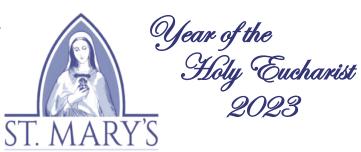
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MASS Intentions

MONDAY – Jan. 23 Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn Children

7:45 AM No Mass

TUESDAY - Jan. 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & **Doctor of the Church**

5:30PM No Mass

WEDNESDAY- Jan. 25 The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

7:45 AM No Mass

THURSDAY – Jan. 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

7:45 AM No Mass

FRIDAY – Jan 27 St. Angela Merici

9:30 AM Rev. Paul Bondi

SATURDAY – Jan. 28 St. Thomas Aguinas, Priest & **Doctor of the Church**

4:00 PM + Joseph J. Monaco

> reg. by Lori Weaver + Corinne Frassa reg. by Robert Kazalski

Special Int. of Theresa O'Brien req. by O'Brien Family

SUNDAY – Jan. 29 — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Margaret DeFillipo

> reg. by Husband, Al + Holy Souls in Purgatory

+ Pro Populo

10:00 AM + Debra Fox Baker

12 Noon + Jim Farley req. by Family

+ Joan Kimble

req. by Mary Ann Mevec Ryan

+ Philip Amodeo req. by daughter, Rita

Rosary recited after morning Mass- Mon., Wed. & Thurs.



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When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali..." This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Readings for the week of January 22, 2023

Sun.: Our salvation is at hand. Is your word, a light to my path. 2 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12- 132:1-5, 11-14/Mk 4:21-25

Mon.: Satan's evil ways will not Nurture your faith and you will prevail against us if we walk possess life. Heb 10:32-39/Ps with Jesus. Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34 98:1-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tues.: Through the Holy Spirit need a strong faith. Heb 11:1-2, we live as children of God. Heb 8-19/Lk 1:69-75/Mk 4:35-41 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4, 708, 10- **Next Sun.:** From a beatitude 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wed.: Go into the whole world worth the cost, and suffering will and proclaim the Gospel to every not have the last word. Zep 2:3; creature. Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-10 (Matthew 9:1-22/Ps 117:1-2/Mk 16:15-18

Thurs.: A lamp to my feet is

8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 /1 Cor Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps

Fri: Faith needs time to grow.

Sat.: In the storms of life, we

perspective, discipleship is 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12

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Call the office at 518-885-7411 if this is something you are interested in.



Visit our website: stmarysballstonspa.org for your Prayer Requests.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Consider giving someone in need of prayers and support a hand-woven prayer shawl. Many blessings are knitted into every prayer shawl, lap robe, and baby blanket as a symbolic and tangible reminder of God's love and protection. A prayer shawl is a perfect gift for every occasion. The shawls are free of charge, donation greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of yarn. To request a prayer shawl, fill out a request form located at the

prayer shawl, fill out a request form located at the church entrances. Drop the form in the Prayer Shawl box, you will be contacted when the shawl is ready for pick up. For more information contact Kathy Catman at 518-885-1217.



Ministry of Altar Servers

St. Mary's Youth..... Altar Servers Needed

Are you looking for a meaningful volunteer job?

We are looking for new recruits in our
Altar Server Program.

Altar Servers form a very important part of the church. Our parish is enriched through the dedication and service of our Altar Servers. Be a part of St. Mary's special Masses on Christmas, Holy Thursday, Easter, and processions on Corpus Christi and the May Crowning.

It is a very important responsibility and we are looking for children who have received their First Communion and older, who want to be involved with the church. Please call the parish office at 518-885-7411.



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Enrich Your Faith

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY DEVOTION SATURDAY, FEB. 4TH AT 3:00 PM

Please join us on Sat., Feb. 4th, at 3:00pm, as we pray to the Mother of God and Our Mother in Heaven.
We will be meditating on the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Our Lady declares to us:
"You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary."





Novena to Miraculous Medal and Holy Mass Tuesdays at 5:30pm Confession after Mass

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group

Meets every other Tuesday night after Mass — Jan. 24th, Feb. 7, 21, March 7, and 21, 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!*



Medjugorje Message of December 25, 2022

"Dear children! Today I am carrying my Son Jesus to you, that you may be His peace and a reflection of clarity and joy of Heaven. Pray, little children, to be open to receive peace because many hearts are closed to the call of the light which changes hearts. I am with you and am praying for you to open yourselves to receive the King of peace, Who fills your hearts with warmth and blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.

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

Feb. 7th 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.



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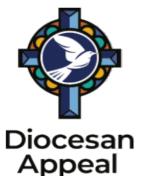
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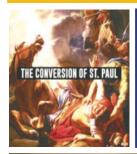




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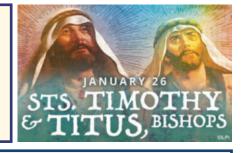
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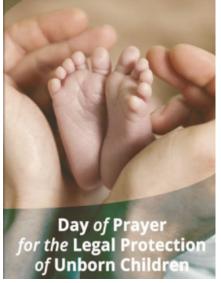


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If you no longer wish to receive envelopes please call the office, 518-885-7411.





Looking for a way to help your community? Thought about volunteering for Community Hospice?

We are looking for volunteers to provide support to patients and families in their homes and nursing homes in **Saratoga/Washington/Montgomery Counties**. Serving as valued members of the hospice care team, volunteers enhance the patient and family experience by helping meet specific needs such as:

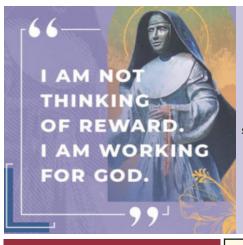
- Respite to allow the caregiver to run errands or take a much needed break.
- Decreased feelings of isolation by offering friendly visits for reminiscing, conversation or specifically requested activities like reading or listening to music.
- Assisting with light housekeeping, errands, laundry, etc. that the patient is no longer able to manage.

One hour a week can make a huge impact to our families and patients.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BECOMING A VOLUNTEER AND THE REQUIRED TRAINING PLEASE CONTACT:

Mary Reinhardt, Coordinator of Volunteer Services 518-581-0800 mreinhardt@communityhospice.org





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Germany when she
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On those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death

light has arisen.

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

- Mt 4:16b-17

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stmarysballstonspa.

org for updated Information, calendar of events, ministries, cancellation of Mass, closure of office, etc. Thank you!

As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live.

St. Mary's Mission, Galway, NY Sunday Mass 9:30 AM Mass intentions

Jan. 22nd Deceased members of St. Mary's Parish Jan. 29nd Rev. William Pape req. by Bernie Clancy

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Jan. 15

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On-line Giving 40
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Parish Office Hours Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am—2:00pm

Sacrament of Baptism is held the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month after the 12PM Mass. Baptism Preparation Class for first-time parents is scheduled the 2nd Thursday 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

Sacrament of 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.

Mass Schedule

Mon. Wed. and Thurs. 7:45AM Tues. 5:30PM Sat. Vigil 4:00PM Sunday 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00Noon

Reconciliation (Confession)

Tues. after 5:30PM Mass & Saturday 3:00-3:45PM, or by appointment

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Requesting A 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, the offering is \$15.00

St. Mary's Young Families Group

St Mary's is starting a Young Families Group where all families with young children can meet to play and pray together.

Come join us for our first gathering on Sunday, January 29th after the 10AM Mass in the school cafeteria.

Please reach out to Chris and Elizabeth Figueroa at 32figs@gmail.com for more details and to sign up for email reminders.

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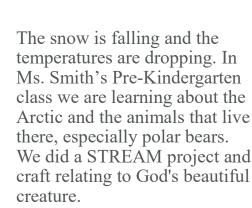
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