

St. Mary's Parish

March 10-11, 2018

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 10 @5:30 PM

Salvatore Papa by Charleen Papa
Betty Borey by Janice and Lou Horvath
Jim Tomchik by Pat Tomchik— 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, March 11 @ 10 AM

Mike Anson by Judy Baksi and Roger
Betty Borey by Pat and Gerard McEaney
Edward Fitzgibbons by Maureen Cellery

Tuesday, March 13 @9:30 AM

Parish Family

Wednesday, March 14 @9:30 AM

Parish Family

Thursday, March 15 @ 9:30 AM

Helen and Arthur Fairweather by their family

Saturday, March 17 @ 5:30 PM

Frank and Rita Dreher by their family
Betty Borey by Chris Arnold

Sunday, March 18 @ 10 AM

Mark Temple by Maureen Cellery
Rick and Debi Case (for healing) by Julie, Eric, Kristen and
Jason Vogel

Alice Hogan by Marilyn Geraghty

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 CHRONICLES 36:14-17, 19-23 We are told that God sent his messengers early and often to save his people from their infidelity. But the lovers of darkness turned away from these messengers of light. They accused them of religious fanaticism and political sedition. The land was laid waste until darkness was dispelled by a new light from God.

EPHESIANS 2:4-10

According to the apostle Paul we do not lift ourselves out of darkness. The light comes to us. God in his mercy and because of his love has brought us to the light through Christ Jesus. God has given us a place in heaven. Salvation is ours through faith because of God's favor in Christ.

JOHN 3:14-21

The gospel of John portrays Jesus as the Light of the World. The world is a realm of darkness. As the Light of the World Jesus judges the world for its darkness. He exposes the dark corners of human evil. But Jesus also leads the world out of darkness. He shows the way to the bright places of Godliness.

NEXT WEEKEND'S DIOCESAN COLLECTION

will be taken up for the Catholic Relief Services. Please answer the knock of Jesus in disguise with a generous response to this appeal by the US Conference of Bishops. *The basket will be passed twice.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: For the remaining Wednesdays of Lent, March 7,14,21,28 we will have Stations of The Cross after the 9:30 Mass in the Church. This is to enable those who can't drive at night.

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– 9:30 AM Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Thursday–9:30 AM Mass and Rosary

Friday-7PM—Stations of the Cross followed by
Part 3 of Franco Zefferelli's "Jesus of Nazareth."

Sacrifice teaches us the joy of putting others first, while it strengthens us to respond decisively to the influence of The Holy Spirit in our lives. Yielding to God takes guts, like leaping off a high precipice into pitch darkness. It feels risky, but when we can't clearly see what's ahead And we choose to entrust ourselves to God's love, the rewards are fantastic. It's as if we ventured out into the Wilderness with no provisions, to discover mysterious treasures that speak to our hearts like nothing we have ever experienced before. *"True Radiance: Finding Grace in the Second Half of Life"*

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.

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.

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 \$1,600 a month. We have lost a few of our regular donors.

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.

DAILY MASS is held in the Rectory at 9:30 AM.

There are regularly three Masses offered by Fr. John on Tuesday and Thursday and Fr. Tom on Wednesday. In the event of a funeral, daily Mass is canceled. During the winter months we will not have Mass if any of our three local schools are delayed or closed. (New Lebanon, East Greenbush, Averill Park). Averill Park).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11, 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 Ryседorph, 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, Heather Darcy, Alice Podeswa, Bill Hanson. ***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, March 13 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, March 14. 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.

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. Payback terms set by borrower. Since 2009, 42 loans have been made. For more info, www.nassausunshinefund.org, call 256-6878

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.

FAITH FORMATION 2018 Classes have resumed., This weekend the lower grades meet at 8:45 AM and grades 9-10 at 11:15 AM. Our Confirmation Class will have class at Sacred Heart in Castleton on Sundays at 6:30 PM on March 11. Confirmation will be on **Friday, March 16 at 7PM.**

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Mar 14- 7:00PM- St. Henry's Averill Park
 Mar. 15-7:00PM- St. Mary's, Nassau
 Mar. 19- 7:00PM- St. Mary's Clinton Heights
 March 21—7:00 PM- Sacred Heart, Castleton

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Our Parish is participating in the Lenten Sacrificial Program known as Operation Rice Bowl. If you have not already done so, please take a bowl Home with you to put your Lenten sacrifices in and return it

Regular Collection

3/4/2018	Regular	\$3,933.00
	Electronic	708.00
		\$ 4,641.00

Make up Diocesan collections \$110; make up second collections \$155; make up flower collections \$50

at Easter Time. This is an excellent way to combine your Lenten Sacrifices with a donation to the needy.

HEALING PATHWAYS is a support ministry for those who have experienced or are experiencing divorce. The group will meet for ten Tuesdays starting March 6 from 6:45 to 8:45 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 40 N. Main St., Albany For more info or to register, call 518-454-6644 or e-mail mary.fay@rcda.org.

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.