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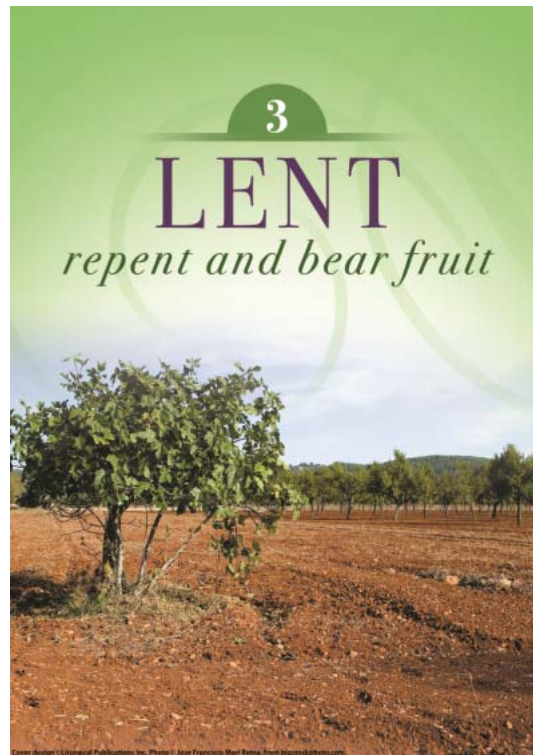
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Msgr. Joseph G. Aubin

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Office Hours are
Monday-Friday

8:30am - 4:00pm



"Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?"

By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

- Lk 13:2-3

Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm

Sunday at **8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am

** Mass is Signed for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Daily Mass Schedule

6:45am & 12:05pm, Monday - Friday

8:15am Saturday

Reconciliation

Saturday 2:45-3:30pm

Wednesday 12:30-1:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

6:00-8:00am 1st Sat. of the Month

7:30-8:00am Thursday

12:30-1:00pm Friday

Baptism and Marriage

Please call the Parish Office

Third Sunday of Lent

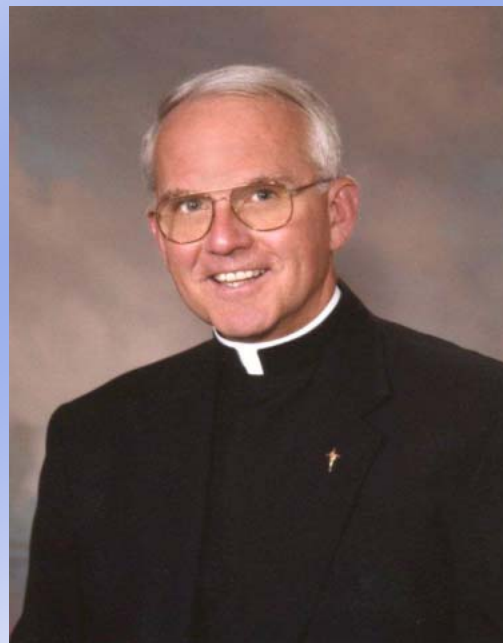
March 7, 2010

**Prayer for the Bishop-Elect Terry R. LaValley
and this time of transition in our Diocese**

God, eternal Shepherd,
you have chosen your servant Terry
to watch over your flock
and to pastor the Church of Ogdensburg.
Help him to respond wholeheartedly
to your call, "Follow me."

Among us and for us,
may he be a faithful teacher,
a wise administrator and a holy priest.
Enrich him with the gifts and virtues of a true apostle,
for the good of your people in the North Country.
May he, and all those in his care,
show forth the living presence of Christ in the world;
and come to the joy of everlasting life
in your verdant pastures.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Chrism Mass 2010

All the Faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg
are cordially invited to join

***Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham, Bishop of Syracuse
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop-elect of Ogdensburg
& the Presbyterate of the Diocese of Ogdensburg***

for the annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment
and the Blessing and Consecration of the Holy Oils
for use in all the churches of the Diocese
symbolizing that we are one family in Christ

on **Monday, March 29th** at 11:00 a.m.
at St. Mary's Cathedral
in Ogdensburg, New York



Seton Catholic
Thursday, March 18

5:00-7:00 PM

Open Houses

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE



Seton Academy
Monday, March 15

6:00-7:30 PM

children's Ministry

St. Joseph's Chaplets

On **Friday, March 19th** the children of the parish are invited to the Emmaus Room at 6:00 p.m. to make their own chaplets and they are encouraged to join us afterwards at 7:00 p.m. for the Stations of the Cross in the main church. Look for pamphlets on how to make your own chaplet and how to pray this very special prayer.

Children's Ministry Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Children's Ministry Committee on **Thursday, March 18th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office. All are welcome to attend. We will be planning the Easter Egg Hunt and much more!

Children's Liturgy

There will be Children's Liturgies during the 11:00 a.m. Mass on March 14th, April 11th and 25th.

Dinner and Stations

There will be a dinner of salad, soup, bread, and macaroni and cheese in the Emmaus Room at 6 p.m. on **Friday, March 26th** followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the main Church. **All are welcome to attend.** Please call the Parish Office at 563-1692 to sign up by Thursday, March 25th. Donations will be accepted for Catholic Relief Services. The dinner is sponsored by the Children's Ministry Committee and the Hospitality Committee.

Movie and Popcorn Night!

Date: Saturday, March 27th

Time: 6:30-8:00PM

Place: The Upper Room

Movie: The Animated Passion



Seton Academy Summer Camp

Again this year, Seton Academy will be offering an eight week summer camp which offers campers a fun, safe, and education experience. The activities planned include weeks that are full of exploration and hands on activities. Campers will be exposed to multiple activities as well as maintain the literacy skills that they acquire throughout the year. Plans include relaxation time, where campers are going to go to the beach as well as participate in fun games and water activities.

Week 1: Rainforest Week

Week 2: Pirate Week

Week 3: Chef Week (this was a big hit last year)

Week 4: Olympic Week

Week 5: Circus Week

Week 6: Under the Sea

Week 7 & 8: Drama Week (last year there were rave reviews about drama week).

For more information call the school office at 825-7386.



We pray for those who have recently entered eternal life. May the angels lead them into paradise.

Paul E. Cote
Alexandra Langdon
Sandra E. Nink
Raymond J. Provost

Super Sunday Experience

All 1st-8th graders are invited Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:45 AM. in Seton Academy located on St. Charles Street for a morning of Religious Instruction.



Classes will be held on March 7, 21, & 28, April 25, May 2, and May 9. For further questions please contact Therese Moen at 563-3278 or e-mail stpetersdre@primelink1.net.

RCIA Scrutinies

On Sunday, **March 7th, 14th, and 21th** the Elect (those who are unbaptized preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation) will celebrate the Ritual of the First, Second, and Third Scrutiny. Each scrutiny will take place after the homily at the 11 a.m. Mass and will reflect on the Cycle A readings from the Gospels for Lent: the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, the healing of the man born blind, and the story of Jesus raising Lazarus. These scrutinies call to mind our human weakness and the need for repentance not only for those who will be baptized but the entire community. We have three Elect who will participate in the Rite: **Johnny Jones, Ryan Stacey, and Lauren Grinberg-Funes**. Please keep each of these Elect in your prayers as they journey towards full initiation in the Catholic Church.



North Country Catholic

We are continuing the *North Country Catholic* subscription campaign. If you have not yet subscribed to our diocesan newspaper I would ask you to do so today. The paper is a source of information, evangelization and unity for all the Catholics in our diocese. Please place your subscription envelope in the collection basket or mail a check for \$25 to the North Country Catholic, PO Box 326, Ogdensburg, NY, 13669. Patron subscriptions – for \$35, \$50, \$100 or \$250 - are also encouraged to allow the newspaper to maintain affordable subscription rates for all.



Confirmation Info

Adult Confirmation classes are now in session, but if you, or someone you know, has not received this sacrament and would like to, please contact Alison Cryster.

Any High School Confirmation student in need of community service opportunities can contact Alison Cryster at 563-3278.

Kitchen Towel Sale

Our Altar Rosary Society will be selling Kitchen Towels after all masses this weekend. Monies will be donated to nuns in New Hampshire for Haiti.

IN THE COMMUNITY

All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast
St. Joseph's Men's Club, West Chazy, NY

Sunday, March 7, 8:00 a.m. until Noon
in the Parish Center

Adults: \$7; Children 6-10 \$3.00; Children 5 and under, Free

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, March 7, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Victory Community Center

Benefit of Catholic Community Relief at Haiti

Adults: \$7; Seniors \$6.00; Children 5 and up \$5;

Children under 5 Free

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Sunday, March 14 from 2-6 p.m.

Parish Hall at St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabethtown

Adults: \$8; Children under 12: \$4

Take-outs available after 1:30 p.m.

Hospice Volunteer Training Class

Saturday, March 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

43 Durkee Street, Suite 200 Plattsburgh

Volunteers needed for Office support, Patient support,
Fundraising and Baking

Call the Hospice office at 561-8465

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, March 14, 8:30a.m. to 12 noon

St. Joseph's Church, Treadwell Mills

Benefit of Catholic Community Relief at Haiti

Adults: \$6; Children 6-12 and \$3;

Children 5 years old and under Free

Have You "Insured" Our Parish?

Did you know that there are different ways you can use a life insurance policy to make a very special planned gift to our parish?

1) You can name our parish as the full or partial beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy which is no longer important to the financial stability of your family. This can be an easy way to support our parish and make good use of a life insurance policy that has "outlived" its original purpose.

2) You can purchase a new insurance policy in which our parish is irrevocably named as the beneficiary. Again this extends your generosity to our parish beyond your lifetime and the premium payments qualify for a charitable income tax deduction. For further information contact Janice Shoen from the Diocese at 315-393-2920 or jshoen@diogdensburg.org.

IN OUR PARISH

• Respect Life Committee

Life Matters will hold the next meeting on **Sunday, March 7** at 1pm in the Emmaus Room. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend. For more information contact Karen Smith at (518) 566-6229.

• Environmental Stewardship Committee

Environmental Stewardship Committee meeting on **Sunday, March 14** from noon-1:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Rm.

• Rosary Altar Meeting

A meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 16** at 7:00 p.m. in Emmaus Room. The agenda will include the Spring Rummage Sale and planning the events of the year.

• Lenten Program "Cry Justice! Cry Hope!"

Sr. Joan Chittister, Beverly Bell and "women around the world" designed this Lenten program of scripture study and personal reflection. **Each Sunday after the 9:30 Mass** you are invited to the Emmaus Room for about an hour to delve into scriptures and respond.

• Capture My Heart

These nights of reflection will help to promote the dignity of women through Scripture, wisdom and experience. It is open to all women looking to journey more deeply into the significance and importance of femininity as we reflect on the Lord's gift of love for us! We will meet in the Emmaus Room **every Monday during Lent** from 7-8:30 p.m.

• Soaking Prayer

Living Waters Healing Ministry is pleased to offer soaking prayer on these **second and fourth Wednesday of each month**, from 10 am - 11:30 a.m. in the Upper Room. It is also an opportunity to silently pour out our hearts to Him. It's about living and enjoying an on-going relationship with our creator.

• Parish Nurses

The Parish Nurses hold meetings on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** at 7 p.m. in the rectory. The next meeting is **March 9**.

• Light Weigh

For information on this spiritual growth weight loss program that has been a blessing to many, call Sue at 561-2782. The start of the next session will be announced soon.

• New Beginnings

Are you divorced, going through a divorce or separated? New Beginnings meets **every Thursday** in the Upper Room at 7:00 p.m. under the direction of Deacon Frank Bushey.

• Christian Meditation

A great way to live each week...listening to the Lord. God seeks the quiet of our heart to speak in the stillness of our soul. The practice of "Christian Meditation" offers that time, join us **each Thursday**, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. St. Peter's Chapel For more information contact Mary Curran DHM at 561-3421.



Third Sunday of Lent

The account of Moses and the burning bush that is not consumed is one of the early Bible stories that we learn as children. By the third or fourth grade a child can recite the story that is often illustrated in religious education textbooks. So well-known is the encounter between God and Moses that the name has even been given to a common landscape shrub. Euonymus alata is known as "Burning Bush" to gardeners throughout the country, because its leaves turn fiery red in the fall.

But the story in Exodus 3 is less about a bush that is not consumed and more about God's revelation of God's self. God speaks the sacred name to Moses in response to his question: "When I go to the Israelites? If they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?"

God tells Moses, "I am who am." The Hebrew word is indefinite in its meaning. It could also be translated, "I will be who I will be," or "I am going to be who I am," or even "I am who I will be." In other words, it is hard to pin God down. As limited creatures, we will never exhaust the fullness of the Creator of all.

Those of us who have been baptized for a while may sometimes think that we understand all about God, and that we have settled into our relationship with him. As parishes prepare men and women for baptism at the Easter Vigil, those of us who are long-baptized may want to listen to those who are coming new to the faith. They may have some insights about God or some stories of conversion that can help us on our own pilgrim way to the kingdom. Even after all these years, God is still doing something new!

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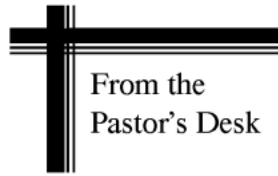
Operation Rice Bowl Third Week of Lent - The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses



Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.



Parish Lenten Service
Tuesday, March 30 at 7 p.m.
There will be 8 priests available for the sacrament of Penance - please plan now on attending.



From the Pastor's Desk

Have you thought of really fasting on some days of Lent? Fasting produces many different outcomes. Most importantly, fasting teaches compassion. It is easy to talk about the world's

problem of hunger and to feel sorry that millions of people go to bed hungry each day. But not until one feels hunger in one's own body is there a real impact: empathy is much stronger than pity. May I encourage some fasting in your life - our world needs your compassion!

Please consider coming to next Sunday's parish meeting concerning the soccer field. It will be a brainstorming session on what to do with this piece of property...Sunday, March 14 at 2 p.m. in the Emmaus Room.

Fr. John



Open Parish Meeting... Our Soccer Field

The 3-acre parcel of land that we recently bought from the Brothers of Christian Instruction will be the topic of discussion at an open parish meeting to be held on **Sunday, March 14th** at 2 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. This is the time to come and share ideas on what we as a parish should do with this land. All are welcome!

"I want to tell the pastor..."

You will find a box on the table outside the church's restrooms marked, "I want to tell the pastor." Please place any comments (suggestions, criticisms, affirmations) into his box. At every parish council meeting the comments in the box will be reviewed. St. Peter's is a large parish and everyone's opinion is valued.

Seder Meal - Holy Thursday

Every other year our parish celebrates a Seder Meal on Holy Thursday. This Seder Meal marks the ancient Jewish celebration of Passover, when Jesus gathered with His apostles at the Last Supper. Our Seder will take place on **Holy Thursday, April 1** at 5 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. **Reservations are required.** The dinner is limited to 75 people. The Seder will be followed by a meal of salad, rolls and goulash. Please call or email the rectory to reserve your place.



Masses for the Week

Monday, March 8

6:45am Deceased Members of Edward Jurcotte Family
by Donna, Eileen & Janet
12:05pm James Stiles by his grandfather

Tuesday, March 9

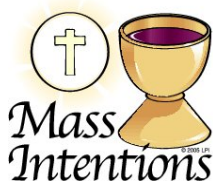
6:45am Madeline Coates by Catholic Daughters of America
Court Mary Immaculate #479
12:05pm James Stiles by Michael & Jackie Bellow

Wednesday, March 10

6:45am Shirley Fassett by John Ryan
12:05pm Pamela Frederick by M/M Edward Darrah

Thursday, March 11

6:45am Theresa and Thomas Frechette
by Gerry & Mark Rasco
12:05pm Ricky Mitchell by his family



Friday, March 12

6:45am Leon Forkey by Gene & Theresa
Beebie
12:05pm Bobby Carr by his wife Alice

Saturday, March 13

8:15am Theresa Frechette by Senior Citizens Council
and Friends
4:00pm Pearl Merchant Lawrence by Joan Merchant Sharp

Sunday, March 14

8:00am Sharon Sample by David Sample
9:30am For All Parishioners
11:00am Billy Tart by his family

A \$10 offering is customary for each Mass.
Please contact the Parish office for available times.

Verify Vianney

"Oh! How great is the priest. The priest will only be understood in heaven. Were he understood on earth, people would die, not of fear, but of love."

-Reflecting on the Priesthood, St. John Vianney

Coming Tuesday, March 16, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Heart Central Catholic High School Auditorium
1316 Ives St.
Watertown, NY 13601

Vianney – the Live Drama

www.vianneydrama.com
Call 315-393-2920 for more info

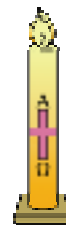
Readings for the Week of March 7

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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Vigil Candles for this Week

In memory of
Marie Elizabeth "Betty" Aabye
by Parish Nurses
In memory of **Lucien Houle**
by his family
In memory of **Bro. Bernard Guinvon**
by the Houle Family



You may contact the Parish Office
to secure a time for a seven day vigil candle
-- \$10 is the offering.



Please remember in your prayers
all of our parish family and
friends who suffer
physically, emotionally or
spiritually.

God's Plan for Giving ... Tithing

March 1, 2009.....\$15,858.83
February 28, 2010\$12,127.00

**Thank you for your generosity and
commitment to stewardship.**

The Rock High School Youth Group will
meet from 6:30-8:30 pm in the upper room ,
Sunday March 7th. We are in need of Adults
who may feel the calling to help serve the
Youth of the Parish. Please contact Alison
Crystler for further information 563-3278.

Spend some quiet time
with the Lord

