



St. Paul's Catholic Church

St. Rita's Oratory

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Deacon: William S. Raven, Retired

July 21, 2019

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Also by Appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the Pastor.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE 7/14/19

St. Paul's: Envs. & Plate: \$835.00

St. Mary's: Envs. & Plate: \$881.00



SECOND COLLECTION: In your packets for July 28 there is an envelope for the missions. This collection will be taken later in August.



The **ROSARY** will be recited at St. Paul's on Thursday's after mass.

MASS INTENTIONS and WEEKLY MEMORIALS at

ST. PAUL'S: If you wish to schedule a Mass for a deceased family member or friend, or in honor of someone, or for a special intention, please call the Parish Office at 315-773-5672 and/or contact St. Mary's Church, Evans Mills, NY at 315-629-4678, or drop your request in the collection basket. (Mass offerings are \$10.00.) Also available is Sanctuary Candle Dedications, Eucharistic Host and Wine. (These memorials are \$3.00 each.) Any one of these is a wonderful way to honor someone with a loving memorial. All will be published in the bulletin.

SP's REMEMBRANCE

BOOK: Available in the back of the Church for parishioners to insert names of people who they would like to be remembered during mass. This book will be brought up along with the gifts at Offertory time and placed on the altar.



NOTE FROM MSGR AUCOIN: See the back of this bulletin.

Please Notice This



SP's phone number is still: 315-773-5672.

Kareta, the current secretary at St. Mary's, has agreed to be in the office at St. Paul's on Tuesday and Thursday mornings until noon.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Saturday, July 20	4:00 PM (SM)	For the People of the Parishes
Sunday, July 21	9:00 AM (SM)	Intention of Mona Pelkey By Tues. Morning Coffee Group
	11:00 AM (SP)	Doris Bellinger By The Boucher Family

Liturgical Schedule for Week Day:

Monday, July 22	8:00 AM (SM)	Patricia Hickox By Susan Nortz
Tuesday, July 23	8:00 AM (SP)	William Walch By Father Decker
Wednesday, July 24	8:00 AM (SM)	Carol Kieb Goodier By Mary Sweredoski
Thursday, July 25	8:00 AM (SP)	Sister Carmeline D'Mello By Sister Flavia
Friday, July 26	8:00 AM (SM)	Margaret Mealus By George, Ed, Roz & Olive Russell



COFFEE HOUR in Parish Center

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Saturday, July 27	4:00 PM (SM)	Dottie Kelley By Bruce & Joan Johnson
Sunday, July 28	9:00 AM (SM)	Intention of Anna Delles By Her Family

11:00 AM (SP)

For the People of the Parishes

IN OUR PRAYERS: For peace in our world and in our lives; in gratitude for our nation's freedom; for all our military friends and families; for all our sick; for a safe summer for our children and youth; for all holiday travelers; and for all our departed.



Coffee hour on Tuesdays at 8:30 AM, St. Paul's Parish Center. All are welcome!

News Update

Comments from the Pastor

My time with you is quickly coming to an end. I will move to Waddington on July 28 which will also be the last Mass that I celebrate at St. Paul's. Fr. Jazmines will arrive on July 31. He will reside at St. Paul's Rectory. He will need some help unloading his belongings when he arrives. In next week's bulletin, I will have a more precise time for his arrival. During this week I hope to publish on the parish website the financial reports for St. Paul's and St. Rita's. This will be the final financial report for two separate parishes. As you know, as of July 1, there is one parish with the oratory of St. Rita's.

This time of transition is difficult for all of us. There is the transition of two parishes (St. Paul and St. Rita) into one (St. Paul), the transition of a parish (St. Mary) and two missions (St. Theresa and St. Joseph) into one (St. Mary). In addition, St. Paul and St. Mary are now linked together, two parishes with one pastor. To make the transition even more challenging, St. Paul has three pastors (Fr. Decker, Fr. Jazmines, and Msgr. Aucoin) between June 26 and August 1. Amidst all of this transition, there is 100% continuity, the presence of Jesus Christ in his church. Understand that the Church has been in transition ever since its foundation. Our living Church is a manifestation of many transitions. Amidst all of the human changes and transformations, there is a truth the glue keeping everything together: one Lord, one faith, one Baptism. No matter the transformation, the transition, the change, the structure of our Church continues as a living reality. Our obligation is to provide for the continued visible presence of Christ in our own lives and in the lives of the community where we live.

Concerning my move. I will move on Sunday, July 28. So, even though I know it's an imposition, it had to be on Sunday, July 28 in the early afternoon. I own only a recliner, 2 end tables, a lamp, a TV, a stereo, a stool and a book case. Everything else, especially books, can fit in boxes. So, I am looking for some able-bodied people who could help load the truck and then unload in Waddington. Travel time to Waddington is about 1.75 hours. If you can help with this project, let me know.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- "Mary has chosen the better part." Does a life of prayer and service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life attract you? Talk to Msgr. Aucoin or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/crussell@rcdony.org. See us also on Facebook or at www.myvocation.net.

FAMILY GUGGENHEIM 2019

Bring your family to the best weekend of the summer! Choose from three weekend sessions:

Session 1: August 15 – 18

Session 2: August 22 – 25

Session 3: October 11 – 13

Registration is open for Family Guggenheim 2019. Come pray and play with other faithful families, enjoy the beautiful mountains and lake, beach time, engaging workshops, and liturgies. Families of all sizes and ages are welcome!

For information contact Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader Family Guggenheim Directors at dleader@rcdony.org 315-323-0827 or

visit <https://www.rcdony.org/family-life/family-guggenheim.html>

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Elizabeth B. Browning states in her poem:

"Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God:
But only he who sees, takes off his shoes..."

Moses was instructed by God to take his shoes off and be aware of holy ground.

Where will you find "holy ground" this summer, and "take off your shoes?"



PRAYER LINE: If you wish to be a person who prays for the people on the Prayer Line, please call Virginia Martin at 315-773-5182; or to add someone to the Prayer Line, call Virginia and give the name and reason why the person should be on the Prayer Line (if permitted by the person). Also, if the petition has been granted, or if the person is deceased, or if you would like to give thanks for petitions received, please call Virginia.

SP's FOOD DRIVE: The Food Drive is on-going to help provide much needed food for the poor. You may put your non-perishable items in the boxes by the church entrances. The donations received at St. Paul's will be given to the food pantry in Evans Mills.

A PRAYER FOR MY PARISH:

Holy Spirit, my Guide and Counselor, I ask your blessing on my parish family. May our priest and other leaders continue to be living witnesses of your presence among us. May all of us grow spiritually and follow your gospel faithfully. In particular, may our weekly worship bind us closer to one another in faith and give you glory and praise.

May each family in our parish, from the youngest to the oldest, each baby, each child, each teenager, each parent, each elderly one among us, be especially blessed by you. May all of our families truly be "little churches" that, daily give you thanks and praise.

Thank you for my parish, thank you for my faith. *Amen.*



To be included as an insert in parish bulletins the weekend of July 20-21, 2019.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

At one time or another, we've heard the persistent voice of a child very much wanting to know, "WHY? But WHY?!" Every parent is familiar with this questioning—and so is our Mother, the Church, as her sons and daughters struggle to understand Church teaching on sex, love, and marriage.

With her annual celebration of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, the Church invites us to ask "WHY," to better understand the reasons behind her teaching. This year's theme: *LOVE NATURALLY! COOPERATING WITH GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIED LOVE*, reminds us that Natural Family Planning is, in fact, God's plan, as revealed in Scripture and understood through two millennia of the life and teaching of the Church.

The heart of this teaching: God made us. He loves us and wants us to be happy with Him forever. The beginning of this love story is told in the Book of Genesis. There we learn that God created human beings in His own image, that He created us male and female, blessed us, and commanded human beings to be fruitful and multiply. We learn further that a man shall leave his father and mother, and cling to his wife, so that the two may become one flesh. And God, looking at what He had made, found it very good.

What is God teaching us in this familiar story? First, out of all that He has made, human beings alone have been created *in God's image*—the image of a God who is Himself a community of loving persons. Secondly, we are created male and female so that we might image and participate in the free, total, faithful, fruitful love of the Blessed Trinity. Thirdly, this participation is made possible, in a special way, through the marital union of man and woman, which makes them one flesh and at the same time opens them to becoming co-creators with God of new persons.

So, what *is* God asking of married couples? Is it even possible for them to respect both the life-giving and love-giving meanings which God has written into the conjugal act? Consider Pope Francis' emphasis on the wisdom of the Church in this regard: "The use of methods based on the laws of nature and the incidence of fertility are to be promoted, since these methods respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them, and favor the education of an authentic freedom." (*Amoris Laetitia*, 222)

In proposing Natural Family Planning, the Church invites couples to live in harmony with their fertility, to accept it as a gift from God rather than attacking the gift as one would

a disease or an invader. NFP is an invitation to see things from God's perspective. After all, no one knows more about love than God who is love itself, and no one knows more about sex than the God who created it.

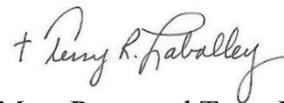
NFP accepts fertility as the wise design of a loving creator and educates couples to recognize and interpret the regularly occurring signs of fertility and infertility. A couple then uses this shared knowledge to avoid (or achieve) pregnancy according to their family planning intention. But NFP offers much more than effective family planning. As St. John Paul II explains in *Familiaris Consortio*, "The choice of the natural rhythms involves accepting the cycle of the woman, and thereby accepting dialogue, reciprocal respect, shared responsibility, and self-control." Growing in these qualities can only deepen a couple's love and strengthen their marriage. (# 32)

So, yes, God's design for marriage is good, very good, and cooperating with it brings blessings to couples, their families, and the Church. NFP is a way of life and love that values children as uniquely precious gifts of God and understands why the Church sees them as "the supreme gift of marriage." Faithful marriages and generously responsible parenthood will build up the People of God for years to come.

There is no time like the present to learn more about God's design for married love—especially now when it is being rejected and re-shaped by so many. Church documents, and other materials are available through our diocesan NFP Office at (518) 483-0459 or via email at apietropaoli@rcdony.org. Feel free to contact the office with any questions or concerns you may have, and/or visit the website at www.rcdony.org/nfp. We are grateful to Suzanne and Angelo Pietropaoli who lead so faithfully our NFP efforts in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

May you discover all the blessings God intends for you!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry R. LaValley".

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg