

# St. Mary of the Assumption

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## St. Mary's School

**Mr. David Evans, Interim Principal**  
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## Parish Office Hours

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

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil Mass** 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday Mass** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
**Holy Days of Obligation TBD**

## Weekday Mass

**Monday at St. Augustine's ~ 8:30 am**  
**Tuesday at St. Mary's ~ 7:45 am**  
**Wednesday & Friday at St. Augustine's ~ 8:30 am**  
**Thursday at St. Augustine's ~ 12:00 pm**  
**First Saturday of each month at St. Mary's ~7:45 am**  
**St. Mary's open for Private Prayer**  
**from 7 -11 am (M-F)**

St. Mary's Livestreams 4:00 p.m. Saturday. To view,  
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"Watch St. Mary's Online"

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## 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.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Third Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m.  
and after preparation with Mrs. Webster.  
Contact Mrs. Webster at 518-237-3131 ext. 23

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

February 26, 2023  
1st Sunday in Lent

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:45 am Tim & Mary Lilac

Jim & Kathy Murray

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

7:45 am Communion Service

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

7:45 am Living and Deceased of our Parish

4 pm Jeremiah Sweeter

Family

Andy Chyko

Family

Lucina Charbonneau

Claire Halliday

Marilyn Galarneau

Husband & Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8 am M/M Philippe Perrier

Pearl & Ken

Raymond Primeau

Family

Josie Diplo

Family

Paul McInerney

Cleary Family

10:30 Mary Jane Surprenant

Family

**Thank you to all our families who continue to  
support the parish so generously.**



**February 5, 2023**

**\$ 4510.**

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<p><b>FEBRUARY BREAD</b> <i>In Memory of PATRIGNANI &amp; CAPONI FAMILIES</i>  <i>Given by RICHARD &amp; KATHY VERMILYEA</i></p> <p><b>WINE</b> <i>In Memory of VERMILYEA FAMILY</i>  <i>Given by RICHARD &amp; KATHY VERMILYEA</i></p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY SANCTUARY CANDLE</b> <i>In Memory of JEANNE HERVIEUX DUFRESNE</i>  <i>Given by SISTER, SUZANNE</i></p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL</b>  <i>In Memory of FR. MICHAEL H. STANLEY, O.S.A.</i>  <i>Given by PASTOR &amp; STAFF</i></p>



## Calendar of Events

2/26 1st Sunday of Lent

Second collection-- Bland & Indian Missions

3/3 **St. Katharine Drexel**

3/5 2nd Sunday of Lent

3/11-12 St. Vincent de Paul Collection-- back vestibule

3/12 3rd Sunday of Lent

Clocks Change

3/17 **St. Patrick, Bishop**

3/19 **St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Mother**



This weekend, we are taking up the annual Black, Native American and Latin American combined collection. Funds from this collection support projects and are used to help fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States and the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean. The Black and Native American Mission Office provides grants for projects that promote Native American and Black evangelization efforts throughout North America including programs in the Diocese of Albany. Please be as generous as you can.

Our food pantry is in need of the following items:



Cooking Oil  
Tomato Sauce  
Brown Gravy

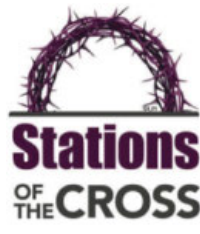
Tea  
Tuna Fish  
Paper Towels

*Thank you for your generous donations!*

The **Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign** starts on Ash Wednesday (February 22) and goes through Palm Sunday (April 2nd). We are committed to being a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of Schenectady's Planned Parenthood at 1040 State Street from 7 am to 7 pm throughout the campaign. We seek to bring help and hope to those facing unplanned pregnancies or those seeking healing from past abortions. Please email Sarah at [sch40days@gmail.com](mailto:sch40days@gmail.com) and/or check our website <https://www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady> for information on how you can be involved. We will update the website throughout the campaign with prayer gatherings and events.

**Bible Sharing resumes Monday**

The St. Mary and St. Augustine Bible Sharing Group will resume Monday evening, February 27 at 7:15 PM in the St. Rita's Room at St. Augustine's. Each session begins and ends with prayer, and focuses on the Mass readings for the *following* Sunday and lasts for 80 to 90 minutes. You do not have to attend every week to benefit. Please bring your Bible! If it's your first time, please call Father Liam at 518.237.3131, ext. 18 and leave your name and phone number.



**St Mary's Parish**  
Every Friday evening  
throughout the  
Season of Lent  
7:00 pm

**YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...**

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more, please contact Father Liam at 518.237.3131, ext. 18.



St. Mary's Altar Society is planning a Spring Lucky Bucket Extravaganza on Sunday, March 19, 2023. We are seeking families, groups of people or businesses to participate by creating a themed basket or other type container to be raffled off. Items can be dropped off at the rectory (Monday - Thursday 9AM to 2PM) or in the back of church by Sunday, March 12. To arrange pick up or any questions contact Sharon @ 518-669-6081.

**Breakfast Buffet and Omelette Station  
Waterford Knights of Columbus**

K of C Hall, 76 Grace Street, Waterford  
Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:00am – 11:00am  
Buffet featuring our famous Omelette Station, Eggs cooked to order, Pancakes (Plain or Blueberry), French toast, Sausage, Bacon, Seasoned Home Fries, Toast, coffee, tea, orange and apple juices.  
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\$12.00 adult - \$6.00 children (Children under 4 free)

**GOSPEL MEDITATION for February 26, 2023****1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: **“He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.”** Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held fast to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. **“Man does not live by bread alone,”** he says, **“But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”** Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

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**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, Muriel Smith, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Sandee Murphy, Irene Marra, Robert R. White, Judith M Hervieux, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, Michael Clune, Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Bianca Razzano, Nicholas Muscatiello, Joe Cotrofeld, Cindy Vandiver, Loretta Fredricks, Sr. Maura Rhode, C.S.J., Michelle Weitz, Mary Beth Rockwell, and William Potts. **Please help us keep our list up to date, and call the office (518.237.3131) with any changes.**







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