



St. Francis & St. Clare Roman Catholic Community

Faith Formation News

Meal Prayers

As we begin to prepare for the feast of Thanksgiving, what better time to be thankful for all that we take for granted. A Dinner Blessing is a short prayer of thanks which can be said before, or after a meal.

This month at every meal take the time to



pray with your family and be thankful for all that God has given us. Below are some basic prayers to start off.

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May this food restore our strength, giving new energy to tired limbs, new thoughts to weary minds. May this drink restore our souls, giving new vision to dry spirits, new warmth to cold hearts. And once refreshed, may we give new

pleasure to You, who gives us all. Amen

For food in a world where many walk in hunger;
For faith in a world where many walk in fear;
For friends in a world where many walk alone;
We give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.

You can find these and many for a whole month at

<http://www.prayer-and-prayers.info/dinner-blessings/meal-prayer.htm>.

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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

Little Flowers

This month Little Flowers will be having a Family Game Night for parents and siblings of our Little Flower participants. Bring your favorite game. Stay and play with parish friends and families from 5-7pm. Your Little Flower will

join the fun at 6:15.

All meetings are at the Ministry Center on Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:15 pm.

Schedule:

November 10
November 24

No meeting in December
January 12
January 26
February 9
February 23

To sign up please contact:

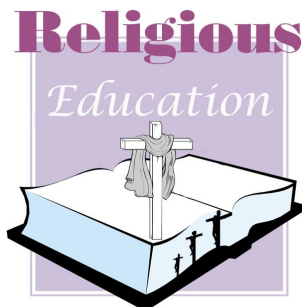
Brittany Brunning @ 549-1028.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Sunday Nov. 3rd turn back your clocks!!!!

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.

Home School: Packets are ready and can be picked-up at the Ministry Center during office hours. If you arrive after 4pm, please knock.

No Classes: November 10 All Programs (Veteran's Day) & November 24 @ Ministry Center (Holiday Bazaar)

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

- ◇ First Penance Workshop 11/16
1:00 pm @ St. Mary's



- ◇ First Penance Celebration
11/20 6:30 pm @ St. Mary's

Baptism: the "basis of the whole Christian life" (CCC, n. 1213)

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

Check out "Looking Ahead" for future meeting dates.

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

Parish News

Special Masses

11/1 All Saints Day (Holyday of Obligation, 8:30am @ St. Pat's & 5:00pm @ St. Mary's

11/2 All Souls Day 8:30am @ St. Pat's

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

St. Francis & St. Clare Annual Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show

Saturday November 23rd at the Ministry Center, 25 Center St. 8am—2pm.

It is a great time to start your Christmas shopping.

* **Over 45 Vendors**

* Lunch & Dessert:

- + eat in or take out
- +homemade chicken soup,
- +egg & olive sandwiches,
- +PIES and more

* Cookie & Candy Walk

- +homemade & sold by the pound

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.

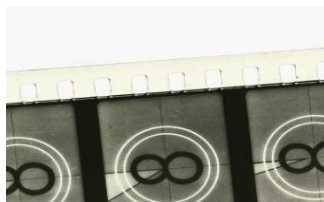
November Dates: Mondays 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18 & 12/2.

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

Cinema Divina

November 13, 6:30 pm, St. Patrick's Rectory

View **"The Jeweller's Shop"**, the story of a mysterious jeweller & the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. An all-star cast of Burt Lancaster, Olivia Hus-



sey and Ben Cross shine in this film based on the book by Pope John Paul II.

Movie goodies provided!

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

Coming WED., DEC. 11, 6:30 pm, St. Patrick's Rectory

"JOSHUA"

Based on the best-selling novel by Joseph Girzone that touched the lives of millions, Joshua is an inspirational story about a stranger whose mysterious "supernatural" powers inspire a small town. It is a modern parable about how faith, hope and love can transform our world.

Family Faith Formation

WE ARE CONNECTED!!!!

Households of Faith

Use the link below to access the webinars.

<http://homelinks.dor.org>

Click on "Webinar Archive"

Enter **Username: SFSC**

Password: family

Click on the session you would like

to view. Speakers or headphones required.

Faith Formation Office Hours
Mon, Wed & Thur 9-6
Tue 9-4, Fri 9-12
Sundays during RE

While there check out all the resources available. Go through all the sections:

- * **News**
- * **Family Faith Resources**
- * **Webinar Archives**

Resources

Spiritual Pilgrim

Roman Catholics believe that our spiritual journey begins with a relationship with Jesus Christ. We are never alone on this journey - we find others who will walk with us, pray with us, and challenge us.

'The Spiritual Pilgrim' website is

created and maintained by the Department of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, New York.

Check out all the videos



they have to offer. Ask questions or find the answers to commonly asked questions. This week they are showing "day of the dead" celebration. Then go to the archive and see other videos.

<http://spiritualpilgrim.dor.org/>

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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

November

- Rehearsal for RE Mass 11/29
@ St. Mary's 6-7 pm

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
- Religious Education Mass
12/8 9:30 @ St. Mary's
- Immaculate Conception Mass
12/9 @ St. Pat's 8:30 am
- Cinema Divina 12/11 (pg 3)

