

St. Mary's Parish

March 23-24, 2019

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 23 @ 5:30 PM

John, Mary, and Virginia Mantica by Barbara, Marilyn
& families

Sue Werkman and Family (healing) by Theresa Harty

Charles Papa by Charleen Papa

Sunday, March 24 @ 10AM

Mary Wiegand by Chris Arnold & Pat McEaney

Bud & Lee Rausch by Rocky and Jim Rausch

Laura Bennett by Julie, Eric, Jason and Kristen Vogel

Tuesday, March 26 @9:30 AM

Staska Fitzgibbons by Maureen Cellery

Wednesday, March 27 @9:30 AM

Frances Fanning (healing)

Thursday, March 28 @9:30 AM

Eva Sorell by Theresa Harty

Saturday, March 30 @5:30 PM

Bill Hanson by Bruce and Fran Fairweather

Mary Lou Tuck (healing)

Sunday, March 31 @10AM

Antonio and Angelina Zucconi by Linda Dellea

Valerie Cooper by Julie and Eric Vogel

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

For the children of Abraham, God's mercy came in the form of release from slavery in Egypt. For us that mercy comes in the form of release from slavery to sin. God showed mercy and grace to the Israelites, not because they were perfect, but because they were his people and he cared for them.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Paul describes to the Christians of Corinth how Israel's experience of the exodus prefigures their salvation in Christ. By evoking "Our ancestors," he identifies the Church of Christ with the people of Israel: this is the basis of Paul's interpretation of the exodus.

Luke 13:1-9 It is true that the loving Father of Jesus watches over us, but not to catch us in sin and penalize us. He cares for us like the gardener in the parable of the fig tree that seems only to take up space. Thanks to the insightful gardener, the barren tree is given one last chance. The gardener, who cultivates hope, knows his profession and is well aware that sometimes it takes years for a tree to bear fruit. So he recommends a good dose of patience.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS

to the two Confirmandi, Paul Barber and Joshua Zimmerman who were confirmed at Sacred Heart Church on March 19. We are proud of your perseverance.

PARISH HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

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

Monday— The Annunciation

Parish Prayer Group Meeting in Rectory. 7-8 PM

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

Friday—Stations of the Cross followed by Vinny Flynn "7 Secrets of the Eucharist."

Our faith is a beautiful, developing drama, a beauty whose end we cannot see. Starting with the first day of creation, the Word of God has been slowly emerging down the ages. The Word has become visible in the incarnation and will reach its full revelation when Jesus returns in glory on the last day, from the essay, "John Duns Scotus: His View of Christ? By Friar Jack Wintz.

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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: This Lent our Parish will participate in a Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Proceeds will help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in our Diocese and around the world. Be sure to pick up a rice bowl at the entrance of the church.

VITA FREE TAX PREPARATION comes to Stephentown-Friday, 3/29 at the library from 3 to 6 PM. Pre register by 3/27. Call Mary at 518-733-0469. Applicants must have family income of less than \$55,000 for 2018. More info at back of church if you are interested,



Third Sunday in Lent March 24, 2019



Please pray for our sick: Adeline Adanes, 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, John Carman, Dom Devaney, Ann Devaney, Peter Quinn, Bobby Bueller.

FINANCE REPORT 3/11/19

Regular Collection	\$2,647.00
Electronic Giving	211.00
Total	\$2,758.00

Utilities \$198; Black & Indian Missions \$100

FRONT DOOR OF THE CHURCH: When opening our new front 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the soul of Charlotte Kullnig, a longtime parishioner, who has been living in Slingerlands in recent years. Charlotte's funeral Mass will be on Monday morning at 10 AM. We extend our sympathy to her adopted family, the O'Hares.

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.

MOVE YOUR BODY CLASS The next class will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 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: Classes for faith formation this weekend will be held Sunday at the usual times: Grades Pre K to 8 at 8:45 AM and Grades 9 & 10 at 11 AM.

SAVE THESE DATES

Chinese Auction at 5PM on Friday, April 26.
First Eucharist at 10 AM on Saturday, May 11.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Sacred Heart, Castleton-April 2- 7PM
St. Mary's, Nassau- April 4-7PM
St. Mary's, Clinton Heights- April 8-7PM
St. Henry's, Averill Park- April 9-7PM
St. John-St. Joseph, Rensselaer-April 10-12:10 PM
Immaculate Conception, New Lebanon-April 15- 7PM

LENTEN END GAME We are rapidly closing in on the final days of Lent. As has been stated in a number of times this season of Lent is a time for self-inspection to look at our relationship with God and what we can do to improve that relationship. We are all frail human beings and often fall into actions or practices that are indeed sinful. Regardless of their nature they interfere with our relationship with God. Our modern society makes it easy to believe that there is no sin and that the mistakes we make have no impact on our salvation. All we need to do is to speak to God and he will brush away what we have done. Jesus clearly defined how sin was to be forgiven and the apostles and evangelist reinforced this in their writings. The Church formalized this method of being reconciled to God in the sacrament now call Reconciliation. Over the centuries, the format has changed but its core is still the same. We are to (a) reflect on what we have done and failed to do. (b) We are to admit our failure to live lives that follow the teachings of Jesus. (c) We are to confess our sins and to ask his forgiveness for those sins. (d) Lastly we are to do penance to express our sorrow for our sins and to atone for them.

When we present ourselves before God in this way, he always forgives us as long as we are truly humble and contrite. All of these things are accomplished within the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation which is celebrated by the penitent and the priest. The priest, by delegation from the bishop, says the words of absolution over the penitent forgiving the sins. In the final weeks of Lent, we have many opportunities to receive this sacrament and God's forgiveness.

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.