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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: Msgr. Ryan Hall - 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Also by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Church provides certain times and preparation for weddings. Please contact the Rectory at least six months in advance to begin the process.

REGISTRATION

Every family and person within the parish is encouraged to register with the Parish.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. A required Baptism preparation meeting for parents meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Godparents are welcome. Please register in advance for the class and Baptism. Godparent Pre-Requisites: Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing, 16 years of age or older, Baptized and Confirmed Catholic.

ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact Fr. Valentine at the Rectory at 621-2222.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Rectory and Human Concerns



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michele Brown Kathleen Capuano Pat Cempa Mary Ann Cifarelli Barbara Coe Rebekah Cole Virginia Connors Emma Cook Kevin Cronin Paul Cronin John Damiano Linda De Stio John Paul DiNonno James Dougherty Eric DuBois Elizabeth Fenamore Natalie Finamore Noel Glen Stephen Grabher Ida Kelly

Christine Kenney Maria Kim Douglas Knehr Anne Krukowski Frank Krukowski Richard Malon Jonathan Mannina Marilyn Manning Stuey Manzione Freida Navarro Victoria Oxer Justin Paradine Marion Prendergast **Gregory Racaniello** Jaxon Rivera **Roy Rodrigues** Charles Strecker Peter Vanatta Clotida Vecchione Jacqueline Verde Anne Wright Mary Wybaillie Anthony



THE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday January 9: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

| 7:30 a.m. | People of the Parish | |
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| 9:00 a.m. | Marie Farricielli | |
| | by The Dellavecchia Family | |
| 11:00 a.m. | Gerri LaRosa Cowan | |
| | by John Della Ratta | |
| | Tom McCormack | |
| | by The Abramowitz Family | |
| | Lucyan Wierzbicki | |
| | by Irene & Family | |
| 12:30 p.m. | Fred Dimino | |
| - | by Jo Dimino | |
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Monday January 10: Weekday (First week in Ordinary Time)

| 9:00 a.m. | Antonio Piazza |
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| | by Vito & Maria Greco |

Tuesday January 11: Weekday

| 9:00 a.m. | Dolores O'Hara |
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| | by Richard O'Hara |

Wednesday January 12: Weekday

| 9:00 a.m. | For the intentions of Alba Vezza |
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| | by The Govoni Family |

Thursday January 13: Weekday

| 9:00 a.m. | Leon Cempa |
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| | by The Wheelers Family |

Friday January 14: Weekday

9:00 a.m. Mary Lenihan by The Sheerin Family

Saturday January 15: Weekday

| 5:00 p.m. | Margaret Ellen Breen Hayes |
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| _ | by Barbara Nakelski |
| | Cornelia Massimo |
| | by Her daughter |

Sunday January 16: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| 7:30 a.m. | People of the Parish |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m. | George Berardinelli |
| | by Paula Berardinelli |
| 11:00 a.m. | Tom McCormack |
| | by Angelo, Roseann & Michael |
| | Stanco |
| | David Sullivan |
| | by MaryAnne & Richard Collins |
| 12:30 p.m. | Thomas Dredger |
| | by Joan Grau |

...AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7 Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

FOCUS: The grace of God has appeared, saving all.

All grace we receive - actual and sanctifying - comes through God's kindness, generous love, and mercy. Nothing we do merits this gift, or the salvation it provides. Through the sacraments, first among them baptism, we are infused with the Holy Spirit and made *heirs in hope of eternal life*.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks the Lord's words for Jerusalem to take comfort because their *service is at an end*. In the second reading, Paul writes that [*Christ] saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit*. In the Gospel, after Jesus is baptized, the Spirit descends upon him, and a voice speaks from heaven.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 16, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 Gospel: John 2: 1-11

From Liturgical Commission Publishing, Lansing, MI

Celebrants for the Weekend of January 15/16, 2022

| | Celebrants* | Lector |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Sat. 5:00 pm | Fr. Valentine | Volunteer Needed |
| Sun 7:30 am | Fr. Lauder | Volunteer Needed |
| 9:00 am | Fr. Valentine | Volunteer Needed |
| 11:00 am | Fr. Valentine | J. Ferreira - L |
| 12:30 pm | Fr. Valentine | Volunteer Needed |

* Subject to last minute changes.

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Parish Sacrificial Giving - Living Stewardship \sim Pillar of Hospitality: As baptized Catholics, we are on a mission to spread the Good News to all those we meet. One of the ways we can do this is by lending a hand to someone in need. Perhaps you have an elderly friend, neighbor or relative who could use a hand around the house this week? Reach out to them and honor God with your works.

| Sunday Offering ~ December 18/19, 2021 | \$7,104.00* |
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| Same Week Last Year | \$5,294.00* |
| Mass Attendance for ~ December 18/19, 20 |)21 443 |
| Same Week Last Year | 305** |
| Sunday Offering ~ December 26, 2021 | \$2,527.00* |
| Same Week Last Year | \$5,924.00* |
| Mass Attendance for ~ December 26, 2021 | 192 |
| Same Week Last Year | 247** |
| Sunday Offering ~ January 1/2, 2022 | \$5,777.00* |
| Same Week Last Year | \$6,332.00* |
| Mass Attendance for ~ January 1/2, 2022 | 299 |
| Same Week Last Year | 299** |
| Christmas Offertory to Date | \$41,174.00* |
| Christmas Last Year | \$55,239.00 |
| Mass Attendance for Christmas | 688 |
| Christmas Last Year | 357** |
| *Does not include Faith Direct **Mass Attendance at 50% capacity under Covid 19 Guidelines | |

A REMINDER REGARDING DONATIONS TO ST. MARY'S

All checks should be made payable to **St. Mary's Church.** If the check is for a special purpose, please indicate that on the memo line. For example: Human Concerns, 300 Club, Religious Education, Diocesan Collection, etc.



THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends:

"Is Jesus Christ the Son of God?"[thinks]

God: Jesus was my son. Buddha was my son. Mohammed. Moses. You. The man who said there was no room in the inn was my Son. And so is the one who charges eleven dollars for a steak. [Oh, God! (1977), starring George Burns]

Cute word game, no? By the same logic, thirty minutes with commercials is all you need to understand the meaning of life, reconcile enemies, comfort widows, and guide teenagers through adolescence. Yet celebrities preach endless, nonsensical sermons about "morality" with a fanaticism worthy of the Spanish Inquisition. They've got it backwards. The Old Testament prophet Micah (6:8), distinguishing true religion from its pagan counterpart, tells us: "You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: only to do the right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God!" The modern version is: "Take God seriously, and don't take yourself too seriously." We should not limit God with our small ideas.

It demands a lot to explore the great questions of life; clever answers never satisfy us. This is particularly true when it comes to our relationship with God our Father. Today, the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord, when the crowd hears the Father speak directly to Jesus: "You are my Son; with you I am well pleased." OK, so Jesus is God's Son. But then isn't Buddha, or Mohammed, or you, the son (or daughter) of God? If so, the claim of Jesus' unique relationship to the Father becomes meaningless. So how do we approach the question?

The Catholic tradition, thank heaven, is rooted in the idea of *analogy*, according to which the same word enjoys various levels of meaning. This is how, e.g. we explain that things exist, but God is Existence. Likewise, then we say Jesus is God's "Son," we mean that everything God is, Jesus is: creator of the world, source of our existence, and the one in whom we have eternal life. We are not sons or daughters of God in this sense, for we do not possess the divine nature. Yet Jesus also shares in our human nature, which is why he could be born, grow, eat and drink, feel pleasure and pain, learn, and die just as we do. What is special about the Baptism of Christ is that, through him, believers receive the "Spirit of adoption, by which we cry, 'Abba, Father!'" (Rom. 8:15). Jesus is God's Son by nature, and we, by adoption. The same Holy Spirit that descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove is the same Spirit that animates the Church today, the Spirit that binds us to one another and to God. In the Mass for St. John the Baptist, we pray: "To make holy the flowing waters he baptized the very author of Baptism." Jesus blesses the waters of baptism so we may become the "children of God" (1 John 3:2).

Our artwork this week is Pietro Perugino's "Baptism of Christ" (1482) which resides in the Sistine Chapel. Notice that the central figure of the painting is the Holy Spirit. Catholics should remember that the Church is the Mystical Body of Christ, and that the Spirit is the bond of love between us. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may anoint us as he does the Servant of God (Is. 42:1-4) to bring the good news of Christ to our world.

Faithfully, Fr. Valentine

| ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHO (Please fill out and | IR REGISTRATION FORM return to the Rectory) |
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| Name: | |
| Telephone: | |
| Email: | |
| Voice (check): Soprano Alto | Tenor Bass |
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| Choir Rehersals will begin from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in | t t |
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| PARISH REGISTRATION REQUEST | FAITH DIRECT The most convenient and secure way for your |

I/we would like to register in the parish of St. Mary's.

Please send me a Parish Census to complete so I can become a parishioner of St. Mary's. Please send my Census to:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL: _____

Please return to the Rectory Office

The most convenient and secure way for your weekly offering to fund and support our parish's ministries is eGiving through *Faith Direct*. To enroll, go online to <u>www.faithdirect.net</u> and use our parish code **NY559**, or fill out an enrollment form from the parish office and mail the form to Faith Direct.

Please note that because it takes time for the envelope company to process changes, you may still receive weekly envelopes for a while after signing up with Faith Direct. And you will continue to receive special mailings and mailings at Christmas and Easter.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVE



Lord, hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their self-forgetting acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen.

CAPT Brendan Echausse COL Daniel Friend PV1 Joseph M. Friend CDR Christian R. Foschi PFC Steven Hyyti CAPT David Jacobs SK1 John D. Klick PFC Michael P. Lanciki CAPT Eric W. Lipp

LCpl Caitlin Lyons LT Dennis Mackin Cpl Tommy Mozer SGT Julio Ortiz II LCpl Jonathan Peres SSGT Jonathan Porto PVT Michael Starczewski SPC Luke Whitting RCT Jordan J. Williams

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protector against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen





Through your generous donations, St. Mary's Human Concerns again made Christmas

joyous for more than 55 families in our community. Many of the gift cards and food vouchers were donated

anonymously.

Thanks to one and all for your generosity and support.

HUMAN CONCERNS MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY IN URGENT NEED:

St. Mary's Food Pantry has had a great demand for food, and is running low on staples.

We ask that when you do your grocery shopping, you consider purchasing extra items to donate to the Food Pantry.



The Human Concerns Food Pantry is in urgent need of the

following items: soups, cereals, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, and cookies.

Gift cards from Stop & Shop or other food stores will also be helpful. Please bring your donations to Msgr. Ryan Hall at 440 Round Hill Road, Roslyn Heights.

Those in need of food or other supplies may call Elsie Calderone at 626-1097, or send her an email to *outreachstmary7@gmail.com* in order to sign up with Human Concerns. After registration is complete, they may come to Msgr. Ryan Hall to pick up supplies from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are available for weekdays and weekends in January and February 2022. Please call the Rectory Office at 621-6222 if you wish to arrange for Masses.

Thank you.



Fr. Lauder's Catholic Novel

Fr. Lauder's Series of 50 lectures on the Catholic Novel, each 15 minutes long, are available on YouTube.

Current Covid Guidelines The Diocesan Office of the Vicar General

The Governor of New York State has included houses of worship in her recent directives. Therefore we ask that all parishioners (two years of age and older) to comply with the requirements to wear masks when participating in any activities on parish grounds. The state requirement is currently in effect until January 15, 2022. We will continue to adapt accordingly as new information becomes available. Your patience and Christian charity towards one another during this difficult time is appreciated.







- 300 Club enrollment is open to St. Mary's parishioners, friends & family
- 300+ members at \$100.00 each subscription
- THREE prizes are awarded monthly:

1st \$250.00 2nd \$100.00 3rd \$50.00

 A \$1000.00 Grand Prize is awarded at year end When..... Enroll by March 18, 2022

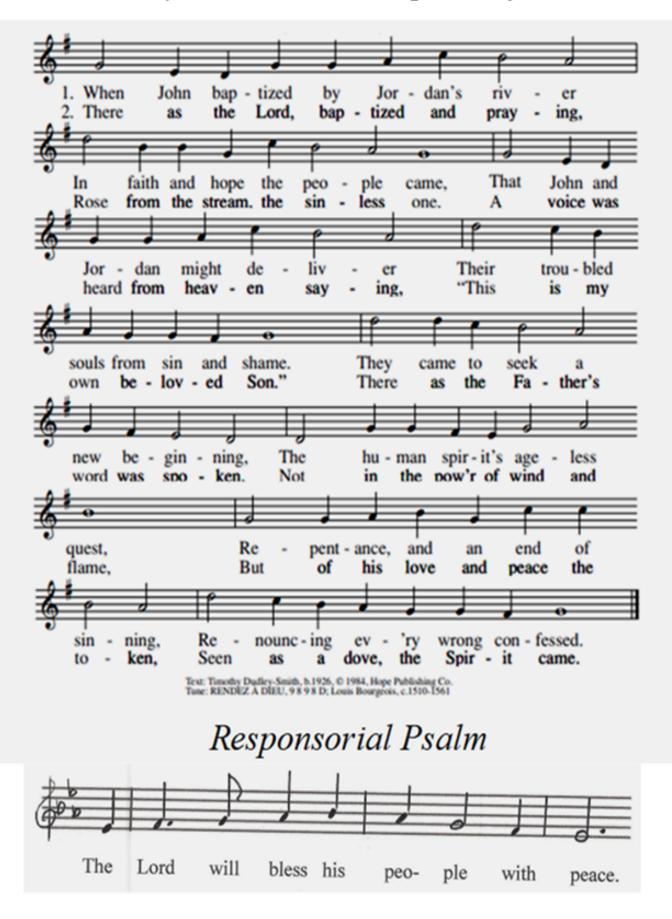
First Monthly Winner.... March 31, 2022

Grand Prize Drawing March 2023

| Fill out, tear off and mail in the form below | | |
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| Name | | |
| Address | | |
| E-Mail | Phone | |
| Number Choice: | 99 (existing members can keep current number or request a new one) | |
| Choose a number between 505 and 55 | (existing members can keep current number of request a new one) | |
| 1st Choice | Keep my 2019/2020 number(s) | |
| 2nd Choice | Auto Pick a number for me | |

Membership is \$100.00 for one year for each number. Make check payable to St. Mary's Church Mail form and check to: Church of St. Mary, 110 Bryant Avenue, Roslyn NY 11576 (or place in the collection basket.)

Processional Hymn: When John Baptized by Jordan's River









Recessional Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



Text: 77 77 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750.