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**Sacrament of Confession:** Before weekend Masses and by request.  
**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact priest 2 weeks prior to Baptism.  
**Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact priest 6 months in advance.  
**Sacrament of the Sick:** Inform priest about the person to be anointed.

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sun. Apr 14 8:00 am (SJ) Veronica O'Rourke by Jill & Dave Knapp  
10:00 am (SA) Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Lane Sr. by Edna Rew  
Mon. Apr 15 No Scheduled Mass  
Tues. Apr 16 8:30 am (SJ) Grey Pachak by Pete Savarie  
Wed. Apr 17 8:30 am (SJ) George Carnrike Sr. by The Kestler Family  
Thu. Apr 18 8:30 am (SA) Ellen Magistro by Gator Trace Ladies Golf Association  
Fri. Apr 19 8:30 am (SJ) Communion Service  
Sat. Apr 20 No Scheduled Mass  
Sun. Apr 21 8:00 am (SJ) Frank Fabiano by Mike & Alice Romanych  
10:00 am (SA) Betty Higgins by Well's Senior Citizens

**Collection last week:** St. Ann \$ 802.00  
St. James \$ 1321.00

***Thank you very much for your generosity in response to God's blessing to you and to your beloved family.***

#### **Reverend Daniel T. Keefe passed away.**

Reverend Daniel T. Keefe, a retired priest of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, has passed away. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated by Bishop LaValley at 11 am, at St. John's Church, Plattsburg, NY. Please pray for the repose of Father's Soul and for his family and friends. May he rest in Peace!

***“Witnessing to Jesus is testifying by our lives that the power of the risen Jesus has touched us and transformed us in the most remarkable way imaginable. Witnessing to Jesus is letting Jesus speak through us to other people”.***

- Mark Link, S.J.

#### **Mass Schedule in May**

In St. Ann's Church, Wells, 8:30 am Mass Wednesday resumes on May 1, 2024. So also, in St. James Major Church, Lake Pleasant, 5:00 pm Mass Saturday resumes on May 4, 2024. Parishioners are kindly requested to pay attention to this reminder.

#### **Promise to Protect.... Pledge to Heal**

Did you know...according to the National Children's Alliance, the youngest children are the most vulnerable to abuse. Children in the first year of their life are 15% of all victims. One in 40 infants under 1 year old are victimized by abuse every year. Child abuse can be fatal. It is estimated that 1,750 children in the United States die each year from abuse and neglect. To learn more about the role you can play in protecting children, please contact the Safe Environment Office at (315) 393- 2920.

#### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

On Good Shepherd Sunday, April 21, the Church celebrates the 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Pope Francis has invited us all "on this day, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say, 'yes' to God." Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call. We are especially grateful for our Bishop Terry LaValley, priests, deacons and consecrated men and women who are serving in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

#### **Rachel's Vineyard After-Abortion Healing Retreat: May 24-26 Guggenheim Lodge, Saranac Lake!**

If you or a friend are suffering after abortion loss, you are not alone. Find hope and healing at the spring Rachel's Vineyard Retreat May 24-26 at the Guggenheim Lodge, Saranac Lake. Register online: [www.rcdony.org/pro-life](http://www.rcdony.org/pro-life) or contact The Respect Life Office for more information: [cminer@rcdony.org](mailto:cminer@rcdony.org) or [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org) for a list of locations.

#### **Just 3 in 10 U.S. adults regularly attend religious services!**

Gallup results released March 25 show that just 3 in 10 U.S. adults attend religious services regularly. 21% every week and 9% almost every week. A reported 11% attend religious services about a month, while 25% seldom and 31% never attend. The most observant adherents are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with two-thirds saying they attend church weekly or almost weekly. Forty-four percent of Protestant and nondenominational Christians attend services regularly, followed by 38% of Muslims and 33% of Catholics. Twenty years ago, "an average of 42% of U.S. adults attended religious services every week or nearly every week." Said Gallup, noting that "among religious groups, Catholics show one of the larger drops in attendance (over the past two decades), from 45% to 33%.

#### **Environmental Stewardship**

"We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time." (Romans 8:22) Creation as well as humans shares in suffering and in new life. Spend a few minutes today to observe creation around you. What signs of new life do you see emerging from nature in springtime? What evidence of new life do you observe happening in the natural world as a result of human actions? i.e. reducing single-use plastics, paper, alternatives to plastics, planting trees, reducing, repurposing, recycling, choosing renewable energy sources, etc. Share with a friend what you discover.

