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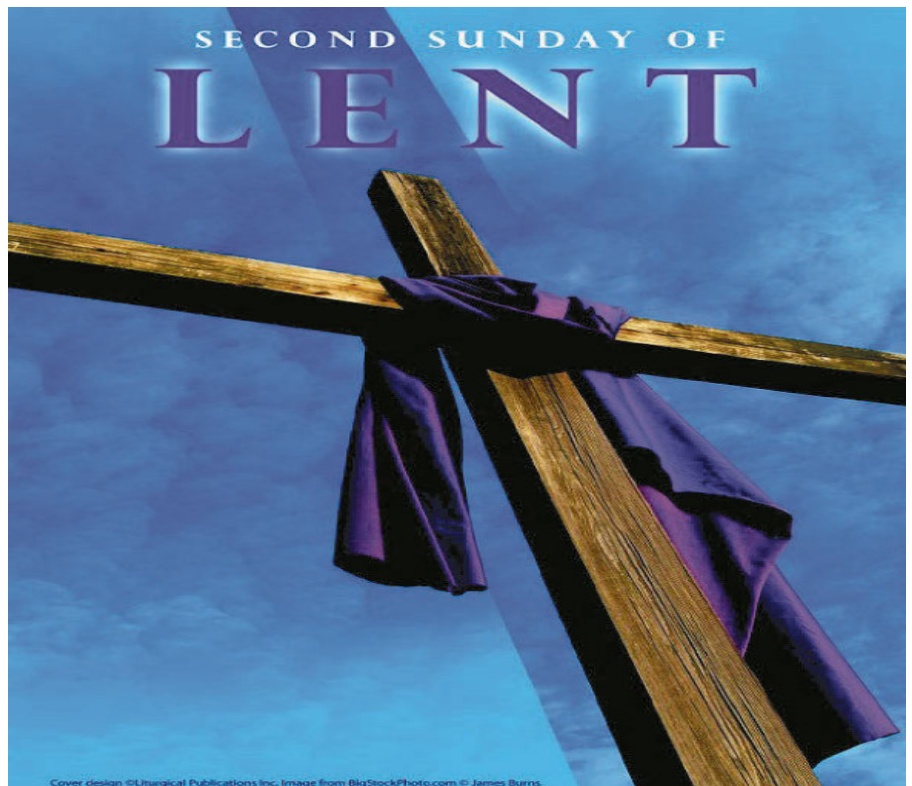
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Please send all questions, & inquiries in regards to
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above email, please or call 315-866-6373.

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four parishes will be on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/familyoftheholycross>

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — FEBRUARY 25, 2024



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Sacramental Information for all of our Churches

To make arrangements, please contact Parish Office @315-866-6373

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Matrimony

Please contact Parish Office @ 315-866-6373 six months in advance. One year for those who are under the age of 21. Pre-Cana is expected. Wedding dates are scheduled after meeting with the Pastor

Anointing of the Sick

Can be administered at any stage of a person's illness. If possible, one should not wait until someone is near death before requesting anointing. To schedule please call Parish Office 315-866-6373.

Baptism & RCIA

Call Maria Fiorentino—Faith Formation Coordinator 315-866-6373

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Blessed Sacrament Church

71 East Main St. Mohawk, NY 13407

<https://parishes.rcda.org/BlessedSacramentMohawk/>

Mass Schedule

Sunday—8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Trustees

Jim Walczak

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday of Lent—February 25th

8:00 am—Dennis Hyland (Birthday)

Req. Family

Third Sunday of Lent —March 3rd

8:00 am—Victoria Kane

Req. Family



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH



St. John the Baptist Church

7514 N. Main St. Newport, NY 13416

<https://parishes.rcda.org/StJohnsNewport>

Mass Schedule

Sunday—11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Trustees

Joe Gizzi

Brianne Slatton

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 25th —Second Sunday of Lent

11:00 AM—Presider's Intention

Sunday, March 3rd—Third Sunday of Lent

11:00 AM— Presider's Intention

Second Sunday of Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.— Father John Muir @LPI

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A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES



Chicken Bar-B-Q
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Sunday, April 7, 2024
10:30 am—1:30 pm

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Ticket cost—\$15.00

If you are **New** to our network and would like to register to one of our parishes, please fill out the form below. **Current parishioners** please use the form below if you would like to update your information on file. Please complete and drop the form in the collection basket or mail it to the network office.

Family of the Holy Cross Pastoral Network Office
228 S. Main St.
Herkimer, NY 13350

Please call the office at 315-866-6373 with any questions.

Please check one: New Registration _____
 Updating info _____

Name of Church you wish to register to or update info:

Name: _____

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Email: _____

Phone: _____

Would you like to receive envelopes? _____

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SPRING SOIRÉE

— ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL —

Enjoy a fun-filled evening at the St. Francis de Sales Parent School Association's first-ever **Spring Soirée** on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 7 - 10 pm at Francesca's Banquets & Catering in Ilion, NY!

Purchase of your Spring Soirée Admission ticket provides you with delicious light fare food stations and hors d'oeuvres, an open bar featuring beer, wine, mixed and soft drinks, music, and mingling. Try your luck with our basket raffle, featuring 40+ baskets and prizes, and bid on luxury items and dream vacation venues while you delight in the company of family and friends.

The event is for adults only. Tickets are \$40 per person (price increases to \$45pp after 2/28/24). Cocktail attire is suggested. Purchase tickets online at bit.ly/sfspring-soiree or call the St. Francis de Sales School at (315) 866-4831 or stfranciseclc@gmail.com for a paper Ticket Purchase Form.

Proceeds from the event support the operating costs of St. Francis de Sales Early Childhood Learning Center. Interested in donating a basket to the fundraiser? Please contact the school!



Lenten Retreat

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St Bridget #265, cordially invite the women of The Family of the Holy Cross to a Lenten Retreat on March 9th, 2024 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Mohawk, from 9:30am to 2pm. The retreat will begin at 9:30am in the church hall with coffee and donuts. We ask you to please bring a bag lunch and drink. If you would like to attend or are even thinking of attending, please call Mary Tripp (Regent for Court St Bridget) at 315-866-2594, leave a message and will call you back.

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STATIONS of the CROSS

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at Saints Anthony and Joseph on Friday at 12:00 pm and St. Francis de Sales at 6:00 pm.



Faith Formation News

Next Mass and Classes will be on March 17, 2024.

Any questions or concerns please call Maria Fiorentino—Faith Formation Coordinator @ 315-866-6373 or email @ St.FranFF2021@gmail.com

We are still looking for volunteers to help out with Faith Formation. Please call or email Maria Fiorentino, if you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer @ 315-866-6373 or email St.FranFF2021@gmail.com

Important dates to remember for First Communion and Confirmation Classes

All events take place at St. Francis de Sales Church

March 23rd @ 10:00 am First Reconciliation for the First Communion Class

April 14th during Faith Formation Class the Confirmation Class will have a reconciliation service

April 28th First Communion during the 9:30 am Mass

May 5th—Confirmation Rehearsal @ 11:00 am

May 7th—Confirmation Mass @ 6:30 pm

Mass Intention Request

Need a Mass Intention? Fill out the form below along with money/check (please make check payable to the church you are requesting the Mass from) and mail it to the office ,drop it off at the office, or put it in an envelope mark the front of envelope Mass Intention and place it in the collection basket. You may also email the parish offices and give all the information below and then mail a check to the network office or place the check/money in an envelope mark on the front of envelope payment for Mass intention with your name, church's name and put it in the collection basket. **Mass Intentions are \$15.00 per request. There will now be a limit of 6 Mass Intentions per Mass at every church.**

When requesting a Mass Intention please remember that Masses fill up fast so, please try to schedule in advance for specific dates.

Also, so we can accommodate others, please only one intention per form. **Please submit Mass Intentions 2 weeks in advance if you are requesting a specific date.**

Any questions please call 315-866-6373 or email:

familyoftheholycross@gmail.com

Church: _____

Intention: _____

Date Requested: _____

Requested by: _____

Phone #: _____

And email: _____

Would you like a Mass card sent: _____

If "yes"

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City, State, Zip: _____



Please remember you can put your envelopes into the collection basket at any of the churches and they will be delivered to the church marked on the front of the envelope. Also, if you don't have envelopes and would like to put cash/check into the collection basket for a specific

church, please use an envelope and put the name of the church on the front of the envelope. There are white envelopes in the vestibule of the churches. **Please make checks payable to the church that you are donating to and NOT to Family of the Holy Cross. Thank you!**

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 25—Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 am—Mary Thomas	Req. Jim & Carol DePalma
Delores DeVaney	Req. Maureen Von Werne
Theresa and Edson Schofield	Req. Family
Larry Panko (Birthday)	Req. His family

Sunday, March 3—Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 am—Mary Thomas	Req. Thelma and Frank Spina
Eleonora Ceneviva	Req. Tom and Bev Findura



St. Francis de Sales Church

219 N. Bellinger St. Herkimer, NY 13350

<https://parishes.rcda.org/StFrancisdeSales/>

Mass Schedule

Sunday - 9:30 am

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Trustees

Paul Frezza

Mark Ainsworth



The rosary is sometimes called the Gospel in miniature because the mysteries cover many of the main events in the lives of Jesus and his mother Mary. By thinking about these mysteries, we are meditating on some of the most important messages of Christ in the Gospels.

Please join us in praying the rosary on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, at St. Francis starting in March 5. During the months of May and October we will meet each Tuesday.

Prayer is the pathway to union with God. It makes us better people and helps us to gain inner peace. Please join us.

STS. ANTHONY & JOSEPH CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 24—Second Sunday of Lent (Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm—Jim Ocuto	Req. Jackie & Andrew Hobika
Joseph Catroppa	Req. Wife
Pearl Pliszek	Req. Tom & Vi Pliszek
Tracy Shaut (Anniversary)	Req. Family
Irene and Don Polczynski (Anniversary)	Req. Jane Godlewski
Rena Scialdo (Anniversary)	Req. Rudolph II, Deborah, & William Scialdo

Wednesday, February 28—Lenten Weekday

12:10 pm—Presider's Intention

Saturday, March 2—Third Sunday of Lent (Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm—Walter Czuryla, Sr.(Birthday)	Req. Irene
Dennis Sanita	Req. Mary Franco
Jimmy Ocuto	Req. Paul & MaryEllen DeCeglie
Edward Franco (Birthday)	Req. Mary & Family
Marty Benedict	Req. Pat & Bob Bono
Jennifer (Gros) Houle	Req. Michael Green



Sts. Anthony & Joseph Church

229 S. Main St. Herkimer, NY 13350

https://parishes.rcda.org/sts_anthony_joseph/

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass @ 4:00 PM

Reconciliation

After Mass and By Appointment

Trustees

Deborah Sweeney

Paul DeCeglie



Sts. Anthony and Joseph Church Sanctuary Lamp is given in Memory of:

Daniel Campagna

Req. Anthony and Theresa Casale



Sts. Anthony and Joseph Church Altar Bread & Wine is given in Memory of:

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