



St. Francis & St. Clare Roman Catholic Community

Faith Formation News

Operation Rice Bowl

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

Operation Rice Bowl will be this years Lenten Project. Your youngest child will be bringing home an introduction letter, a rice bowl and a calendar that has two minute reflections for each day. Please take this opportunity during our most Holy time of year to come together as a family, on a personal and community level.

What is CRS Rice Bowl?

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for parishes, schools and families. Participating Catholics fast, pray, and give during Lent, following Jesus' call to live in solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable.

25 percent of your donations go to hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in your own community.

What is a CRS Rice Bowl?

A cardboard or home-made Rice Bowl is the traditional tool used to

collect your Lenten alms. You can also track your alms digitally with a CRS Rice Bowl app (coming soon.)

A Calendar is provided with each cardboard Rice Bowl to provide inspiration for your Lenten journey. Daily reflections, weekly prayers, meatless recipes and stories of hope from around the world will inspire you through the 40 days of Lent.

To learn more go to www.ricebowl.org.

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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 & Blue Knights

Little Flowers & Blue Knights: Meeting

February 16th & 23rd
5-6:15

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

Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth Initiative

We will be planning a Family Lenten Service. Please be on the look out for details

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: 2/2 Middle School, 2/16 & 2/23 ALL

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

Sponsor/Candidate, Meeting

Feb 5th, 7 pm, Ministry Center

Rite of Enrollment Confirmation

2/9/14 @ St. Mary's 9:30 am Mass

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

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.

Confirmation, Baptism and Eucharist form a unity as the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. "Without Confirmation and Eucharist, Baptism is certainly valid and efficacious, but Christian initiation remains incomplete" (CCC, n. 1306).

Parish News

Ash Wednesday Celebrations

St. Mary's 8:30am Mass/Ashes

5:30pm Word/Ashes

St. Pat's Noon Word/Ashes

7:00pm Mass/Ashes

Living Stations

Students from all grades are welcome to participate in Living Stations. If your child would like to participate in this living prayer con-

tact 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.

The Stations of the Cross are an old tradition of our Church. This devotion began in the Middle Ages when Christians longed to make a pil-

grimage to the Holy Land, but found this impossible. Instead we trace the journey of Jesus along the Way of the Cross to Calvary in our own Church.

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*.

February Dates: Mondays 2/3, 2/10 & 2/24. **No Class:** 2/17

“33 Days to Morning Glory” A Do-It-Yourself Retreat- Consecration To Jesus Through Mary

Introduction Meeting Jan 9, 7pm @
Ministry Center

Optional Small Group Sessions:
Jan 16, 23, 30 Feb 6 & 9 Ministry
Center 7pm. Contact Marie Leo
651-4351 to register.

Stay Tuned for Parish Lenten Programs.



Family Faith Formation

Six ways to teach your children the faith, By Catherine O'Connell-Cahill **Handing on the faith to one's children is a learn-as-you-go thing.**

Often you find your heart in your mouth, like the day you drove off from the hospital with your first baby and thought wildly, “They’re letting us take this kid out of here?!” Many parents likewise find their confidence failing them when

they learn the church has proclaimed them their children’s “first and foremost educators” in the faith. Our first reaction is often, “Who, me?” Although we may discuss toilet-training methods with complete strangers, we seldom ask others just how they hand on the faith. Here, then, are six family practices, honed in the everyday whirlwind that is parenthood.

To everything there is a season

**Talk about what you believe
Find some allies
Press play
Pitch in
Make Mass a habit**

Read the complete article at:
<http://www.uscatholic.org/life/everyday-spirituality/2012/02/show-and-tell-six-ways-teach-your-children-faith#sthash.QynWpI08.dpuf>

Volunteers Needed

Alter Servers: Boys or girls in 4th grade or 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

FEBRUARY

- **CANCELED Middle School Program 2/2/14**
- 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 Feb 6 & 9 @ Ministry Center 7pm
- Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Meeting 2/5 @ MC 7:00pm
- Rite of Enrollment Confirmation 2/9 @ St. Mary's 9:30 am

MARCH

- ◆ Religious Education Mass
3/2 @ St. Mary's 9:30 am
- ◆ **Ash Wednesday Mass** 3/5 @
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Mass/Ashes
5:30pm Word/Ashes

St. Pat's Noon Word/Ashes
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