

# Parish News

## Winter Weather School Schedule

With the winter weather now upon Central New York, I will keep the families informed via email and through WKTV as to whether classes will be cancelled due the weather.

### **Stewardship-December 24, 2023**

Operating expenses for the Parish on a weekly basis are \$6,200.00. Collection for December 24<sup>th</sup>- Collections \$6,385.17

### **Hope Appeal**

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at weekend Masses is for the Hope Appeal and will continue in order for the Parish to reach the 2024 Goal

Goal: 38,468.00 Received to date \$16,868.02

### **Parish Giving-**

The Parish is pleased to introduce "Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer. It is convenient no more searching for a checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM. To excess simply Log on the parish website [www.sacredheart-saintmary.org](http://www.sacredheart-saintmary.org) and click on the Parish Giving Log and follow the easy registration instructions. It is Secure.

**Events at other** Parishes in our area

Please remember we are all a Catholic Community and need to support each other.

Youth Ministry Nights

January 22<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Senton Center/Mary Mother Savior Parish

6:30pm-8:00pm

St. Joseph & St Patrick's Church

Saint Marianne Cope Feast Day Celebration

Tuesday 1/23/24

5:30pm Memorial Mass -Fr. Amedeo Guida

Blessing with 1<sup>st</sup> Class Relics afterwards



As always, I like to share the deep traditions and meaning of our Church. What a great way to learn as a family and learn more about this great Faith of ours.

This week is the feast of St. Marianne Cope. She was from Utica so here is some information regarding our local Saint



**Feastday:** January 23

**Patron:** of lepers, outcasts, those with HIV/AIDS, the Hawaii

Birth: January 23, 1838

Death: August 9, 1918

Beatified: May 14, 2005 by Pope Benedict XVI

Canonized: October 21, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI Saint Marianne Cope, O.S.F. is also known as Saint Marianne of Moloka'i. She was born in Germany on January 23, 1838 and spent much of her life working in Hawai'i working with lepers on the island of Moloka'i.

She was beatified in 2005 and declared a saint by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.

Cope was born on January 23, 1838 in Heppenheim, in what was then the Grand Duchy of Hesse. Today, that region is part of Germany. She was baptized Maria Anna Barbara Koob, which was later changed to Cope.

Just a year after her birth, her family emigrated to the United States, settling in Utica, New York. Cope attended a parish school until she reached the eighth grade. By that time, her father had become an invalid and she went to work in a factory to support the family.

Her father died in 1862, and this along with her siblings' maturity, permitted her to leave the factory to pursue a religious life. She became a novitiate of the Sisters of the Third Order Regular of Saint Francis based in Syracuse, New York. She took the name Marianne when she completed her formation.

German-speaking immigrants settled in large numbers in her area of New York state, so she became a teacher and later a principal at a school for immigrant children.

Cope also helped direct the opening of the first two Catholic hospitals (St. Elizabeth's-Utica) in central New York. She arranged for students from the Geneva Medical College in New York to work at the hospital, but also stipulated that patients should be able to refuse treatment by them. It was one of the first times in history that the right of a patient to refuse treatment was recognized.

By 1883, Cope had become the Superior General of her congregation. It was at this time she received a plea for help from leprosy sufferers in Hawaii. King Kalakaua himself sent the letter asking for aid in treating patients who were isolated on the island of Molokai. The King had already been declined by more than 50 other religious institutes.

Mother Marianne, as she was then known, left Syracuse with six sisters to attend to the sick, and arrived on November 8, 1883.

Once arrived, Mother Marianne managed a hospital on the island of Oahu, where victims of leprosy were sent for triage. The most severe patients were sent to the island of Molokai.

The next year, Mother Marianne helped establish the Malulani hospital on the island of Maui.

Her tenure at Malulani hospital did not last as she was soon called back to O'ahu to deal with claims of abuse from the government-appointed administrator there. Upon arrival and following an initial investigation, Mother Marianne demanded that he resign or she would leave. The government dismissed the administrator and gave her full management of the hospital there.

Although Mother Marianne was getting older, her workload only seemed to increase. Soon, she was responsible for orphans of women who had contracted the disease as well as clergy who had contracted the disease while working with lepers.

Eventually, Mother Marianne's work became a burden on her frail body and she was confined to a wheelchair. Despite this limitation, she continued to work tirelessly. Many noticed that despite all her years of work she never contracted leprosy herself, which many regarded as a miracle in itself.

Mother Marianne passed away on August 9, 1918 and was buried at Bishop Home.

In the years following her death, several miracles were reported in her name. In 1993, a woman was miraculously cured after multiple organ failure following prayers to Mother Marianne. The woman's subsequent recovery was certified by the Church and Mother Marianne was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on May 14, 2005.

After her beatification, Mother Marianne's remains were moved to Syracuse, New York and placed in a shrine

Catholic Food for thought

The closer  
you walk  
with God,  
the less  
room for  
anything  
to come  
between.



**As we start the cold and flu season, please remember that if your child(ren) are not feeling well, please keep them home.**

### **Circle of Care**

All dioceses throughout the United States must provide age-appropriate Safe Environment training for children and youth in parish catechetical programs and Catholic schools. The lessons teach students about appropriate and inappropriate boundaries and behaviors by peers, adults, and family members, the student's right to remove themselves from uncomfortable situations, and the importance of informing a parent or trusted adult when something is not right.

Parish catechetical programs teach the *Circles of Care* lessons to students in grades pre-K through 12

In order for the Faith Formation to be in compliance with the Safe Environment for children on January 21 the Circle of Care Program will be offered to the children.

Should you wish to have your children opt of program, I will provide the form to be completed. This program is required to be completed each year.

Any child who will be making First Holy Communion or Confirmation a copy of the Baptismal Certificate is required.

Important Dates for children making Sacraments.

### **First Reconciliation/First Communion**

First Reconciliation will be on March 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 9am Mass.

Blessing Cup on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-2pm

First Communion May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11am Mass

### **Confirmation Students**

**On January 28 there will be an enrollment ceremony for the** students @ the 11AM Mass. The Parents and Sponsors are to be present as well.

March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am -Confirmation Retreat @ St. Paul's Whitesboro

March 3<sup>rd</sup> -Sponsor information and Confirmation Name due

In lieu of last formation class Confirmation students will have lunch with Fr. Mark after the 11am Mass



## **Church Masses**



**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Will be offered the first Wednesday of every month after the 12:15 Mass

Saturday 4pm

Sunday's

7:30am 9AM and 11AM

Weekdays 12:15 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Friday.

There will no Mass on Thursday

Let's remember that as Catholics, the importance of attending Sunday Mass. At Mass we stand mystically at the foot of the cross and witness for ourselves the same self-sacrifice of Jesus, in an unbloody manner. Mass is a celebration of this sacrifice. It is the active participation of all that come together in the place of worship.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jon 3:1-5,10**

**Psalm: PS 25:4-5, 6-7 8-9**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31**

**Gospel Mk 1:14-20**

**While these are wonderful reflections, please remember that they are not to be a substitute for the wonderful sermons of Father or Deacon Kirk at Mass.**



**A reading from the gospel according to Mark 1:14-20**

- 14 After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God:  
15 "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.
- 16 As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen.
- 17 Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- 18 Then they left their nets and followed him.
- 19 He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets.
- 20 Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

**Reflection: The Call**

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of God. It is God's Words that Jesus preached. It is not about any other good news but the message of God to the world which is the plan of salvation as fulfilled in His only Son Jesus Christ. That is why when Jesus asks us to believe in the Gospel, it is the same as saying that we must believe in Him.

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Repentance is the first requirement to enter into the Kingdom of God. It means to turn away from sin and to turn towards Jesus and to leave behind our old way of living and to start anew with love, faith and hope as the main characteristics of our behavior.

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When Jesus claims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, He is practically saying "Here I am to save you and your household. Start believing." It is at hand because He was literally in the midst of people and they can reach out to him and be filled with joy and peace. That is why when Jesus travelled from town to town, He brought enlightenment as He taught with authority, gave sight to the blind, healed the sick, cast out demons, fed the hungry and even raised the dead to life again. All of these are manifestations of the Kingdom that Jesus inaugurated.

Yet Jesus cannot build up the Kingdom alone. So He called and trained some people to help Him. Starting with four fishermen namely Simon, Andrew, James and John, He formed a community of 12 Apostles to become the nucleus of the Kingdom. Read again the passage above and see how the initial four Apostles left everything to follow Jesus. They did not have any reservation at all. They just followed! Maybe Jesus wants to form a small community in your city or village. Maybe He is calling you to become one of the first servant leaders. Listen to His voice.



**Each week I include this week's Scripture to be shared for children who may be too young to attend the program.**

Scripture

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. Mark 1:16-

18 (NRSV)

Recently I was watching the movie, "Peter Pan." Have you ever watched this movie? In the movie, the children sing a song and play a game called "Following the Leader." (Sing a bit of it, if you can.)

Following the leader, the leader, the leader  
We're following the leader wherever he may go.

Have any of you ever played "Follow the Leader?" Of course you have! I played the game when I was a child, my father played the game when he was a child, his father played the game when he was a child. Follow the Leader is a game that is played and enjoyed by children all over the world.

The rules are very simple. You choose a leader and you follow him wherever he goes and do whatever he does. You stomp through puddles, climb over fences, swing from a tree—all to stay in the game because nobody wants to be "a quitter."

Follow the Leader is a great game, but in our daily lives we play follow the leader too. In school, in Church, in sports, in any activity we are in, there are always leaders. Every day we are faced with making a choice of which leader we will follow. We must be sure to choose a leader that will lead us in the right direction.

One day Jesus was walking along the sea shore. He saw two fishermen, Peter and Andrew, who were throwing their fishing nets out into the sea. Jesus called out to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." The Bible tells us that they laid down their nets and followed Jesus. Jesus went a little farther and he saw two more men, James and John sitting in their boat mending their nets. Jesus called out to them and the Bible tells us that they left their boat and followed Jesus. (vs. 19-20)

Jesus is still calling people to follow him today. He has called you and me to follow him. Now it's up to us to decide if we will follow the leader.

Dear Jesus, you have called us to follow you. May we, like Peter, Andrew, James, and John say "Yes, Lord, I'll follow you—wherever you may lead." Amen.

## Weekly Prayer

Found this wonderful for January 21.





## **Diocese of Syracuse**

From Notre Dame Schools:

Notre Dame Schools 12th Annual Raffle is underway. This year's Grand Prize is \$100,000. With a Second Prize of \$10,000, Third Prize of \$10,000, and an additional \$10,000 in smaller prizes! Tickets cost \$100 each and includes admission for 2 adults to the Drawing Party on April 23, 2023, featuring free food, door prizes, and 50/50 raffles. Doors open at 12 Noon and the main drawing will be at 3pm. Call 315-724-5118 to purchase your tickets today! Flyer is attached.

### **Join us for a Women's Retreat with Kathy Meus**

**Friday, Jan 26-Saturday, January 27**

**"How Do You Walk Humbly with Your God?"**

The prophet Micah tells us what is required: "To do the right, to love goodness, and to walk humbly with God." Together we will explore this simple yet profound message and what it means to be humble as we journey through life. The retreat begins on Friday evening January 26th with dinner at 6:00 and ends on Saturday January 27th with dinner. Space is limited. Kathy Meus will be facilitating this retreat. Retreat begins with check-in on Friday, January 26 at 5 pm. Dinner is at 6 pm. Retreat ends after Dinner on Saturday.

Offering: \$150 and \$120 for commuters. For reservations go to [www.ctkretreat.com](http://www.ctkretreat.com) or call 315-446-2680.

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