

**ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, BALLSTON SPA,
& ST. MARY'S MISSION, GALWAY**

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30th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."
Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.
- Mk 10:52

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 24, 2021

MASS Intentions

MONDAY – Oct. 25

7:45 AM Special Int. Karen Baillargeon and Tom Loucks
req. by Loucks Family

TUESDAY – Oct. 26

5:30 PM Special Int. of Theresa O'Brien req. by Gary
O'Brien

WEDNESDAY – Oct. 27

7:45 AM + Angelo Valente Sr. req. by Basil, Angelo, Mary,
& Betty

THURSDAY – Oct. 28—Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

7:45 AM + Flora Casolo req. by Family
+ Gerald J. Lahue req. by Jacquelyn Lahue

FRIDAY – Oct. 29

(No Mass)

SATURDAY – Oct. 30

4:00 PM + William Nudo req. by Nudo Family
+ Don Hauprich req. by Herb and Dawn Peters
+ James McHale req. by Family

SUNDAY – Oct. 31 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Pro Populo
+ Rebecca Dobie req. by Husband, Phil
+ James and Anne O'Toole req. by Allen Family

10:00 AM + Larry DeLaurie req. by Knights of Columbus
+ Gerard Vogel req. by Family
+ Joseph Lien req. by Jane and Ron Ball

12 Noon + Mary Skocylas req. by Sara and Richard Snyder

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
World Mission Sunday

Second Collection
October 24th Mission Sunday

A representative from
Hands Together,
Dignity and Hope to the
Poorest of the Poor in Haiti
will speak at all the Masses

www.handstogether.org



Thank you!

On Oct. 16, we celebrated our Annual Rosary Rally. Mother Mary blessed us with a beautiful day. Special thanks to Fr. Vivacqua for everything he did to make it a wonderful day. Many thanks to the altar servers, Knights of Columbus, and all who attended. ~ *Our Lady, Queen of Peace Prayer Group*



Birthright would like to remind parishioners that the baby bottles distributed for Respect Life Sunday are due back. Please return them to the designed Birthright box at church. Thank you!

Readings Week

Readings for the week of Oct. 24, 2021

Sunday: Jesus invites us to follow him and make God's way our own. Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-6 /Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: We are the adopted children and heirs of God. Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: We have faith there is more glory to come. Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1-6 /Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: In Christ, we are sanctified and transformed through the Spirit. Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Jesus' healing is a gift we should not miss. Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: The Lord will not abandon his people. Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: The road to the Kingdom is paved with love for God and for our neighbor. Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28-34

*This year All Saints Day
is not a Holy Day of Obligation*

We thank you for your sacrificial offering of:



	Oct. 17
Envelopes & Loose	\$ 8,571
On-line Giving	3,452
Total	\$12,023

To cover our weekly expenses, we need \$11,500.

ST. MARY'S MISSION, GALWAY, NY
SUNDAY MASS 9:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS

For Mass Intentions, please call the office at 518-885-7411
(Bishop Scharfenberger approved the offering for Mass intention increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00 starting May 23, 2021. The last time the offering was increased was in 1985.)

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 24th 9:30AM

+ Donald Smith req. by Patrick Kelliher

Oct. 31st 9:30AM

+ Deceased Members of St. Mary's Parish

We thank you for your sacrificial offering of:



	Oct. 17
Envelopes & Loose	\$ 960
On-line Giving	5
Total	\$ 965

To cover our weekly expenses, we need \$1,000

St. Mary's Statues

Focus on the Statues in St. Mary's Church

St. Anne Feast Day July 26

ST. ANNE was the spouse of St. Joachim, and was chosen by God to be the mother of Mary, His own blessed Mother on earth. They were both of the royal house of David, and their lives were wholly occupied in prayer and good works. One thing only was wanting to their union.—they were childless, and this was held as a bitter misfortune among the Jews. At length, when Anne was an aged woman, Mary was born, the fruit rather of grace than of nature, and the child more of God than of man. With the birth of Mary the aged Anne began a new life: she watched her every movement with reverent tenderness, and felt herself hourly sanctified by the presence of her immaculate child. But she had vowed her daughter to God, to God Mary had consecrated herself again, and to Him Anne gave her back. Mary was three years old when Anne and Joachim led her up the Temple steps, saw her pass by herself into the inner sanctuary, and then saw her no more. Thus was Anne left childless in her lone old



age, and deprived of her purest earthly joy just when she needed it most. She humbly adored the Divine Will, and began again to watch and pray, till God called her to unending rest with the

Father and the Spouse of Mary in the home of Mary's Child.

Reflection.—St. Anne is glorious among the Saints, not only as the mother of Mary, but because she gave Mary to God. Learn from her to reverence a divine vocation as the highest privilege, and to sacrifice every natural tie, however holy, at the call of God.

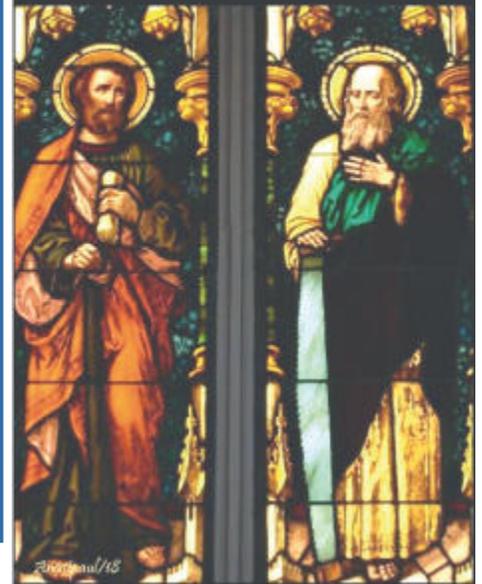
St. Anne is the patron saint of women in labor, mothers, grandmothers and minors. Some of her symbols are the child Mary with her, crown, nest of young birds, door, Golden Gate of Jerusalem, infant virgin in crib.

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Tuesday, Nov. 9th
Holy Hour for Vocations
to the Priesthood
Adoration and Praise
6-7pm after Mass
(no confession that evening)

Saints SIMON & JUDE



PRAY for US!

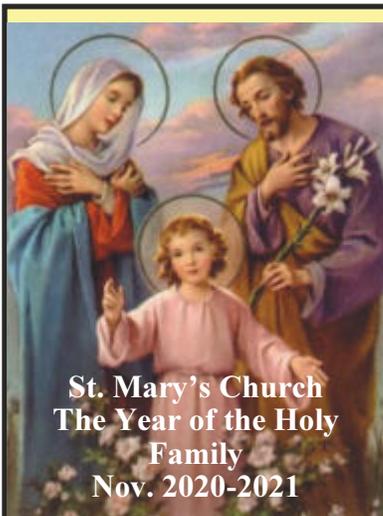
Feast Day Oct. 23

St. Simon was a simple Galilean, called by Our Lord to be one of the pillars of His Church. Zealots, "the zealot," was the surname which he bore among the disciples. Armed with this zeal he went forth to the combat against unbelief and sin, and made conquest of many souls for His divine Lord.

The apostle, St. Jude, whom the Church commemorates on the same day, was a brother of St. James the Less. They were called "brethren of the Lord," on account of their relationship to His Blessed Mother. St. Jude preached first in Mesopotamia, as St. Simon did in Egypt; and finally they both met in Persia, where they won their crown together.

In 1929, a priest in Chicago encouraged devotion to St. Jude and built what is now known as the "National Shrine of St. Jude." St. Jude is the patron saint of desperate causes, desperate situations, and lost causes

Reflection.—*Zeal is an ardent love which makes a man fearless in defense of God's honor, and earnest at all costs to make known the truth. If we would be children of the Saints, we must be zealous for the Faith.*



St. Mary's Church
The Year of the Holy
Family
Nov. 2020-2021

Heavenly Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. We want to live as Jesus, Mary and Joseph in peace with you and one another.

Through the prayers of Mary, the Virgin Mother of Jesus, and of her husband Joseph, unite our families in peace and love so that together, as a family of St. Mary's parish, we receive your graces. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

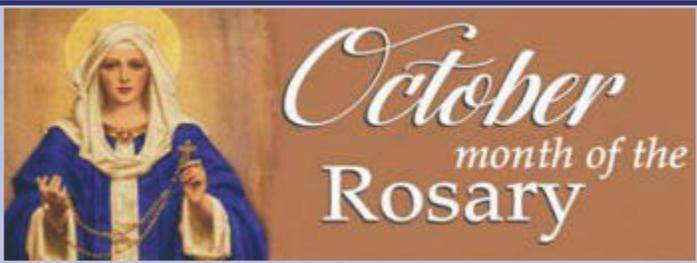
Amen.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Pray for us.

Holy Family Pray for Us.

Consecration to the Holy Family
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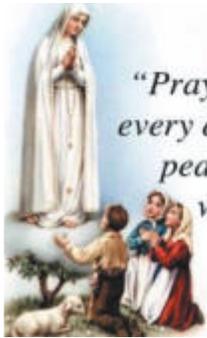
**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION
NOVEMBER 6, 3:00 PM**

Words of Our Lady of Fatima on the Holy Rosary

Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war - May 13, 1917

I want you to come here on the 13th of next month, and to continue praying the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, because only She can help you. -July 13, 1917

I am Our Lady of the Rosary. Continue to say the Rosary every day. —October 13, 1917



“Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world.”

—Our Lady of Fatima



Novena to Miraculous Medal

Tuesday at 5:30pm

Followed by Mass, Confessions after Mass



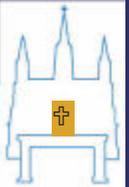
Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group

Meets every other Tuesday night after Mass, Oct. 5, 19, etc. The Rosary is our refuge and Mary, The Mother of God, is our help at all times of our lives. Sr. Lucia, a seer from the apparitions of Fatima, stated “there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.” All are welcome

Since the mid-1960’s the Catholic Church has been welcoming new members into its community through the process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). RCIA stresses formation in doctrine, liturgy, church life and service. It involves the larger church community in welcoming, instructing and praying for candidates. The first stage of RCIA is the Period of Inquiry. During this time, inquirers are invited to ask questions about the church, hear about its traditions, people and history while sharing their own faith stories. This first period is a time of unhurried reflection, discovery and hospitality. Our parish will began RCIA Inquiry Session on Sunday, Oct 17th. Please contact Rebecca Hanson at 518-884-8479 for more information.



Liturgy Lessons Part 33



Our Offering to God

Let’s expanded upon what is being truly offered during The Offertory. *Catalina Rivas of Cochabamba, Bolivia, a mystic, who now dwells in Mérida, Yucatán, México, has had Jesus and Mary reveal many hidden elements of the Mass to her. The following is a summary of what takes place during The Offertory: Our Mother said: “...This is the moment in which your guardian angel carries your offerings and petitions before the Altar of the Lord.” The vision continued to show that some of the Guardian Angels carried a bright, shining, golden bowl: the offerings of people who had many intentions and were conscious of the meaning of the Mass. Others carried nothing: the people are present but never offer anything and have no interest in participating in the Liturgy. Others approached sad, praying with downcast eyes: these people have no desire to be present, have been forced to come only out of obligation. Mary intreated Catalina, “Remember that the offering which most pleases the Lord is when you offer yourselves as a holocaust so that Jesus, upon His descent, may transform you by His own merits. What do you have to offer the Father by yourselves? Nothingness and sin. But the offering of oneself united to the merits of Jesus, that offering is pleasing to the Father.”*

taken from—www.michaeljournal.org/articles/roman-catholic-church/item/the-holy-mass

Bishop Scherfenberger is inviting everyone in the diocese to join him in a 33-day preparation period with the book, [Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father](#). The preparation will culminate with the consecration at Bishop Ed’s Diocesan Consecration Mass, on all Saints Day, Monday, Nov. 1, 2021 at 5:15PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. You may also wish to join the livestream or tune into a recording of the event at the Diocesan YouTube account. Learn more: rcda.org/JosephConsecration

2021 Memorial Mass

The Funeral Ministry/Bereavement Support Team will be honoring all who have died this year at a Memorial Mass

**Saturday, November 6th
9:00AM
St. Mary’s Church,
Ballston Spa.**



All parishioners who have lost a loved one are invited to attend this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. For further information, please contact Eva at 518-885-7411.

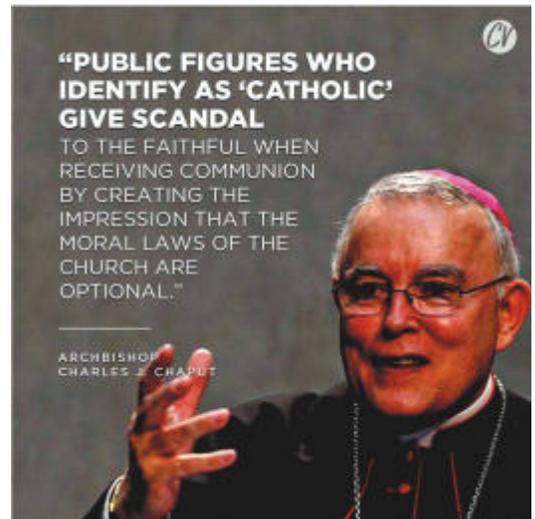
Instructions for Requesting Mass Cards

If you would like to request a Mass, stop in at the Parish Center or call the office at 518-885-7411 Mon.—Fri. 9am – 3pm

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TO THE FAITHFUL WHEN RECEIVING COMMUNION BY CREATING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE MORAL LAWS OF THE CHURCH ARE OPTIONAL.”

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Parish Office

Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am—3:00pm

Sacraments

Baptism and Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office

Mass Schedule

Mon. Wed. and Thurs. 7:45AM

Tuesday 5:30PM

Sat. Vigil 4:00PM

Sunday 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00Noon

Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesday after Mass

Saturday 3:00-3:45PM, or by appointment

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Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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Saint of the Week

St. Mary's fifth graders are dedicated to learning about the Saints who are role models with whom we walk side by side through faith. Each week the fifth grade class participates in a guided learning project about a new Saint that directs students through valuable lessons and discussion.

Students are actively building a digital portfolio that demonstrates their understanding and personal reflections about the Saint that we are learning that week. This includes facts, prayers, reflections, and symbols.

"Each time we learn a little bit more about the Saints and how they lived to praise God, which everyone does in their own way,"
- shared a current fifth grader.

Students also learn how to represent their thinking on a digital platform to communicate their work. Students look forward to learning about a new Saint each week and gain new role models to guide the way we live. To support this learning as a school, St. Mary's School will also be celebrating All Saints Day together in Mass and prayer.



Attention: Friends of St. Mary's School!

St. Mary's Super Jackpot Raffle is underway!

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First Ticket Drawn wins \$250.00

The Raffle Drawing will take place on Saturday, November 20, 2021. Last year, this was a virtual event. This year, we are hoping to be able to return to an in person party in the St. Mary's School Gymnasium. We are planning for an evening of fun, excitement, games, the decision to go live or virtual will be made and information shared. Please visit our website to purchase tickets at www.smsbspa.org. To purchase directly from the school office, please contact us at 518-885-7300 or office@smsbspa.org. Thank you for your help in this significant fundraiser for our school! Good Luck!



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