

St. Mary's Parish

February 16-17, 2019

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 16 @ 5:30 PM

John Marks by Michele Sweet
Hal Ochs (healing) by Theresa Harty
Helen & Arthur Fairweather by their family
Sharon Banks (healing) by Frances Fairweather

Sunday, February 17 @ 10AM

Susan Pizza by the Ridzi Family
Josephine Stickles by Bruce and Frances Fairweather
James Schnurr by St. Mary's Parish

Tuesday, February 19 @9:30 AM

Carol West (healing) by Theresa Harty

Wednesday, February 20 @9:30AM

Robert Kosak by Theresa Harty

Thursday, February 21 @9:30 AM

Peter Wiegand by Theresa Harty

Saturday, February 23 @5:30 PM

John, Mary and Virginia Mantica by Barbara, Marilyn & family
Rik Werkman by Theresa Harty
Edward Wurzburg by Barbara Wurzburg
Sunday, February 24 @10 AM
Marion Giniewski by Mary Bobersky
Sheila Weiderman by the Ridzi Family
Thomas Mazzotti by St. Mary's Prayer Group
Thomas F. Hanson, Sr. by Judy & Beth Hanson

SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week for the intention of Paul Tomchik at the request of Mary Tomchik.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The prophet Jeremiah drew the sharpest contrast between those who trust in themselves and those who trust in the Lord. Those who trust in themselves live a mournful life that enjoys no change of season. Those who trust in the Lord live a joyful life that bears fruit in the seasons of drought.

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Eternal life is the promise of Christ's resurrection from the dead. The Resurrection of Christ guarantees life's happy ending. The tears we shed over our sufferings and defeats will turn to peals of laughter when Christ brings joy out of sorrow, victory out of defeat, life out of death.

LUKE 6:17, 20-26

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is a series of reversals when weeping is turning into laughing. Those who are poor will be empowered. Those who are hungry will be filled. Those who are ostracized will be honored. Those who are vilified will be justified. Those who are suffering will be healed. The faith of Jesus passes through tears to smiles.

SPECIAL NOTE: If School is delayed or cancelled in any of our three districts (Nassau, New Lebanon, or East Greenbush) for bad weather, Daily Mass in the rectory is cancelled.

PARISH HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday— After Mass—The Divine Mercy Chaplet (10 min)

Monday— No Parish Prayer Group Meeting –holiday

Tuesday— 9:30 AM Mass—St. Anthony Novena & Relic after Mass— Adoration until 10:30AM

Tuesday evening— Bible study in the Rectory 7-8 PM

Wednesday— 9:30 AM Mass

Thursday— 9:30 AM Mass followed by the Rosary

God does not love us because we are good; God loves us because God is good. Nothing humans can do will inhibit, direct, decrease, or increase God's eagerness to love. That is the one absolute of biblical faith, as Pope Francis says, and all else is relative to it. All other claims to some theoretical absolute truth, even by the Church, are all in the head, and that is not where we need truth. For us, the word has become flesh. So we need to first find truth in relationships and in ourselves, and not in theories. Only great love can handle great truth. From the book, "Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi."

ELECTRONIC GIVING: We are so grateful to those who are using our Electronic Giving. Your automatic donations are received by the Parish even when weather or vacation keeps you away from us on the weekend. Even while you are enjoying the summer break from your regular routine, your parish will be receiving your much needed support. Our bills take no vacation. To enroll, just go to our website, www.stmarysnassau.org and click on "donations". If you would like us to do this for you, pick up a sign up sheet, fill it out, and provide us with a voided blank check.

2018 ANNUAL BISHOP APPEAL This year our assessment has been reduced slightly to \$36,613, a reduction of 3%. To date we have received 93 gifts totaling \$35,728. We have collected 98% of our goal in pledges and gifts. We need an additional \$885. **The 2018 Campaign will end on March 15. If you have not completed your pledge, please pay it off before the date. If you have not given at all, we will be happy to process your donation. Our goal is to have no balance owed to the diocese. This money comes directly out of our Church Operating Fund.**

SNOW REMOVAL We would like to ask for some much needed help with snow shoveling. We need some helpful hands who can spare some time. Some people who previously helped are no longer able to do so and the need is great. Please call the office and let us know you can help and provide us with your phone number.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS are still available in the sacristy. If you are a lector, please pick one up. Today. This is a helpful tool for all lectors.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 17, 2019

Please pray for our sick: Adeline Adanes, Dustin Clark, Mary Garrity, Erica Partak, Ed La Pointe, Darlene Eagle, Chip Le Brecht, Seth Kaminski, Cory Roberts, Pat McLaughlin, John DeLap, Bethany Jenest, Danielle Hilton, Amy Gumlaw, Joan Campbell, Alice Loughlin, Philip Sullivan, Madison Chester-man, Chad Cardoza, Jeanne and Barry Litt, Colleen Krebs, Bob Lussier, Paul Tomchik, Elizabeth Hrifko, Annette Monday, Evangeline Prince, Chrissie Arnold, Richard



Holmes, Carolyn Straus, Sophia Rysedorph, Timothy Podeswa, Addison Brown, Irene Rings, Kate Hockford, Anna May Gregg, Linda Walsh, Ann Zido, Judy Beberwyk, Linda Schaefer, Clark Baker, Stanley Giniewski, Sandra Thomson, Dominic Russomanno, Shirl Rowe, Robert McEnroe, Colin Sullivan, Masresha Schaefer, Boyd Schaumann, Ann Dacey, Michael Stephen Allen, Melissa Di Carlo, Johnny Greene, Amy Barber, Angelo Papa, Mary Anne Dronchi, Christine Anderson, Jeff Anderson, Hal Ochs, Carol West, Heather Darcy, Barbara Fausner, Jake Rysedorph, Eleanor Kristiansen, Bill Richards, Michele Sweet, Antone Kandrac, Sue Werkman, Joan Towse, Lisa Rossello, Charleen Papa, Rita Labrum, Catherine Fairweather, Karen Di Stau, Sharon Banks, Jody Risko. **Please call the office for changes. We have no way of knowing the change in status without your help.**

FINANCE REPORT

2-04-19	\$1,818.00
Elect.	731.00
	\$2,549.00
2-11-19	\$2,620.00
Elect.	241.00
	\$2,861.00
Fuel	\$963

FRONT DOOR OF CHURCH: When opening our new Church door, please press the button above the handle. Do not pull on the handle. Repeatedly pulling on the handle can cause the door to break.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL IS SEEKING EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

St. Peters Hospital is looking for motivated individuals to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Members of our Parish who are Eucharistic Ministers are invited to share their time and talents. The schedules are flexible and they ask for only an hour's worth of time per visit either weekly or monthly. If you are interested, please contact Amanda Weller, volunteer recruiter at 518-525-1002 to schedule an interview.

MOVE YOUR BODY CLASS The next class will be held on Wednesday, February 20, at 11 AM at the Parish Hall. The classes concentrate on breathing stretching, and moving. In the three years that we have had this class, our group has grown and become stronger. We have a good time each week and invite anyone interested to join us.

FAITH FORMATION There will be class for the younger children (Pre-K to 8) at 8:45 AM and for our teens (9,10,11) at 11 AM today. **There will be no classes on February 17 and 24 because of Winter Break.**

SAVE THESE DATES

Additional Confirmation Preps on March 3 & 10-6:30—7:30 PM at Sacred Heart

**Confirmation at 6PM on Tuesday, March 19 at Sacred Heart
First Eucharist at 10 AM on Saturday, May 11.**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let Jesus proclaim the good news to you in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct. 18-20, 2019 in Albany, NY and Feb 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more info, call Ed & Rhoda Staats at 518-279-3243.

LENT WILL BEGIN ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6.

On Ash Wednesday we will have Mass **in the church at 10 AM** to allow for priest travel. Ashes will be distributed during the Mass.

There will also be an additional evening Mass **in the church at 7PM** with distribution of ashes.

We will be having Stations of the Cross followed by a one hour video or Adoration on Fridays during Lent. 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12.

ACADEMY OF THE HOLY NAMES, 1075 New Scotland Rd., Albany will hold an open house on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30PM Register online at ahns.org or contact Ann Rento arento@ahns.org, 518-438-7895 ext. 202.



PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Father, hold our troops in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us. Be with them and comfort them with your loving presence while they are away from their homes. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and grant us all peace, both as individuals and a world Community. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, with faith that you can hear and answer all our prayers according to your will. AMEN.