

St. Mary's Parish

December 2, 2018

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 1 @ 5:30 PM

William Fogarty by Barb Wurzburg
Frances Hotaling by Don and Sharron Anselment

Sunday, December 2 @ 10 AM

Gerald Steadman by Theresa Harty
Bryan Hough by Maureen Cellery
John Tomchik by Pat Tomchik (7th Anniversary)

Tuesday, December 4 @ 9:30 AM

No Mass

Wednesday, December 5 @ 9:30 AM

Mary Giniewski by Joanna Towse

Thursday, December 6 @ 9:30 AM

Bob Kosak by family

Friday, December 7 @ 7:00 PM

Ted Devlin by Bruce and Frances Fairweather

Saturday, December 8 @ 5:30 PM

Billy Sweet Joyner by Michele Sweet
John, Mary and Virginia Mantica

by Barbara, Marilyn & Families

Sunday, December 9 @ 10 AM

Mary Wiegand by Theresa Harty
James Schnurr by Maureen Cellery
Lisa Rossello (healing) by St. Mary's Music Ministry

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14-16 The prophet Jeremiah preached hope to a homeless people. These people for whom the land had been God's pledge to their forefathers, had lost their land to war, famine and deportation. But Jeremiah promised that God would do what is right and just, restoring the house of Israel and Judah as their everlasting home.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 The apostle Paul prayed that the Christians at Thessalonica would increase their love for one another and for all. Love is what makes the church a family and a home. We may be cut off from our kinsmen. We may have lost title to our property, but we find a home wherever love dwells.

Luke 21:25-28,34-36 The strength of our faith becomes more obvious when our spirits are low and our minds are shaken. Those times of anguish teach us no earthly fortress can secure the lasting meaning and purpose of our lives. Our power and courage come from above because our lasting home is in heaven.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS are available in the sacristy. Advent and our new liturgical year begins today. If you are a lector, please pick one up today.

SAVE THE DATES:

Immaculate Conception Holy Day Vigil -7PM Dec. 7

Cookie Assembly Day—Dec.13-9:30 AM

Christmas Bake Sale—Dec. 15-16

Christmas Greccio—Dec. 16—10 AM

MOVE YOUR BODY CLASS The next class will be held on Wednesday, December 5 at 11 AM at the Parish Hall.

PARISH HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

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

Monday— Parish Prayer Group Meeting 7-8 PM

Tuesday— **NO** 9:30 AM Mass—St. Anthony Novena & Relic After Mass— **NO** Adoration until 10:30AM

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

Wednesday— 9:30 AM Mass

Thursday— 9:30 Mass followed by the Rosary

Friday—Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception—7PM
8 PM—Parish video Mission in Parish Hall

Jesus' gift to us: Holy Communion is the most visible, tangible means we have of God sharing his love for us. What a gift we have as Catholics to celebrate the True Presence of Christ each time we participate in Mass! From "Sisterhood of Saints"

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 91 gifts totaling \$34,228. We have collected 93.3 % of our goal in pledges and gifts. We need an additional \$2,385.

CHRISTMAS TURKEY ENVELOPES are now available at the entrance of the church. We thank you for your help with turkeys, potatoes and pies for the Thanksgiving baskets and ask for your help in providing the same assistance for Christmas. We are proud that we are able to do this each year and appreciate your help and support. The suggested donation is \$15, but please give whatever you can and we will be grateful.

SNOW REMOVAL: Looking ahead to the coming winter, 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.....Remember if School is delayed or canceled in our three districts (Nassau, New Lebanon, or East Greenbush) Mass is canceled.

COMMUNAL PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St. John/St. Joseph, Rensselaer ; 12:10AM, Wed., Dec. 5
Immaculate Conception, New Lebanon; 7PM, Thurs, Dec.6
St. Mary's, Clinton Heights; 7PM, Mon., Dec.10
St. Henry's Averill Park; 7PM, Tues. Dec.11
St. Mary's Nassau, 7PM, Thursday, Dec.13

The First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018

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 Schaufmann, Ann Dacey, Phil Quattrocchi, 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, Bill Hanson, Barbara Fausner, Jake Rysedorph, Eleanor Kristiansen, Bill Richards, Michele Sweet, Antone Kandrac, Sue Werkman, Joan Towse, Lisa Rossello, Charleen Papa, Rita Labrum, Catherine Fairweather, Louise Van Tassel, Karen Di Staul, Larry Taylor.

Please call the office with any changes to the list. We have no way of knowing the change in status without your help.

PARISH FINANCES

Regular Collection

Regular \$ 1737

Electronic 371

\$2108

Insurance \$15

ST. MARY'S FAMOUS COOKIE SALE: Please take a few minutes to read the enclosure today concerning our cookie sale which will take place on the weekend of December 15-16, the day of our children's Christmas Greccio. We ask you to please get your orders in promptly to make this sale a success. **Bakers of cookies for the cookie platters and for the bake sale held in conjunction are needed. Our bake sale will be held on the weekend of Dec. 15-16.**



FAITH FORMATION Classes for lower grades will be held on Dec 2 and Dec. 9 at 8:45 AM and Grades 9,10 and 11 at 11AM

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH will be held on Monday, December 10th in their Parish Hall from 1 PM until 5:30 PM. If you are interested in donating , go to red-crossblood.org and sign up.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES will present "*The Wonder of this Night 2018*" on Saturday, December 15 at 7:30 PM at the Genet School, East Greenbush, NY. They will be accompanied by our own Joanna Towse and feature several members of our Music Ministry.

THREE FRIDAYS IN ADVENT- A VIDEO PARISH MISSION Friday 12/7 -VIGIL MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION , A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION@7pm.

After Mass at 8PM "Healing and Restoration in the Confessional" in St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Friday 12/14-7PM "Divine Mercy and God's Plan for your Life" in the Parish Hall.

Friday 12/21-7PM—"The Transforming Power of the Eucharist" in the Parish Hall.

This will be our Parish Mission for the Season of Advent. Please try to attend one or more of them in preparation for the birth of Christ.



MOVE YOUR BODY CLASS The next class will be held on Wednesday, December 5, at 11 AM at the Parish Hall. The classes concentrate on breathing stretching, and moving.

OUR PARISH FAMILY extends its prayers and sympathy to our Music Minister, Joanna Towse on the loss of her sister, Mary Giniewski, who passed away last weekend after a long illness. May she rest in peace.

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.