

St. Mary of the Assumption

119 Broad Street
Waterford, New York 12188

Sunday, January 17, 2021 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**Office continues to be closed to visitors
due to COVID 19**

Monday - Thursday • 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday • 8:30 ~ 12:00

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

**Mon.-Fri: Open for Private Prayer from 7 am to
11:00 ~ No mass at this time.**

First Saturday & Holy Days Only: Mass at 7:45 a.m.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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Sacrament of Baptism

**Sundays at 1:00 p.m. by appointment
and after preparation with Mrs. Webster**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment

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 Matrimony

Bride and groom must meet with the pastor at least one year before date, be registered parishioners and must present a recent baptismal certificate.

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



MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of January 18, 2021

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Dominic & Pauline Gabriel

Family

Ron Muscatello

Family

Wilma Ippolito

Mike & Loretta

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

Paul Schneider

Linda Christopher

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.



January 22, 2021

Calendar of Events

- 1/24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 1/25 Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
- 1/28 St. Thomas Aquinas
- 1/31 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 2/2 Presentation of the Lord

Our sincere thanks goes out to everyone who continues to support our parish.



*From the desk of
Mrs. Webster, Director of Faith Formation*

Our combined Religious Education Program for St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Augustine Churches has been well under way since October. We have been virtual through Zoom, and after much adjustment in our technology, find that this is working well based on the circumstances during this pandemic period.

Confirmation Classes continue, welcoming in all catholic high school students as of January 8th.

For all information contact:

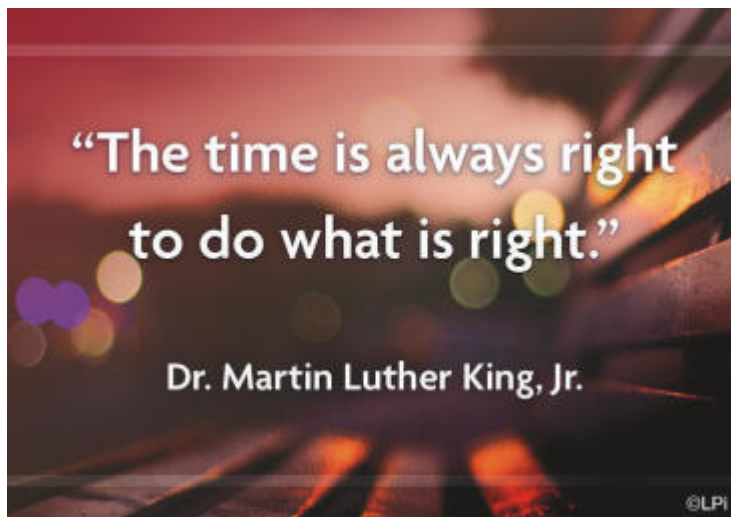
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**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ~ January 18, 2021
Parish Office Closed in Observance**

Dear Friends,

I would like to take a moment to address a few questions that some of you may have regarding the temporary suspension of weekend liturgies. Data from both the New York State Health Department as well as the Center for Disease Control suggests that the period between January 11th and the first week of February will be marked by the highest level of COVID-19 infections and, consequently, the highest number of deaths in New York State since the pandemic began.

Those facts, combined with the number of families we know locally who have been affected by the virus since Christmas, were the catalyst for my decision to suspend public masses.

It is my hope that the suspension would insulate our community from the worst this pandemic has thrown at us. I am also hopeful that more members of our parish community will receive the vaccine in the weeks to come, further protecting all of you from this disease.

Barring any significant deterioration in the situation, St. Mary's and St. Augustine's Churches will commence public masses on the weekend of February 13th (4 PM) and 14th (8 AM).

Though the church has signage regarding the virus, please take note of the symptoms and stay home if you are experiencing any such symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose, loss of taste or smell, muscle or body aches. Additionally, please refrain from attending if you have traveled outside the area in the past 14 days, especially to and from areas that are on our state's quarantine list.

And, of course, please be mindful that the dispensation from the obligation to attend mass is still in effect.

I continue to pray for all the members of our community. May God protect you during these uncertain times.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Kelley, Pastor

Christmas Poinsettias

Each year, when the Christmas season ends and we undecorated the church for ordinary time, we make the poinsettia plants available to parishioners who would like to take one home.



Poinsettia plants will be left in the back vestibule of the church, which remains open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Help yourself!

2020 End of Year Donor Substantiation Tax Letter

The donor letters for 2020 Tax filing will be sent out, via the Waterford Post Office, within the week and will be sent to any family who donated \$250 or more during the year. If you do NOT want or need a copy of this letter, please contact the office, either by email (smwaterford@gmail.com) or phone (518-237-3131) and let us know you do not need a letter sent.



PLEASE NOTE: we have experienced significant delays in U.S. Mail service. Offertory Envelopes were sent out on Dec. 23, 2020 and are on the way. It is likely that this tax letter mailing will take longer than usual to migrate the mail system. Thank you, in advance, for your patience!



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: Carol Travis, Anna Papperman, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Margaret Rose DeLucia, Connie Lavolette, 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, Bill Dame, Michael Clune, Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Melissa Rice, Paula Navojosky, Nicholas Muscatiello, Scott McGowty, Peter Fletcher, Father Joseph Getz O.S.A. **Please help us keep our list up to date, and call the office (518.237.3131) with any changes.**






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