

# St. Mary's Parish

February 10-11, 2018

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 10 @5:30 PM

Lorraine Backstrom by St. Mary's Prayer Group  
Michael Anson by Pat Tomchik

### Sunday, February 11 @ 10 AM

Jeanne Rysedorph by Michele Sweet  
Michael Anson by Judy Baksi and Roger

### Tuesday, February 13 @9:30 AM

Betty Borey by Barbara Mullins

### Wednesday, February 14 @10AM\* (\*time change)

#### Mass in The Church

Mary Royce by The Fairweather Family  
6:00 PM—Prayer Service and Ashes

### Thursday, February 15, 2018 @ 9:30 AM

Healing Mass for Frank Ridzi

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

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

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

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Leviticus 12:1-2,44-46

What a strange scripture! What lesson can we draw from this ancient rule that excluded lepers from the community. We can "spiritualize" the passage because there is such a thing as moral leprosy. There is a moral corruption that is a threat to the health and the life of the community. We need to deal decisively with that corruption before it destroys us.

### 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

The Apostle Paul had a great sense of priorities. He always kept his eye on the target of his life to live for the glory of God and the cause of Christ. He judged the urgency and the opportunity of every circumstance in the light of that goal. His advice to readers is still relevant to us today. "Imitate me as I imitate Christ."

### Mark 1:40-45

Jesus healed the leper out of pure compassion, not to draw attention to himself. There is a lesson here for us. We ought to do good deeds for the sake of the people in need who need our help. When we shift the attention to ourselves—doing good to look good—our deeds lose their Christ-like character.

**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.

## 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.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

### LENT BEGINS 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

**Ash Wednesday**– Mass at 10 AM

**Ash Wednesday**– Prayer Service and Ashes

**Thursday** –9:30 AM Mass and Rosary

**Friday**-7PM—Stations of the Cross followed by Part 1 of Franco Zefferelli's "Jesus of Nazareth."

When I wake up every morning, I say, "Lord thank you for giving me another day. Please grant me the grace to hear and obey you today." While it only takes a few minutes, it sets the tone for the entire day.

Each new day is a gift from the Lord. Beginning with prayer keeps the distractions of daily life at bay, so we do not lose sight of God's plan. From "Faith, Hope, and Clarity: How to Know God's Will,"

## 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 \$1,800 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.

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 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 Scheurman, Beth Nozzolio, Joan Campbell, Alice Loughlin, Philip Sullivan, Rhys Hunt, Madison Chesterman, 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 Poddeswa, 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 Schumann, 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 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, February 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.

## 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.

### Regular Collection

2/14/2018	<b>Regular</b>	<b>\$2,337.00</b>
	<b>Electronic</b>	<b>771.00</b>
		<b>\$3,108.00</b>
		<b>Fuel \$681.00</b>

**ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14,** marks the first day of the Season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at a 10 AM Mass in the Church on that day. In addition there will be an Evening Prayer Service in the Church at 6 PM. Ashes will be distributed at the Service.

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. As a sign of our penance, We preserve for the Diocese of Albany the custom of abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence binds all Catholics who are 14 years and older. Fasting binds all Catholics, ages over 18 but not yet 59. Fasting refers to the amount of food eaten. Traditionally fasting calls for one full meal per day. By retaining these traditions for our Diocese, we do not intend that they be interpreted as laws binding under the pain of sin, but as customs from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused. They are expressions of our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other and to love our neighbor.



### 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.