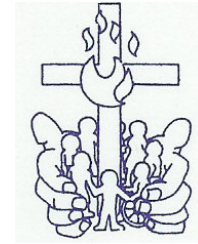


Please remember!

- Continue to pray!
- Continue to respectfully communicate to Bishop Kmiec your support for St. Mary
- Continue to support the efforts of the Strategic Planning Committee
- Continue to be the loving , hospitable people you have always been!



St. Mary Roman Catholic Church
5 Saxton St.
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Save St. Mary!

Your Letters Are Important!

We are at a very crucial point in the merging of the Lockport parishes. It is vital that Bishop Kmiec remains aware of your loving support of St. Mary.

Now that the letters to Santa have been sent and your Christmas cards mailed, we are asking for one more writing effort on your part. We especially turn to our friends from St. Anthony, St. Joseph, St. Mary in Gasport, and any others who have joined St. Mary's family to put pen to paper and let our Bishop hear of your own reasons for finding a home here. Even if you are not as yet a registered parishioner at St. Mary but somehow feel drawn to worship here, PLEASE let the Bishop know of your feelings. Even if you have already written a letter of support, please do so again.

We know it doesn't have to be said, but please keep your communications respectful and sincere. This effort has to be IMMEDIATE. This is a very busy time of year, but the effort is important. Once again, the Bishop's address is:

The Most Reverend Bishop U. Kmiec
Bishop of Buffalo
795 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

If possible, please either forward a copy to St. Mary, drop it in the collection basket, or leave it at the rectory. We are so grateful for the support you have shown in the past and for your continued support in the future. Remember, we are sustained by the strength of our faith, the light of our hope, and the fire of our love!

Did You Know?

Appearing in the Lockport Daily Journal in 1885, referring to the building of the new church: "It is proposed that the new edifice be of brick, Gothic style with steeple, fronting on Buffalo Street and will cost with furnishing and interior appurtenances about \$15,000. The architects are Poesl & Bayer of Buffalo...Facing you as you enter the main body of the church will be the High Altar...with two side altars. Two vestry rooms for the altar garments will be on each side...An emporium or gallery will be built over the entrance door for the organ and choir...It is the intention to heat the building by steam.

"Some curious mementoes were found recently by Mr. A.J. Lake when the cornerstone of the old church was removed - evidently placed there by the early Episcopalians, to wit: three American copper cents, dated 1802, 1824, 1828; also a four bladed knife handsomely inlaid with pearl - blades silver plated, including a nut pick, an ear spoon, nail cleaner and toothpick."(!)

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