

St. Mary of the Assumption

“As the family goes,
so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.”
ST. JOHN PAUL II

Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children

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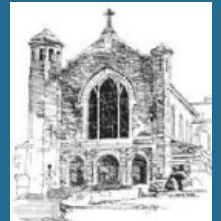
St. Mary's School

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Hours: Monday - Thursday • 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Closed Friday

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass @ 4:00 p.m. Sunday @ 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation TBD

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

Rosary is prayed daily Mon.-Fri. @ 7:40 a.m.

St. Mary's Livestreams 8:00 a.m. Sunday. To view, visit

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00-3:30 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 19, 2025
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations" Psalm 96

Sat. Jan. 25 4:00 PM

Richard Halliday Sr.

Marilyn Bayly

Dominick & Pauline Gabriel

Wilma Ippolito

Claire Halliday

Family

Family

Mike & Loretta Ippolito

Sun. Jan. 26 8:00 AM

Fr. John McAtee

Jessica Opitz Kratt

Shirley Joan Degnan

John Reo

Living and deceased of our parish

Pearl & Ken Perrier

John & Barb Marois

Barb Owen

Family

This week's celebrants will be Fr. Dan McHale (4 PM) and Fr. Tom Hayes (8 AM). In the weeks to come, we will be blessed to have a number of priests from around our vicariate visiting and celebrating mass.

Next week, January 25th/26th, Fr. Pat Butler, Pastor of St. Edwards in Clifton Park, will join us for the 4 PM mass.

Fr's. Bob Longobucco, Vicar General and Fr. John Cairns will also be offering masses in the upcoming weeks.

We thank them for their willingness to assist our community!

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



Calendar of Events

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



Thank you for your support of our second collection this week, Fuel Collection.

St. Mary's Altar Society Notes....

Our sincere thank you for being so generous with the giving tree this year. Nearly 200 gifts were donated serving 6 local groups of children and adults during the Christmas Season. Your generous and giving spirit made Christmas brighter for so many. Thank you & blessings in the new year from the members of the Altar Society.



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

Sacrificial Offerings for December 29, 2024

Regular Offertory

In Church: \$ 2,210.00

Mail In: \$ 954.00

E-Giving: \$ 955.37 thru 12/27/24

Total \$ 4,119.37

Christmas: \$ 15,438.00

Thank you for your generosity and your continued support of St. Mary's parish!

Dear Friends,

You may have noticed a growing leak in the ceiling of the church, located on the 6th Street side above our beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother. In order to prevent further damage and, more importantly, to ensure no injury from falling plaster, repair to the roof is necessary.

Funding for the repairs will come primarily from the Parish's Restoration and Capital Campaign funds. However, St. Mary's still has funds available in the Re-Igniting Our Faith Fund. You may remember the Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign (RIOF) several years ago. At that time, you received a brochure detailing the planned projects. The church's air conditioning was accomplished using RIOF donations.

Although the original RIOF brochure did not include roof repairs for the church, we feel it is an appropriate use of the funds and a necessary expenditure at this time.

If you donated to the Re-Igniting our Faith campaign and you have any questions or concerns about using the remaining funds for this roof repair, please reach out to me either by email (smwaterford@gmail.com) or by calling the parish office 518-237-3131 ext.20

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

Mary Rushkoski

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, **"Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one"** (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), **"But you have kept the good wine until now."** This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— Father John Muir

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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!

Mayonnaise
Salad dressing
Cake mix & frosting

Graham Crackers
Cookies
Toothpaste



Upcoming Special Collection Envelopes

1/19 Fuel Support
1/26 St. Mary's School Support

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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