

# St. Mary's Parish

February 17-18, 2018

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 17 @5:30 PM

Frank and Rita Dreher by family  
Betty Borey by Don and Sharron Anselment

### Sunday, February 18 @ 10 AM

Mark Temple by The Ridzi Family  
Gloria Marra by Bob and Barbara Matarese  
Theresa Stabile by Bob and Barbara Matarese

### Tuesday, February 20 @9:30 AM

Healing Mass for Don Sweeney by Barbara Mullins

### Wednesday, February 21 @9:30 AM

Betty Borey by Barbara Mullins

### Thursday, February 22 2018 @ 9:30 AM

Healing Mass for for Jeff Anderson

### Saturday, February 24 @ 5:30 PM

Frank and Rita Dreher by Bruce and Fran Fairweather  
Ed Wurzburg by Barbara Wurzburg

### Sunday, February @ 10 AM

Mark Temple by JoAnn Schnurr

**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week for the intention of Paul Tomchik requested by Mary Tomchik.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### GENESIS 9:8-15

According to the story of Noah's flood, God poured out his judgment on the earth for forty days. Noah survived that trial by the grace of God and went forth from his ark to replenish the earth. God's judgment is always a prelude to God's redemption. He puts us through trial to purify our hearts and strengthen our faith.

### 1 PETER 3:18-22

Among early Christians, Noah's ark was regarded as Old Testament type of the New Testament church. The author of the first letter of Peter compared the flood to baptism. We are saved through the water. Suffering and sacrifice are the means by which we are drawn to the higher ground of the Kingdom of God.

### MARK 1:12-15

What a vivid image of the tests that Christians must endure. Like Jesus in the desert, we are torn between menacing beast and ministering angels. The human heart is the prize of this battle between beast and angel. But we can withstand the lure of evil if we cling to the love of good.

### **2018 TEAM SCRABBLE CHALLENGE**, Sunday,

February 25 from 2 to 4 PM AT THE Grace United Methodist Church, 42 Church St., Nassau- Snow date is March 4.

Chase away the wintertime blues with a non traditional team Scrabble tournament to benefit the Library's display and availability of large print books. Entrance fee \$10- Each team must supply its own standard (not deluxe) Scrabble game. Register as a team or come as a single and form a team onsite. Three rounds will be played and the team with the highest point total will be the winner.

### **DEADLINE FOR BISHOP APPEAL PLEDGES**

The deadline to pay pledge balances for the 2017 Bishop Appeal Campaign is March 15, 2018. Final pledge statements will be mailed to you in February. Any unpaid balance must be assumed by the parish.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

**Sunday-** After Mass – The Divine Mercy Chaplet (10 min)

**Monday-** Parish Prayer Group Meeting 7-8 PM

**Tuesday-** 9:30 Mass + St. Anthony Novena & Relic  
After Mass—Adoration until 10:30 AM

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

**Wednesday-** Mass at 9:30 AM

**Thursday -**9:30 AM Mass and Rosary

**Friday-7PM—**Stations of the Cross followed by  
Part 2 of Franco Zefferelli's "Jesus of Nazareth."

God does not love us because we are good; God loves us because God is good. Nothing humans can do will inhibit direct, decrease of 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 Ways of St. Francis of Assisi.

## 2017 BISHOP APPEAL

The 2017-2018 Assessment for St. Mary is \$37,745, a 0.93% reduction in last year's assessment. Our campaign is at 108 pledges totaling \$34,116. We are 90% towards our goal. Please make your pledge soon so we can count on your support. We need an additional \$3,630.

**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 keep 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. Our electronic participation is currently at \$1,800 a month. To enroll, just go to our website, [www.stmarysnassau.org](http://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.

**DAILY MASS** is being held in the Rectory at 9:30 AM. Each week, there are regularly three Masses offered by Fr. John on Tuesday and Thursday and Fr. Tom on Wednesday. Because both of our priests have busy schedules serving other parishes, there are sometimes changes in the schedule. We try to notify you as soon as we know. In the event of a funeral, daily Mass is canceled. During the winter months we will not have Mass if any of the local school districts are closed. (New Lebanon, East Greenbush, or Averill Park) because of the Priests' travel. There is limited parking in the Rectory lot for those who have difficulty crossing Route 20.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2018



**Please pray for our sick:** Mary Giniewski, Adeline Adanes, Dustin Clark, Mary Garrity, Erica Partak, Ed La Pointe, Darlene Eagle, Chip Le Brecht, Seth Kaminski, Cory Roberts, Charlene Mueller, Pat McLaughlin, John DeLap, Bethany Jenest, Danielle Hilton, Amy Gumlaw, Susan Scheuerman, Beth Nozzolio, Joan Campbell, Alice Loughlin, Philip Sullivan, Rhys Hunt, 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, Charolette Amodeo, Linda Walsh, Ann Zido, Mary Wiegand, Judy Beberwyk, Linda Schaefer, Clark Baker, Stanley Giniewski, Sandra Thomson, Dominic Russomanno, May Sweeney, Shirl Rowe, Robert McEnroe, Colin Sullivan, Masresha Schaefer, Boyd Schaumann, Ann Dacey, Phil Quattrocchi, Michael Stephen Allen, Melissa Di Carlo, Johnny Greene, Amy Barber, Angelo Papa, Mary Anne Dronchi, Anne Messineo, Christine Anderson, Don Sweeney, Jeff Anderson, Hal Ochs, Carol West. **Please call the office with any changes to the list. We have no way of knowing the change in status without your help.**

## TURBO KICK IN PARISH HALL

Class will be held on Tuesday, February 20 at 6PM upstairs in our Parish Hall. Turbo Kick Live is a group exercise class that combines kickboxing and high intensity interval training (HIIT). High energy dance music makes it **feel** more like a party than a workout! Questions, call Catherine at 567-7399.

**MOVE YOUR BODY CLASS** The next class will be held on Wednesday, February 21. The classes concentrate on breathing, stretching, and moving as we age.

**WE WOULD BE SO GRATEFUL TO ANY ABLE BODIED** person who is able to help keep our walks, steps and ramp around our church **clean**. If you are able and available, please try to help out during storms. The need is urgent because in the last storm snow was being shoveled by one of our seniors.

## ACADEMY OF HOLY NAMES

**"Her potential is our passion."** Learn more about Academy of the Holy Names at our Grade 6-12 Open House on Tuesday, March 6th at 6 PM. Register online at [ahns.org](http://ahns.org) or contact Ann Rento, [arento@ahns.org](mailto:arento@ahns.org), 438-7895 x202, 1075 New Scotland Road, Albany.

## HELP IS NEEDED!

In order to operate our parish more efficiently, we are in need of more Ministers of the Altar. We could use Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers so that we can spread out assigning the few faithful ones we have. We are also in need of Altar Servers. That could be any child who has received his/her First Communion. Please make this the year that you participate in the Mass.

**PARISHIONER ANN DACEY** is residing at Barnwell Nursing Home in Valatie on the sixth floor. If you are in the area and would like to visit, please do so.

## HELP IS NEEDED TO CLEAN OUR CHURCH

The ladies who currently clean our church weekly are asking for another set of hands. Help is needed, if only on a rotating basis. Please call the Parish Office at 518-766-270 if you can spare an hour. Day of the week is flexible.

**FAITH FORMATION 2018** Our Faith Formation pro-

<b>Regular Collection</b>		
<b>2/11/2018</b>	<b>Regular</b>	<b>\$1,898.00</b>
	<b>Electronic</b>	<b>241.00</b>
		<b>\$2,139.00</b>
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	<b>Additional Fuel</b>	<b>\$116.00</b>

gram will be taking a winter break for the school vacation. There will be no classes this weekend or next. Classes will resume on the weekend of March 3-4.

## HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL AND PARENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

are planning their 2018 Gratitude Gala and Silent Auction which will be held on the evening of Saturday, April 28 at the East Greenbush Fire Hall on Phillips Rd. in East Greenbush. The proceeds from this event support every student in the school.

If it is possible, mark it on your calendar and plan to attend in support of Catholic education. Any business owners who would like to support this worthwhile endeavor are urged to call 518-477-5739 or e-mail [mcollins@hsseg](mailto:mcollins@hsseg) for more information.

**NASSAU SUNSHINE FUND:** Neighbors helping neighbors who are having a financial emergency, making 0% interest loans, limited to \$500 with funds paid directly to a vendor. Pay-back terms set by borrower. Since 2009, 42 loans have been made. For more info, [www.nassausunshinefund.org](http://www.nassausunshinefund.org), call 256-6878

## 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.