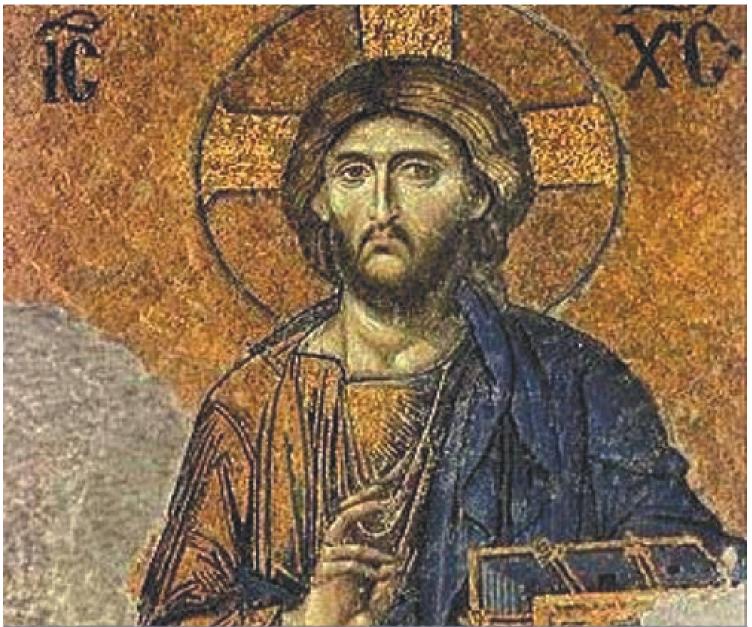
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37 MONDAY - Nov. 22 St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

7:45 AM + Jane Holzmann req. by Paul Holzmann Special Intentions Sita Torres req. by Annette & Janet

TUESDAY - Nov. 23 St. Clement I, St. Columban, abbot, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr

+ Larry DeLaurie req. by Carolyn Kruger

+ Eugene Lafferty req. by Ann and Bill Ryan

WEDNESDAY- Nov. 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

7:45 AM + Mary Fisher Pennell req. by daughter

+ Holy Souls in Purgatory req. by Janet Astileanu

THURSDAY – Nov. 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr, Thanksgiving Day

7:45 AM + BJ Jacobs req. by The Durfee Family

+ Anthony & Jonathon Pennell req. by Family

FRIDAY – Nov. 26 No Mass

SATURDAY - Nov. 27

4:00 PM + Victor Cabezas *req. by* Buddy and Sally Rielly and children

+ James E. Daley req. by Maryalice Donlon

+ Donald Fleming req. by John and Judy Beer

SUNDAY - Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM + Pro Populo

+ Deceased members of the McDonald Family *req.* by Thomas Family

+ Rebecca Dobie req. by Husband, Phil

10:00 AM + Fr. Charles Ehrhart *req. by* Agnes Mohr

Gerard Vogel req. by Family

+ Raymond and Melba Minor *req. by* Mary Beth Waterstram

12 Noon + Audrey, Gregory and John Fox req. by Friend,

+ Filomena Rocco Pennell req. by Granddaughter

Readings Week

Readings for the week of Nov. 21, 2021

Sunday: Christ's dominion is eternal. Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 / Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33-37

Monday: Giving all we have and are to God brings fulfillment in the Lord. Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Remain faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61 /Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Jesus calls us to remain faithful to the Gospel despite the cost. Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Through challenges and strife, God remains the steadfast Savior of those who are faithful to him. Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68-74 /Lk 21:20-28

Friday: The coming of the King of Glory is revealed to those who can see the signs. Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: <u>Today, as every day, we need to prepare for the coming of the Son of Man.</u> Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: In this graced Advent time, prepare for Jesus' coming. Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

We thank you for your sacrificial offering of:



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Prayer to Christ, King of the Universe

O Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the Universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Exercise upon me all Your rights. I renew my baptismal promises renouncing Satan and all his works and pomps. I promise to lead a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer You my poor actions in order to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred royalty and that thus the reign of Your peace may be established throughout the universe. Amen.



Second Collection Nov. 21 Campaign for Human Development

Second Collection: Nov. 28th—Catholic Charities

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 offering for Mass intention are \$15.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 21th 9:30AM + Joseph Minarski req. by wife and family

The month of November

St. Mary's Community Service Group will be collecting toiletries for the holiday basket program. we need shampoo, conditioner, body wash and deodorant for both men and women. There is a box in the social hall for your donations. Thank you all for your continued support!

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Nov. 14
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St. Mary's Statues

Focus on the Statues in St. Mary's Church



St. Peregrine

Peregrine Laziosi was born of a wealthy family at Forli, Italy, in 1260. As a youth he was active in politics as a member of the anti-papal party. During one uprising, which the Pope sent St. Philip Benizi to mediate, Philip was struck in the face by Peregrine. When Philip offered the other cheek, Peregrine was so overcome that he repented and converted to Catholicism. Following the instructions of the Virgin Mary received in a

vision, Peregrine went to Siena and joined the Servites. It is believed that he never allowed himself to sit down for thirty years, while as far as possible, observing silence and solitude. Peregrine found a new house of the Servite Order in Forli. An ideal priest, he had a reputation for fervent preaching and being a good confessor. When he was afflicted with cancer of the foot and amputation had been decided upon, he spent the night before the operation, in prayer. The following morning he was completely cured. This miracle caused his reputation to become widespread. He died in 1345 at the age of eighty-five, and he was canonized by Pope Benedict XIII in 1726. His great fervor and qualities as a confessor brought many back to the true Faith. Afflicted with cancer, Peregrine turned to God and was richly rewarded for his Faith, enabling him over many years to lead others to the truth.

He is the Patron Saint of Cancer Victims

Feast Day: May 1 - www.catholic.org

Liturgy Lessons Part 37



Thanksgiving in the Eucharistic Prayer

In Philippians 4:6 St. Paul instructs us, "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Our attitude must be no different when approaching the sacrificial altar. We have come to Mass with our petitions, and have prayed for them during the Collect and Prayers of the Faithful. Now we must give thanks to God for hearing our prayer, and the priest does this for us during the Preface and he invites us into this prayer

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord

V. Let us give thank

to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just

Birthright would like to remind parishioners that 67 baby bottles are still due back. Please return them. Thank you!

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.

A family that prays together stays together HAIL MARY HAIL MARY Grace.

THE OUR FATHER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hail Mary, Full of Grace, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE GLORY BE

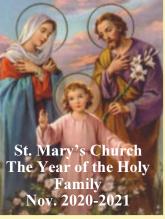
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.

Pray these prayers and the rosary together as a family



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, God, forever and ever. Amen. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Pray for us.

Holy Family Pray for Us.

Consecration to the Holy Family visit the website stmarysballstonspa.org

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

Our Lord dictated the following prayer to St. Gertrude the Great to release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said.

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

Volunteers Needed

The Martha and Mary Ministry,

(a St. Mary's Pastoral Care Ministry) reaches out to our parish family to provide spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Volunteers can serve from womb to tomb, whether it's support over the phone, visitation support, or prayer support, you can help grow the community that deepens our relationship with God. Modeling Martha and Mary, our volunteers work in pairs. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Mary Ann Sutton 518-858-7589





Alma Redemptoris Mater

When praying the Divine Office, religious end the day by praying Compline, or Night Prayer. At the end of Night Prayer is sung the "seasonal marian antiphon." We have been following this practice at Mass, singing the Marian Antiphon as a Communion Meditation Hymn. During the Easter season we sang Regina Caeli, and from Pentecost until Advent, we sang the Salve Regina. At the beginning of Advent we transition to Alma Redemptoris Mater, which continues until February 2nd, the Feast of the Purification. It's origins go back to the same composer of the Salve Regina prayer, Herimann the Lame.

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli
Porta manes, et stella maris, sucurre cadenti,
Surgere qui curat populo: tu quae genuisti,
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem,
Virgo prius ac posterius,
Gabrielis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

O loving Mother of our Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, Hasten to aid thy fallen people who strive to rise once more. Thou who brought forth thy holy Creator, all creation wond'ring, Yet remainest ever Virgin, taking from Gabriel's lips that joyful "Hail!": be merciful to us sinners.

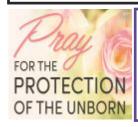
Prayer to St. Cecilia

Dear Saint Cecilia, one thing we know for certain about you is that you became a heroic martyr in fidelity to your divine Bridegroom. We do not know that you were a musician but we are told that you heard Angels sing. Inspire musicians to gladden the hearts of people by filling the air with God's gift of music and reminding them of the divine Musician who created all beauty. Amen.



Feast Day November 22

Patron of Musicians, the blind, bodily purity, composers, music and musicians, musical instrument makers, poets, and singers.



Don't forget to send your 2021 Diocesan Appeal Commitment Card to: **Diocesan Appeal**,

40 North Main Avenue, Diocesan Albany, NY 12203 Appeal



St. Catherine of Alexandria



The young saint was born around 287 in Alexandria, Egypt. At that time, Alexandria was one of the finest cities in the world, and a center of learning and culture as well as faith.

Christian tradition states she was of noble birth, possibly a princess. As a member of the nobility, she was also educated and was an avid scholar. Around the age of fourteen, she experienced a moving vision of Mary

and the infant Jesus, and she decided to become a Christian. Although she was a teenager, she was very intelligent and gifted. When the emperor Maxentius began persecuting Christians, Catherine visited him to denounce his cruelty. Rather than order her execution, Maxentius summoned fifty orators and philosophers to debate her. However, Catherine was moved by the power of the Holy Spirit and spoke eloquently in defense of her faith. Her words were so moving that several of the pagans converted to Christianity and were immediately executed.

Catherine was arrested and scourged. Despite the torture, she did not abandon her faith. When Catherine was presented before the wheel, she touched it and a miracle occurred that caused the wheel to shatter. Unable to torture her to death, the emperor simply ordered her to be beheaded.

Feast Day November 25, Patron of students, unmarried girls, and apologists. www.catholic.org/saints/



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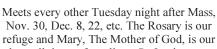


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Confessions after Mass





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



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The Tremendous Value of the Holy Mass by Saint Leonard

At the hour of death, the Holy Masses you have heard devoutly will be your greatest consolation. God forgives you all the venial sins which you are determined to avoid. He forgives you all your unknown sins which you never confessed. The power of Satan over you is diminished. Every Mass will go with you to Judgment and will plead for pardon for you. By every Mass, you can diminish the temporal punishment due to your sins, more or less, according to your fervor. By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass, you render the greatest homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord. Through the Holy Sacrifice, Our Lord Jesus Christ, supplies for many of your negligence's and omissions. By piously hearing Holy Mass, you afford the Souls in Purgatory the greatest possible relief. One Holy Mass heard during your life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after your death. Through Holy Mass, you are preserved from many dangers and misfortunes which would otherwise have befallen you. You shorten your Purgatory by every Mass.

During the Holy Mass, you kneel amid a multitude of holy Angels, who are present at the Adorable Sacrifice with reverential awe. Through Holy Mass, you are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs. When you hear Holy Mass devoutly, offering it to Almighty God in honor of any particular Saint or Angel, thanking God for the favors bestowed on him, etc., you afford that Saint or Angel a new degree of honor, joy and happiness, and draw his special love and protection on yourself. Every time you assist at Holy Mass, besides other intentions, you should offer it in honor of the Saint of the day.



St. Columban Pray for Us!



Thanks giving

St. Jude Prayer of Thanksgiving

I receive the gifts of God with a grateful spirit. St. Jude, help me to see the blessings that surround me and give me life. I offer you my prayer of thanksgiving. Give me the grace to be ever thankful for the love and mercy of

God and the gift of life each day. May this gratitude inspire me to give generously in all ways to others. Be with me now, St. Jude. Linger with me in gratitude, and let thanks fill my heart, washing away all pain and trouble. May I desire nothing except to be in your presence, walking with you in the world to spread hope, love and thanksgiving among all of God's

Office Closed Nov. 25 & 26th

Parish Office

Mon.-Fri. 9:00am- 3:00pm

Sacraments

Baptism and Marriage Please contact the Parish

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

St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group will be meeting in person
Tuesday, December 14th 4-5pm in the Parish Center.

This group will offer emotional and spiritual support for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one through death. The group size will be limited to 8 people, to secure a spot please call the parish office at 518-885-7411.

Calendars & cards for inmates

children. Amen.

Birthday cards, valentine's cards, Mother's day cards and 2022 calendars are being collected for the *Washington Correction Facility, Great Meadow, and the Saratoga County Jail* in the box near the ramp entrance to the church. We invite everyone to partici-

> pate; the cards and calendars are greatly appreciated by the inmates. If you have questions call Jutta 518-612-0559. Thank you

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2nd Grade News

That a wonderful and busy fall we have had in 2nd grade! Although we couldn't go to the Pumpkin Patch this year, we had our own St. Mary's Pumpkin Patch. The students each got to pick a pumpkin from our patch. We learned a lot about pumpkins. The most surprising fact we learned is that the number of seeds in a pumpkin depends on the number of ribs on the pumpkin, not the size of the pumpkin.

Our class is finishing up our Monster Writing. Each student created a monster using the same materials. We were amazed and excited to see how different the monsters looked. Then we named our monsters, gave them a birthdate, lists of likes and dislikes. Now we are writing all about our monsters.

The most exciting part of 2nd grade this fall has been preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. The students will receive these Sacraments in December!









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