

# Our Lady of the Lakes

## Catholic Community

January 30, 2011



### Weekend Mass Schedule

St. Michael's  
Liberty St., Penn Yan  
Confession 4:15pm Sat.  
5:00pm Saturday  
7:00am Sunday  
9:30am Sunday

St. Andrew's  
See St. Michael's  
Mass Schedule

St. Theresa's  
Route 245, Stanley  
Confession 10:30am Sun.  
11:00am Sunday

St. Mary's  
See St. Theresa's  
Mass Schedule

St. Januarius  
Route 21, Naples  
Confession 4:15pm Sat.  
5:00pm Saturday  
10:00am Sunday

St. Patrick's  
N. Main St. Prattsburgh  
Confession 7:30am Sun.  
8:00am Sunday

### Is the Mass Changing?

By now I suspect many of you have heard that there are upcoming changes in the Mass beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. You may have read about it in this month's *Catholic Courier*. If you haven't already read about it, let me tell you about it.

The way we do Mass is not changing. Everything we do at Mass now we will still do and there will be nothing added. The only thing that is changing is the words we use. Why change the words? The words we use at Mass are important because *words are the way we express what we believe*. For instance, some of the prayers we say at Mass come from the Bible but we don't realize that because the words are translated differently.

An example of this is found in the prayers at Communion. Currently, the priest says "This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper." Then we all say together "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed." Our response will change to "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only the word and my soul shall be healed." When I first heard the "roof" part, I thought it sounded strange but then I realized it came from the story of the healing of the Roman Centurion's servant in Matthew 8:5-13.

Another question you might have is "If all that is changing is the words and that doesn't happen to November, why are we talking about it now? Can't it wait?" If our only concern was the changing of the words, we could probably wait. We are starting now for a couple of reasons. First, we believe that it will help everyone be open to the changes if we talk about it ahead of time rather than just put the new words in a book to read them out of. In doing so, we will also explain some of the reasons for the change.

Our second reason for starting now is that we understand that some people don't fully understand why we do some of the things at Mass. In fact, some of the people who have stopped coming to church have done so because they don't understand what is going on. If you don't understand what is going on, it is hard to know what you get out of it. So, we are starting now as a time to help everyone understand the Mass better.

How are we going to do this? Well, it begins today with the insert you will find inside this bulletin. Starting next week, and throughout the month of February the Sunday homilies will look at the four parts of the Mass. At the same time, there will be a bulletin insert on the part of Mass talked about in the homily. If you have any questions you can always feel free to ask Fr. Bob or myself after Mass. You can join us for coffee and refreshments to ask your questions as follows:

- ◆ February 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Theresa's after 11am Mass
- ◆ February 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Januarius' after 10am Mass
- ◆ February 27<sup>th</sup>
  - \* At St. Patrick's after 8am Mass
  - \* At St. Michael's after the 7am and 9:30am Mass

From March to November, once a month, there will be a bulletin insert talking about the Mass, our participation, or the new wording. In the Fall we will be speaking about the new translations at Mass. We also plan to put some of these resources on our parish website.  
*Peace, Fr. Jeff*

P.S. If you would like to read more about the new translations now, check out [www.usccb.org/romanmissal](http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal)