every day.

- Father Edison

Eucharistic Revival Pilgrim's Passport

Spiritual Exercise 11 Wait, in prayer.



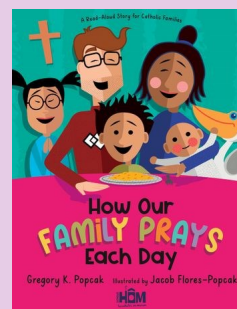
In the age of 'efficiency,' to wait is considered a waste of time. But not with God! God has all the time and He delights in sharing eternity with us. God, in as much as He is our destiny, patiently waits for us. And in as much as His Son, Jesus, has come and will come again for us, we must patiently wait for Him. This Advent, let us find the time to wait, in prayer...

- Sitting in the car during rush hour, be attentive to the cars around you, offer a Hail Mary for the passenger/s of each car - for their safety.
- Standing in line at the cashier, pay attention to the people around you, offer a Hail Mary for each person - for their good health.
- At home for family time on Sundays, invite family members to pray for one another - pray for different member per week. Include in your daily prayers the intention of that family member.
- Sit before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration or in the tabernacle during a simple church visit.

The passport stamper is on the book cart by the Parish Office door.

Based on the Preface I of Advent

Dear God, Your Son, Jesus, assumed at His first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design You formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation. Grant that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise of life with You in heaven, in which now we dare to hope. Amen.



Share your favorite prayers with us. Drop them off in the collection baskets. Thank you.

Buen camino!

Liturgy & Sacramental Life

because Jesus taught us to pray

HOLY MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- To those who offer the intentions at the weekend Masses: if you wish to bring the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory, please see an usher **before** Mass.
- The Rosary is prayed twenty minutes before the 4:30 PM, 8:30 AM, and 10:30 AM weekend Masses.
- The Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are prayed at 7:45 AM, before the Daily Mass on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Saturday Dec 3 - St. Francis Xavier
 4:30pm - Living & Deceased members of the Sheffer family
 By Rick and Teresa Sheffer

Sunday Dec 4 - Second Sunday of Advent
 8:30am - MaryAnne Frontuto by
 Frontuto & Clevinger Families
 10:30am - Health and Peace for all by Tran family

Monday Dec 5
 8:30am - Robert Burns by family

Tuesday Dec 6 - St. Nicholas
 8:30am - Call the Parish Office for your Mass intention.

Wednesday Dec 7 - St. Ambrose
 8:30am - Judy Burns by family
 7:00pm - Call the Parish Office for your Mass intention.

**Thursday Dec 8 - The Immaculate Conception
 Of The Blessed Virgin Mary**
 12:00pm - Rita Messersmith by Daily Mass group

Friday Dec 9 St. Juan Diego
 8:30am - Helen Sherman by Mercy Cenacle Group

Saturday Dec 10
 4:30pm - Alex Davis by Parents

Sunday Dec 11 - Third Sunday of Advent
 8:30am - Thomas & Lucille Doran by Barry, Bob &
 MaryBeth
 10:30am - Health and Peace for all by Tran family



For Mass Intentions or the Sanctuary Candle, contact us thru catherine.fafone@dor.org.



What is the difference between watching Mass on internet or TV and participating at Mass in person? It is the difference between merely looking at food and actually eating the food. To bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, please see Father Edison. Thank you.



Daily 3 PM Prayer Intentions

Let us be connected through prayer daily. Set your alarm at 3 PM and when it goes off, pray a Hail Mary for the parish community. Please include these intentions:

- For a prayerful Advent season for Christians all over the world,
- For parishioners to pray and to grow parish and community life,
- For parishioners to nourish themselves with the Eucharist,
- For those prison - for freedom and good life,
- For the dead: the souls in purgatory, and for the grieving.
Let us be known by our praying for each other.



We Lift Each Other in Prayer

Jim McMahon, Linda Gensiejewski, Pat Cargnoni, Mary Miller, Ann Amico, Peggy Larocca, Linda Daggs, Derek Van Wyk, David Redding, DeeDee Tongue, Joy Parker, Michael Amico, Jennifer Aquisi, and Leonard Parrino, Tom Steinjann, Louis Perticone, Deacon Jim Carra, Michael Hebert.

Note: This list of parishioners who are ill appears once a month in the bulletin. Please help keep this list up-to-date by informing the Parish Office at the end of the month if you want your name to be kept.



Eucharistic Revival Parish Level

What are your hopes and expectations when we shift the focus of the Eucharistic Revival from diocesan to parish level next year - starting June 2023?

Share with us your thoughts. Contact Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee, Christian Formation, Youth Ministry, Music Ministry, Parish Staff. Thank you very much.

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of December 10 - 11

Ministry	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:00 PM
Sacristan (1)	Debbie Kingsley	Bob and Karen Grasso	Terisita Pason	suspended
Lector (1-2)	Bob Muto	Paul Then	Cheryl Avery	
Communion Ministers (1-2)	Bob Muto, Marcie Hamilton	Sandy Brannigan, Ken Reasoner	Colleen Swanson, Darrell Hearne	
Ushers (2-4)	Pat Bolger, Mike Manikowski	Dan Weigert, Mark Weigert, Bob Kolb, Wayne Brotsch	Dave O'Hare, John Eilertsen, Adline Nwugwo, Joe LeMark	
Cantor/s	Adult Choir	Adult Choir	Adult Choir	Last Chance Choir

If interested in serving as liturgical minister during the weekend Masses, please give the coordinators a call. See page 5 for contact info.

Advent. We wait. We pray.



- Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation). Vigil Mass on Dec 7, Wednesday, 7 PM. Mass during the Day on Dec 8, Thursday at Noon.
- Day of Penance and Reconciliation in Church. Dec 14, Wednesday, 1-7 PM. In church.
- On Christian Prayer. Topic: Lectio Divina. Dec 19, Monday, 6:30-8 PM, In the Parish Center.

Membership & Parish Life
because Jesus called a community



Parish Ministry for the Divorced, Separated, and Widowed Persons

I am extremely grateful to the parishioners who participated at the discussion last November 14. The group comprised of widows and divorced, with good diversity in age. Everyone was so generous in sharing their experiences, thoughts, and recommendations.

The group is inviting any divorced, separated, or widowed person to a five-week weekly gathering beginning January 10, Tuesday, 7 PM in the Preschool Wing.

We know that concerning divorce, people may have questions as it relates to the Catholic faith. Please make use of individual meetings and/or spiritual direction with me (or other priests). To set up a meeting, please contact me through 585 924-7111 or fr.edison.tayag@dor.org.

I wish to thank parishioners who brought up this topic at the Synod listening sessions, and Pastoral Council Member for the follow-up discussions. Let us continue to journey together after Jesus Christ. - Father Edison

Christ, Coffee, and Conversations



We welcome the help of new volunteers to serve the Coffee Hour. To help, please contact Mary Beth Then at 924-7111/ mbthen1@gmail.com.

The Coffee Hour is offered on the first and third Sundays of the months. On the first Sunday, it is offered after the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses - for socialization.

On the third Sunday of the month, the Coffee Hour is offered between the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. This Coffee Hour serves as a platform to continue parish conversations began by the Synod Listening Sessions. These conversations are facilitated by members of the Pastoral Council. These discussions are ways for us to invite more parishioners to offer their insights. Here are the upcoming topics -

- December 18: Faith in the Public Square
- More to follow...

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

The parish calendar is accessible through the parish app. To download the app, text 'App' to 55321. Download myParish App.

Monday - December 5

- 5:45pm - Children's Choir - Church
- 6:45pm - Adult Choir - Church
- 6:30pm - Knights of Columbus - Parish Center
- 7:00pm - Social Ministry - Alcove

Tuesday - December 6

- 9:15am - Divine Mercy Cenacle - Music Room
- 6:15pm - Parent-led Catechesis - Parish Center

Wednesday - December 7

- 6:00pm - Pastoral Council Executive Meeting
- 7:00pm - Baptism Prep. Alcove

Thursday - December 8

- 7:00pm - Advent:Praying the Mass Singing the Mass Workshop- Church

Sunday - December 11

- 8:30am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Atrium
- 8:30am - Children's Liturgy of the Word - Alcove
- 10:30am - Children's Liturgy of the Word - Alcove
- 11:30am - Parent-Led Catechesis Large Group - Parish Center
- 1:00pm - Life Teen - Parish Center

Happy birthday, Jesus!
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Parish Potluck
January 7, Saturday
6 PM, Parish Center

Ongoing Christian Formation
because Jesus taught us his way of life

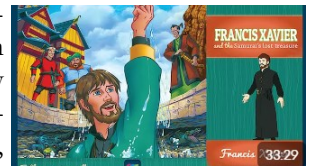
Formed.org

1. Go to Formed.org/register.
2. Use the parish code: 3KRJJK to create your account.
3. Enter your email and password (you need these to log in later). Enjoy and share the faith.

Featured Resource

Francis Xavier and the Samurai's Lost Treasure.

Young Francis Xavier had everything going for him. A champion at sports and studies, he was ready to win the whole world for himself. Then one day his best friend, Ignatius of Loyola, showed him that true champions are of a far more heroic breed—those who risk all to win the world for God. Francis became a Jesuit missionary and set off to the farthest reaches of the world. He saved pearl divers, stood off pirates, and quested with a mysterious samurai warrior in search for a hidden treasure. Francis Xavier and the Samurai's Lost Treasure captures the true spirit of a daring man who braved the pearl coasts and jungles of India, and the forbidding castles of Japan, in amazing adventures of courage and faith.



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH & PRESCHOOL INVITES YOU TO:

MIDNIGHT AT THE MASQUERADE

MURDER MYSTERY EVENT

Enjoy an Adult Night Out

Friday, April 14, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Casa Larga Vineyards

2287 Turk Hill Rd, Fairport

Silent Auction Items Available Onsite

Serving Hors d'oeuvres and Desserts Before & During the Show Cash Bar Available	Come in Your Best Masquerade Murder Mystery Outfits Prizes Awarded	\$100 Per Ticket 10 People per Table Contact Preschool Office for tickets
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PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE PRESCHOOL
STPATRICKSVICTOR.ORG/PRESCHOOL 585-924-2800

Christian Formation Offerings

- *On Christian Prayer.* The next of our monthly session will focus on Lectio Divina: Praying with the Scriptures. December 19th, 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. Contact Fr. Edison at fr.edison.tayag@dor.org.
- *Divine Mercy Cenacle.* Ongoing. First and third Tuesdays, 9:15 AM in the Music Room. Contact Helen Barnes at 298-2247.

LifeTeen—High School Youth Ministry


Did you know that LifeTeen is Christian Formation for high school students? Our faith must be nurtured and grown daily. As teens this can be hard at times. Make it easier with your Catholic friends! Join us for LifeTeen Sessions, Javas & Jesus, & Service Sundays! See the website for dates and times. Sunday evening sessions may change due to the absence of 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please watch for any potential changes.

Not Only Smart But Also Holy Phones

Be as innocent as doves and cunning as serpents.

- * Download and use an app to read the Bible daily. To download myParish app, text App to 55321.
- * Download and use an app to pray daily, e.g. iBreviary for the Liturgy of the Hours.
- * Use your smart phone to listen to audiobooks on spirituality classics (e.g. Writings of Saints, Bible in a Year podcast, the Rosary), while doing chores, exercising, etc.
- * Limit exposure to social media to twice or thrice a day.

Compline
All are invited to join us for Teen-led Compline on Sunday evening, December 4 at 7:15 p.m. This will be in Church.

NIGHT PRAYER


Social Ministry & Outreach

because Jesus called us to serve

Christmas Food Boxes



Thank you so much for your support of this year's Christmas Food Boxes Program. You are providing comfort and hope to local families who may be struggling or facing difficult times this year and through the holiday season.

We ask that you provide the items listed on the menu attached to the boxes. The menu will provide a wonderful Christmas Dinner for a family of 4 to 5 people. If you wish to add additional non-perishable food items in your box, it will be gratefully received. **Important Note:** Please donate non-perishable food only. Your Christmas Box should be returned to the Parish Center before or on Sunday, December 11th.



Cookie Sale for Serenity House

December 17, 2022, Sat, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

December 18, 2022, Sun, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Children's Alcove. Cookies will be boxed up in 1-pound boxes for \$10.00. All proceeds to benefit Serenity House of Victor, a comfort care home for the terminally ill.

We appreciate your support!



Coat Drive

The Coat Drive is on its 9th year of collection! Thank you, St. Patrick's parishioners for supplying your laundered used and new coats for families in need.

Please deposit your laundered used or new coat in the bins in the Christian Formation Wing or Children's Alcove. The coats are distributed by the Department of Social Services Staff to those in need. Often recipients of the coat have no coats and need to walk everywhere in the cold. All sizes are needed, children's coats and snow pants are especially welcomed. Thank you for your support.

Stewardship

because Jesus gave us gifts to share

Weekly Parish Communication

Don't miss out on receiving our weekly parish updates and reminders

Scan the QR code with your phone. It will take you to Evangelus website where you set your preferred way of receiving our weekly communication.





In Gratitude

- To parishioners who generously gave gift cards for the Victor School students through the Angel Giving Tree.
- To the liturgical environment ministry: Teresa Sheffer and company for decorating the church for Thanksgiving and Advent.
- To Peter Degnan and to the Brabant, Growth, Kubisa, and Reh families for helping as ushers at the 10:30 AM Mass.
- To parishioners who served as liturgical ministers at the 5 PM Mass, including the Last Chance Choir. We hope to see you at the other three weekend Masses.
- To the church cleaners for the weekly care of the church.
- To the Social Ministry Committee members for helping serve the Coffee Hour—to Julian Robinson and Ted Gartland for facilitating the conversations at the Coffee Hour.
- To all who donated food and gift cards to our Thanksgiving Dinner! To all who helped on Wednesday and Thanksgiving day with food prep, serving, and cleanup .



Gift of Presence: November 26 - 27
4:30: 112, 8:30: 182, 10:30: 176 :
Total: 470

Gift of Treasure: Nov. 26-27: \$4493.23
(budgeted, without EFT: \$3,980)

Upcoming Second Collection: Feb. 25-26:
Black, Native American & Hispanic Mission

The second collection envelopes are on the Welcome Tables.

Our Parish Ministries: Serving God and Neighbor

Call. Ask. Discern. Serve like Jesus.

I. Liturgy and Sacramental Life

- Altar Linen Sue Stehling / 924-3409
- Altar Servers Pat Bolger / 857-3201
- Baptism Preparation Team Judy & James Miller / 924-8158
- Children's Liturgy of the Word Beth Lombard / 430-5372
- Church Cleaners Lei Dalupang / 224-6091
- Communion Ministers (EMHC) Amanda Didas / (508) 981-6668
- Funeral Liturgy Team Patty Hart / 924-7111
- Lectors Sandy Brannigan / 645-7904
- Liturgy Committee Teresa Sheffer/ 766-0801
- Marriage Preparation Team Gayle & Brian Reh / 924-4804
- Music Ministry (choirs, cantors) Carl Galland / 924-7111
- Sacristans Ena Gill / 733-6650
- Ushers & Greeters Dave O'Hare / 924-5816
- Visitation Ministry Helen Barnes / 298-2247

II. Membership and Parish Life

- Coffee Hour Mary Beth Then /607-368-4372
- Knights of Columbus Wayne Brotsch / 924-3855

III. Ongoing Faith Formation

- Catechists Donna DeJoode / 924-2800
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Carolyn Robinson / 924-2800
- Christ Life Program Bob & Karen Grasso / 314-9812
- Divine Mercy Cenacle Helen Barnes / 298-2247
- Parent-led Catechesis Donna DeJoode / 924-2800
- Preschool Donna DeJoode / 924-2800
- RCIA Team Deacon John Payne / 924-7111
- Rosary Group Teresa Sheffer / 766-0801
- Youth Ministry Donna Dejoode / 924-2800

IV. Social Ministry and Outreach

- Assisi Ministry Marcie Hamilton / 924-1528
- Community Dinner Linda Marren / 739-0159
- Vegetable Garden Virginia Lyle
stpatsgivinggarden@gmail.com
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Mary E 742-2949/Mary S 924-7724
- Prison Ministry Helen Barnes / 298-2247
- Social Ministry Committee Joan Muto / 924-2501
- Family Promise of Ontario County Joan Trost / 924-3092

V. Stewardship

- Buildings and Grounds Committee Joan Oliphant / 742-3452
- Cemetery Board John Butler / 924-7111
- CASE Review Board Cathy Fafone / 924-7111
- Finance Council John Eilertsen / 924-7111
- Parish Gardens Becky Fountain / 281-8004
- Parish Magazine Father Edison / 924-7111
- Pastoral Council Paul Then / 742-2965
- Money Counters Marge Gawronski / 398-7802

I Am With You Always Matthew 28:20

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
2022-2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

136 Households have raised \$51,295 or 36.64% of our CMA goal.
To make an online donation, scan the QR Code with your smart phone's camera.
Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday Collection Revenue
July 2022 - October 2022

We are grateful for your financial generosity to our parish. This report does not include the expense side. In the quarterly report, we will provide both income and expenses.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Regular Envelopes	\$94,654	\$90,000	\$4,654
Loose Plate	\$13,246	\$11,000	\$2,246
Electronic (EFT)	\$68,953	\$71,664	\$(2,711)
Holy Days	\$584	\$500	\$283
Total	\$177,437	\$173,164	\$4,472

Keep Christ in Christmas Yard Signs

Looking for the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' yard signs or replacement parts? Please find them in the covered porch of the Parish Office, top of the ramp or front vestibule of the church. Use them during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The yard signs are simple ways to remind ourselves the reason for the season, and for keeping the faith in the public square.

Let there be light...

The Greatest among Those Born of Women

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

- Matthew 3:1-3

Even though no one knew exactly when the first coming would be nor knows when the second coming of Jesus will be, God puts every one in equal playing field by sending John the Baptist before the Christ two thousand years ago and by Jesus giving us instructions for His second coming.

What are their messages? Repentance or change of heart—from having a heart for oneself or the world to having a heart primarily for God. The new heart is humble enough to allow itself to be subject to the kingdom or way of God, from a way that vacillates to a way that hits the mark straight to God.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

- Matthew 3:4-6

John the Baptist is an image of one who placed himself entirely in the care of God - his garments and food easily give the impression that they came straight from the hands of God. John's detachment from the world and attachment to God come to us not just in the word that he preached but already in the way the he lived his life. And so, people from all over bothered to go to him to listen to the Word of God and to change for God.

What is baptism? To be washed clean by God and for God.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

- Matthew 4:7-10

Why did John the Baptist call the Pharisees and Sadducees 'brood of vipers'? Because they were lacking in good fruit. While they claimed to be children of Abraham, they did not live as children of the father of faith. The stone were better than them for the stones lived as stones! Any children of faith was, is, and will be known only by the good fruit they bear. Otherwise, they live as though already dead.

Parish & Preschool Information

Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
(lunch time: 12:30 PM - 1 PM)
Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Parish / Cemetery Phone: (585) 924-7111
Parish Fax: (585) 742-3296
Faith Formation & Preschool: (585) 924-2800

Stay Connected

- Parish Website: www.stpatricksvictor.org
- Parish Facebook Pages:
St. Patrick's Church /
Saint Patrick's Victor - Preschool
- Parish Youtube Channel:
St Patricks of Victor NY
- Parish App: Text 'App' to 55321



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Facilities Manager	

I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

- Matthew 3:11-12

Still, John the Baptist was quick and ready to subordinate himself to the coming Messiah. John was only the voice, whereas Jesus is the Word of God. John prepares, whereas Jesus comes to judge - separating the wheat from the chaff, and to rule - to establish His kingdom among His faithful.

For reflection, what would it take you to become like John the Baptist?

- Do you listen to God?
 - Do you live daily by God's word?
 - How is your attachment to God and detachment from the world?
 - Do you bear good fruit?
 - Do you point others to Jesus?
- Buen camino!

- Father Edison