



St. Vincent's Site

# SS JOACHIM & ANNE CATHOLIC PARISH



St. Joseph's Site

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January 15, 2023



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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 15, 2023

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 14 — Varysburg, 4:30 pm

Parishioners

Sunday, January 15 — Attica, 8:00 am

Helene Zaremski

By Kathy, David & Joyce

— Varysburg, 9:30 am

Deceased Members of Murphy Family

By Estate

— Attica, 11:00 am

Doris Ellis

By Jeff & Liz Lavis

Monday, January 16

No Mass

Tuesday, January 17 — Varysburg, 8:30 am

Ray & Pat Becker

By Family

Wednesday, January 18 — Attica, 8:30 am

Margaret, Max, Stephen Szemplenski Sr.

By Stephen Szemplenski

Thursday, January 19 — Varysburg, 8:30 am

Parishioners

Friday, January 20 — Attica, 8:30 am

Jim Samsel

By Don Samsel

Saturday, January 21 — Varysburg, 4:30 pm

Kathleen Lell, Living,

In honor of 75th Birthday

By Marlene Lamparelli

Sunday, January 22 — Attica, 8:00 am

Terri Almeter

By Mom

— Varysburg, 9:30 am

Parishioners

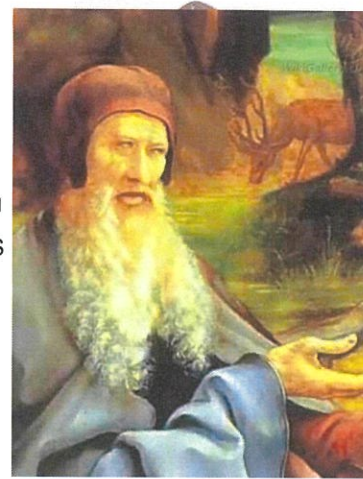
— Attica, 11:00 am

Parishioners

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

*St. Anthony*

*January 17 Memorial*



Anthony was born in 251 in Upper Egypt. When his well-to-do Christian parents died, Anthony distributed his inheritance, placed his sister in a convent, and at age 20 became a hermit in a tomb in a cemetery, hence his title, Patron of Grave-diggers. He lived a life of prayer, penance, and often ate only bread and water. He engaged in struggles with the devil and had temptations that are legendary. After about a dozen years, in quest of greater solitude, he took up residence in an old fort atop a mountain, living in complete solitude and eating only whatever was thrown to him over the wall. After about 20 years he organized the colony of ascetics that had grown up around his retreat into the first Christian monastery. At age 60 he hoped to be a martyr in a renewed Roman persecution, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving support to those in prison. At age 88 he went to fight the Arian heresy, that "mule kicking over the altar" which denied the divinity of Christ. Upon his return, Anthony retired to a cave on Mount Kolzim, where he received visitors, dispensed advice and was consulted by anyone, from the humblest monk to Emperor Constantine. Anthony's symbols are: a Book, recalling his preference for the book of nature; a Cross, meaning the power over evil; a Pig, symbolizing the devil, or because a medieval order bearing his name was allowed to let its pigs run free in the streets. Lest we be misled by Anthony's asceticism, it was said of him, "Strangers knew him from among his disciples by the joy on his face." Anthony was allowed to die in solitude at the age of 105.

*Excerpted from Saint of the Day & Dictionary of Saints*

January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Ecumenism, the movement toward Christian unity, can be messy at times. But our heavenly Father wants to see all his children love each other and be united. By journeying together we can help each other be better Christians. Let us pray that we can be blessed with the friendship of all Christian faith traditions.

### Liturgy for Next Week, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 8:23-9:3

Ps: 27:1, 4, 13-14

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Mt 4:12-23

Being kind is more rewarding than being right.



## WEEKLY GIVING — Jan. 8

Regular.....	\$3507.00
Buildings & Repairs.....	\$1259.00
Initial Envelope.....	\$103.00
Last Year 1/9.....	\$4314.00

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

### FAITH FORMATION

Brother Prashanth, encouraged by Fr. George to become a priest a few years ago, has been accepted to complete seminary studies in the Diocese of San Antonio, Texas! He will complete the required studies, perform active ministry and be ordained as a Diocesan Priest to serve in America! Anyone who met this young vibrant soul last spring was quickly aware of his genuine warmth and love for God. It is his desire to become a priest and serve the Catholic Church in America. Prashanth is in need of assistance, however. His father and mother have exhausted their resources for his travel expense and International Visa application. Prashanth still has to purchase specific clerical dress, books, and dormitory supplies. Unlike a college student who may be able to take a part time job during studies, Prashanth must adhere to a full-time commitment in his formation. He humbly asks for our help. If you would like to contribute towards his needed supply list or provide some ongoing assistance during the next few semesters, please contact the Rectory. We pray for vocations to the priesthood, and here is a young man we've come to know, at the doorstep of Ordination! He will be a gift to any American parish he serves during his lifetime here.



## Update!!!

Prashanth contacted us to inform that his Student Visa has been approved, the final puzzle piece! His plans to start in Texas this Semester are being realized. We are still collecting assistance for him. It will be sent once he arrives. We will provide his address for ongoing correspondence too. He thanks everyone for their prayers that have helped in his journey toward the priesthood.

## 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."*

### ARE THERE BIBLICAL ORIGINS OF THE SACRAMENTS?

The seven sacraments are visible signs of God's grace and each was instituted by Christ himself and passed on by the Church. Evolving over the centuries, seven was not always the number of sacraments; at times there were from two to thirty. At the 16th century Council of Trent, the bishops affirmed the seven and made them an article of faith. But where are the sacraments listed in the Bible? There is no such list, but the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church are clearly established in sacred Scriptures. The baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist foreshadows all baptisms and established the sacrament (Mt 3:3-17). Jesus later defined its need to Nicodemus in John 3:15. There are at least four other examples of baptism in the book of Acts. At the Last Supper Jesus instituted the Most Holy Eucharist as a sacrament. This we celebrate at every Mass when the priest repeats the words of Jesus: "Take and eat; this is my body... this is my blood" (Mt 26:26-29). There are scriptural examples of the apostles laying hands on the newly baptized and others; this confirming act was part of blessings, healings and instilling the Holy Spirit and is reiterated several times in the book of Acts (8:14-17). Jesus on the night of his resurrection confers to his apostles the ability to forgive sins by specifically saying, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:21-23). Previously known as Extreme Unction, the Anointing of the Sick is given to the ill, aged, or those near death. In Mark's Gospel (6:7,13) Jesus gives his apostles authority to anoint the sick with oil. Jesus spells out the permanent quality of marriage in Matthew's Gospel (19:1-2). In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul compares the bond of marriage to the bond between Jesus and the Church (Eph 5:32). The Church would not exist except for Jesus instituting the sacrament of Holy Orders when he said, "Do this in memory of me" in Luke's Gospel (22:19). All seven sacraments were formally instituted by Christ and passed down from the earliest days of the Church.

Excerpted from Our Sunday Visitor 6/26/22



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF JANUARY 21 & 22

	EUCCHARIST	LECTORS
4:30 pm	H Jacob Minkel C Dee Gutowski C Jim Kelly	Frank Nappo
8:00 am	H Tricia Ziegler C Mary Wert C Jack Kellner	Cathy Uhly
9:30 am	H Lisa Simons C Sue Kaney C Emma Neamon	Tom Liebler
11:00 am	H Lee Werner C Keith Werner C Joyce Horner	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~ Geno Slepinski, Joanne Wert, Peter Millen,  
Maria Cunningham, Mauricio Gomez, Jeff Rooney,  
Becky Carson, Roger Torry

Jan~ Debbie Beach, Bernice Rauth, Jolyn Gorski, Randy Wilkins,  
Burke Markle, Jonathan, Diane Uhly Shirley, Joe Krugel



The New Year gives us new opportunities to grow in strength and holiness. The Holy Spirit helps us with the following gifts:

Counsel—to enable us to judge, weigh and make right choices

Fortitude—to help us remain firm under pressure

Knowledge—to see various dimensions of an issue to determine action

Piety—to know we are children of God, ready to serve

Wisdom—to stay focused on God's will and plan for us

Understanding—to see with heart, mind and truth

Fear of the Lord—to respect God and creation with wonder and awe

**Tax statements for 2022 are ready. Call the rectory (591-1228) if you would like yours.**

St. Joseph Regional School will be hosting an Open House for prospective families on Sunday, January 29, at 10 am. For information or to register, please call the school at 585-343-6154 or email [noneil@sjsbatavia.org](mailto:noneil@sjsbatavia.org)

**Tour Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels in Olean Fridays, January 20 and 27 at 1 pm. No need for reservations. Discover the Basilica's beautiful art, architecture, windows and history. For more info visit <https://www.smaolean.org/>**

Q. Why did Adam & Eve do math every day?  
A. They were told to be fruitful and multiply! 😊

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Human progress comes through the tireless efforts of men willing to be co-workers with God.

~Martin Luther King Jr.

## MANGER TO MOUNT CALVARY

It was not so much that His birth cast a shadow on His life and led to His death; it was rather that the Cross was there from the beginning, and it cast its shadow backward to His birth. The manger and the Cross thus stand at the two extremities of the Savior's life. He accepted the manger because there was no room in the inn; He accepted the Cross because men said, "We will not have this man for our king." Disowned upon entering, rejected upon leaving, He was laid in a stranger's grave at the end. An ox and an ass surrounded His crib at Bethlehem; two thieves were to surround His Cross on Calvary. He was wrapped in swaddling bands in His birthplace; He was again laid in swaddling cloths in His tomb. *From Life of Christ, Fulton Sheen*

## Parish Activities

- ~Tuesday, 1/17, Social Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Attica basement
- ~Wednesday, 1/18, Book Club, 9:30 am, Attica basement
- ~Thursday, 1/19, Pillar Meeting, 6:30 pm, Attica basement
- ~Sunday, 1/22, Faith Formation, 10:30-12, Varysburg

## Outside Activities

- ~Thursday, 1/20, In-person Meat Raffle, St. Joseph School, 2 Summit St., Batavia. Presale tickets: \$10/ea. or \$60/table of 8. [www.sjsbatavia.org](http://www.sjsbatavia.org)
- ~Monday, 2/13, "The Road to Gethsemane" talk w/ Fr. Rich Siepka. Our Lady of Pompeii, Lancaster. 7 pm. Free event.