



# BLESSED TRINITY PARISH & SAINT PATRICK PARISH



Reaching Up to Worship ♦ Reaching Out to Serve

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*“Together we will build an atmosphere of faith in which the fruit of the Spirit will abound and draw others to Christ.”*

*Fifth  
Sunday  
in  
Ordinary  
Time*



## THE FIRST THREE MONTHS PASTORAL EXPERIENCE IN TIOGA COUNTY

May the grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. All thanks and glory to God for taking me through the first three months pastoral work in the Blessed Trinity/ St. Patrick Parishes in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester. I will like to thank one and all who made it possible for me to acclimatize in this new socio-cultural environment. May God richly bless you all.

### **ORIENTATION**

I arrived here on 10/25/2011 and my predecessor Fr. John Yaw Afoakwah and few others whose names are withheld took me through to let me acclimatize. Fr. John Yaw Afoakwah had to spend another month here after my arrival to take me through all the processes to get me all my necessary documents like a Social Security Card, Driver's License and bank account. He also introduced me to so many things and people to make my stay here comfortable. As if that were not enough, he also gave me his Toyota Corolla for my pastoral work free of charge. I am most grateful to him and may God bless his ministry in Ghana.

### **FAVORABLE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS**

I arrived in the U.S.A. at the time most people thought was not good for somebody from the tropics. Almost everyone predicted an eminent danger of almighty winter and its associated snowfall and low temperatures. I fervently prayed to God while I was in the air for eleven hours that night to give me at least another month of favorable weather so as to make the beginning of my ministry here conducive. God being so good listened to my prayer and even extended it the end of 2011. God, I glorify your name and exult you.

### **FIRST THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

I was very much delighted to have the first taste of American Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations with their associated turkey dinners and flamboyant decorations. I was greatly overwhelmed by numerous invitations by parishioners to dine with them in their homes for these celebrations. Unfortunately, I could honor only one at a time. I am in fact very happy about your hospitable spirit and I would like also to use this medium of communication to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all for your Christmas gifts and cards. May the Lord reward you accordingly.

### **PRIEST PERSONNEL OFFICE IN ROCHESTER**

I was privileged to take part in the 2011 international priest retreat at Notre Dame Retreat Center in Canandaigua on November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and a cross cultural orientation program at Diocesan Pastoral Center on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, in Rochester. These two programs have greatly impacted my life.

In conclusion, I hope my experiences so far will help me minister effectively to you for the next three years. We are all called by God through the gospel to lead good and holy lives, so it is my prayer that my encounter with you will let this dream of the gospel come true. May the Lord bless us and keep us and make his face shine upon us. Amen!

*Fr. Peter Adu Boahen Nkansah*  
Parochial Vicar

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# Mass and Morning Prayer Schedule

# Weekly Calendar

## Saturday Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**4** 5:00 p.m. St. James + Ed Kelly  
- Ronnie Bump  
5:00 p.m. St. Patrick + John Colgan  
- Stephen Ministers

## Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**5** 9:00 a.m. St. Patrick + Michael Slavetskis  
- sister, Anne Marie & Les Distin  
9:00 a.m. St. James + Molly Froch  
- Liz Alamo  
10:45 a.m. St. Margaret Mary + Anthony DiRenno  
- The Esposito Family  
11:15 a.m. St. John + Jean Viselli  
- Jack & Patrick Elliott  
5:00 p.m. St. Margaret Mary + For the People

## Monday St. Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs

**6** 8:30 a.m. St. James + Edward Kelly  
- Tim Kelly & Family  
9:00 a.m. St. John + The Grandeo & Cush Families

## Tuesday

**7** 7:00 a.m. St. Margaret Mary + Francis Joyce  
- Jane Joyce  
8:30 a.m. St. James Morning Prayer with Communion  
12 noon St. Patrick + Dorothy & Bill Rafts  
- Jim & Virginia Rafts

## Wednesday

**8** 7:00 a.m. St. John + Jean Viselli  
- John & Sandra Gorman  
8:30 a.m. St. James + Charlie Maloney  
- Jim & Virginia Rafts

## Thursday

**9** 7:00 a.m. St. Margaret Mary + MaryAnn Mosier  
- Sue Jeffries  
8:30 a.m. St. James Morning Prayer with Communion  
11:00 a.m. St. Patrick + Anniversary Mass

## Friday St. Scholastica, virgin

**10** 8:30 a.m. St. James + Ed Covert  
- Brenda & Mike Kelly  
12 noon St. Patrick + Agnes & Nick Root  
- Jim & Virginia Rafts

## Saturday Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**11** 5:00 p.m. St. James + Theresa Ford  
- The Kingston Family  
5:00 p.m. St. Patrick + Nellie Gerace  
- Kostonty & Helen Andrews

## Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**12** 9:00 a.m. St. Patrick + Mark Lepkowski  
- Family  
9:00 a.m. St. James + John Cocco  
- Jean Cocco & Family  
10:45 a.m. St. Margaret Mary + Donald Purtell  
- Ruth Colwell  
11:15 a.m. St. John + For the People  
5:00 p.m. St. Margaret Mary + The Grandeo & Cush Families

## Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39  
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10  
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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## 5 Sunday

12 noon Jr. High Youth Group—St. Margaret Mary's Classroom  
12:15 p.m. Sr. & Jr. High Youth Groups—St. John's Hall  
2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross Practice—St. Margaret Mary's Hall

## 6 Monday

7:00 p.m. Stephen Leader Training—St. Patrick's McAuley

## 7 Tuesday

11:00 a.m. Mother's Prayer Group—St. Patrick's McAuley  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal—St. James Church  
7:00 p.m. RCIA—St. Patrick's Rectory  
7:00 p.m. Communication Ministry—St. Patrick's McAuley

## 8 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Social Ministry—St. Patrick's McAuley  
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross Practice—St. Margaret Mary's Hall  
7:00 p.m. Music Ministry—St. Margaret Mary's Music Room  
7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation—St. Patrick's McAuley

## 9 Thursday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer—St. Margaret Mary's Hall  
11:00 a.m. Anniversary Mass & Luncheon—St. Patrick's Church & Hall  
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision—St. Patrick's McAuley

## 10 Friday

7:00 p.m. Mother/Son Dance—St. Patrick's Hall  
7:00 p.m. Food Fast—St. Margaret Mary, St. John & St. James Halls  
10:30 p.m. Prayer Service—St. Patrick Church

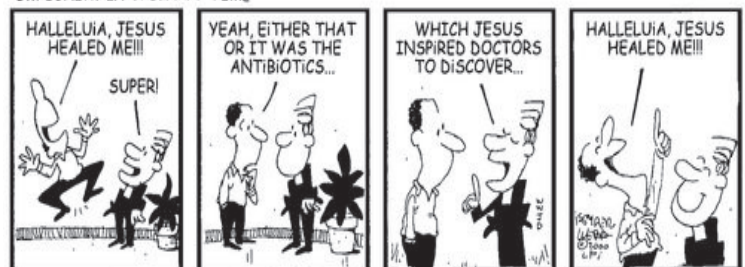
## 11 Saturday

7:00 p.m. Father/Daughter Dance—St. Patrick's Hall

## 12 Sunday

11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour—St. Margaret Mary's Hall  
12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour—St. John's Hall  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Workshop—St. Patrick's Hall  
2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross Practice—St. Margaret Mary's Hall

### 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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In case of Pastoral Emergency call the pager number at 1-800-388-4117. Dial in your number including your area code and we will return your call.

## Reconciliation

This sacrament celebrating God's forgiveness is available by appointment (contact a priest) or at the following scheduled times.

St. James - Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.  
 St. John - First Saturday 10:30 -11:00 a.m.  
 St. Margaret Mary - Third Saturday 10:30 - 11:00 am  
 St. Patrick - Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

## Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament of strength and healing is available upon request for those who are sick or elderly. Please contact the church office.

## Hospital/Nursing Home Visits

Please notify the church office if you or a family member will be hospitalized and would like the Sacrament of the Sick or a staff member to visit.

## Holy Communion at Home

Please call the church office if you wish to bring Holy Communion to a sick friend or family member or to arrange a visit by one of our Communion Ministers.

## Memorial Candles/Gifts

Memorial donations are accepted for the Sanctuary lamp that burns before the Blessed Sacrament and the Bread and Wine used in our Eucharistic celebrations. Please contact the church office.

### Sanctuary Lamp:

Ann Bendzyn & Anne Thomas—St. John

Ralph & Lucy Bartlett—St. James

Michael Slavetskas—St. Patrick

## Prayer Requests



Paula Altiere  
 Tom Babcock  
 Marie Basile  
 Ann Bendzyn  
 Don DeWitt  
 Mary Charlotte Donnelly  
 Brian Dougan  
 Genevieve Drinko  
 James Dubinsky  
 Patti Federowicz  
 Dudley French  
 John Gilligan  
 Bob James

Judy Jennings  
 Mike Kelly  
 Francis LaFosse  
 Isla Landon  
 Gloria Masters  
 Tess Mattison  
 Fred Mauersberg  
 Jeff Millard  
 Cindy Mize  
 Chris Palumbo  
 Vernon Ryan  
 Cathy Schoonover  
 Howard Schoonover

Philomena Smith  
 Jerry Stahl  
 Anne Thomas  
 Julie Tomazin  
 Paul Viggiano

## Pray for our Troops

*"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."*

Greg Barbieri  
 Robert Bergmann  
 Christopher Bordoni  
 Steven Brewster  
 Matthew Cascarino  
 Brett Creeley  
 Megan DeKay  
 Craig Elston  
 Michael Gillio

Shawn Hafele  
 Chad Halliday  
 C. J. Harrington  
 John Harrington  
 Matthew Harrington  
 Jonathan Hough  
 Martha Johnson  
 Matthew Kessler  
 Rudy Kotsubka

Charlie Kwiatkowski  
 Patricia Mallins  
 Aaron Mitchell  
 Jeremiah Murphy  
 Paul Musa  
 Alexander Pannone  
 Adom Randolph  
 Jennifer Randolph  
 Zachary Readon

Todd Rupright  
 Connor Smith  
 Paul Stauder  
 Jason Stoke  
 Daniel Strom  
 Sam Tatich  
 Keith Tomazic  
 Colin Williams  
 Colin Wilson

## Baptisms

Baptismal preparation is offered and required for parents of children to be baptized in our churches. Please contact the church office for an initial interview and baptismal preparation.



## Marriage

Couples should contact a Priest or Deacon to begin their preparation for marriage at least six months before any anticipated wedding.

Banns:



# Doug's Fish Fry

Thursday, February 16  
St. Patrick parking lot  
11:00am ~ 6:30pm



*Two are better than one.*

*Ecclesiastes 4:9.*

Blessed Trinity & St. Patrick parish celebrates all couples married 50+ years at the annual



## Anniversary Mass & Sweetheart Luncheon

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

11:00 Mass  
Lunch follows

If you have been married 50+ years & have not received an invitation, please call the office @ 687-1068

QuarterMania is almost here!

Friday, February 17

St. Patrick's Church Hall

Doors open @ 6:30 pm ~ FIRST bid @ 7 pm



Mark your calendar & start saving those quarters!

Arbonne ~ Close to My Heart ~ Cookie Lee ~ Scentsy Stella & Dot ~ Tastefully Simple ~ Thirty One Gifts

## 18th Annual Jack Frost BBQ

Saturday, February 25

12 noon ~ St. Patrick Hall

Menu: half chicken, baked potato, baked beans, roll with butter, dessert



Tickets \$8 ~ Contact St. Patrick School 687-1770

Beverages are available for purchase. You may also purchase a ticket to donate a meal to a shut-in.

Proceeds from this year's BBQ will be used to help replace items and equipment lost in the flood at St. Patrick School.

Reservations are now being taken for the annual

## Mother Son Night Out & Father Daughter Ball!

Mom, enjoy the evening with your special man

Friday, February 10



Dads,

Saturday the 11th

belongs to you & your princess!

St. Patrick's Church Hall

7:00pm ~ 9pm

\$20 per family/per night/up to 3 people  
1 parent & 2 children

\$5 for each additional child

\$25 at the Door per family/per night/up to 3 people  
\$5 for each additional child

Forms are available at all sites & the McAuley Center

## St. Val's

Week 39

\$40 - Eleanor Swick

\$20 - Judy Stewart



**Pastoral Council Corner**

Have you ever planned a vacation that you could not wait to go on? Or how about an event that kept you restless at night in anticipation of the coming day? We would like to capture that sensation and translate it to going to mass.



In business, we want our clients to look forward to a visit to our office. With church, I would like my children to look forward to mass. In an effort to ignite excitement in our youth, various members of the Parish Council will be attending other Christian services in order to "take notes" on how they appeal to the youth in other denominations. We would love to hear your ideas!

Bryan Hathaway SMM

**February Catholic Update**

Ten Tips for Welcoming New Catholics, The Role of the Community in the RCIA, by Msgr. Richard Hilgartner, is our Catholic Update issue this month, available at worship sites in the Parish now. The author points out that the RCIA is a process and not a program. It is more than classes that the catechumens attend. He lists 10 ways members of the parish community can get involved in supporting those on the journey to initiation.

Adult Faith Formation Committee.

**Monthly Adoration**

There will be Eucharistic Adoration at St. Margaret Mary's on **February 18**. All are welcome to stop in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and spend some time with the Lord from 7pm to 1am.



**Catholic Relief Service FOOD FAST 2012**

The Jr. and Sr. High Youth groups will be fasting on February 10-11 for "Catholic Relief Services". If you are interested in registering for this 24 hour event, contact your Jr. or Sr. High Youth Minister at your site. Adults are welcome to join the FAST too. The Youth Groups invite you to join our Midnight Prayer service at St. Patrick on February 10 starting at 10:30 p.m.

**JOIN THE FAST and help those in need!!!**

**Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule  
Wednesday, February 22**



12 noon	St. Patrick Church
5:15 pm	St. John's Church (Soup Supper After Mass)
5:30 pm	St. James Church (Soup Supper After Mass)
7:00 pm	St. Margaret Mary Church

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**Adult Faith Formation  
Lenten Retreat 2012**

Preparations are under way for our Lenten Retreat 2012. Again this year it will move from church to church each day of the presentations. All masses during the weekend of February 25-26, 2012 will have a staff member from the Mercy Retreat Center speaking about this year's retreat. Our schedule this year will be:



- ◆ **Sunday February 26, St. Margaret Mary, Apalachin**  
6 p.m. dish to pass supper, 7p.m. presentation
- ◆ **Monday, February 27, St. Patrick, Owego**  
12:30 p.m. dish to pass lunch, 1 p.m. presentation
- ◆ **Monday, February 27, St. James, Waverly**  
6 p.m. dish to pass supper, 7p.m. presentation
- ◆ **Tuesday, February 28, St. Patrick, Owego**  
12:30 p.m. dish to pass lunch, 1 p.m. presentation
- ◆ **Tuesday February 28, St. John, Newark Valley**  
6 p.m. dish to pass supper, 7p.m. presentation

Our presenter this year is Pat Lawler from the Sisters of Mercy Prayer Center in Rochester. Pat is a seasoned spiritual director and retreat planner and presenter. We hope all will be able to attend at least one session with the varied times and locations.

**In the Image of God: Access to Mental Health Care**

Deep, dark depression is a terrible lonely time. But, who of us has not, at one time or another, made the same complaint as Job. Everyone cycles through the difficult emotions when a loved one dies, money is tight, we are unhappy at work, things at home are rocky. We might cry out with Job that we have been given "months of misery." A person with severe depression may not be able to cycle out of this feeling. It is not months but years even a whole lifetime of misery. Everything of their life and their choices is unfruitful or disappointing. Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law, not so that she will get up and wait on them, but that she can witness to the Heavenly Banquet that all are called to, and healed for. Healing with the mentally ill comes from the touch of Jesus that we bring into their lives through non-judgmental listening and acceptance of them as people not demons.

**Remember that next week, you are encouraged to sign our petition on access to mental health care!**

Learn more about faith and mental health ministries at the following web sites: [www.miministry.org](http://www.miministry.org), [www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org), [www.mentalhealthministries.net](http://www.mentalhealthministries.net), [www.nami.org/namifaithnet](http://www.nami.org/namifaithnet), and [www.pathways2promise.org](http://www.pathways2promise.org).

## Wedding Jubilee Mass

Bishop Matthew Clark will celebrate a Wedding Jubilee Mass to honor couples who have been married 25 years or more on Sunday May 6th at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. A reception will follow the Mass to honor the attendees. If you would like an invitation to this Mass please send your name and address to Sylvia Mancuso at [smancuso@dor.org](mailto:smancuso@dor.org) or call her at 1-800-388-7177 or 585-328-3228, ext. 1295.

## Would you Like to Visit the Holy Land and Italy?

Fr. Adam Ogorzaly from St. Stanislaus Church with Queen Syrena Travel is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Italy (Bethlehem, Galilee, Jerusalem, Masada, Dead Sea, Rome, Florence and Assisi among others) on **May 8-20, 2012**; \$2,990 per person, double occupancy plus airport taxes and tips. For more information please call Fr. Adam at 585 467-3068 or Queen Syrena Travel directly at 905-412-2242 or toll free at 1-800-565-3619.

## Winter Ski Camp

Camp Stella Maris; Ages: 11-16;  
Arrival: Friday, February 17, 7-8pm;  
Departure: Monday, February 20, 7pm  
Cost: \$280 (own equipment)\$310 (rent equipment)\$30 (helmet rental)  
For more info e-mail [diane@campstellamaris.org](mailto:diane@campstellamaris.org) or call 585-346-2243, ext 104.



## Volunteer Drivers Needed

We need your help! We need volunteer drivers for our



home-delivered meals service in Tioga County. Our Department of Aging at Tioga Opportunities provides over 900 home delivered meals per week to homebound residents of Tioga County. We have provided this service for over 40 years. Hot meals are delivered for the weekday noon meal. A cold supper and frozen meals for the weekends are also available as needed. Home bound clients

in Nichols, Candor, Long Meadows, Newark Valley, Berkshire, Richford, Apalachin and Owego are served meals Monday through Friday. We serve Waverly three days a week and Spencer one day a week.

If you would like more information about our program or know you can help us, please call our Home Delivered Meal Coordinator, Elayne Dudek at 607-687-4120 ext 321.

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please give consideration to your financial participation. The Catholic Ministries Appeal provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. We need your financial support to reach our potential. Thank you and please pray for the success of our efforts.

## Tioga County Rural Ministry

143 North Avenue, Owego, NY ~ 687-3021

**pantry needs:** spaghetti sauce, jam/jelly, canned gravies, pancake mix, syrup, cake mixes/icing, ketchup/mustard, pasta, macaroni & cheese, large baby diapers, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, tooth paste, dish detergent, bar soap, deodorant, shampoo



## Men & Women: Do you need a Faith Lift?

Want to peel off the mask...so Jesus can shine through you?

Please join **Magnificat Rochester** ~ Saturday, February 18, 2012  
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Pius Tenth Church, 3020 Chili Ave.  
9 a.m. Continental breakfast  
9:45 Faith Lift Teaching - Fr. Mike Mayer  
10:30 a.m. program concludes

There is no charge for the morning, but a free-will offering will be accepted. RSVP - Sue Waterstraat, 582-1149, or Betty Bunce, 235-0235

## Giving Together

### Sacrificial Offerings - January 28/29

Parish:	Envelopes:	Attendance:	Collection:	Pre-Auth:	Total Gifts:	Weekly Needs:
Blessed Trinity	218	673	\$6,868.00	\$463.00	\$7,331.00	\$9,135.00
St. Patrick	114	362	\$4,440.00	\$225.00	\$4,665.00	\$5,913.00

### Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish	# of Donors:	Total Gifts:	% of Goal:	Goal:
Blessed Trinity	297	\$46,149.00	94.82%	\$48,670.00
St. Patrick	183	\$26,513.00	79.28%	\$33,442.00

**Stewardship Thought of the Week.....**  
*God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say thank you?*

*William A. Ward*

