



St. Mary's School



What a beautiful Christmas pageant we had! From our oldest to very youngest students, everyone participated and gave glory to God through their voices and actions. A special thanks to Mrs. Ellie Beauvais and to all of our teachers and staff.

On Wednesday morning, five of our students who were chosen due to their outstanding art work, traveled to Ogdensburg to admire the Bishop's Christmas tree with its display of student-made ornaments. While there we enjoyed a wonderful breakfast buffet, visited with Bishop LaValley, and even got to meet the visiting Bishop from Syria.



Michele Meyers

Upcoming Events

December

19 – Hot Turkey Lunch

20 – Classroom Christmas Parties

Dec. 22 – Jan. 1 – Winter Recess

Important Announcements

Baby Shower for Jesus – Please bring in baby items for our collection which will be distributed to Catholic Charities in Ogdensburg. Clothing, toiletries (shampoo, baby lotion, etc.), formula, bottles, pacifiers, books, etc. are all acceptable. We are accepting donations until December 18.

No Reading Buddies! Our college volunteers are done for the semester.

Our Website

www.stmaryscantonny.com



**St. John the Evangelist – Feast Day
Dec. 27**

Patron saint of authors, theologians and friendships



St. John was born to Zebedee and Salome. He was a fisherman in Galilee and was called along with his brother St. James to be an apostle. Jesus gave these sons of Zebedee the nickname, "sons of thunder."

St. John was the youngest of the apostles and Jesus loved him dearly. At the Last Supper, John leaned his head on the chest of Jesus to comfort him.

John was also the only apostle who did not desert Jesus during his passion and stood at the foot of the cross. The dying Jesus asked John to care for his Blessed Mother, Mary.

Turning to Mary, he said to John, "Behold your mother." So the rest of her life on earth, the Blessed Mother lived with St. John. He alone had the great honor of assisting and caring for the all-pure Mother of God. On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene and the other women went with spices to Jesus' tomb to anoint his body. They came running back to the apostles with exciting news. The body of Jesus was gone from the tomb.

Peter and John went to see if this was true. John arrived first but waited for Peter to go in ahead of him. Then he went in and saw the neatly folded linen cloths.

Later that same week, the disciples were fishing on the lake of Tiberias but did not catch any fish. A man standing on the beach asked them to let down their nets on the other side of the boat. When they pulled it up again it was full of large fish.

St. John, immediately knew this was Jesus, and called to Peter, "It is the Lord." With the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the apostles were filled with new courage and St. John and St. Peter were thrown into prison for preaching the good news without fear.

After the Ascension, John performed many miracles in the name of Jesus. Hearing him preach, hundreds of people were baptized and became followers of Jesus so St. John founded churches in Asia Minor for the people.

John lived for more than 100 years. He led a life of suffering, preached the Gospel, and became bishop of Ephesus. In the last years of his life, when he could no longer preach, his disciples would carry him to the crowds of Christians. His simple message was, "My dear children, love one another."

St. John died in Ephesus (modern Turkey) around the year 100. A church was built over his tomb and was later converted to a mosque.