



St. Francis & St. Clare Roman Catholic Community

Faith Formation News

Lent

This year the Lenten Season begins on Wednesday March 5th. The schedule for receiving ashes will be:

St. Mary's

8:30am: Mass/Ashes

5:30pm: Word/Ashes

St. Pat's

Noon: Word/Ashes

7:00pm: Mass/Ashes

The forty days of Lent, from Ash Wed thru Holy Thurs, is the time of year that we prepare for the Passion, Death & Resurrection of Christ.

Simply things like, receiving ashes, placing alms (an archaic term that just means generosity toward those who have substantially less

than we do), in the rice bowl or praying the Stations of the Cross can have meaning and bring tradition to even the youngest family member.

We can't forget that there are fifty days that follow Lent . The Easter season goes from Easter Sunday thru Pentecost. There are also several feast that we celebrate during the season: Divine Mercy Sunday, Our Lady of Fatima and the Ascension.

Here is a prayer & question to get you started:

Lord Jesus, as we enter into Lent, may we be mindful of You, remem-

bering Your great gift of life for us. Amen.

March 5, 2014 is the first day of Lent, the season when we prepare for Easter. Many Christians fast during Lent. Fasting is when we choose not to eat a certain food or participate in a certain activity, so that we can focus on Jesus instead. What might our family fast from during Lent?

It is my hope that the families can take advantage of the pages and resources on our [webpage](#).

To learn more about alms giving, go to www.ricebowl.org.

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Points of Interest

Masses

Weekends:

St. Mary's Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's: Sunday 8 a.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word during 11 a.m. Mass

Weekdays:

Tues-Wed 8:30 a.m.
St. Mary's
Thu-Fri 8:30 a.m.
St. Patrick's

Little Flowers & Blue Knights

Little Flowers & Blue Knights: Meeting

March 9th

April 13th

To sign up please contact: **Brittany Brunning @ 549-1028.**

The Blue Knights Catholic Club is a boys' club aimed at teaching the truths of the Catholic faith to boys through Scripture, Saints' biographies, games, crafts and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in having your son participate in this club, please contact the Faith Formation office 651-4351. We are hoping to get enough boys interested to start this club.

Religious Education

Six weeks of uninterrupted classes await the children when we return after break.

During those weeks the children will be listening to the stories that lead up to the Passion, Death & Resurrection of Christ.

Their lessons are broken down and will cover the first 5 weeks of Lent. Our website will have the family take home pages that correspond to the class work. Check it out @

<http://www.sfscrc.org/>

Our next Religious Ed Mass is **3/2/14 @ St. Mary's Church**. This Mass will involve the Middle School and MC children as well as the children's choir.

Remember this year we will be combining the Children's Choir at the churches. That means that on the days of the Mass the entire choir should report.

Rehearsal for choir and readers will be on **Friday, 2/21 & 2/28** from 6-7 pm @ St. Mary's Church.

No Classes: Next break 4/13

If you would like to receive these newsletters via e-mail, please contact me @ dfavia@dor.org. I will be more than happy to put you on the list.



Sacraments

Confirmation

Retreat @ the Ministry Center

Friday 3/21, 6:00-9:30 pm **candidate only**
Saturday 3/22, 9:00-4:30 **sponsor/candidate**

Confirmation celebrates and strengthens the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and wisdom & awe in God's presence.

1st Eucharist

Sharing Supper & Teaching Mass @ Ministry Center & Church

4/9, 6:00pm

To participate in the Sacramental Preparation programs, a candidate will be enrolled when he/she has received foundational catechesis.

Parish News

Special Masses

Ash Wednesday Celebrations

St. Mary's 8:30am Mass/Ashes
5:30pm Word/Ashes
St. Pat's Noon Word/Ashes
7:00pm Mass/Ashes

Day of Penance 3/25 -

12:30-3:30 @ SM
3:30-7:30 @ SP

Living Stations

Students from all grades are welcome to participate in Living Stations. If your child would like to participate in this living prayer contact Gretchen in the Faith Formation Office, 651-4351 or gmi-cio@dor.org Please see the practice schedule and day of Living Stations below. Practice for participants and choir is mandatory.

Practices are 3/23 & 3/30, April 6, 2-3:30pm @ St. Mary's

Dress rehearsal is 4/10, 6-7:30pm @ St. Mary's

Living Stations is 4/11, @ SM, 7pm

Adult Education

R.C.I.A

R.C.I.A. stands for *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

March Dates: Mondays 3/10, 3/17 & 3/24. **No Class:** 3/3, 3/31

Special Gatherings:

Ash Wed 3/5 7pm @ St. Pat's

Rite of Sending 3/9, @ 11am St. Pat's

Rite of Election TBD

1st Scrutiny 3/24, 5pm @ St. Mary's

2nd Scrutiny 3/30, 9:30am @ St. Mary's

Lenten Opportunity:

The Spirituality of Forgiveness

**Wednesday April 2, 2014,
7:00 pm @ Ministry Center**

Explore the power of forgiveness through the film, **"The Big Question"**, followed by a discussion of "The Five Steps to Forgiveness".
RSVP to Marie Leo 651-4351 or mleo@dor.org.



Family Faith Formation

This month I will be adding the newsletter, as well as family resources to our web page, <http://www.sfscrc.org/>.

I encourage you to check it at least once a month. There will be plenty of activities, reproducibles, recipes & links.



Volunteers Needed

Alter Servers: Boys or girls in 4th grade & up for all Masses at St. Mary's & St. Pat's.

CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word): Parents needed to facilitate CLOW at the 11:00 am Mass @ St. Pat's. You will be put into a monthly rotation. The more teams the more time between schedule. Schedules are flexible.

Please contact
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WINTER HOURS

Faith Formation Office Hours

Mon - Thu 9-4

Fri by appointment

Sundays during RE

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The Parish of St. Francis & St. Clare was created in 2013 with the merger of St. Mary's Parish in Waterloo and St. Patrick's Parish in Seneca Falls. The community operates as a single parish with two worship sites.

Dates to Remember

MARCH

(Sacraments)

APRIL

- Religious Education Mass 3/2 @ St. Mary's 9:30
- Ash Wednesday Masses 3/5, for times & places (Parish News)
- Stations of the Cross @ St. Mary's, Fri's 3/7-4/4, 7:00
- Daylight Savings - Spring Ahead 3/9
- RCIA - Rite of Sending 11:00 @ St. Patrick's 3/9
- Confirmation Retreat @ MC 3/21 & 3/22 for times
- RCIA - 1st Scrutiny 5:00 @ St. Mary's 3/22
- Living Stations Rehearsal - Sun, 3/23-4/6 2:00-3:30 @ St. Mary's
- **Day of Penance** - 12:30-3:30 @ SM 3:30-7:30 @ SP
- RCIA - 2nd Scrutiny 9:30 @ St. Mary's 3/30
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- ♦ **Living Stations**
Rehearsals 2-3:30 @ SM 4/6
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Living Stations 7:00 @ SM, 4/11
- ♦ 1st Eucharist Sharing Supper & Teaching Mass @ MC & church 6pm 4/9