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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.

- Lk 4:18

MASS Intentions

MONDAY – Jan. 24 St. Francis DeSales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church No Mass

TUESDAY – **Jan. 25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle 5:30 PM** Special Int. St. Mary's - Our Lady of Fatima 1st Saturday - Parishioners *req. by* Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima

WEDNESDAY – Jan. 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
7:45 AM Special Int. Richard & Brianna Lebrecht Special Int. Theresa O'Brien req. by Gary O'Brien

THURSDAY – Jan. 27 St. Angel Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

7:45 AM + Patricia, Michael, William Henry req. by Mary Jo Henry

+ Mario Carotenuto req. by daughter

FRIDAY – Jan. 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church No Mass

SATURDAY - Jan. 29

4:00 PM + Christie M. Tolosky *req. by* Family

+ Frank Griffin *req. by* Saratoga County Fair Special Int. Trish Oudkirk *req. by* Janet

SUNDAY - Jan. 30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Pro Populo

+ Rebecca Dobie req. by Husband, Phil

+ Gladys Caputo req. by Francine Snyder

10:00 AM + Gerard Vogel req. by Family

Mangino Family req. by Joe and Amy DiDonna

12 Noon + Kathleen Mattrazzo req. by Husband, Rick

+ James H. Parrott req. by Family

Readings Měčk

Readings for the week of Jan. 23, 2022

Sunday: The law of the Lord delights the human heart and guides the steps of our lives. Neh 8:2-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel. 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Behind the zeal for the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the amazing love of God. Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: <u>God is a generous and gracious giver</u>. 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: The Lord is our light, and he helps us be a light for others. 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Jesus is the good gardener who brings forth abundant fruit in the lives of his followers. 2 Sm 11:1-10, 13-17/Ps 51:3-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: God wants what is best and most true for us. 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: <u>Take to heart the Good News</u>. Neh Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

We thank you for your sacrificial offering of:

Jan. 16

Envelopes & Loose \$ 9,304

On-line Giving 3,055

Total \$12,359

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



Today's Gospel, Luke 4:16-21, states "He (Jesus) stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord is on me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted. He has sent

me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim a year of favor from the Lord.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even while you are listening.'"

Jesus tells us that we are also anointed with the Holy Spirit and filled with grace from the Holy Eucharist to go as disciples to set captives free, to faithfully dispel fear, to help the oppressed—those who are bound by fear, worry and anxiety to be set free.

Go forth and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

J+M+J

Baptisms are held the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month after the 12PM Mass. Baptism Preparation Class for first-time parents is scheduled the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Please call the parish office at 518-885-7411. See the Baptism Register form on our website at www.stmarysballstonspa.org/baptism **Matrimony** — To be considered a parishioner at St. Mary's you must be registered as a parishioner for at least one year, raised in the parish, or have parents or grandparents who are registered parishioners. Weddings must be booked a **minimum of six months** in advance for marriage prep purposes. Please call Allison at the parish center, 518-885-7411.



St. Mary's Pastoral Care Ministries

St Mary's Homebound Ministry

Dear Parish family, if you are unable to attend mass (or know of someone who cannot) call St Mary's Homebound Ministry to continue receiving the Most Holy Eucharist, and for spiritual care at your place of residence. We also need volunteers and EMEs. Call Caterina Lucke 518-836-1177 or email parishcaresmbs@gmail.com.



There is no right way to grieve but letting yourself grieve is always right.

St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group will be meeting in person

Tuesday, February 8th



4-5pm 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.

Please help St. Mary's Parish meet our goal.

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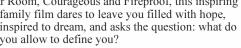
January month of the Holy Name of Jesus



Join us for a Movie Night February 4th at 6pm in the School Auditorium **Overcomer**

Life changes overnight for coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team and state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news. From the

creators of War Room, Courageous and Fireproof, this inspiring family film dares to leave you filled with hope, inspired to dream, and asks the question: what do



Liturgy Lessons 45

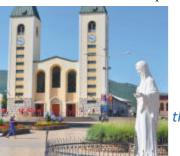


The Last Supper

It is at the words of consecration that transubstantiation takes place. These are the words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper, "Take, eat; this is my body." (Matthew 26:26) and after taking the chalice He said, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:27 -28) At the consecration, the priest says, "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you." "Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me." Jesus gives His Body and pours out His Blood at the crucifixion, and is the perfect sacrifice of atonement for our sins. Through His sacrifice, we can attain eternal life in Heaven, and He gives us the Bread from heaven by His own Body and Blood.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage May 9-20, 2022

Join us call Janet at the parish Center at 518-885-7411



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FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION FEBRUARY 5, 3:00 PM

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, Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 8, 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!



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Gabriel Project/Perpetual Life Care— Is dedicated to gently sharing with Catholics about God's design for fertility. A design that honors their human dignity, recognizes that each person is made in the images and likeness of God: and reverences and repsects each person as a gift.

helpforpregnantwomen.org perpetualifecare.org

Project Rachel – For help, hope and healing after an abortion. hopeafterabortion.com

Walking with Moms in Need-parish committees are forming across the diocese from this USCCB and Bishop Ed initiative to walk with moms in need. To learn more to begin helping, please review the many parish tools and resources available: walkingwithmomms.com and contact Renee Morgiewicz at renee.morgiewicz@rcda.org

www.usccb.org/prolife/walking-moms-need **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops-**

USCCB.org

NY State Catholic Conference-

www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conferenceaction-center/

Human Life Action www.humanlifeaction.org Respectlife.org

Rcda.org/life

Rachel's Vineyard-www.rachelsvineyard.org

Sisters of Life– Are you struggling with your pregnancy? Feeling alone and afraid? Connect with the Sisters of Life sistersoflife.org

Human Life Action

Gianna of Albany-www.giannaofalbany.com

Catholic Charities-cccms.org

Albany Diocese Twitter Page —twitter.com/RCDALife

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Birthright – 1-800-550-4900, 518-885-4117

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Wednesday, January 19 – Thursday, January 27. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

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SUNDAY MASS 9:30 AM

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For Mass Intentions please call the office at 518-885-7411 for Mass intention (\$15.00 as of May 23, 2021)

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 23rd 9:30AM Pro Populo Jan. 30th 9:30AM Pro Populo

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Envelopes & Loose \$ 933 On-line Giving \$ 963 Total

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



Instructions for Requesting Mass Cards

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Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am—3:00pm

Sacraments Baptism & Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office

Mass Schedule

Mon. Wed. and Thurs. 7:45AM Tues. 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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