



St. Francis & St. Clare Parish

Weekly Bulletin

*Welcome, Parishioners and Visitors.
We are glad you attended Mass with us this week.*

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Catholic Daughters: Patty Agnello
Music Ministry:
St. Patrick's - Jennifer Cornwell
St. Mary's 5pm - Kate Small
St. Mary's 9:30am - Bob Dinan



The Mission of St. Francis & St. Clare Parish

Through Baptism we are called by God, rooted in Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, to support and nurture a Catholic Christian Community:

- To learn, to love and to share our faith
- To worship in word and sacrament centered in the Eucharistic celebration
- This calls us to social justice to service those in need and to work together for God and one another



Rev. James D. Fennessy

St. Patrick's Church



95 West Bayard Street • Seneca Falls, NY 13148
Masses: Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

St. Mary's Church



33 Center Street • Waterloo, NY 13165
Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM • Sunday 9:30 AM
Monday 5:30 PM • Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM
Confession: St. Mary's Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM or by Appt.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 8 (Mi 5 : 1-4a/Mt 1 : 1-16, 18-23)

5:30pm – (SM) Communion Service

Tuesday, September 9 (Col 2 : 6-15/Lk 6 : 12-19)

8:30am – (SM) Dendis Family by Family

Wed. September 10 (Col 3 : 1-11/Lk 6 : 20-26)

8:30am – (SM) Donald R. Eshenour by Family

Thursday, September 11 (Col 3 : 12-17/ Lk 6 : 27-38)

8:30am – (SP) Frank Saracino by Herb & Marianne Meyer

Friday, September 12 (1 Tm 1 : 1-2,12-14/Lk 6 : 39-42)

8:30am – (SP) Pat Rosata by Family

Saturday, September 13 (1 Tm 1 : 15-17/Lk 6 : 43-49)

8:30am – (SP) Jane & Jerry Bortz & All Souls in Purgatory by
Flora Novak

5:00pm – (SM) Chester Ferguson by Jane Esposito & Ferguson
Family

Sunday, September 14 (Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17)

8:00am – (SP) Nellie Santamour by Jane Esposito

9:30am – (SM) Stephan Hopkins by Family

11:00am – (SP) John Buffone by Jean & Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR 9/13 & 9/14/25

St. Mary's Church

LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

5:00 pm –Lector: J. Bells; Commentator: T. Smith

9:30 am – Lector: R. Capozzi; Commentator: L. Shipley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm – C. Felber, E. Hughes, S. Scarpa

9:30am – M. Grillone, D. Duprey, N. Dinan

MONEY COUNTERS FOR 9/9

Team # 2



Is God calling you to serve? The Faith Formation Team is in search of new team members. We need you in Religious Education for grades K-7, Confirmation for grades 8-9, or Youth Group. Please prayerfully consider joining us. The blessings that come from working with God's children are many. For more information, speak with Kathleen or Pamela at 315-651-4351 or email Kathleen.Miller@dor.org or Pamela.Kane@dor.org

Nursing Home Communion Service

Seneca September 11 @ 10:30 am

Jim (P), Tony, Corky, Kathy

CALENDAR

Monday September 8

Social Ministry Meeting -Ministry Center 4:15 pm

Tuesday September 9

Free Pancake Breakfast-Min.Ctr. 8:30-10:00 am

Festival Wrap Up Meeting-Min. Ctr. 5:30 pm

K of C Meeting – Ministry Center 7:00 pm

Wednesday September 10

Catholic Daughters Meeting – SMS 12:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration – SP Church 5-6:00 pm

Thursday September 11

Eucharistic Adoration – SM Church 9:30am-4:00 pm

Seneca NH Communion Service 10:30 am

Friday September 12

Saturday September 13

Baptism Prep Class-Ministry Center 9:00 am

1st Reconciliation Parents Meeting-Min. Ctr. 10:15 am

Hunger Collection

Sunday September 14

Religious Ed. Registration-Min.Center 9:00 am-1:00 pm

1st Family Faith Day-Ministry Center 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Confirmation Year 1 & 2-SP Rectory 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Hunger Collection

Confession – St. Mary's – Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm

St. Patrick's – 1st Friday's 9:00-10:00 am
or by appointment

MEMORIAM

Sandra Haines



FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Beginning Tuesday, September 2 at the Ministry Center from 8:30 – 10:00 am. All are welcome; come and bring a friend !
Enjoy a menu of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, coffee, OJ, tea and hot chocolate.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST CREW FOR 9/9

J & J Scholl, S. Ryan, N. Zona, D. Allen, V. Swinehart

MEN'S RETREAT

Notre Dame Retreat House has scheduled the last two Men's Retreats for the year – September 12-14 and October 24-26. In concert with the Church's Jubilee year theme of "Hope", the retreat theme is "Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope". Information and registration can be obtained through the website www.notredameretreat.org or call 585-394-5700. You can also contact our Parish representative Ray Rivet at rrivet@aol.com or 315-577-2282.

Week of 9/6/25– 9/12/25

St. Mary's – SANCTUARY LAMP
Rose Marie Conner
Offered by: Renee House

ALTAR BREAD & WINE
Rose Marie Conner
Offered by: Renee House

St. Patrick's – SANCTUARY LAMP

ALTAR BREAD & WINE
Anthony & Josephine DeStefano
Offered by: Family

ANGELUS BELLS

9/8	SM SP	Mark Kubasik
9/9	SM SP	Amelio Nicandri
9/10	SM SP	
9/11	SM SP	Marr Family
9/12	SM SP	Cammuso Family
9/13	SM SP	
9/14	SM SP	

The cost to have the Angelus bells rung in memory of a relative or an occasion is \$10. There are many dates available.

Pray for our sick & homebound...Joan Mooney, Diane Macaluso, Don Dwello, Mila Rae, Haley Rodger, Nico Hadyk, Sue Mitchell, James, Stephen Gillen, Myrna Manning Pollino, Jack Morabito, Elizabeth Martin, Thomas P. Callaghan, Paul F. Deal, Matthew Enger, Dave Russell, Edith Greene, Helen Boenigk, H.A.D., Frank & Joyce Tedesche, Christopher Podgorny, Doug & Rosemary Plank & family, Bob & Dolly Steinhouse, Joanna Gould, Dr. Steven Ryan, Amy Marie Maloney Farr, Dan Hogen, Sr. Catherine Judge, Judy, Glenn Paul, April Lanphear, Hannah & her family, Tenley Gurreri, Jayden Jensen, Kendra, Christopher Jones, Doris Crawford Mitchell, Brian Oddi, Kay & family, Lisa, Anna Boise, Nancy Versteg, James Pokrzywa, Bruce Gilbert, Pat Panek, Todd Gaglianese, Sandy & Gene Lopez, Bill O'Hora, Georgine Rosata, Vince & Bonnie Piscitelli, Timothy Youngs, Linda Arichiello, Randy Doty, Don, S.M., V.C, Mary Emilius, Tish Zepp, Michele V., Anna Wilkes, Jimmy Lamson, Scott Jones, Marsha Ryck, Terri M., AMM, LMM, JAM, Madeline DiManno, Betty Bellomo Levesque, Fran Barbieri, Kaydi Heins, Kathy Harper, Keith Stahl, Bob Sandroni, Marylou Murdock, Laura Worden, Anna Ellis, Holly Jones, Judy Ellis, Stacey Jansen, K.M., Patty Lewis, Cheryl DeMillo, Jeff Page, T.H., E.B.L., Joel Rivera, Kay Eighmey, Richard Schweitz Jr., Barb Twist, Megan Seneca, Dorothy Rizzo, Anne Cannuli, Keith Gibbs, Jeremy Andrews, Michele, Alexis Eldrige, Marcia Harrison, Roxanne Starry, Mary Ann Dambrosia, Ellen Moon, Bob B, Kathleen Talcott, Dolores Boeticker, Marie Ramson, Jonah Decory, Marcella Hill, Eleanor Jackson, Karen Jenkins, Jayden Moone, Loretta C, Dorothy & John Euchlund, R.C., Mary Jo Semler, Ron Barnhart, Joseph Lotto, William Cathy, Dale Trout Jr., Ellen Clark, Kathy Cole, LM, Jesse Alcott, Amber Moses, Eric Gelsomino, Felicia Strong, Asa Poorman, Marjorie Edmeston, William Johnson Jr., M. Claire M, Miranda Y, Colleen VanCamp, Cathy Woods, Tyler Sheldon, Marilyn, Amy Roepnack, Cindy Brown, Orion, John Gnell, Julia Kennedy, David Smith, Mary Harrin, Maria C. Norman, Judy Hoffman, Ann Passifione, Gianna, Ashley Stillwell, Lucille Cook, Mary Lou's Intentions, Kathy, Judy Bauer, Michael Cunningham, Judy Wheaton, Carol Eck, Mary Ebers, Rose Nehring, Margaret Nardi, Tim O'Mara, John Bennett, Cory Steinbacker, Robin Ryan, Jarrod Ticconi, Cindy Schlegel, Emily Venturelli, Wendy Goodman, Bonnie, Lauren, Maureen Jusko, Neal Wood, Robin Jock, Zachary M., Kelly, Jay Colin, Rebecca Carson, Rebecca Tuccio, Trevor Cauler, Patricia L., Cheryl Lewis, Marilyn Dickinson, Lainie Forde, Misty Clark, Kitty Allenza, Jesse Pardee, Pat Battley, & all of our sick

Please note: We are trying to keep the prayer list updated – if you would like to be added to or **deleted** from the list, please call the parish office at 539-2944 or 651-4349.

"The life of the body is the soul; the life of the soul is
God"
Saint Anthony of Padua

All is Well With My Soul

At a recent funeral, I heard Jennifer Cornwell sing “All is Well With My Soul”, a hymn first written by Horatio Spafford. While I have heard the hymn before, I was particularly touched by it that day. The hymn went through my head many times. I came to find out that the hymn had a very interesting and spiritual background. As the story goes, Horatio Spafford was a successful lawyer who had invested in a great deal of property in the Chicago area. In the Great Chicago fire of 1871, he lost much of his investment. Troubles continued as his young son died of pneumonia, as well as losing money in 1873 due to an economic downturn. After experiencing many sorrows, he sent his family, a wife and four daughters, by ship to Europe for a vacation. Horatio would follow later due to pressing financial matters. The ship carrying his family collided with another vessel and sunk; all four daughters died. His wife is said to have sent him a telegram that read “Saved alone! What shall I do?” Horatio made his way by ship to meet his grieving wife. When he got to the place where his daughters drowned, Horatio, a devout Christian, was inspired to write the hymn, “All is Well With My Soul.” The following is just the first verse:

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

The sorrows like the “sea billows roll,” refer to his great sorrow at the loss of his daughters at sea. His lot in life was very difficult, but amidst his sorrows there was peace that was with him because of his faith in the Providence of God. He would eventually turn away from material things and start a very spiritual journey in life. We may experience sorrows in our own lives or see them play out in the world around us, but like Horatio Spafford, may we always be reminded of the presence of God in our lives, so that whatever happens, we too can say ‘All is well with my soul’.

Gaza

The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, wrote to the bishops of the United States concerning the “great pastoral concern for the ongoing crisis in Gaza,” noting “the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions.”

In addition to asking for prayers for all affected by this situation, Archbishop Broglio provided two ways to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East: Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded; and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies, and care for people’s emotional well-being. Both organizations have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allow them to respond quickly and efficiently

For Catholic Relief Services (CRS):

Donate online: <https://www.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict>

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MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

St. Francis & St. Clare Parish will again be following a food collection schedule developed by several area churches. Each church will collect specific items for the House of Concern and CAP each month. Although we are given specific items to collect, we will graciously accept **any** food or personal hygiene items. For the month of **September**, we will be collecting the following items for the House of Concern and CAP: **Canned Fruit and Hairbrushes**. Thank you so much for your continued support. Social Ministry Committee

SPIRITUALITY

The “**GATHERING RITE**” is a name descriptive of its purpose. According the Sacramentary, the purpose is to “make the assembled people a unified community and to prepare them properly to listen to God’s Word and celebrate the Eucharist.” We experience ourselves as a worshipping COMMUNITY. We acknowledge that we have come together to worship the Lord. We begin to pray together to be ready to hear God’s Word and to receive God’s Sacrament as that ASSEMBLY called together by God for this purpose.

St. Francis – St. Stephen’s School News

Toddler Storytime

Children 18 months – 3 years old and their caregiver are invited to join our Principal and the Pre-School class for a story, song, and craft each month. Come to the school at 17 Elmwood Avenue in Geneva the 1st Tuesday of the month from October till June at 10:00 am.
RSVP by the first Monday of the month 315-789-1828 or sfssdcs@dor.org so enough material is provided for all.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

September 7, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

COAT GIVE AWAY PROJECT

Once again, the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting new coats for children and teens for the coat giveaway in October.

We need coats for girl’s sizes 6-18, boy’s sizes 7-10 and adult sizes. Barrels will be in both churches from the September 6-7 weekend through the weekend of Oct. 11-12.

If you have any questions or if you need coats to be picked up, please contact Ellen Hughes @ 315-539-3674. Please help us keep local children warm this winter as you have so generously done in the past. Thank you.

FAMILY SPIRITUALITY WEEKLY TIP FOR:

9/7/2025 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Luke 14 : 25-33

After Mass, discuss these questions & brainstorm ideas & ways to implement them this week!

Adults: How do you try to discover what God is asking of you ?

Children: When is it hard for you to know the right thing to do? Who helps you know?

LET’S LIVE THE GOSPEL!!!!

The Sunday 8:00am Mass as well as daily Masses are live streamed on Facebook which is accessible on the website at sfscrcc.org

Total number of people at all the Masses on August 30 & 31 was approximately 481

*The Mass, mail-in & online contributions for the week of **August 30 & 31, 2025** was \$9,504.77
We thank you for your generosity!*

The Parish appreciates your attendance and support !!

Don't forget that we survive on the offerings of our parishioners. If you do not feel comfortable attending Mass, you can still send in your envelope or drop it off at the Ministry Center office. Online giving is also available now at <https://www.osvhub.com/sfscrss/funds> God bless you for your support.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

***Builders or hobbyists- we could use plywood scraps (better than contractors grade) They do not need to be very large. Please share this with people you know.

Our new classroom (Atrium) needs many supplies We need your Help!

wooden or nice metal boxes Ring size up to 12 x 12

small old fashioned wash board

trays with handles

1/3 cup dry measuring cup

Bar-soap dish (nice, preferably not plastic)

measuring spoons

short handled wooden spoons

natural sponges

Pin cushion (x2)

portable carpet sweeper (non-electric)

Small dustpan and broom

Crumb brush and dustpan

brass taper candle holders short

Mini ironing board

embroidery needles

Decorative beads for bead-stringing (not plastic craft beads)

Embroidery floss (red, blue, green, purple, white, orange, and yellow)

Mini watering can (with spout)

***Monetary Donations for the purchase of large rugs, wooden dioramas, and floor mats for child's work.



URGENT-Volunteers needed to work in our Confirmation and Youth Ministry programs! God will equip you if He is calling you. 315-651-4351 pamela.kane@dor.org



Please see calendar for upcoming sacramental start dates

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**BIG
NEWS**

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PRESENTS

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&

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