



**St. Francis & St. Clare Roman
Catholic Community**

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Faith Formation News

Welcome to all returning & new families!!!!

**For where there are
two or three gathered
together in my name,
there am I in the midst
of them**

Matthew 18:20

This year we will be sending home a monthly Faith Formation Newsletter. It is important that you take the time to read through the information. It will contain news about Religious Education, Sacraments, Special Events, etc... It is our hope that this will reduce the number of papers that go home each week. Our first week is the exception to that hope.

Most of you were given a copy of the handbook at registration. If you did not receive one, they will be available in the offices. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with our policies and procedures.

We look forward to a wonderful year with your children.

If you have any questions, your child's Catechist will be happy to assist you. If you need further assistance, Donna Favia or Gretchen Micio are available during classes or call the Faith Formation at 651-4351.



"And now let us begin this journey, the Bishop and the people, this journey of the Church of Rome which presides in charity over all the Churches, a journey of brotherhood in love, of mutual trust. Let us always pray for one another. Let us pray for the whole world that there might be great sense of brotherhood."

-Pope Francis

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Points of Interest

Masses

Weekends:

St. Mary's Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 8 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

Pope Francis Facts

Why Francis?

The pope wanted to honor St. Francis of Assisi, an admirer of nature and a servant to the poor and destitute. St. Francis of Assisi was born the son of a rich cloth merchant. But he lived in rags among beggars at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

*He is a very humble man.

*He uses public transportation every day.

*The pontiff broke with tradition by refusing to use a platform to elevate himself above the cardinals standing with him as he was introduced to the world as Pope Francis.

*As archbishop he also

chose to live in an apartment instead of the archbishop's palace, passed on a chauffeured limousine and cooked his own meals.

(source: www.cnn.com)

Religious Education

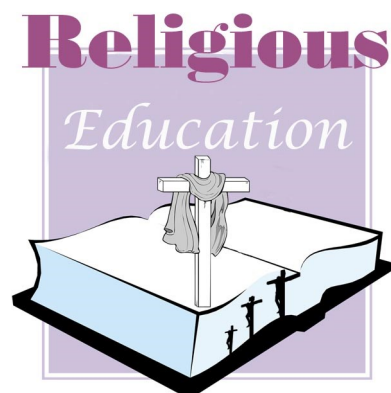
This year Religious Education has extended the dates of the program. We are starting on September 15th and going through the Easter Season, ending on May 18, 2014.

There will be five Religious Ed Masses: **10/27/13** @ St. Patrick's Church **12/8/13** @ St. Mary's Church **1/26/14** @ St. Patrick's Church **2/2/14** @ St. Mary's Church and **5/18/14** @ St. Patrick's Church. All Masses will involve the Middle School children. Ministry Center and St. John Bosco

children will be involved in their respective Churches.

Please review your handbooks and return the sign-off sheet at your earliest convenience.

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



Sacraments

Sacramental Registration Meeting (PARENTS ONLY) for First Penance & First Eucharist Monday September 30, 2013 @ 7:00 pm Parish Ministry Center, Waterloo

If you have a child that you would like to enroll in one of these programs, you must attend this meeting to do so.

The Sacraments convey and celebrate God's Grace. They are outward signs instituted by Christ to give Grace.

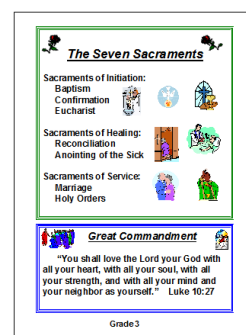
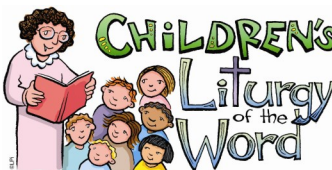
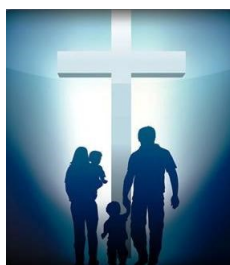
If you are not able to attend, please contact Marie Leo @ 651-4351 as soon as possible to make alternate arrangements, as we will be order-

ing materials and beginning our preparation for these programs in October.

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

Parish News

On the first day of classes, you received a registration for the parish. Please use this form to update any information that may have changed or to take advantage of registering. You are not automatically put into the parish database simply by registering for Religious Education.



Adult Education

R.C.I.A

R.C.I.A. stands for *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. It is a process for those who are thinking about joining the Catholic Church....having been baptized in another denomination or never baptized at all. It is also for those who have been baptized Catholic and would like to complete their initiation into the Church. We meet weekly beginning on Monday evening, September 23rd from 7:00 - 8:30 in the Parish Center with an information night. The RCIA is a journey of faith that deepens our relationship with Jesus Christ. If you or someone you know may be called to this 'journey of

a lifetime', please contact Lena Shipley at 539-2944.

COMING IN OCTOBER:

"Who is Pope Francis?"

Presentation & discussion of the new documentary film which gives an excellent overview into the life, thought & work of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the new leader of our Church. Wed., Oct. 2, 7:00 pm, Ministry Center. RSVP to mleo@dor.org or 651-4351.

Cinema Divina

Coming October 23, 6:30 pm, Ministry Center

View **"The Way"**, a powerful & inspirational story about family, friends, and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing & complicated world. Starring Emilio Estevez & Martin Sheen. USCB Rating A-III (Adults), MPA- PG-13

Movie goodies provided! RSVP to Marie Leo, mleo@dor.org or 651-4351.

Special Events



Blessing of the Animals

When: October 6, 2013

Where: Ministry Center Parking Lot
(Rain location: MC Gymnasium)

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals,

all parishioners are invited to bring their pets for a Blessing of the Animals by Fr. Jim. For everyone's safety please secure your pet with a leash, carrier, fish bowl etc.... If you are unable to transport your pet you may bring a photo instead. Donations will be accepted on behalf of Beverly Animal Shelter (539-9357) and 2nd Chance Dog rescue (651-2839).

**Children's Choir
Ongoing Recruitment
If interested please call the
faith formation office 651-4351**

Family Faith Formation



Welcome to Households of Faith!

Households of Faith is a website for all families in the Diocese of Rochester!

Here you will find many resources, prayers, educational videos, and more, all designed to help us be Strong Catholic Families and raise Strong Catholic Youth!

Our goal is to provide families, *especially parents*, with the links they need to connect Catholic faith to everyday life.

<http://homelinks.dor.org/family-faith-resources/>

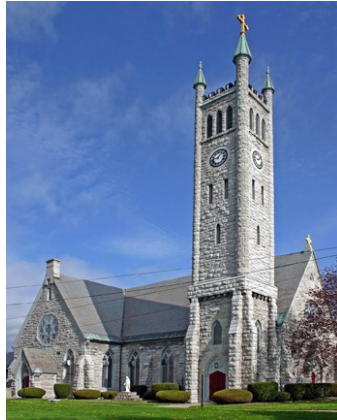
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One Faith, One Community



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.

Looking Ahead

- RCIA Meeting Sept 23, 2013 (pg 3)
- Who is Pope Francis October 2, 2013 (pg 3)
- Pet Blessing October 6, 2013 (pg 3)
- Cancer Survivor Service October 6, 2013 2:30 @ St. Mary's
- 1st Penance Meeting 10/9 7pm @ Ministry Center (Parents Only)
- Rehearsal for RE Mass 10/11
- No Religion (Columbus Day) 10/13
- Rehearsal for RE Mass 10/18
- Cinema Divina October 23, 2013 (pg 3)
- Rehearsal for RE Mass 10/25
- Religious Education Mass 10/27/13 @ St. Patrick's Church 11am
- All Saints Vigil Mass 5pm @ St. Mary's

