



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

**Faith Formation News**

**The Canonization of Popes John XXIII & John Paul II**

The cause for sainthood normally begins five years after the holy person's death. Usually a promoter group is formed. This might be a diocese, a religious order or even a parish.

The bishop obtains permission from the Vatican to do so. He then usually forms a diocesan tribunal, or special court, to assist him.

Witnesses are called to this tribunal to explain the things they saw or heard that demonstrated heroic virtues of faith, hope and charity, or "cardinal virtues," which are prudence, justice,

temperance, fortitude and others specific to the proposed saint's life.

Once the bishop and his diocese complete their investigation, all of the material they have gathered and their reports are sent to the Vatican's Congregation to the Causes of Saints.

If those members of the Congregation believe the cause should move forward, the cause is passed on to the pope for his approval. A decree is drafted and read/published publicly, and the holy person is now called Venerable.

For a person to move

toward beatification, whereby they are called Blessed, a miracle attributed to the potential saint is necessary. Documentation of the miracle is given canonical (official Church) examination.

If the conclusion is positive, the pope can then decide to beatify the person. A feast day is generally assigned to that candidate as well.

For sainthood, a second miracle attributed to the intercession of the person is needed and must go through the same examination.

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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



If accepted, the pope may decide to declare the beatified person, Saint.

EWTN will be televising the ceremony. Here is the

**Dates/Times:** 4/27 @ 3:30am  
 4/27 @ 7:00pm  
 4/28 @ 11:00pm  
 4/29 @ 12am

**Channels:**

DirecTV 370, TWC 43/460, Dish 261

## Religious Education

### Welcome Back!!!

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather we are having.

Only 4 weeks left of classes.

**MC & SJB:** 4/27, 5/4, 5/11 & 5/18

**Middle School:** 4/27, 5/11 & 5/18

Thank you to all the children that participated in the procession on Palm Sunday. You did a great job.

Our next Religious Ed Mass is

**5/18/14 @** St. Patrick's Church. This Mass will involve the children from **ALL** three programs as well as the children's choir. We will be walking the SJB classes over however, they will be sitting with their families. Please meet us there. Be sure to make eye contact with the teachers before taking your child.

**Choir/Reader Practices:** Fri, 5/2 & 5/16, St. Pat's @ 5:30pm

Here is my plea for help. We have 125 families registered in the RE Programs. A great family communi-

ty project would be to run a booth for one shift at the SFSC Festival (see Family Faith Formation for details). Confirmation candidates an awesome way to continue helping your faith family. Eighth graders, a great way to start high school with 3 hours of community service already completed. There are more than enough shifts to go around.

Please let me know if you are willing to help, 651-4351.

Don't forget our webpage:

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

## Sacraments

### 1st Eucharist:

**Rehearsal 4/26:** St. Pat's 11:30am

**Mass 4/27:** St. Pat's 2:00pm

### Confirmation:

**Rehearsal: 5/5:** St. Pat's @7:00pm

**Mass 5/6:** St. Pat's @ 7:00pm

**The Sacraments convey and celebrate God's Grace. The Eucharist, instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper. Confirmation celebrates the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

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

*Thank you to All who helped in the preparation of the Sacraments.*

## Parish News

### Special Masses

**Divine Mercy Service 4/27,** 12:30pm @ St. Mary's

**May Crowning 5/11,** 11:00am @ St. Patrick's

**Religious Education Mass 5/18,** 11:00am @ St. Patrick's

**Ascension Vigil Mass 5/28,** 7:00pm @ St. Mary's

**Ascension Mass 5/29,** 8:30am @ St. Patrick's



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## Adult Education

### R.C.I.A

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

Easter Vigil at St. Francis and St. Clare Parish was a joyful celebration of new life - most especially for our RCIA Candidates. The Vigil marked the end of a year long journey to the reception of the Easter Sacraments for Brandy Burns-Hadfield who was baptized. Elizabeth Winters-Avery and James Tanner completed their initiation into the Catholic Church. All three re-

ceived the Eucharist for the first time and were confirmed. Congratulations, Brandy, Liz and Jim. Welcome home! May you grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ every day...



## Family Faith Formation

### St. Francis & St. Clare Parish Festival 2014 July 24, 25, 26

Looking for parents and students to adopt or work a children's game booth. Adoption refers to finding a team to cover a booth the 3 days of the festival. The team can work 1, 2 or 3 days, it is up to the team leader. The game booths are open 6:30pm-9:00pm.

High school requirements for graduation include community service hours. Volunteering at the festival could be a great start for students graduating from the 8th grade. Please contact the guidance department at the student's respective school of attendance PRIOR to completing this community service opportunity.

The booths are completely set up

and stocked ready to go each night. There is no money exchange, only ticket collection. Persons under 16yrs of age are required to have an adult with them in the game booth. This is a fun event for families to work together!

Please contact Donna Favia @ 315-651-4351 for additional information or to sign up to work a booth.

## Volunteers Needed

### Vacation Bible School

Yes it is that time of year again. This year VBS will be held Aug. 11-15. Looking for parents and children (grade 6 & up) to help out. For more information, contact Gretchen Micio, 651-4351.

### Alter Servers

If your child is interested, please contact the faith formation office. Looking to set training for mid-May.

### Parish Festival

Kids Game Booths are in need of volunteers to run them. (See Above)

### 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

### APRIL

- **1st Eucharist Rehearsal**  
4/26, St. Pat's @ 11:30am
- **Divine Mercy Service** 4/27,  
St. Mary's @ 12:00pm
- **1st Eucharist Celebration**  
4/27, St. Pat's @ 2:00pm

### MAY

- **RE Mass Rehearsal** 5/2,  
St. Pat's @ 5:30pm
- **Confirmation Rehearsal** 5/5,  
St. Pat's @ 7:00pm
- **Confirmation Celebration**  
5/6, St. Pat's @ 7:00pm

- **May Crowning** 5/11, St.  
Pat's @ 11:00pm
- **RE Mass Rehearsal** 5/16, St.  
Pat's @ 5:30pm
- **Last Class for ALL RE Pro-  
grams** 5/18, MC, SJB & MS  
& RE Mass, St. Pat's @ 11am
- **Memorial Day** 5/26, Office  
Closed
- **Ascension Vigil Mass** 5/28,  
St. Mary's @ 7:00pm
- **Ascension Mass** 5/29, St.  
Pat's @ 8:30am

