

# St. Mary of the Assumption

119 Broad Street  
Waterford, New York 12188

Sunday, April 19, 2020 | Second Sunday of Easter



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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)  
**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
**Weekdays:** 7:45 a.m. (Monday through Saturday)  
**First Friday:** 7:45 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. (when School is in session)  
**Holy Days :** 7:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
**Civic Holidays:** 7:45 a.m.

**Monday - Thursday • 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Office Closed daily from 12:30-1:00**  
**Friday • 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

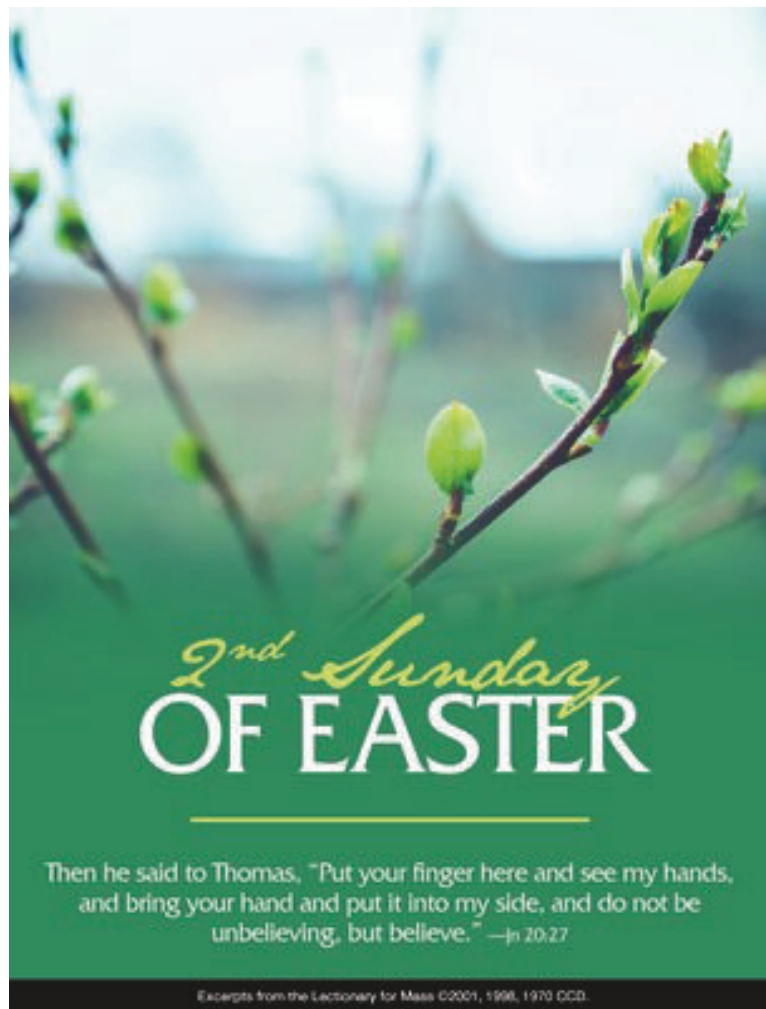
**Saturday: 7:15 to 7:35 a.m. and  
3:00 to 3:45 p.m.**

## Sacrament of the Sick

**In case of emergency, at any time.  
Whenever someone is seriously ill, in  
the hospital or homebound, please  
notify the parish office.**

## Sacrament of Baptism

**Third Sunday of the month at  
1:00 p.m., after preparation by  
appointment.**



*"One in Mind and Heart, Intent Upon God"*  
~ St. Augustine

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Second Sunday of Easter– Divine Mercy Sunday*

**Fr. Kelley will be remembering your intentions during his daily private mass**

### MONDAY, APRIL 20

7:45 Marie Daigneault

Leo

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

7:45 Easter Flower Memorials

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

7:45 Communion Service

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

7:45 Easter Flower Memorials

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

7:45 Priest's Intentions

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

7:45 Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

4:00 Cannon & Collin Families

Betty & Jim Powell

Anne Gabriel

Mike & Brian Kelly

Marilyn Galarneau

husband & family

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 Theresa Vautrin

Ken Perrier

Paul Bourgeois

Theresa Bourgeois

10:30 Salvatore & Margaret Giulano

Betty

Leo & Rose Soulier

Susan



### *Sacrificial Giving*

Weekly Offertory 03/29

Regular \$ 4787

**We are especially grateful for the contributions mailed in from parishioners, despite the cancellation of masses.**



**A** special word of thanks to all those who made our televised Holy Week and Easter Masses a success. Thank you to Ken, Pearl and Lynda for the preparation of the church; Sharon Fletcher for the delivery of our Easter Flowers. Thanks too to Jim Charles for the beautiful music. And last, but certainly not least, thank you to Peggy and Terry Ryan, parishioners from St. Augustine's Parish, for their assistance in video-recording the masses and posting them to social media!

**Video recordings of masses from either St. Mary's or St. Augustine's can be found online at:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/wgjc9d>**

**Are you cleaning house during the "Stay at Home" order?**

Don't throw away all those unwanted treasures you're finding as you clean. The pandemic will end and when it does, our parish will already be planning its annual

### **GARAGE SALE!**

Please consider setting them aside and donating them to our September Garage Sale.



#### **APRIL BREAD**

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#### **APRIL SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In Memory of  
**MARIE L. BECKER**  
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**SON, JOSEPH**

In Memory of  
**PRIMEAU FAMILY**  
Given by  
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#### **APRIL MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL**

In Memory of  
**PAUL SNAY**

Given by  
**FRIENDS**



My dear Friends,

Perhaps some of you had the opportunity to watch our Easter mass on YouTube this past Sunday. It was strange to celebrate mass in essentially an empty church. And yet, I was comforted knowing that many of you were watching from the safety of your home, choosing to spend part of your Easter morning at St. Mary's Church. If you tuned in, you also saw the beautiful Easter Flowers which adorn the back altar, thanks to the generous Easter Memorial donations given by so many of you! Photos of the flowers in the sanctuary can also be viewed on our parish website; [www.stmaryswaterford.org](http://www.stmaryswaterford.org). Thank you for continuing to support the parish even when circumstances don't allow us to celebrate the Eucharist together.

The next fifty days of our church calendar are best described as a time of joyous celebration; celebration of Christ's resurrection and the triumph of life over death. Our challenge this year, of course, is to remain joyous in the wake of the events going on in our world right now. St. Augustine loved the phrase, "happiness in hope". He used it several times in his great work, *The City of God*. He used it to describe the Christian attitude in life and remind us that our society can only provide lasting happiness if it is united to God, if it is a City of God.

Faith, from the Latin word *fides*, means having complete trust and confidence in something or someone. For Catholic Christians like you and me, it means knowing in our heart that God stands beside us always and what a marvelous gift that faith is, now and always.

I continue to pray for you and all the members of our parish community. May God bless you with good health and prosperity. Hopefully, we will find ourselves together in church very soon. Until that day, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Kelley*

## Gospel Meditation

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don't-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. "Peace be with you." Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

*Please pray for all the sick and suffering and for anyone close to death; for those troubled in body, mind, or heart, and for their care givers in a special way:* Rose Bix, Carol Travis, Anna Papperman, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Margaret Rose DeLucia, Robert Wittemann, Connie Laviolette, Muriel Smith, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Carol Hervieux-Potts, Althea Alger, Sandee Murphy, Irene Marra, Maria Pascarella, Robert R. White, Judith M Hervieux, Cathy Powers Vanina, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, John Daly, Bill Dame, Michael Clune, Jacob Ward, Joan Fontaine, Rosemary Gavitt, Donald Berthiaume Jr., Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Carol Hart, Melissa Rice, Paula Navojosky, Nicholas Muscatiello, William Furlong, Father Joseph Getz O.S.A., and Father John Byrnes, O.S.A.,

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