

# St. Mary of the Assumption

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## St. Mary's School

**Mr. Matthew P. Murphy, Principal**  
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**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday - Thursday • 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 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**

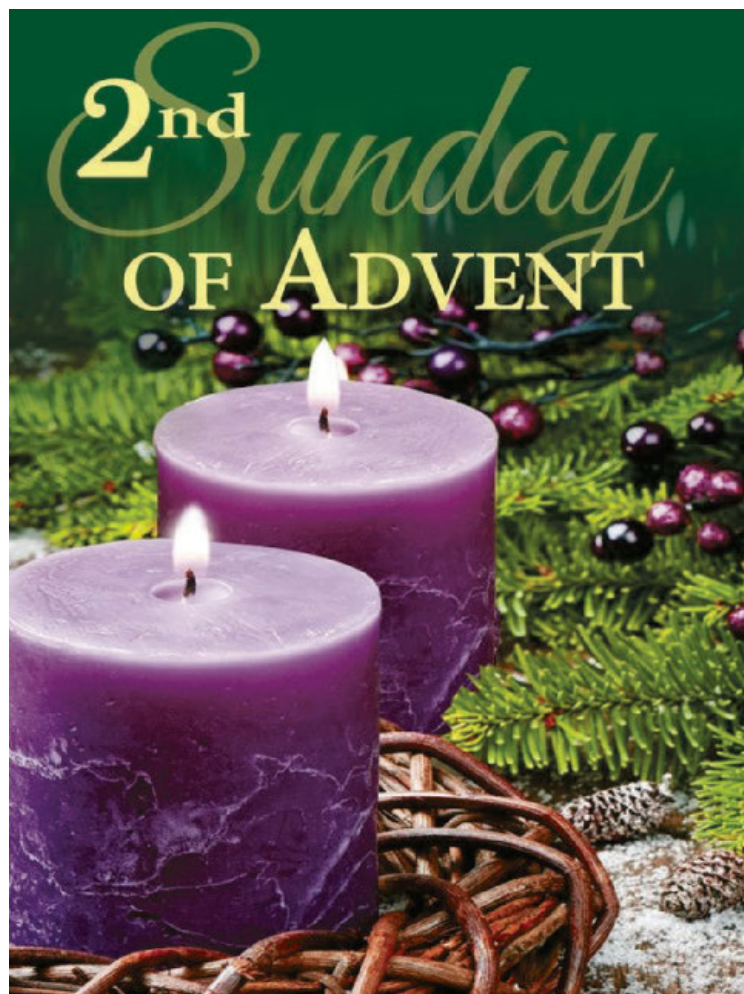
**Wednesday & Friday at St. Augustine's ~ 8:30 am**

**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,  
visit [stmaryswaterford.org](http://stmaryswaterford.org) and click on the link  
"Watch St. Mary's Online"



## 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

December 10, 2023 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:45 am

Pat Reo

Family

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:45 am Communion Service

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:00 pm

Constance Laviolette (1yr Anniv.)

Husband, Bill

Jeanne Goyette

Pearl & Ken

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 am

Ralph Vincent Sr.

Wife, Esther

Vivian Miles

Lynda Muscatiello

10:30 am

Living & Deceased of our Parish

**Thank you to all who continue to support the parish, whether in person or by mail. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

**Parish Offertory Oct. 29, 2023**

**\$4683.**

#### DECEMBER BREAD

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In Memory of  
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Given by  
DAUGHTER, MARY



#### DECEMBER MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

In Memory of  
IZZO &  
LOFRAMENTO  
FAMILIES

Given by  
NANCY



## Calendar of Events

12/9-10 St. Vincent de Paul Collection after masses

12/10 2nd Sunday of Advent

12/11 Penance Service~ St. Mary's 6: 30 pm

12/12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

12/13 St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:30 UPPER HALL

Penance Service ~ St. Augustine's 6:30 pm

**St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

12/17 3rd Sunday of Advent

Christmas Gathering -FF program 9 am

12/24 **Christmas Eve** 4 pm & 8pm Masses

12/25 **Christmas Day** ~ 10:00 am Mass

### Faith Formation News:

The Faith Formation program will host their Christmas family gathering at 9 AM on December 17th in the parish hall. A small nativity presentation, songs and refreshments to follow. Classes will resume on January 7th!



St. Vincent de Paul Society will be taking up its monthly collection after masses this weekend, December 9th & 10th, 2023.

For those who prefer to donate food items, the food pantry could also use the following items:



**Pancake mix and pancake syrup**

Thank you for your help!  
May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.



Mon. December 11

St. Mary's

6:30 p.m.

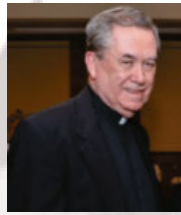
Wed. December 13

St. Augustine's

6:30 p.m.



Join us as we celebrate  
**Fr. David J. Kelley, O.S.A.**  
**50 Years of Ordination**  
on Saturday, December 30th



All are welcome to join him at Mass at  
St. Mary of the Assumption at 1:00 pm

Followed by a reception in  
St. Mary's Parish hall 2-4 p.m.  
(hot & cold hors d'oeuvres/drinks will be served)

If you plan to attend the reception, please email Mary  
Rushkoski at [smwaterford@gmail.com](mailto:smwaterford@gmail.com)  
or drop a note in the collection basket in church to  
RSVP.

The gift of your presence is all Fr. Kelley wants!

St. Michael's Church in Cohoes will be celebrating  
Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.  
All are welcome to attend. Please direct any questions  
to the parish office. (518)237-5151

### **OCIA** (formerly RCIA) **Gatherings Begin this Month**

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic 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.

Currently, our gatherings are slated for Saturday mornings, but other times will be available according to the needs of the participants.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about **OCIA**, please contact Father Liam at 518.235.3861, ext. 216, and leave your name and phone number.

### *GOSPEL MEDITATION for December 10, 2023*

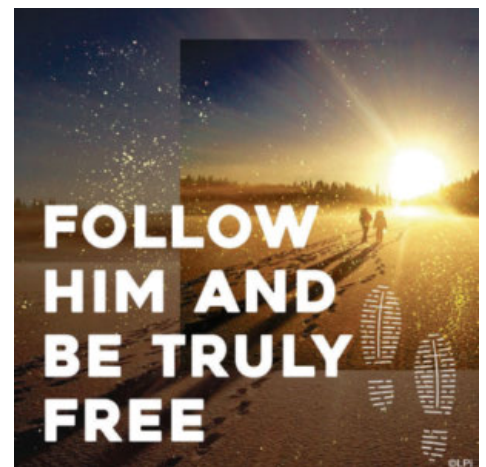
#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

*Father Muir,  
LPI contributor*



**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, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Irene & Frank Marra, Robert R. White, Judith M Hervieux, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, Michael Clune, Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Nicholas Muscatiello, Joe Cotrofeld, Cindy Vandiver, Loretta Fredricks, Sr. Maura Rhode, C.S.J., Michelle Weitz, Mary Beth Rockwell, Carla Salmon, Betty Rourke, Joann Guertin, Phyllis Pfitz, Bill Dame, James Flynn, Bernard & Frances Ouimet, Marion Nielsen, John Neilson, Kimberly Berthiaume, Kathleen Walsh and Fr. David J. Kelley, 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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