

The combined collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Black and Indian Missions will take place in all parishes in the Diocese of Ogdensburg on the weekend of November 18, 2018. Thanksgiving time reminds us of our call to be community and to share our resources with our brothers and sisters through generous giving. This second collection expresses our catholic capacity for mercy and compassion Remember that 25% of the Campaign for Human Development collection funds remain at the local level for addressing hunger and poverty issues in our diocese and parishes. If you have questions or would like more information, please call Catholic Charities (315) 9393-2255 or contact Dcn. Patrick Donahue: pdonahue@rcdony.org

The American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at St. Mary's Parish Center in Evans Mills on Wednesday, December 19th. The Red Cross reports a critical need for donations at this time.

Parish Merger

In past issues of the parish bulletin, there have been explanations about the future linking of our three parishes with the two parishes of Black River (St. Paul) and Deferiet (St. Rita). Part of this linking would mean that our three parishes would have to merge together, and the two parishes of Black River and Deferiet would have to merge together. Let me explain the terms "link" and "merge."

Right now St. Theresa, St. Joseph, and St. Mary's are linked together with one pastor. Actually, St. Mary's is the only parish, and the other two have always been missions. In the past, St. Theresa was a mission of St. Francis Xavier in Redwood, and St. Joseph was a mission of St. Michael in Antwerp. A link means that more than one parish or mission are joined together under one pastor with each parish/mission operating separately. A merger means that one or more parishes/missions are joined together into one parish with, perhaps, more than one worship site.

I am suggesting that we merge the three churches of St. Mary, St. Theresa, & St. Joseph. The merger is a legal action which means that all assets and liabilities of the three entities would be joined together into one corporation. The parish would take on a new name, but each building would keep its current name. For example, when the parishes of Massena merged, the name of the new parish became St. Peter.

On November 29, 2018 at 6 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center, I would like to have a town meeting for the parishioners of all three parishes to hear a further explanation and implications of merging the three churches into one parish. In the meantime, we will publish online and in the parish bulletin a FAQ that will hopefully answer many questions about a merger.



Pledge Totals Surpass \$54,500 For Our Parishes!

The Campaign Committee would like to thank all the 21 families who have contributed to date and have made the campaign a great success. At this time, we are awaiting a response from over 121 families. We hope to hear from those families very soon. Please keep in mind that our parishes will receive 75% of all monies collected once we have fulfilled our commitment to the 2018 Bishop's Fund Appeal (11,881).

**One of our goals is to have 100% participation.
 If you have not yet responded, WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

Our campaign is based on every family making an equal sacrifice, not an equal gift. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to support this campaign for both our parish and our Diocese. Please respond generously. It is only through prayer and sacrifices that we can make this campaign successful. Make your gift today to help reduce the number of follow-up phone calls our Campaign Committee will have to make over the next few days.

NOTE: Pledge and Gift totals are as of 11/15/18.

Please detach the form below and submit through the Offertory collection.

(Parish ID 6110) – (St. Mary's Church) (Parish ID 6111) – (St. Theresa of Avila's) Please Circle Your Parish # (Parish ID 6031) – (St. Joseph's Church)	
NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ PHONE # (Home) _____ Payments to begin on: Month _____ Year _____	I/we pledge the following: <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$4,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$4,800 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____
SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____	Payable as Follows: <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Annually For: <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Years <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<i>Please make checks payable to It's Our Church, It's Our Future</i>	Enclosed Tender: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

INDIAN RIVER CATHOLICS

St. Mary's Church of Evans Mills—St. Joseph's Church of Philadelphia—St. Theresa's Church of Theresa

8408 South Main Street, Evans Mills, NY 13637
 Rectory & St. Mary's Parish Office Phone: 315-629-4678
 Website Address for all Parishes: www.ircatholics.org

Pastor: Monsignor Robert Aucoin E-mail address: msgraucoin@ircatholics.org
 Deacon: Patrick Donahue E-mail address: deaconpat@ircatholics.org

Marriage: arrangements must be made a few months in advance Baptism: by appointment
 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions: Saturdays 3:15-3:45 PM (St. Joseph's);
 before masses or by appointment (St. Mary's); Sundays 8:15-8:45 AM (St. Theresa's)

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat.	Nov. 17	4:00 pm (PH)	For All Souls
		5:30 pm (EM)	For Ed Pelkey
Sun.	Nov. 18	9:00 am (TH)	For the People of the Parishes
		10:45 am (EM)	For Special Intention by Francis & Sandy Veivia
Mon.	Nov. 19	8:00 am (EM)	For Isabelle Chretien by Ray & Denise Betterman
Tues.	Nov. 20	8:00 am (EM)	For All Souls
Wed.	Nov. 21	8:00 am (EM)	For Avis & Don Hoover by their Family
Thurs.	Nov. 22	10:00 am (EM)	For Joseph & Margarite Kilcer by their Family
Fri.	Nov. 23	8:00 am (EM)	NO MASS
Sat.	Nov. 24	4:00 pm (PH)	For Phyllis Donaghy by her Friends
		5:30 pm (EM)	For Earl Bartlett by Robert & Mary Boucher
Sun.	Nov. 25	9:00 am (TH)	For the People of the Parishes
		10:45 am (EM)	For All Souls

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov. 22 Gobble Wobble Run
- Nov. 28 Bible Study for Advent
- Dec. 1 K of C Spaghetti Dinner
- Dec. 19 Blood Drive at St. Mary's Parish Center

BIBLE STUDY FOR ADVENT

The Wisdom course begun in Lent wraps up with sessions on inner peace, a temperate tongue, aging gracefully, and the Sermon on the Mount. Jeff Cavins is our guide via DVD to the sages of the Old and New Testaments. You contribute lively discussion. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. starting Nov. 28. Returning students, bring Bible, catechism, and workbook. New-comers are welcome. All please register as soon as possible as 315-767-1065.

A Netflix Alternative!

That's right there is a very healthy alternative to Netflix, and it's free. Just go to the parish website (ircatholics.org), choose EVENTS & NEWS, then choose Catholic Web Sites. Voila! There you have three different video feeds, updated on a regular basis. Check it out and nourish your faith life. Msgr. Aucoin

YOUR OFFERINGS	ST. MARY'S	ST. THERESA'S	ST. JOSEPH'S
<i>Weekly Needs</i>	\$1,538.00	\$690.00	\$930.00
<i>Nov. 10th & 11th</i>	\$771.70	\$359.00	\$751.00

Please Pray for the Sick & Homebound, Especially:
 Josh Allen; Don Briant; Susanne & John Bush;
 Randy Butler; James Cleary, Bernadette Call;
 Madeline Drake; Karen Hall; Nicholas Heldt;
 Dillon Hesse; Diane Hogue; Amy Huff, Terrie
 Kirk, Pat Kocyla; Barbara Lawler, Jacqueline
 May, Leslie McKeever; Robert McKeever; Jill
 McMahon; Jan Mady Mareth, Ella Grace Recor;
 Monine Rodriguez;; Addison Rounds; Jeanne
 Watson, Alice Wood.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 18, 2018 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." How is Christ calling you to share His eternal words of salvation? Consider a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Talk to Monsignor Aucoin or Fr. Doug Lucia at (315) 386-2543/
dlucia@rcdony.org 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.

Gobble Wobble Run on Thanksgiving Day. Run starts at 9 AM at the Pfeffer residence, 26950 Beckwith Road in Evans Mills. First 70 to sign up receive a T-shirt. Entry fee to participate and either walk or run 1 mile or 5K is a food pantry item which will go to the local food pantry. The event is sponsored by members of the United Community Running Club. A bon fire will be ready to warm spectators and runners. If you would like more information call Chrissy Pfeffer at 315-778-2308 or refer to Face Book. Facebook on <https://www.facebook.com/events/344046513022986/?ti=cl>

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Readings: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
 Jesus is preparing his disciples for the tribulations that lie ahead of them, that they might not lose heart. But he is also speaking to us, calling us to be courageous and to persevere in the faith. We must remain alert and to keep our eyes on Christ. It is so easy to be distracted by all the things on our to-do lists and all the noise that surrounds us. It is easy to put Jesus on the back burner and to let our relationship with him be relegated to just that hour for Sunday Mass or to pray only when I have time and am not so busy. But we do not know the day or the hour, so we must always pray to stay connected to Jesus Christ, to remain in him and to be ready to meet him when he comes again.

Menu for the Nutrition Meal Held at St. Mary's Parish Center. Open to residents of Evans Mills, Philadelphia & Theresa!!!!
Tuesday 11/20/18
 Pork & mushroom stew, red beans & rice, shredded cabbage, fruit cocktail, wheat bread & milk.
Thursday 11/22/18
No meal - Holiday.

For reservations call 313-686-4440 or 315-785-3191.

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Give yourself a gift this season and learn more about Our Blessed Mother from Fr. Ted Crosby. This free mini-retreat includes the rosary, a "Fr. Ted Talk", adoration, lunch, and time with friends (old and new).
 Women ages 15 and up are welcome to attend on

Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 9a until 1p.
Msgr. Sechi Hall
St. Anthony's Church
850 Arsenal St, Watertown
 Please RSVP by text to Scarlett at 859-583-0564.

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 19

Weekday

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5

Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 20

Weekday

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22

Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 4:1-11

Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Rv 5:1-10

Lk 19:41-44

Friday

NOVEMBER 23

Weekday

Rv 10:8-11

Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Rv 11:4-12

Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

NOVEMBER 25

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14

Rv 1:5-8

Jn 18:33b-37



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Dear Padre,

What are the Catholic Church's liturgical seasons? When does a new liturgical year begin?

A liturgical year is an annual cycle of communal prayer and celebration. The Roman Catholic Church divides its liturgical year into five distinct seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.

Our liturgical year starts on the first Sunday of Advent. The Christmas season officially starts with the evening celebrations on December 24. Christmas runs for more than twelve days, through the feast of the Epiphany to the Baptism of the Lord, which is celebrated on either the second or third Sunday in January.

Next is Ordinary Time, which is divided into two parts. The first part ends the day before Ash Wednesday, which is the first of the forty days of Lent. Lent is followed by the seven weeks of the Easter season, which ends on the day we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

On Pentecost we pick up the second part of Ordinary Time, which ends the day before the first Sunday of Advent (this year that's in two weeks, on December 2). Each liturgical season has distinct flavors and traditions, but they come together in harmony to help us reflect on the one mystery at the heart of every liturgy no matter the season: the saving mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

—Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A Word From Pope Francis

If in the course of the liturgical year a parish priest speaks about temperance ten times but only mentions charity or justice two or three times, an imbalance results....The same thing happens when we speak more about law than about grace, more about the Church than about Christ.

—Evangelii Gaudium, November 24, 2013



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 18, 2018

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dn 12:1-3

Heb 10:11-14, 18

Mk 13:24-32

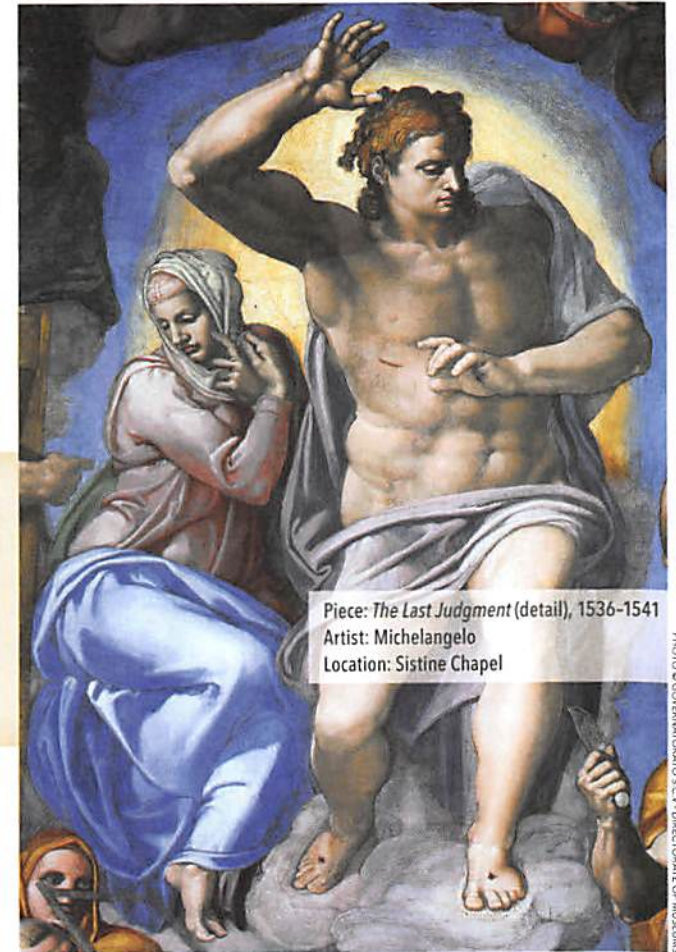
Do Everything Well

This huge fresco behind the Sistine Chapel altar may be the greatest representation of the coming of Christ at the end of time. The centerpiece of the composition is Christ the judge with the Virgin at his side represented in a halo, surrounded by a crowd of apostles, prophets, patriarchs, Old Testament heroines, martyrs, and saints who form a double crown of swirling bodies. Michelangelo painted hundreds of figures, all with exquisite attention to detail.

Just think, when Michelangelo was painting, his work in the chapel was destined to be seen by very few—the pope, his court, a few visiting kings and diplomats at most. The Sistine Chapel would receive less foot traffic in Michelangelo's time than a medium- to small-sized parish today. Yet, Michelangelo painted with the same eye to perfection as if he knew his work would be seen by millions. He was not painting for the multitudes but for God and his patron, the pope.

Similarly, if we act with generosity and love, whether observed by millions or no one, we will follow the path to true freedom and love. We do what is right, not to be seen, but because we want to be true to God, ourselves, and others. Living like this, we will have no reason to fear the Last Judgment.

More than six million people annually see *The Last*



Piece: *The Last Judgment* (detail), 1536-1541
Artist: Michelangelo
Location: Sistine Chapel

Judgment in person, and countless more via broadcasts and social media. So do everything well, since it is seen by God and yourself—and maybe some day, by more eyes than you ever imagined!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

[Jesus said,] "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory."

Mark 13:26