

Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse
Eastern Pastoral Care Area 4
St. Joan of Arc, St. Bernard, St. Mary, St. Joseph
Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2021

Masses this Week:

- Sat., Mar. 6, 4 PM, Vigil – St. Joan’s**
Margaret Belitz by Francis Belitz
6 PM, Vigil – St. Joseph’s
For the People of the Parishes
- Sun., Mar. 7, 9 AM – St. Bernard’s**
Tommy Wilson by the Abbe Family
11 AM – St. Mary’s
Ed Costello by Paul and Peggy Rhyde
- Mon., Mar. 8, 8 AM – St. Bernard’s**
Bob Upcraft by the Upcraft Family
- Tues., Mar. 9, 8 AM – St. Mary’s**
Virginia Hughes by Lisa Nolan
- Wed., Mar. 10, 8 AM – St. Bernard’s**
Steve Legacy by the Tower Family
- Thurs., Mar. 11, 8 AM – St. Mary’s**
Jeffrey Lloyd (23) by the Family
- Sat., Mar. 13, 4 PM, Vigil – St. Joan’s**
Elias Hooftallen by Esther and Janice Hooftallen
6 PM, Vigil – St. Joseph’s
Margaret Alderman by Mary and Art Howlett
- Sun., Mar. 14, 9 AM – St. Bernard’s**
Ronald Martone by Joe and Kelly Falk
11 AM – St. Mary’s
Andy Hotaling by Karen and Deb Hotaling

This Week’s Events

- Fri., Mar. 5, 8am-8pm** – First Friday All-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Bernard’s, Waterville
- Fri., Mar. 5, 5:30pm**, Stations of the Cross, St. Bernard’s, Waterville
- Fri., Mar. 5, 6:30pm**, Stations of the Cross, St. Joan’s, Morrisville
- Sat., Mar. 6, 7am** – St. Bernard’s Rosary Group
- Sat., Mar. 6, 3:30pm** – St. Joan’s Rosary Group
- Sat., Mar. 6, 5pm** – Confessions with Fr. Kelly, St. Joseph’s, Oriskany Falls
- Sun., Mar. 7, 9am & 11am** – Livestream Masses
- Tues., Mar. 9, 5:30pm** – PCA Holy Hour w/Confessions, St. Bernard’s, Waterville
- Wed., Mar. 10, 6:30pm** – Stations of the Cross, St. Mary’s, Hamilton
- Wed., Mar. 10, 7:00pm** – Adult Faith Formation, St. Mary’s, Hamilton
- Thurs., Mar. 11, 1:00pm** – Grassroots Book Group, St. Mary’s, Church Hall
- Thurs., Mar. 11, 5:30pm** - Stations of the Cross, St. Joseph’s, Oriskany Falls
- Fri., Mar. 12, 5:30pm** - Stations of the Cross, St. Bernard’s
- Fri., Mar. 12, 6:30pm** - Stations of the Cross, St. Joan’s

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HAGE

I would highly recommend during the Lenten season trying to incorporate the Most Holy Rosary into your daily prayer life. For those who might feel intimidated by the Rosary, I would suggest starting with one set of mysteries a week (i.e., the Joyful Mysteries) praying one decade of that mystery each day (i.e., the Annunciation on a Monday and continue from there). Even just one decade of the Rosary a day can change the tide in your spiritual life, and be enough to reignite the spiritual fire deep within during this holy season. People might not realize that the Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the *Apostles' Creed*, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The *Our Father*, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the *Hail Mary* is the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the *Hail Mary*. The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and—added by Saint John Paul II in 2002—the Luminous. The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group. Consider jumping into one of our Saturday Rosary groups in our PCA this Lent. St. Joan of Arc, St. Bernard, St. Mary, and St. Joseph, pray for us!

Lenten Adult Faith Formation Series

Father Hage will be leading a five-week Lenten series for our PCA on Father Andrew Apostoli's (CFR) book, "Walk Humbly With Your God." This book will help you learn simple steps to overcoming your weaknesses, growing in prayer, and developing virtues that will help you face any challenge that comes your way. This series will take place every Wednesday during Lent at 7pm at St. Mary's in Hamilton. This series will also be live-streamed on Facebook @Route20Catholic. You can pick up the book ahead of time at no cost from any one of our parish offices. Invite a friend to join you for this series!

Ministers for Liturgy

4 PM (3/6) – St. Joan’s

Lectors: Brian Koehl – First Reading
Kati Rowlands - Second Reading
Altar Servers: Lindsey Sternburg

9 AM (3/7) – St. Bernard’s

Hospitality: Duncan Abrams, Fergus Abrams
Usher: Tom McNamara
Lectors: Stacey Miller – First Reading
Kate Rowlands – Second Reading
Altar Servers: Rocco Padula, Jr., Brayden Boone,
Brayden Miller

11 AM (3/7) – St. Mary’s

Lectors: Margaret Wehrer – First Reading
Janice Swain – Second Reading
Altar Servers: Maddie Chouinard, Ciara Sparber
Live-Stream: Will Chouinard

Easter Food Program

There is a long held tradition in Catholic Churches in March in establishing a St. Joseph's Table. A table where parishioners would bring food to be distributed to the poor. It is a shared celebration with the entire community where the riches of food are given as alms to the poor. In this year of St. Joseph, we would like to start a new PCA tradition of providing meals to those in need for Easter. We have set the ambitious goal of feeding 200 families this Easter. We are asking you to participate by either making a financial contribution in one of the envelopes available or by taking one of the purple bags and buying groceries for a family in need. Please take a bag and after shopping, return the bag to the St. Joseph's table which will be set up in each of our churches. On Saturday, March 27 we will match these bags with a ham and 1/2 gallon of chocolate milk and they will be distributed between 10am and Noon at Madison Central School. Please help us to make this a happy Easter for a family in need.

Lenten Theology on Tap in Utica

“Hey Siri, I need directions... for where I am going. How to discern your path.” As the Diocese of Syracuse celebrates the Year of Vocations, come and hear Bishop Lucia share his testimony and vocation story. All Catholics have a particular calling, Bishop will also share some advice on how to discern your vocation. By registering online you will receive a ticket at the door that can be redeemed for one free drink (beer or wine) on March 25, 2021 from 7-9PM at the Bagg's Square Brewing Company. Admittance at the door will be permitted if space allows. Only those who register in advance will receive a drink ticket. Pre-register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/theology-on-tap-utica-tickets-136335692727>

Vocations Corner

“Zeal for your house will consume me.” Do you feel a call from the Lord to the priesthood or religious life? Call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468, or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

Please Offer Prayers:

For those who are ill, especially: Louise MacDonnell, Michael K. Dugan, John Moore, Amber Buell, Brenda Thieben, David Lemery, Alex LaBrague, Nancy Cocker, Dick Cocker, Phyllis Harris, Jacob Lamb, Mike Harry, Mary Lou Sacco Crouch, James Marcellus, Mandy McCracken, Gertrude Federici, Helen Bonhotal, Nicholas Respecki, Bethany Merenda, Jim Jackson, Jim Eiholzer, Catherine Jones, Catherine Albrecht Hanson, Theresa Blass, Mary Messere, Kaitlin Nagle, Richard Foligno, Eddie Kunze, Valorie Gunther, Michelle Atkinson, Diane Needham, Anthony Somma, Toni and Larry Barnes, Alyssa Hinkis, Carol Benzoni, Bobby D’Angelo, Hannah Karlson, Mike & Sarah Periard, Dana Camp, Emily Carroll, Malcolm Pownall, Roy Rolle, Roy Roher, Mark Losee, John Monahan, Christine Webb, Patti VanVoorhis, Carolyn Depta, Margaret Peer, Marsha Roberts, Michael Bartlett, Dorothy Lynch, Esther Davis, Shane Gallup, Mary Golley, Maria Braun, Katherine Peck, John Bellan, Gladys Graham, Gerald Hayes, Dan Koehl, Jaye Parsons, Larry Winters, Jennifer Follett, Beverly Thorp, Sharon Woodcock, Teresa Lemery, Tom Barnes, Irene Lew, Marie Carroll, Dan Rauscher, Caleb Blair, David Blair, Vicki Hires, Catherine Cushman, Pete Doroshenko, Ruby Kohl, Lou Langone and all those on our prayer lines.

For all in the Military, especially: SPC Ryan Fowler; 2LT Shelly Respecki; SGT Wade Curtis; Dan Molloy, CPO; SGT Ian Witchley; LT Andrew Stopchick, USN; GySgt Greg Palmere, USMC; Corp. Wayne Lyrek, USMC; Cameron Fisher, Staff Sgt., Father Lukasz Kozlowski: Staff Sergeant Andrew Steward; SSG. Joshua Jones; Cpl. Zachary Lallier.

For all Medical Professionals, especially: Kerri Taylor, Jennifer Meyers, Ellen Larson, Ray Meeks, Annemarie Glouse, Stefanie Zombek, Stanley Zombek, Sean Fadale, Jen Mansfield, Donna Pisiak-Relf, Jonathan Eastman, Stephen Jackowski, Emma VanVoorhis, Chelly Crouch, Esther Hoofallen and all others on the front lines of this pandemic.

Diocesan-wide Lenten Mission led by Bishop Lucia!

March 15-17 | 6:30-7:30PM | Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Enhance your Lent by attending the Diocesan Lenten Mission. Register to attend in person or join in virtually through [Livestream](#) (you do not need to register if you are going to be joining us virtually)

Day 1 (Mar 15) - Renewal of Faith

Eucharistic Adoration
Reflection by: Sister Laura Bufano
[Register Here](#) to attend in person

Day 2 (Mar 16) - Renewal of Hope

Penitential Service
Homily by: Deacon Tim McNerney
[Register Here](#) to attend in person

Day 3 (Mar 17)- Renewal of Love

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart
Homily by: Father Jason Hage
[Register Here](#) to attend in person

All-Day Adoration in Honor of St. Joseph

On Friday, March 19, all four churches in E-PCA4 will host all-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to honor the role of Saint Joseph in the life of Mary and Jesus. Adoration will take place from 9 AM until 9 PM at St. Joan's in Morrisville, St. Bernard's in Waterville, St. Mary's in Hamilton, and St. Joseph's in Oriskany Falls. At the beginning of each hour, a special Novena Prayer to St. Joseph will be prayed for your intentions. A meditative reading on a particular aspect of the life of St. Joseph will accompany the Novena prayer at each hour as well. All are encouraged to make a visit to all four churches in our PCA on this very special feast day. Each parish will prepare and decorate an altar to St. Joseph for veneration. Mark your calendars for this Day of Prayer in honor of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Ignite Catholic Men's Conference

Please mark your calendars for this year's Ignite Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 20 from 7:15am to noon over Zoom. St. Mary's in Hamilton was asked to be a satellite campus, and will be hosting the livestream event for all of the parishes in our PCA in the newly renovated St. Mary's Church Hall. Our very own, Father Hage, was invited to be one of the keynote speakers! Please pre-register here:

<https://www.ignitecatholicmen.org/registration>

Route20Catholic Stations of the Cross!

The Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb are a popular devotion in parishes during Lent. In the 16th century, this pathway was officially entitled the "Via Dolorosa" (Sorrowful Way) or simply Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross. Stations will be taking place four times a week on all four campuses throughout Lent: every Wednesday during Lent at 6:30pm at St. Mary's in Hamilton (led by Father Hage); every Thursday during Lent at 5:30pm at St. Joseph's in Oriskany Falls (led by Deacon Paul); every Friday during Lent at 5:30pm at St. Bernard's in Waterville (led by Deacon Paul); every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm at St. Joan of Arc in Morrisville (led by Katie Rowlands). Bring the family...the family that prays together, stays together!

GRASSROOTS BOOK GROUP

The Grassroots Book Group will begin meeting once again on Thursday, March 11, 1-2PM at St. Mary's Church Hall. We are reading and discussing the book, REDISCOVERING THE SAINTS, 25 Questions that will change your life, by Matthew Kelly. All PCA 4 members are welcome to attend. If you would like to join our group, or have questions, please contact Nancy Roberts at nmroberts18@gmail.com. She will assist you with details, and making sure that you have a book. We are Covid safe by social distancing and wearing masks at our sessions. We look forward to you joining us in prayer, discussion, and fellowship.

ATTN: FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES

PCA Faith Formation Updates:

March Family Faith Formation Packets

March Faith Formation packets with additional Lenten activities for your family to choose from have been mailed to your homes. If you haven't received your March packet, please contact your Catechetical Leader. Please use as much material you are interested in, to help your family have the most rewarding Lent yet! Mark your calendars for March 21, for our March Zoom meeting; additional information will be emailed to families as the date approaches. Also keep in mind the numerous weekly opportunities available throughout our PCA. If you have any thoughts, ideas, suggestions, or just want to connect, feel free to contact your Catechetical Leader. We would love to hear from you!

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation for children in our PCA will be celebrated on Sunday, March 21, 2:00 PM at St. Bernard's, Waterville. Families with children receiving the First Reconciliation are encouraged and invited to receive the Sacrament along with their child on March 21. Father Carey will be available to hear confessions of family members, while Father Hage will meet with the children for their first Confessions. Catechetical Leaders are currently working with families to prepare the Second Grade children via workbooks and Zoom meetings. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they continue to grow in God's grace and love.

First Reconciliation Preparation

Second grade students from the PCA continue to prepare for the Sacrament which will be celebrated on Sunday, March 21 at St. Bernard's Church, Waterville. Please continue to keep the 16 students in your prayers as they follow Jesus, and receive God's continued blessings.

Faith Formation Contact Info

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Judith Kemp-Barnes, CL St. Bernard's: jkempbarnes@syrдио.org

Rice Bowl Campaign

This Lent, the Rice Bowl Campaign, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program, invites us to reflect on the Gospel story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 with just a few loaves and fishes and to consider the needs of the hungry around the world. CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parishes, and school communities while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our global human family.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Hamilton Community Diaper Drive

The Diaper Drive will run from March 1 - 15 and we are collecting diapers (any size) that will benefit the Hamilton Food Cupboard. Parry's, Hamilton Public Library, and Colgate Chapel will be official drop off spots. Please visit www.watervillemethodist.org/diaperdrive for all the details and ways to participate - including virtual/Covid friendly ways! If you have any questions, you can email Kristina at villagediapers@gmail.com

Save the Date!

St. Mary's Golf Tournament at Seven Oaks Golf Club in Hamilton is tentatively scheduled for June 19, 2021 (Father's Day weekend). More information to come in the coming weeks!



Consolation Ministers – March

St. Joan's –Lona Dahlem (495-6478), Chuck Molloy (684-9398) & Paula Curtis (684-9058)

St. Mary's – Bonnie Will (315-691-3168), Nancy Roberts (315-824-3097)

New PCA Website!!!

Please check out our new PCA website at www.Route20Catholic.org that now includes all four parishes on one online platform! We are so excited to finally launch this collaborative online initiative. This will hopefully streamline the release of information to all four parishes, and now all parishioners across the PCA can access one platform for the most up-to-date information on what is happening locally in our region.

COVID Vaccine Info

From United States Conference of Catholic Bishops news: “Pfizer and Moderna’s vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that ‘when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.’[1] However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna’s vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson’s. Visit this link to read more from the USCCB: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2021/us-bishop-chairmen-doctrine-and-pro-life-address-use-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine>

New PCA Facebook Page!

Check out our new PCA Facebook page for all up-to-date news on upcoming events in the four parishes in our PCA. The 11am Sunday morning Mass will be livestreamed for the whole PCA on this platform as well. Please like us @Route20Catholic.

PCA Update on Holy Hours

This week’s PCA Holy Hour will take place at St. Bernard’s in Waterville at 5:30pm on Tuesday, March 9. These PCA Holy Hours involve Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, *the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*, and Solemn Benediction. These Holy Hours take place every Tuesday at 5:30pm on a rotating basis: 1st Tuesday will be at St. Joan’s; 2nd Tuesday will be at St. Bernard’s; 3rd Tuesday will be at St. Mary’s; 4th Tuesday will be at St. Joseph’s.

PCA Update on Weekly Confessions

Father Hage will be hearing confessions this Tuesday, March 9 from 5:30pm until 6:30pm at St. Bernard’s in Waterville. The opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place every Tuesday from 5:30pm until 6:30pm on a rotating basis: 1st Tuesday will be at St. Joan’s; 2nd Tuesday will be at St. Bernard’s; 3rd Tuesday will be at St. Mary’s; 4th Tuesday will be at St. Joseph’s. All four campuses have equal opportunity to celebrate this great sacrament of mercy.

11 AM Sunday Morning Mass Live-streamed!

Please join the entire PCA Parish Family for Sunday Mass online in real time every Sunday at 9am and 11am! You can access the livestream by visiting: <https://www.facebook.com/Route20Catholic>

St. Bernard's Saturday Morning Rosary Group

All parishioners in our PCA are welcome to join the St. Bernard's Saturday Morning Prayer Group for the recitation of the Rosary and simple Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday morning at 7am in the church. For more information, please reach out to Mike Tower at 315-525-9803 or towerm95@gmail.com.

St. Joan of Arc Saturday Afternoon Rosary Group

All parishioners in our PCA are welcome to join the St. Joan of Arc Saturday Hour of Mercy Prayer Group for the recitation of the Rosary and simple Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday afternoon at 3:30pm in the church before their 4pm Vigil Mass. For more information, please reach out to Katie Rowland at katiger12@yahoo.com.

E – PCA 4 Financial Reports

St. Joan's Financial Support – 02-28

Weekly Ordinary	\$924.00
Easter Food Basket	5.00
Black and Native American Mission	25.00
Churches in Central and Eastern Europe	25.00
Catholic Sun	25.00

St. Joan of Arc Mailing Address

The mailing address for St. Joan of Arc is P.O. Box 1087, Morrisville, NY 13408. Mail offertory here.

For a copy of your 2020 donations for tax purposes, please call the parish office at 315-684-9551, drop a note in the collection or email us. Thank you for your support.

St. Bernard's Financial Support – 02-28

Weekly Ordinary	\$3,280.00
Fuel	125.00

The Sanctuary light for the month of March at St. Bernard's is lit in memory of Nancy Morgan by the family.

St. Mary's Financial Support – 02-28

Weekly Ordinary	\$1,574.00
Monthly Ordinary	130.00
Fuel	152.00
Easter Flowers	200.00
Black and Native American Missions	160.00
Churches in Central and Eastern Europe	60.00
Tohatchi	30.00
Easter Food Donation	91.00

The Sanctuary light for the month of March at St. Mary's is lit in memory of Rocky Faraone by Betty Faraone.

St. Joseph's Financial Support – 02-28

Weekly Ordinary	\$726.00
Fuel	40.00
Easter Food Collection	104.00