Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2023

Year of the Holy Eucharist

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Fr. Francis R. Vivacqua, *Pastor*

MASS Intentions

MONDAY – March 27
12:10PM + Thomas Adam Rodick
req. by Family
+ Elizabeth Spine Favat
req. by Joseph, Jameson and Joe

TUESDAY – March 28
5:30PM + Vern Utter
req. by Jan Nudo

WEDNESDAY– March 29
12:10PM + Stanley Turon
req. by Agnes Mohr

THURSDAY – March 30
12:10PM + William Martin and Albert Jaskot
req. by Agnes Mohr

FRIDAY – March 31
9:30 AM Special Int. of First Grade Class

SATURDAY – April 1 First Saturday
4:00 PM + Olivio "Tete" Monaco
req. by Lori Weaver
+ James Farina
req. by Mary Farina
Special Int. of Mary Beth Flatley
req. by Rosary Friends

SUNDAY – April 2
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 AM + Margaret DeFillippo
req. by Husband, Al
+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
+ Pro Populo

10:00 AM + Donald and Audrey Hauprich
req. by Jerry and Vivian Crouth
Special Int. Sophia Fallon D'Onofrio and Paul Aragona III
req. by Grandma Trisha

12 Noon + Marlene and Kenneth Brown
req. by Rita
+ Mickey Diggins
req. by John and Carol Dipasquale
Special Int. Mary McNamara
req. by Bob and Maureen

Rosary recited after Mass, Monday, Wednesday& Thursday

Pledging Lent Together

Over the past few weeks we have *looked for the good*, *listened for truth*, and *prayed for vision*. Each of these themes can become difficult if we try to deal with them alone. Luckily, we have our parish family for encouragement and support. Martha and Mary, surrounded by family and friends, profusely grieved over their brother Lazarus and in their distress, challenged Jesus. Just like them, we may be honest and tell God that we do not understand His ways. Like Mary and Martha, we may shout, "if only you were here, it would not be like this." We cry and yearn for something better and know that Jesus, who cried at the death of Lazarus, cries with us too.

As followers of Jesus, we also know that we must die to self and self-centered ways and to all that is not of God. Can you hear Jesus calling your name? "*My dear child, rise up, **come out of the darkness**!*" As we approach the holiest week of the year, may our hearts be opened to the transformation of the Holy Spirit. May our faith be as strong as Mary when she declared, "Lord, I have come to believe that you are Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

Fifth Week of Lent: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.
***Come out of the darkness.* (John 9:1-41)**

All that is needed for salvation appears in today's Gospel. Jesus calls Lazarus to come out of the tomb. That's grace. Lazarus responds. That's will. Jesus then asks the community to unbind Lazarus and let him go free.

Let's make preparations to be with our community next week—Holy Week—so that we can find the courage to respond to God's call and leave !

Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sun: I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word. Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8 / Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

Mon: May God's presence in the sacraments nourish us on our Lenten journey. Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

Tues: Our heavenly Father sent his Son, who does the Father's will. Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wed: Fashioned in his Father's image, the Son completes the work of the Father. Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thurs: Our eternal God keeps all his promises. Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

Fri: By leading holy lives, we can give witness to Christ, and in him find strength and protection. Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

Sat: The Lord will deliver his people. Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sun: Truly, Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

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We thank you for your sacrificial offering of:

	Mar. 19	Catholic Relief Services
Envelopes & Loose	$ 9,575	$1,349
On-line Giving	2,560	10
Total	**$12,135**	**$1,359**

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

We will continue with our regular Sunday Mass schedule.

DAILY MASS DURING LENT
12:10 PM MON., WED., and THURS.
5:30PM TUESDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 12:00 Noon, Friday 6:00 PM

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:00—3:45 PM & Tuesday night following Mass until 6:30 PM

Penance Service: March 27th
1:00 PM and 7:00 PM
St. Peter's Church, Saratoga

No Confession
Saturday, April 1st and Saturday, April 8th

Holy Week Schedule

Wed., April 5th
Tenebrae Service
6:00—7:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 6th
Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:00 PM
Adoration until 9PM

Good Friday, April 7th
Stations of the Cross
2:30 PM
Passion of the Lord
6:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 8th
Easter Vigil
7:30 PM

Easter Sunday 9th
The Resurrection of the Lord
8 AM
9:30 AM Galway
10 AM
12 Noon

Easter Flowers

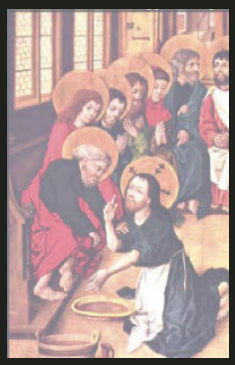
Please be generous in your donation for Easter Flowers.
Thank you.

Volunteers Needed

*If you believe that life is sacred and needs to be protected and can offer a compassionate ear, please consider joining our **Birthright** family. Experience is not necessary; we will teach you what you need to know. Join us for the next 3-part training session being offered on 3 consecutive Thursday mornings,*
April 13, 20, and 27
from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
*To find out if **Birthright** is right for you, call Susan at 518-430-7922.*

Birthright

Easter Triduum



Holy Thursday

6 PM
The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until 9PM

Good Friday
2:30 PM
Stations of the Cross

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Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

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Diocesan Appeal 2022/23

St. Mary's Ballston Spa/Galway

Thank you for your continued prayers and support toward the Diocesan Appeal. Please help our parish reach our goal. The generosity of St. Mary's parishioners has always benefitted the growth and evangelization in our diocese.

Assessment: $124,743.00
Total Gifts: **188**
Average Gift: **$209**
Raised: **$48,126.00**

We would like to reach our assessment before Easter.

Diocesan Appeal

Send your Diocesan Appeal Commitment Card to:
Diocesan Appeal
40 North Main Ave.
Albany, NY 12203

Josephine A. Perniciaro
Our Lady Queen of Peace Memorial Scholarship

The family of the late Josephine Perniciaro, the founding mother of the parish *Funeral Ministry* and *Bereavement Support Group* is pleased to announce an annual memorial scholarship in her name. This scholarship will be awarded to a member of St. Mary's parish or a college bound student who attended St. Mary's primary school. The premise for the awarding of the annual scholarship will be based on applications submitted to the family for review, and will focus on applicants that exhibit: a sound Catholic upbringing, continued Catholic faith and values, and demonstrate a solid impact on either how catholic primary education has impacted them or how they will use their Catholic faith to make the college experience fulfilling.

Applications are available after March 5 and are due no later than May 24, 2023. Please contact the parish office or JoAnne Perniciaro at pernici-aro.j@aol.com for applications, contributions or questions. Scholarship winner(s) will be announced on June 6, 2023.

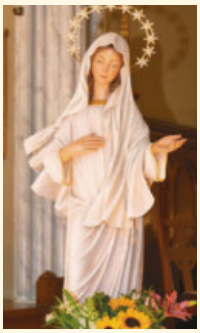
In addition to the annual college scholarship, funds may also be allocated to help a family that exhibits need for tuition assistance for St. Mary's Parish School. Please share this message with eligible participants and watch future church bulletins and the parish social media pages for continued information.

GROW IN CHRIST…
making time for God.

First Saturday Rosary Devotion
Saturday, April 1st at 3:00 pm

Please join us as we pray to the Mother of God and Our Mother in Heaven. We will be meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Novena to Miraculous Medal and Holy Mass Tuesdays at 5:30pm
Confession after Mass until 6:30pm



Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group

Meets every other Tuesday night after Mass — April 4th, and 18th. The Rosary is our refuge and Mary, The Mother of God, is our help at all times of our lives. *All are welcome!*

"Dear children! Keep converting and clothe yourselves in penitential garments and in personal, deep prayer; and in humility, seek peace from the Most High. In this time of grace, Satan wants to seduce you; but you, little children, keep looking at my Son and follow Him towards Calvary in renunciation and fasting. I am with you because the Most High permits me to love you and lead you towards the joy of the heart, in faith which grows for all those who love God above all. Thank you for having responded to my call." - Feb. 25, 2023

St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group

There is no right way to grieve but letting yourself grieve is always right.
St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group will be meeting
Tuesday, April 4th
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, please call the parish office at 518-885-7411.

Fifth Week of Lent: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. ***Come out of the darkness. (John 9:1-41)***

DO YOU LIKE CHOCOLATE? Treat your family, friends, and yourself to homemade chocolate for Mother's Day, a birthday, a thank you, an anniversary gift or any other special occasion while supporting Birthright at the same time. We are offering 1 lb. boxes of assorted chocolate (combination of milk & dark) from The Saratoga Candy Company for $20. Orders must be received by April 14. To order, call Rose Petrak at 518-309-3575 then mail a check payable to **Birthright, PO Box 661, Ballston Spa NY 12020.** A volunteer will call you in advance to arrange pickup during the week of May 8. Please do not contact Saratoga Candy Company. Birthright is handling orders and pick-up arrangements. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and for sharing your love for life with Birthright. It is through your kindness that we continue to help the young women who call on us for support.

St. Mary's Mission, Galway, NY

Sunday Mass 9:30 AM **MASS INTENTIONS**

March 26th and April 2

+ Deceased Members of St. Mary's Parish

We thank you for your sacrificial offering of:

	Mar. 19	Catholic Relief Services
Envelopes & Loose	$628	$249
On-line Giving	40	0
Total	**$668**	**$249**

Heat and Fuel Collection (2022-23) ***$6,082***

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

Diocesan Divine Mercy Consecration

Bishop Scharfenberger is inviting everyone in the diocese to join him in a 33-day preparation period with the book, 33 Days to Merciful Love. The preparation will culminate with the consecration at Bishop Ed's diocesan mass, Divine Mercy Sunday, on April 16, 2023, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. More information: rcda.org/divinemercyconsecration

Sunday, April 16, 2023 11:00 AM
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 125 Eagle St.

Good Friday "Way of the Cross" Prayer Vigil for Life

Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. None suffer more innocently than children in the womb whose lives are taken by abortion. On Good Friday we remember all the victims of abortion—the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted—in a solemn, ecumenical prayer service: Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion

Good Friday, April 7, 10 a.m.

Public right of way at Planned Parenthood, 1040 State St., Schenectady. More Info: Call Larry Smith at 518-384-0882 or e-mail Lpjtsmith6@msn.com Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for a final end to this injustice in our land.

2023 Walk for Life Weekend

Publicly express your pro-life passion through the Compass Care Walk for Life, May 6, 2023. Register on line https://www.compasscarecommunity.com/walk2023/ and type in **St. Mary's Church Ballston Spa.** For questions or to volunteer, contact Jordana Turcotte 518-312-0673 jrturcotte74@gmail.com

Mary's Haven A Community Home for the Dying

Volunteers Make a Difference at Mary's Haven!
Give a gift from the heart Caregivers Needed

Just 2-4 hours a week of your time and talents will assist us in providing 24-hour care and comfort to the terminally ill at Mary's Haven, a program of Catholic Charities. Initial and ongoing training is provided. Our volunteers love what they do. Come and see why. *Please consider adding Mary's Haven to your Volunteer Schedule!* For more information, please contact: Robin at Mary's Haven (518) 584-9397.

40 Days for Life Spring 2023 Campaign Feb. 22—April 2

We are committed to being a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of Schenectady's Planned Parenthood at 1040 State Street from 7 am to 7 pm throughout the campaign. We seek to bring help and hope to those facing unplanned pregnancies or those seeking healing from past abortions. Please email Sarah at sch40days@gmail.com and/or check our website https://www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady for information on how you can be involved. We will update the website throughout the campaign with prayer gatherings and events. Thank you!

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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. 12:10PM 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 – 2pm, the offering is $15.00

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visit www.smsbspa.org Principal: Mrs. Lynn Fitzgerald

At St. Mary's I do my best to create a space in my art classroom where the students can express themselves and use their creativity and imagination while also learning new skills and experimenting with new materials!

Two of the best ways I like to teach my students and engage them in their art projects are teaching about different artists (either in history or more current artists) and utilizing books!

Educating the students about a variety of artists is one of my favorite ways to talk about art with them. I'll show them a presentation of the artist and their artwork, as well as share about their life. Seeing the students engaged in this, sharing their thoughts and feeling about the artwork, is always rewarding. It shows me more about how they think as well as how they are growing as artists.

Some artists we have focused on this year include Yayoi Kusama, Jen Stark, Romero Britto, Faith Ringgold, and Alma Woodsey Thomas.

The other way I love to do projects with the students is utilize books! I'll introduce projects that relate to books they are reading in class or show them others that may spark their interest.

One of my favorites I did this year with preschool, kindergarten, and 1st grade was *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas. The students created their own color monsters! They were able to show their creativity by choosing the color(s) they felt represented their emotions or what they wanted to portray. They had a fun time playing with their monsters together once they were complete!

1st Grade

Preschool

Jen Stark projects 5th Grade

Faith Ringgold projects 3rd Grade

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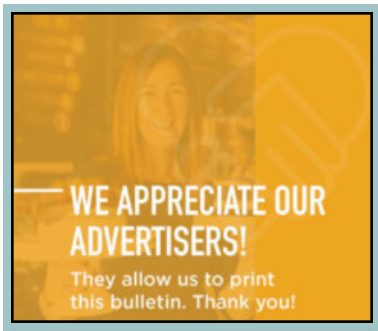

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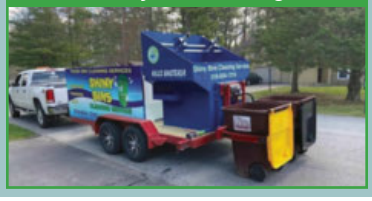

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