



St. Francis & St. Clare Roman Catholic Community

Faith Formation News

ADVENT

Advent is a time to share and prepare. What better way to do both than to plan family time together. There are so many things that I want to be able to send home and share with you and your families that I didn't know where to begin. So I decided that I would enclose a packet that you can use weekly (one

WINTER HOURS
Faith Formation Office
Hours
Mon - Wed 9-4, Thur 9-6

Homeschoolcreations.com
Focusonthefamily.com

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for each week of Advent). Some of the sites that I direct you to may ask for a registration. These are free and so far I do not receive emails from them.

These are the daily readings for the first week

Sun. Is. 40:1-5
Mon. Is. 52:7-10
Tue. Is. 40:9-11
Wed. Gen. 3:8-15
Thu. Gen. 15:1-6
Fri. Deut. 18:15-19
Sat. Ps. 89:1-4

Here are just some of the sites where you can find resources.

- www.anneneuberger.com
- homelinks.dor.org**
- Squidoo.com
- Homeschoolkids.com**
- Catholicmom.com

Check out the next three weeks @ Focus on Family.com.



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



WHAT THE CMA SUPPORTS

- Educating our children and teens in the Roman Catholic faith
- Serving people in need through the agencies of Catholic Charities



- Providing our parishes with professional services vital to their daily operation
- Spreading the Gospel message through modern means of communi-

cation
• Developing positive relationships with people of other faiths through interreligious dialogue
Go to **www.dor.org** for more information.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Religious Education

ADVENT BEGINS DECEMBER 1ST

Our next Religious Ed Mass is **12/8/13** @ St. Mary's Church. This Mass will involve the Middle School and Ministry Center 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. I understand that some children will miss a scheduled class at SJB. The Mass will count for the

time that they would have been there. It will not be considered an absence.

Rehearsal for choir and readers will be on **Friday, 11/29 & 12/6** from 6-7 pm @ St. Mary's Church.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass choir rehearsals:



December 13, 20 & 23 6pm - 7:30pm @ St. Patrick's Church.

No Classes: November 24 @ Ministry Center (Holiday Bazaar), December 1 All Programs (Thanksgiving Holiday) & 12/22, 12/29 (Christmas Break)

Classes will resume for all programs on January 5th.

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

Sacraments

Congratulations to all our young parishioners who celebrated their 1st Penance 11/20 !!!!!!!

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

At the heart of the Eucharist is the bread and the wine that, by the

words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's

Each of the sacraments is a rite of conversion in an ongoing relationship; not merely a once-for-all right, but a high point in a life long process.
—William J. O'Malley, S.J.

Body and Blood. Faithful to the

Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory, and until his glorious return, what he did on the eve of his Passion. (CCC 1333)

Look to the bulletin for information about Confirmation registration coming in January.

Parish News

Special Masses

11/28 Thanksgiving Day 9:00am @ St. Pat's

12/8 Vigil Mass 7:00pm @ St. Mary's

12/9 Immaculate Conception Mass 8:30am @ St. Pat's

Christmas Eve Masses

Children's Masses 4:00pm @ St. Mary's & St. Patrick's with the children's choir.

Midnight @ St. Mary's

Christmas Day

10:00am @ St. Patrick's

12/31 Vigil Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 4:00pm @ St. Mary's

1/1/14 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 10:00am St. Patrick's



Adult Education

R.C.I.A

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

December Dates: Mondays 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, **NO Classes** 11/25, 12/23 & 12/30.

Rite of Acceptance 12/1/13 @ St. Mary's 9:30 Mass.

Cinema Divina

December 11, 1:00 & 6:30pm, St. Patrick's Rectory

"JOSHUA"

Movie goodies provided!

RSVP to Marie Leo, mleo@dor.org or 651-4351

ADULT FAITH FORMATION @ MC

Charting Christmas, 12/3, 7pm

The film explores the history of Christmas. Filmed on location in the Holy Land & UK, tracing the origins of Christmas traditions.

Star of Bethlehem, 12/10, 7pm Is the Star of Bethlehem a legend or a

miracle? Rick Larson walks through Biblical, historical & scientific clues revealing the incredible significance & vastness of God's creativity.

"The Fourth Wise Man"

Coming WED., JAN. 8, 1:00 & 6:30 pm, St. Pat's Rectory

A gripping story, set in biblical times, of one man's unstoppable search for the true meaning of life. Starring Martin Sheen, Alan Arkin & Eileen Brennan.

RSVP Marie Leo, mleo@dor.org

Family Faith Formation

Family Self-Exam (not just parents, but teens, kids, etc!)
The next time you find yourself contemplating:

- An impulse purchase
- NEEDING** that new device
- Getting **TOO** competitive (Jealous about others)

TRY THIS

1. "Put it down" and Take a Deep Breath and Count to 10 (20 or 30)

2. Silently (or aloud—even better!) pray a "Glory Be"

-Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end, AMEN.

3. Still struggling with that thought?

4. Do some "Dog"matic Theology: A pet dog has everything it wants: love, a home, food. Think about how unconditionally that dog loves its family for those simple things.

5. Ask Lord Jesus to help you with this decision/struggle/thought and invite him into your heart.
Now, make your decision.

Tidbits

Prayer for Thanksgiving

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Children's Choir Rehearsals

For 12/8 Mass: 11/29 & 12/6
6-7pm @ St. Mary's

For Christmas Eve 4pm @ St. Pat's Mass: 12/13, 12/20 & 12/23
6-7:30 @ St. Pat's

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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.

Dates to Remember

December

- RCIA Rite of Acceptance 12/1 @ St. Mary's 9:30 Mass
- Rehearsal for RE Mass 12/6 @St. Mary's 6-7 pm
- Charting Christmas 12/3 @ MC 7 pm
- Religious Education Mass 12/8 9:30 @ St. Mary's
- Immaculate Conception Mass 12/9 @ St. Pat's 8:30 am
- Star of Bethlehem 12/10 @ MC 7 pm
- Cinema Divina 12/11 Joshua @ St. Pat's Rectory 1 & 6:30
- No Classes 12/22 & 12/29



COMING in JANUARY

- 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat
- Cinema Divina 1/8 The Fourth Wise Man @ St. Pat's Rectory 1 & 6:30pm
- 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting 1/22 @ MC 7:00pm
- Rite of Enrollment 1st Eucharist 1/26 @ St. Pat's 11:00
- Religious Education Mass 1/26 @ St. Pat's 11:00am