

Saint Mary of the Assumption



Parish and Shrine

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Sovereign Priest

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Mass Times

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Low Mass
11:00 a.m. High Mass

Weekdays: 7:30 a.m. Low Mass
except Thursdays: 12:10 p.m. Low Mass

Holy Days: *please consult the bulletin*

*The Holy Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before
Sunday Masses, as well as at 3:00 p.m. on
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.*

English Mass Schedule:

Tues., Wed. and Fri.: 12:10 p.m. Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Mass

Confessions

30 minutes before Latin Mass every day
& Thursdays during Adoration

Adoration

Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

*This week, no Adoration
due to Christmas Masses*

Gift Shop Hours*:

Sat. & Sunday: Before & After Mass

Tus.-Thur.: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Parish Office Hours*:

Tues.-Thur.: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Please see the modified Christmas schedule
on page two of the bulletin.*

**Please leave a 'phone message or e-mail
outside these times.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas 2025

Masses this Week

Sunday, December 21st

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. - ✠ Thomas Donovan for his birthday
requested by family
11:00 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, December 22nd

“Rorate” Mass of the B.V.M.

7:30 a.m. - For a special intention
requested by Catherine Shaffer

Tuesday, December 23rd

“Rorate” Mass of the B.V.M.

7:30 a.m. - Institute of Christ the King
requested by Catherine Shaffer
12:10 p.m. (English) - In Memory of Chico Rhines

Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

7:30 a.m. - ✠ James Reinhart
requested by Colleen Miles
4:00 p.m. (English) - Pro populo

Thursday, December 25th

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

12:00 a.m. - The Most Revd.
Douglas J. Lucia
9:00 a.m. - Pro populo
11:00 a.m. - St Mary’s benefactors,
employees and volunteers

Friday, December 26th

St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr

9:00 a.m. - Fr. Matthew Walter
requested by Catherine Shaffer
12:10 p.m. (English) - *Canceled this week*

Saturday, December 27th

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

9:00 a.m. - ✠ Mary Coll
and her daughter, Jane Olsen
requested by Kathleen Hubbard
Wine is blessed this day after the 9:00 a.m. Mass
4:00 p.m. (English) - Gayle Davis
requested by Cindy and Tom Snyder

Sunday, December 28th

THE HOLY INNOCENTS (CHILDERMAS)

9:00 a.m. - The Hay Family
requested by Catherine Shaffer
11:00 a.m. - Pro Populo

Christmas Schedule

Wednesday December 24th:

7:30 a.m.: Vigil Mass of Christmas (still Advent)
3:15 p.m.: Caroling before Christmas Eve Mass
4:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Mass (English)
11:15 p.m.: **Caroling before Midnight Mass**

Thursday December 25th:

12:00 a.m.: **Midnight Mass (candle-lit)**
9:00 a.m.: **Low Mass**
11:00 a.m.: **High Mass**

On December 26th, 27th and 31st the daily Latin Mass will be exceptionally at 9:00 a.m.

*NO daily Latin Mass on the 29th and 30th
After New Year’s Day, weekday Latin Masses return to the normal schedule.*

New Year’s Eve:

9:00 a.m. Low Mass
Anticipated Mass at 4:00 p.m. (English)
Te Deum of thanksgiving at 5:00 p.m.
(Plenary indulgence possible).

New Year’s Day & Octave Day of Christmas:

9:00 a.m. Low Mass, 11:00 a.m. High Mass
High Mass will be preceded by the singing of the Veni Creator Spiritus (Plenary indulgence possible)

Office and Giftshop Hours

From Wednesday, December 24th until Tuesday January 6th, the parish office is CLOSED.
The giftshop will be CLOSED from Christmas Eve until Tuesday, December 30th, and then from New Years Eve until Sunday, January 4th.
The giftshop is OPEN on Tuesday, December 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Votive Candles This Week

The Consecration Candles are lit in memory of Thomas Donovan by his family.

Our Lady's candles are lit for the Beshure family by the St. Mary's Rosary Group, and in memory of Bill Puff by his family and friends.

Saint Thérèse's candles are lit for the healing of Colleen, by her family and friends.

Scheduling Mass intentions, flowers and candles

Mass intentions can be scheduled in the gift shop or by calling the parish office. Please leave a detailed message with contact information if calling outside of office hours. The stipend is \$15.00 per Mass.

Votive candles can also be scheduled in the gift shop or by calling the parish office. One-week votive candles at any of the altars or Saint statues are available for a donation of \$10.00 each. You may also put a written request in an envelope and drop it in the donation slot in the vestibule or in the collection basket.

Altar Flowers for an intention can be sponsored for a \$50 donation. Please visit our gift shop to schedule.

Parish Registration Drive

St. Mary's Shrine is also a "personal parish." This means that membership is not based on the place where one lives (as is the case for a normal parish), but on the needs of the persons who attend it (hence "personal"). Our parish has been established by the diocese as a home for those seeking to worship in the traditional Latin rite of the Church. Anyone may become a member, regardless of territorial residence.

If you have not registered in the past few years, we may not know that you consider yourself a parishioner. Registration helps with communication, preparation for sacraments, and volunteer organization, and gives us a clearer idea of who comes to Mass here and what their needs are. Becoming a registered parishioner insures that you receive important information, simplifies records requests, allows you to order donation envelopes, and helps with giving statements.

Whether you have been a parishioner for many years or are new to our parish, we ask you to register by visiting stmarysoswego.com and clicking on "Online Parish Registration" at the top of the home page. You can also use this QR Code.



A Special Thanks

St. Mary's has received generous donations this Christmas season. We are eternally grateful for those who contribute our parish, as well as to our volunteers and dedicated staff.

In addition to the many benefactors who wish to remain anonymous, we would like to thank Miss Denise Rhines for her generous gift toward a new washer and dryer for the convent building. This gift is made in thanksgiving for the staff and parishioners of our church, and in memory of her late father.

The third Mass of Christmas is offered for the intentions of all our benefactors, staff and volunteers.

Announcements

Please read the Christmas schedule on the facing page carefully, as the daily Mass times are different from Christmas until the New Year, and some Masses are canceled.

As of January, there will be no 12:10 p.m. English daily Mass until further notice.

As of January, on all First Fridays, an additional 6:00 p.m. Latin Mass will be celebrated, except in the month of September, or unless otherwise announced. Confession will be available before and after Mass. Please consult the bulletin in the coming weeks for details.

A Letter from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Mary's,

As we celebrate the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I wanted take this opportunity to write to you for the first time since becoming pastor. **First of all, thank you for the welcome that we have received.** Many of you have told us, "we are so grateful that you are here." The feeling is mutual. Abbé Nicholas and I are grateful to God, Bishop Lucia and our superiors for our assignment here. St. Mary's is a wonderful place to be, not only because of the beautiful church and the lovely town in which it stands, but because of the parish community. I want to thank all of the parish staff and volunteers that make St. Mary of the Assumption the exceptional place that it is. Thank you for the many hours of hard work that went into preparing for Christmas, and indeed for the years of effort and dedication that went into preserving our church, especially in the last few years.

Thanks as well to all the members of our parish family, and especially to our benefactors for whom the High Mass of Christmas Day is being celebrated this year. Our parish has a rich history of a dedicated community. As Fr. Hopkins wrote of our church, "its very stones are from our fields." Many of your ancestors contributed to the building of this church and its flourishing as parish for the past 177 years. The Mass for the centennial of the church's consecration was very moving, not only because of the liturgical solemnity of the occasion and the presence of our Bishop, but also because so many of those who consider St. Mary's their spiritual home came from far and wide to be a part of the celebration.

Our parish has been through much. To assure its future, Bishop Lucia designated St. Mary's as a personal parish for the celebration of the traditional Latin liturgy, and then later also made it the Marian Shrine of the Diocese of Syracuse. The Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest was invited to take over the pastoral care of the church earlier this year. Since then, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you in the last six months, but a good number of you have come home for the holidays for the first time since our arrival. Many would like to know more about what is happening at the parish they know and love. Doubtless some of you are unfamiliar with the traditional liturgy and have questions. Some of the questions I have received since my arrival are these: **What exactly is the Institute of Christ the King? Who are its clergy in Oswego? What will the future of St. Mary's look like? I want to answer these questions briefly here.**

The Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest is a missionary society founded in Gabon (West Africa) in 1990. Since 2008, it is of Pontifical Right, which is to say that it is directly under the authority of the pope. Our community is made up of priests (called "canons"), clerical brothers (called "oblates") and religious sisters. We also have a lay branch called the Society of the Sacred Heart. The Institute is present in many countries throughout the world, and in twenty different locations in the U.S.A., including two in New York State (the other being in the Diocese of Brooklyn).

The spirituality of the Institute is one centered on devotion to the Blessed Mother under the title of the Immaculate Conception. This is the reason for the color blue in the choir habit of the Institute's members. **The Institute also honors three secondary patrons: St. Benedict, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Francis de Sales.** From these we take our love of the Liturgy, our veneration for the Church's traditional and unchanging teaching, which always accords with true reason, and our focus on holy charity—love of God and love of neighbor because of our of love for God—as the best method of making that truth known and accepted. **To these we add a great veneration for St. Thérèse of Lisieux, patroness of the missions.**

The institute is guided by the example and teachings of these great saints as it strives humbly to accomplish its mission within the Church of "spreading the reign of Christ to all aspects of human life." The Institute's charism finds its primary expression in devotion to the traditional Latin liturgy.

The traditional Mass is the Catholic Church's greatest treasure, a spiritual edifice whose construction was guided over millennia by the action of the Holy Spirit and the devotion of the saints. **By fostering true Christian community, the Institute seeks to live out its motto, *Veritatem facientes in caritate*, "Living the truth in charity" (Ephesians 4:15).**

What is true Christian community? No community exists solely for its own sake. Communities always exist around some good that gives them meaning. The good around which any Catholic parish must be constituted is God himself who allows us to share in his divine life through the life of grace in our souls. The life of grace begins and is sustained through the liturgical life of the Church, and especially through her sacraments. When God is given the honor due to him, when he is given the first place in our lives, everything else falls into place. "Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mat. 6:33). The early Christians did not develop a complicated strategy of evangelization. They simply lived their lives centered on the "...teaching of the apostles and the communion of the breaking of the bread (i.e. Holy Mass) and prayers" (cf. Acts 2:42). And thus, they converted the entire ancient world.

It was this supernatural approach to missionary work together with the focus on community that first drew me to the Institute of Christ the King while I was a college student. I left my home in Southeast Michigan shortly thereafter and studied at our international seminary near Florence, Italy. **I was ordained in 2015, and after ten years of priesthood spent serving in Southern Germany, my superiors asked me to return to my home country and to take up a new assignment here at St. Mary's. I am joined by Abbé Nicholas Tousignant, an oblate having done his formation and first years of service in St. Louis, Missouri and who is originally from Minnesota.** As northerners, neither of us should have too much difficulty with the Oswego winter.

The future of our parish will be what we make it with God's help. I know that some have expressed uncertainty about being able to get used to the traditional Latin Mass as the center of the liturgical life at St. Mary's and wonder whether or not they may be able to adapt to this liturgy--which, although it is very ancient is new to them--so I want all parishioners to know that I am available to listen to their questions and to help them. Soon, we will be announcing special talks on the traditional Liturgy in order to help those who wish to learn more about it. We want this church to have a full Catholic parish life, with everything that entails, and to dedicate ourselves to its flourishing as a center of spiritual renewal for the whole diocese. We will pursue this goal according to our own charism, always for God's greater glory and for the benefit of the souls entrusted to our care. Restoring the same Mass that our ancestors knew and loved for centuries is not a question of going back in time or catering to the nostalgic. **As Pope Benedict XVI pointed out, although some people assume that attachment to the traditional Mass "would be limited to the older generation which had grown up with it, in the meantime it has clearly been demonstrated that young persons too have discovered this liturgical form, felt its attraction and found in it a form of encounter with the Mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist, particularly suited to them."** This should fill us with joy and hope.

Please know that you are all in my daily prayers. On behalf of the superiors of the Institute of Christ the King and its members here in Oswego and throughout the world, I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and happy Christmastide! May Our Lady, who has been honored in our parish since its founding, and who contributed more than anyone else to the saving work of the Incarnation and our Redemption, grant us the grace worthily to receive her Son, the Newborn King of Kings, God made man.

In Christ the Infant King,

**Canon Edward Gardner
Pastor and Rector**

Memorial Christmas Flowers 2025

Taras Hanypsiak	William & Catherine	Mr. & Mrs. Jake	Theodora St. Onge
Kevin Davis	Komanecy	Batchelor	Agnes Ragusa
Ted Palmer	Charles "Chip" Harkola	Fred & Lynne	Mr. & Mrs. John
Alice & Lyle Searles	Bernice Gravatt	Batchelor	Sherrock
William S. Cahill	Vicki Callahan	Mr. Don Batchelor	Rose & Gus Leppert
Rocco Maniccia	Kenneth & Marion	Mr. & Mrs. George	Harold & Grace O'Neil
Florence E. France	Bourdon	Toth	Karen Kryzak
James E. & Margaret	Benjamin & Mae Ploof	Doby Reitz	Doug Leppert
S. Schneider	Roger Williams	Barb Rhines	Charlotte Wilcox
Francis T. & Anne P.	James & Loretta	Chico Rhines	James O'Neil
Riley	Bourdon	Kevin Dix	Robert O'Neil
Ms. Martha Riley	George Bourdon	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas	Edward O'Neil
Andreo	Thomas & Theresa	Baker	Jason LaTulip
Mr. & Mrs. Michael	Bourdon	Richard Baker	Michael LaTulip
Cianfarano	Armand & Jamel	Mr. & Mrs. James	Catherine Vera Finn
Mr. Michael G.	Bourdon	Niger	Nelson
Cianfarano	Karen Bourdon	Harold & Elisabeth	Nancy & Robert Kelly
Griffin Hart	Charlie Bennett	Mulcahey	Ursula Kingston
Michael & Mary	Florence Bennett	John "Jack" Tyrie Jr.	John Kingston
Cianfarano	Dante & Phyllis	Pat & John Greene	Thomas Kingston
Michael G. Cianfarano	Maniccia	Geraldine & John	Hope McCarthy
Frank & Virginia	Thomas & Jane	Tyrie Sr.	John McCarthy
Michalski	Donovan	Rowland & Genevieve	James McCarthy
Amy & Kate Cavalier	George & Rhoda	Wiltsie	Joseph O'Leary
Hanley & King	Parker	Ernie & Frances	Pauline O'Leary
Families	John & Mildred Conley	Chiarella	Bessie Williams
Otis & O'Connell	Paul & Joan Lavey	Melvin & Elizabeth	Mr. & Mrs. Charles
Families	Diane, Tim & Billy	Wiltsie	Gallagher
Ciesla & Collins	Jack & Shirley Conley	Carol L. Wiltsie	David Chamberlain
Families	Robert & Anna	John & Evelyn	Mary Anne Williams
Gimmie Family	Kiernan	Brennan	Edward & Virginia
Mr. & Mrs. Robert	Elsie Foley	Donald C. Beauchene	Leonard
Benzing	Frances Schrader	Bernard Brennan	Aaron M. Leonard
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond	Augustina Bendzunas	Raymond & Blanche	Harry & Julia Ross
Doud	Frank Bendzunas	Wiltsie	Charles & Clara
Tom Camarda	Joseph Bendzunas	Bill & Peg Quirk	Leonard
Robert & Helen Raby	George Blankenship	Anthony Walecki	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony
Theodore & Roberta	Pat Battista	Tina Walecki	Malone
Bond	Rose Battista	Vincent Walecki	Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Martin Meehan	Carmella Barbarino	John Waloven Jr.	Cassell
Murabito Family	John Barbarino	Ann Jurenko	Elaine Malone
Clark Family	Enna Barbarino	Patricia Nappi	Harry Cassell Jr.
Deborah Nemes	Rosario Barbarino	Earl Hofmann	Mary Malone DiPerri
Rocco Maniccia	Sebastiana Patane	Ann & John Waloven	Patrick Paco Malone
Joshua Docos	Santo Patane	Patricia Frison	Heath Nicholas
Gerry Docos	Theresa Patane	Harry Collins	Murray
Joe & Tish Kelly	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph	James & Mary	Mr. & Mrs. Lindley B.
George Lagoe Jr.	Kelly	Catherine McCaffrey	(Lois I.) Murray
Paul Lagoe Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph	Gerald Albright	Mr. & Mrs. Harry P.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert	Kelly Jr.	Norma DeMartino	(Lena) Endres Sr.
Demm	Trisha & Joe Kelly	James Knopp	Ronald Lindley Crider

Memorial Christmas Flowers cont'd

Douglas E. Endres	Scherie (Symborski)	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph	Richard & Libby Long
Deanne Endres	Clark	Barrett & son Timothy	Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Mazzoli	Jim Symborski	Mrs. Rosemary Nesbitt	Weber
Edward & Maud	Marge Wilson	Mr. & Mrs. Francis	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Garno Families	Bobby Wilson	McCormack	Harrington
O. Lindely & Clara L.	Leah "Symborski"	Miss Alice Kane	Mr. Robert Weber II
Murray Families	Wilson	Miss Mary Kane	Mr. Van Harrington
Emily C. Jadus	Ed Beshures	The Mulligan Family	Mr. & Mrs. Leo
Mr. & Mrs. Francis	Sam & Anna M.	The Sullivan Family	Harrington
Gates	Henderson & Family	The Handley Family	Bernadette Mayotte
Mr. & Mrs. George	George & Bill	The Kingsford Family	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
Cooley	Beshures	Cheri Thompson	Vandish
Mrs. Kathleen	Fidele & Ellen Hall	Richard W. Cole	Mr. & Mrs. Roman
Klemens	Ian Halbbrook	Kim Cole	Corpstein
Mr. Robert Billings	Sam, Keith & Keith Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Reiss	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph V.
Mr. Timothy Collins	Axtell	Sharon Reiss	Weber
Mr. & Mrs. Marshall	Betty Brown	Paul Reiss	Paul R. Stoner
Lounsbury	Theresa Beshures	Parker Farley	Bertram & Christine
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis	Mike Krawczyk	Mr. & Mrs. Fred Cole	Stoner
Gates	Bill James	Phil Reitano	Cheryl Knopp
Mr. & Mrs. George	Faye Axtell	Raul & Nohemy	Harry & Dorothy
Gates	Dick Treasure	Marmolejo	Armstrong
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond	Anne Beshures	Jose Jimenez	Margaret Rowlee
Stafford	Thomas Mark	Dauida Barnes	Richard Armstrong
Mr. William	Beshures	Kelly Chimera	Patricia Bivens
Lounsbury	Ann Yablonski	Elias Manzano	Jimmy Bateman
John "Gabe" Gabriel	Eric Beshures	Maria Regina Richter	Larry Bateman
Gertrude Symborski	Cheryl Toolin	Kathleen Lavery	

Thanks to all who contributed to the beauty of our church for Christmas.
Any names submitted after last Saturday will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them!



We welcome you today to Saint Mary's!

If this is your first time here, we look forward to meeting you. If you are interested in registering as a parishioner, forms are available in the gift shop. You can also sign up on our website.

Saint Mary's is a shrine for Marian devotion in the Diocese of Syracuse, and a center for the celebration of Holy Mass and the sacraments in the traditional Latin Rite. This form of worship, which developed many centuries ago, is a priceless treasure of our Catholic faith. On Sundays and feast days, there are handouts containing English translations of the Propers (the prayers and readings proper to the day). If you are unfamiliar with the traditional Latin Mass, please do not hesitate to approach the clergy of the Shrine with any questions you may have. The pastoral care of the Shrine has been entrusted by the Bishop of Syracuse to the clergy of the Institute of Christ the King, a Catholic priestly society founded in 1990 and currently ministering in dioceses across the United States, Europe and Africa.

Holy communion may be received by practicing Catholics in the state of grace. Holy communion is received kneeling at the communion rail (unless you are impaired from doing so) and directly on the tongue. The sacrament of confession is available every day 30 minutes before the start of Mass (ending approximately 7 minutes before Mass begins).

In addition to the sacred liturgy and various devotions, Saint Mary's offers regular faith formation (catechism) for both children and adults. If you are not a Catholic, you are warmly invited to learn more about our faith. The Catholic Church was founded 2000 years ago by Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to carry on His work for the salvation of souls. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Shrine offers group classes and individual instruction. We look forward to hearing from you.



A sincere and heartfelt
Thank You to the
volunteers, staff, &
trustees for keeping St.
Mary's open.

From a grateful Parishioner



Christopher C. Dain
Michael J. Cullinan
Eric M. Cullinan
Serving the Oswego Community
for 5 generations.



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Collections
Last Sunday: \$2,473
*May God reward all our benefactors
for their generosity!*

We have currently raised \$9,440 of our \$12,311 goal. Remember that your contribution to the Hope Appeal is also a contribution to St. Mary's. Thanks to all who have donated so far. Envelopes available in the vestibule. You can also donate by using this QR code.

