

St. Mary of the Assumption



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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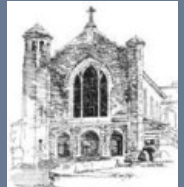
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Closed Friday

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation TBD

Weekday Mass

Thursday & Friday 8:30 am at St. Mary's

St. Mary's is open for Private Prayer from 7 am -11 am (M-F)

Recitation of the Rosary is held daily Mon.-Fri. @ 7:40 a.m.

St. Mary's Livestreams 8:00 a.m. Sunday. To view, visit stmaryswaterford.org and click on the link "Watch St. Mary's Online"

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm, prior to the vigil mass

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism of adults and youth follows the Church's traditional "Catechumenate," a gradual acquaintance with Catholic life leading to Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Baptism of infants and pre-school children is celebrated on the third Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM (except during Lent), and at the Easter Vigil. Parents (or expecting parents) must be registered parishioners, call at least six weeks in advance, and participate in a brief parent preparation with Mrs. Webster. Please call parish office for Mrs. Webster at 518-237-3131 ext. 23

Sacrament of the Sick

Contact the parish office to arrange for a visit for a sick family member. If leaving a message, please leave a call back number.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Bride and groom must meet with the pastor at least six months before date and must present a recent baptismal certificate.



Mass Intentions

January 12, 2025
The Baptism of the Lord

"The Lord will bless his people with peace." Psalm 29

Sat. Jan. 18 4:00 PM

Tim & Mary Lilac

Pat Reo

Living & Deceased members of the
Salisbury Family

Kathy & Jim Murray

Family

Anthony
Catalfamo

Sun. Jan. 19 8:00 AM

Linda Joly

Matthew Garmley

Living and deceased of our parish

Barb Owen

Fletcher Family

If you are offering a Mass for a family member or friend and would like to bring up the gifts, please let Jack Skiba, lead usher, or another usher prior to mass. If you are unsure who the usher is for that mass, you can see Ken Perrier, Sacristan.



Calendar of Events

1/12 **The Baptism of the Lord**

1/13 **St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

1/19-20 FUEL Collection

1/20 Martin Luther King Day
Office Closed

1/22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

1/25 **The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

1/26 Catholic Schools Week Begins
St. Mary's School Collection



Congratulations to all the newly baptized
in our community

Sophia Marinello
Tucker Pollock
Josephina Honor
Bennett Manning
Mikhail Kravchenko
Mac Daniel Sheehan
Mia Cacciola
Wyatt Zuhlke
Jensen Rushkoski



Our second collection next week, January 19th, will be our Fuel Collection.

We are definitely feeling the impact of frigid temperatures and ask that you be as generous as you can.

Thank you for all your support!

Gifts Received for the St. Mary's Restoration Fund

January Bread

In Loving Memory of Maria Jez & Surowiec Stanislaw
By Grace Weiss

January Wine

In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary
By Rosary Group

January Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of Lee Salisbury
by Wife Susan

January Mother of Good Counsel Candle

In Loving memory of Fr. David J. Kelley, O.S.A.
by Staff



Sacrificial Offerings for December 22, 2024

In Church: \$ 2,754.00

Mail In: \$ 0.00

E-Giving: \$ 328.15 thru 12/20/24

Total \$ 3,082.15

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary's.

March for Life

Hosted by St. Paul the Apostle Parish
Schenectady, New York

Friday, January 24, 2025

**More information is located on a
flyer in the back of church.**

Registration deadline and payment are due Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Registration form is located on the back of the flyer along with contact names and numbers in the event you have any questions.

Faith Formation News

Happy, blessed New Year to all!

We welcomed all of our children and families back to classes for Grades 1 - 8 on January 5th. We were so happy to see all those smiling faces.

Lessons focused on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord with our Community Prayer intentions for the 57 Prayer Angels that joined together from St. Augustine and St. Mary of the Assumption Churches. Thank you to all of them.

Our Confirmation Program returns on January 12th. We will continue to welcome any 10th Grader, attending a Catholic high school for the 9th and 10th Grade Year, to join us for Confirmation Classes.

Any questions regarding this program can be directed to:

Mrs. Debbie Webster

Faith Formation Director

wdeborah68@yahoo.com

(518)237-3131 Ext23 or (518)944-0806

St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry could use your help. The following items are in short supply and any assistance you can offer is greatly appreciated!

**Laundry Detergent
Spaghetti Sauce**



Upcoming Special Collection Envelopes

1/19 Fuel Support

1/26 St. Mary's School Support

GOSPEL MEDITATION

**ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE**

The Baptism of the Lord

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir

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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, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Irene & Frank Marra, 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, Carla Salmon, Joann Guertin, Bill Dame, Bernard & Francoise Ouimet, John Neilson, Kathleen Walsh, Daniel Kelly, Mary Ann Daly, Mary Landor, Christine Mulligan, James Flynn. **Please help us keep our list up to date, and call the office (518.237.3131) with any changes.**





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