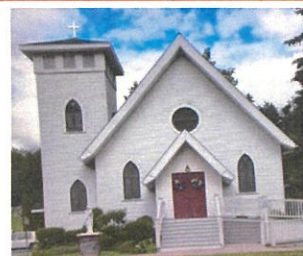




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SS JOACHIM & ANNE CATHOLIC PARISH



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January 16, 2022



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HOLY EUCHARIST:

If you know of someone in the parish who is homebound and would like Holy Communion, please call.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, Varysburg....4:00-4:15 pm

Sunday, Attica.....7:30-7:45 am

Also by appointment.

BAPTISMS:

Are celebrated during or after the Masses. Call the office.

TO BE A SPONSOR: You must be baptized, confirmed and attending Mass every week.

MARRIAGES:

Call for an appointment as soon as you make your commitment.

ANointing OF THE SICK:

Call the office as soon as possible.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS:

Please let us know when you or a loved one is in the hospital.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

New members are welcome to join our faith community.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 16, 2022

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot, Memorial

No Mass

Tuesday, January 18—Varysburg, 8:30 am

Parishioners

Wednesday, January 19—Attica, 8:30 am

Jerry Loranty

By Kay McDonald

Thursday, January 20—Varysburg, 8:30 am

Proulx Children

By Mom & Dad

Friday, January 21 — Attica, 8:30 am

St. Agnes Memorial

Teri Loranty Almeter

By Mom & Dad

Saturday, January 22—Varysburg, 4:30 pm

Travis Hoock

By Katie Geller

Sunday, January 23—Attica, 8:00 am

Proulx Children

By Dan Cardone

Varysburg, 9:30 am

Barbara & Philip Young

By Wil & Sally Young

Attica, 11:00 am

Ray & Pat Becker

By Richard & Barbara Gottschalk

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Sebastian, d. 288?

January 20 Memorial



The fact that many of the early saints made such a tremendous impression on the Church—awakening widespread devotion and great praise from the greatest writers of the Church—is proof of the heroism of their lives. Their legends may not be literally true, yet they may express the very substance of the faith and courage evident in their lives. The legend of St. Sebastian has him entering the Roman army so he could assist the martyrs without arousing suspicion. He exhorted imprisoned Christians to stand firm in their faith despite torture and death and was responsible for a number of conversions. He was Captain of the Praetorian Guard, and eventually Emperor Diocletian discovered the truth. He ordered Sebastian to be bound to a tree and killed with arrows. One of his biographers said he was shot so many times he looked like a hedgehog. Yet when a saintly widow came to bury him, she found him alive and nursed him back to health. He refused to flee and one day took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He accosted the emperor, denouncing him for his cruelty to Christians. When the emperor recovered from his shock, he ordered Sebastian to be beaten to death with clubs. That Sebastian was a martyr, was venerated at Milan as early as AD 350, and was buried on the Appian Way is fact. All else dates back no earlier than the 5th century and may be considered historically uncertain. But it is true that all saints witness to Jesus by word and action. A tough saint, Sebastian is the patron of athletes, soldiers and archers.

God has a plan for us...this plan for us is extremely important—so important that God became man to explain it to us.

~Saint John Paul II

Tax statements for 2021 are ready.
Call the rectory if you would like yours.

Liturgy for Next Week, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 Ps:19:8,9,10,15

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30 Gospel: Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**God loves us not because we are good
but because God is good.**

WEEKLY GIVING — Jan. 9

Regular.....\$4314.00
Buildings & Repairs.....\$323.00
Last year 1/10.....\$4600.00

*Thank you for your generosity!
Remember your church in your will.*

Faith Formation

Service—That word that evokes a wide range of thoughts. Whether it's the speed with which our curbside order is delivered or the quality of our internet connection, we often hear of good or bad "service." But service is something much more than these surface level acts or public utilities. It is what we are called to do for others out of the charity in our own hearts for our fellow man and for the Kingdom of God.

We are planning a Family Service Night on Friday, 1/28, 6:30-8:30 p.m., starting in the Auditorium. We are brainstorming ideas of ways, big and small, that we can serve our community and neighbors. We welcome your suggestions and **especially those of our Confirmation students** to help us create an evening where, in giving, we receive. Text ideas to Marlene at 716-207-1639. Flocknote coming with details soon.



January 22 is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the day established by the Church for penance for abortion, and it has been formally named as the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." We lift up the unborn in prayer today and ask for God's mercy on our nation.

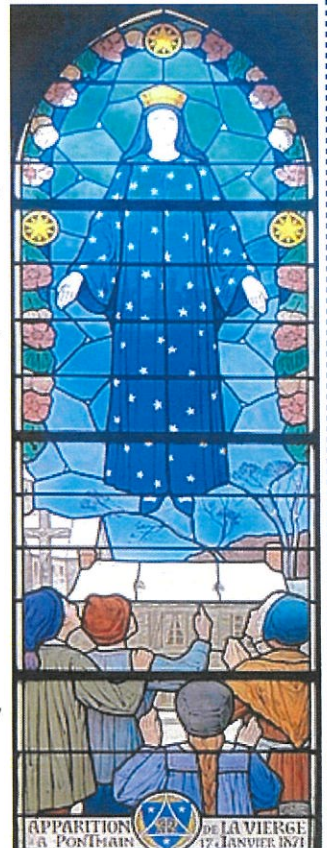
1 PETER 3:15

"Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you."

WHAT HAPPENED IN PONTMAIN, FRANCE?

Have you ever heard of Pontmain? There's no earthly reason you should know about it. It's a tiny village of less than 1,000 people in northwestern France. In 1871, Our Lady appeared to four children in Pontmain with a message of hope. At that time, Prussian armies had already taken control of Paris, were sweeping across northern France, and were about to descend upon Pontmain. The villagers were afraid and losing hope in the effectiveness of their prayers. Then on the night of January 17, four children could see Our Lady smiling down upon them from the starry sky above. When word got out, dozens of villagers gathered around. As they all prayed together, the children saw gold letters appear in the sky with the message: "But pray my children. God will hear you in a short time. My Son allows himself to be moved with compassion." Considering the village was on the brink of invasion, this message filled the villagers with a deep sense of relief. They all started singing the hymn "Mother of Hope" together. They no longer feared invasion. The villagers said,

"Even if the Prussians were at our gate, we would not lose hope!" A few days later, Prussian General Karl von Schmidt received orders to withdraw from the area near Pontmain. The general was quoted as saying, "We cannot go farther. Yonder, in the direction of Brittany, there is an invisible Madonna barring the way." Soon thereafter, France and Prussia signed an armistice, and the war was over. This appearance of Our Lady became known as the apparition of Our Lady of Hope. As our spiritual mother, Mary can help all of us attain the virtue of hope. Mother of Hope, pray for us! ~Fr. Donald Calloway



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

January 22 & 23

	EUCCHARIST	LECTORS
4:30 pm	Jim Kelly	Frank Nappo
8:00 am	Cathy Uhly	Bruce Camp
9:30 am	Janet Librock	Maureen Gardner
11:00 am	Terry Dick	Sheila Springer

Let us pray for those who have died, for those in the military and their families, and for those in need of God's healing:



Dec~ Randy Wilkins, Geno Slepinski, Bernice Rauth, Connor O'Neil, Maria Cunningham, Marsha Shuler, Peter Millen, Kirk Cochrane, Jonathan

Jan~ Jeff Rooney, Christine Wilczek, Shawn Knoop, Mike Grisko & Family, Anna Nutty, Janelle, Allan Stone, Bonnie & Fred P. , Muriel Breitkopf, Joanne Scagnelli, Jim Samsel

At the Marriage Feast of Cana, Mary had an opportunity to keep the love of her Son to herself alone. She had the choice of continuing to be only the Mother of Jesus. But she knew that she must not keep that love for herself alone under the penalty of never enjoying love to the fullest. If she would save Jesus, she must lose him. So she asked Him to work His first miracle, to begin His public life, and to anticipate the hour—and that meant His Passion and Death. At that moment, when she asked water to be changed into wine, she died to love Jesus as her Son and began to mount to that higher love for all whom Jesus would redeem when He died on the Cross. Cana was the death of the mother-Son relationship and the beginning of that higher love involved in the Mother-humanity, Christ-redeemed relationship. And by giving us her Son for the world, she eventually got Him back—even in the Assumption and the Coronation. ~Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Youth Rally, March & Mass for Life

Saturday, January 22, 2022

St. Gregory the Great Parish

200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

3:30-4:15 pm Youth Rally in Ministry Center

4:15-5:15 March for Life & Rosary on Maple Avenue

5:30 pm Mass in Church with Bishop Fisher celebrating

All are welcome. Parental oversight and face masks,

please. Dress for the weather, bring an appropriate

sign. See: <https://tinyurl.com/YouthMassforLife>

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Doors open at 2:00. Games begin at 2:30

\$10.00 per player

Cash prizes for top 3 players.

Refreshments available to purchase.

Reserve a seat by calling the rectory or drop registration form in collection.

There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

Lead, guide and inspire others.

~Martin Luther King Jr.

Q. Why don't ants get sick with COVID?

A. They have little anty bodies!



Parish Activities

~Tuesday, 1/18, Social Committee, 7 p.m. Attica basement

~Wednesday, 1/19, Book Club, 9:30 a.m. Attica basement

~Wednesday, 1/19, Young Adults, 6:30 p.m. Attica basement

~Sunday, 1/23, Confirmation Class, 4-6:30 p.m. in Aud.

Outside Activities

~Sunday, 1/16, WACY Meeting, 5-7:30 p.m., Weber Hall.

All youth grades 7-12 are welcome. Come check us out!

~Monday, 2/7, "God's Son, My Son," One-man play about

St. Joseph. w/Michael Sacilowski, 7 p.m. Our Lady of Pompeii, Lancaster