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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 Ministries if there is anyone seriously ill so that we can provide spiritual care.



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 February 6: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish 9:00 a.m. Marian Dirscherl by the Sherrin Family 11:00 a.m. Josef Czechowski by the Nudo Family Helen Tarella by Ken & Jeannette Sondo 12:30 p.m. Juan Zabela by Jocelia, Ronnie & Family Monday February 7: Weekdav 9:00 a.m. Madge Reilly by Ronnie & Maryann Combs and Family **Tuesday February 8: Weekday** 9:00 a.m. Leon Cempa by Jean Zekraus Wednesday February 9: Weekday 9:00 a.m. Ralph Droz by Dee Marvullo Thursday February 10: Saint Scholastica, Virgin 9:00 a.m. In thanksgiving and for the intentions of Gail Althoff and family by Dr. Esmeralda Magpantay Friday February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes Anthony Ferro - 3rd Anniversary 9:00 a.m. by Ann & Family Saturday February 12: Weekday 5:00 p.m. Jeffrey M. Kalenka by Wife, Phyllisann Alexander Levchuk, Michael & Gertrude Hochla by Janet Cornelia Massimo by her daughter Dolores O'Hara by Richard O'Hara **Sunday February 13: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 7:30 a.m. Edward & Stella Sendlenski by the Family 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish 11:00 a.m. Stephen S. Barone - 30th Anniversary by Mary Grace Donaldson & Anthony Cipriano Carol & Sal Sica & Vincent Scuderi The Sheerin Family Frank Zerilli - 4th Anniversary by Maureen Zerilli 12:30 p.m. Giovannina Vricella by The Maletta Family

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 or 14: 3-8, 11 Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

FOCUS: Listen for God's call and follow the Lord. In all of today's readings, people hear the Lord calling them to service, and all of them change course to follow their vocation. Young or old, we all have the responsibility to listen for the Lord's direction and answer with enthusiasm, as did Isaiah, Paul, Peter, James and John.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah recounts his glorious vision of the Lord and his commissioning. Paul reminds the Corinthians of the Gospel he preached to them and lists the resurrected Jesus' appearances, culminating in his own call and conversion. In the Gospel, after preaching from Simon's fishing boat, Jesus tells him to *put out into deep water*. They catch *a great number of fish* and this leads Peter, James, and John to follow Jesus.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 13, 2022 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

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Celebrants for the Weekend of February 12/13, 2022*

	Celebrants*	Lector
Sat. 5:00 pm	Fr. Valentine	Volunteer Needed
Sun 7:30 am	Fr. Lauder	M. Doran - L
9:00 am	Fr. Valentine	M&J Castellano -L
11:00 am	Fr. Valentine	L. Lofaro - L
12:30 pm	Fr. Valentine	J. Ferreira - L
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FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Parish Sacrificial Giving - Living Stewardship ~ **Pillar of Formation:** The fishermen did as Jesus commanded and were surprised at the miracle they had witnessed. May we listen to and trust in Jesus, so that we may see His good works in our lives.

Sunday Offering ~ January 29/30, 2022 \$4,201.00 * Same Week Last Year \$5,946.00 *

Mass Attendance for ~ January 29/30, 2022232Same Week Last Year301 **

Christmas Offering to Date	\$48,944.00*
Christmas Last Year	\$55,239.00

*Does not include Faith Direct **Mass Attendance at 50% capacity under Covid 19 Guidelines

2021CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

St. Mary's Parish Assessed Goal	\$65,200.00
Amount Raised to Date	\$34,785.00
Numbers of Gifts and/or Pledges	102
Percentage of Goal	53.35%

YEAR - END TAX STATEMENTS

It's costly to send and end-of-the-year tax statement to every household in the parish, and not everyone is interested in receiving it. So, if you'd like a statement reflecting your giving to St. Mary's for 2021, please phone the parish office at 621-2222 and someone will send one to you. If there's no one at the phones when you call, feel free to leave a message on the machine with pertinent information: who's requesting, address, envelope number, and a phone number in case verification is needed. Thanks very much!



THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends:

Clare Booth Luce once remarked in 1943 that a century later people would discover "in this book what went on in the heart of man in this cruel century." She was referring to the spiritual autobiography of Thomas Merton, *The Seven Storey Mountain*. It was required reading for my own class in college, just as it had been for my parents. As an adult I had another reason for appreciating Merton: I did my graduate work at Columbia, which marked a turning point in his own spiritual and intellectual conversion. While he had always admired Catholic *culture*, Merton was hesitant about the Catholic *Church*, which brought with it associations of oppression and closed mindedness. Indeed, his friends who were self-described "atheist" academics were dazzled by the wisdom of the saints—Thomas Aquinas, Duns Scotus, and Bonaventure—and mesmerized by the beauty of the Mass. Yet they could never bring themselves to enter the Church, preferring to "stand and starve at the doors of the banquet," even as simpler minds, the poor, and less gifted partook freely of its delights. Even the *imprimatur*, which guaranteed an author's fidelity to Catholic teaching, struck him as antithetical to the notion of academic freedom. That is, until he plunged into the substance of Catholic teaching, particularly the subject of God.

As a priest I have spoken with countless souls who were brought up in a religious family, and may even *want* to believe, but are left cold by the way teachers and clerics (like me, I suppose) describe him. God seems to be one thing among many, and as we know, things are caused by other things; thus, God is finite. Merton, by contrast, was transfixed by the notion of God's *aseity*. He explains this idea as "the power of a being to exist absolutely in virtue of itself…requiring no cause or justification…except that its very nature is to exist." Of course, if the reason one calls oneself an atheist is because of an inferior image of God—angry, tyrannical, unjust, dependent—then by that criterion I qualify for the same title. Yet if one plumbs the meaning of God's infinity with an open mind and heart, remaining in the depths of this profound mystery, one opens oneself to what the Church calls "sanctifying grace." This is what raises the soul above the highest level virtue allows. Merton uses a beautiful metaphor to describe it:

When a ray of light strikes a crystal, it gives a new quality to the crystal. And when God's infinitely disinterested love plays upon a human soul, the same kind of thing takes place. And that is the life called sanctifying grace...The soul of man, left to its own natural level, is a potentially lucid crystal left in darkness. It is perfect in its own nature, but it lacks something that it can only receive from outside and above itself.

God's "disinterested love" does not mean that he does not care for or about us. On the contrary, because he has no interest in his own needs (he has none), he acts only for our good, for that is his nature. Indeed, he raises us to share in his own divine life.

In the cold dreariness of winter, it can sometimes be difficult to turn the eye of our soul to the true object of our desire: God himself. Let us pray that he will remove those inadequate notions that keep us from experiencing the Love which is his essence.

Faithfully, Fr. Valentine

ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR REGISTRATION FORM (Please fill out and return to the Rectory) Name: Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Voice (check one): Soprano ____ Alto ____ Tenor ____ Bass **Choir Rehearsals have begun** on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the Lower Church. All are welcome!



The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Irish Night

Last year continued to test us all in so many ways our patience, our resolve, our resilience. Yet, what proved constant and true was the strength of our Sisters, our Dominican family, and the need for flexibility and connectedness. This year we will again host our Irish Night virtually and hope that you will join us in celebrating this time honored tradition. For some of you this may be your first time while others join us once again. No matter, we are thrilled that you chose to celebrate with us!

For almost 50 years, Irish Night has raised crucial funds needed to care for our senior Sisters living at our Motherhouse in Amityville. These dedicated women religious have spent their lives being signs of joy and hope while serving the people of God. We are honored to care for them as they come home to live their next stage of life.

This year's celebration will take place virtually on Saturday, March 5, 2022. We are so happy to be joined once again by our program Emcee, CBS news anchor, Dick Brennan. Dick will guide us through the event which will feature traditional songs, dance, and plenty of Irish spirit!

Please consider supporting our efforts by purchasing one or more of the following:

• An event ticket for \$40, which includes 1 entry into our door prize raffle, and an entry into the Irish Sweepstakes.

• A ticket for our Irish Sweepstakes Raffle. You could win one of three cash prizes: \$2,500, \$1,000 or \$500! Tickets are \$10 each, or 6 for \$50. Extra tickets are available on our website or by contacting the Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext. 246. As always, thank you for your continued support of the Sisters. We hope you will join us on March 5th!

The Sisters of St. Dominic | 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701 | (631) 842-6000 <u>advancement@amityop.org</u>

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



HUMAN CONCERNS MINISTRY

St. Mary's Human Concerns is in need of children's clothing.

Boys - Size Large (16)

Girls - XL Leggings Large Shirts

Please call Elsie Calderone in the Human Concerns Office at 626-1097 to make arrangements to drop off your clothing donation. Thanks for your support!

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Thank you.



CHURCH HANDICAPPED RAMP

There is a ramp for handicapped access at the Church. It can be found off the parking lot, and goes around to the back of the building. We encourage you to use it if you have difficulty with the front steps. FATHER LAUDER'S LECTURES

Fr. Lauder's Catholic Novel lectures are being shown on the Catholic Faith Network (formerly Telecare) on Mondays at 7:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. The Catholic Faith Network channels: 29/137 for Optimum and 296 for Verizon FiOS. All 40 lectures are also on U-Tube.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TELEVISED MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND Each week through television, Passionist Communications brings *The Sunday Mass* to the sick and homebound. It can be seen in the New York area (Long Island) on WLNY - Ch. 10 or 55 at 9:00 AM on Sunday; WNYW - Ch. 5 at 5:30 AM on Sunday. Closed captioning is available for each Mass. In addition to this Mass schedule, *The Sunday Mass* is now airing on ABC from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. For information consult the website at **www.TheSundayMass.org.**

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 still in effect. 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

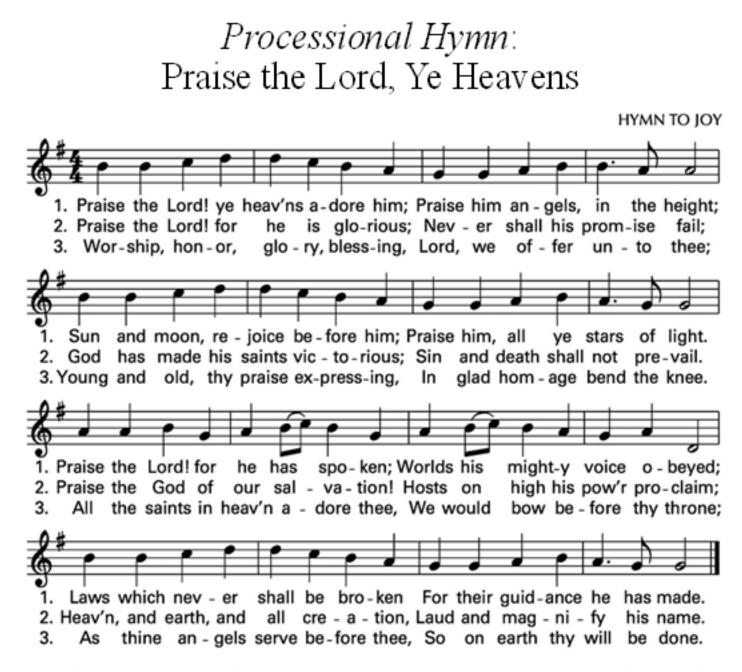
When..... Enroll by March 18, 2022

First Monthly Winner.... March 31, 2022

Grand Prize Drawing March 2023

Fill out, tear off and mail in the form below			
Name			
Address			
E-Mail			
Number Choice:			
Choose a number between 305 and 9	999 (existing members can keep current number or 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.)



Text: 87 87 D; based on Psalm 148; verses 1, 2, Psalms, Hymns, and Anthems of the Foundling Hospital, 1796; verse 3, Edward Osler, 1798–1863. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867.

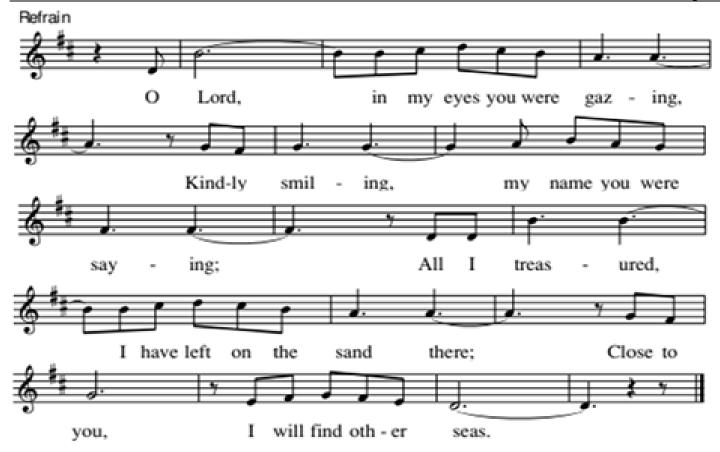
Responsorial Psalm

In the sight of the an - gels I will sing your prais - es, Lord.

Page 9 Offertory Hymn: When Jesus Walked beside the Shore Je - sus walked be -side the shore Of When an - cient Gal - i lee. Four 2. "Launch out a - gain up - on the sea!" His_ words were firm_ and plain. "But. Then Pe - ter fell up - on his knees And cried, "de - part from me! How fish - er - men were mend-ing nets They'd AII_ cast up on__ the sea toiled the night; Why___ Lord, in vain we've gain?" should we try___a -In can sin - ner а such as Be - hold such maj - es - ty?" But night they fished, but nets Were_ emp - ty all they_ pulled on board: And set their sails And___ spite of doubt, they cast their_ nets once And more; Je - sus raised him up a - gain And___ an a - pos - tle made: "For emp-ty hopes were Un - til they met_ the all they had Lord. such a catch_ they_ They_scarce could reach_ the brought a – board; shore. peo - ple now___ you'll_ cast your net; You must not be a fraid."

Communion Hymn: Lord, When You Came to the Seashore





Recessional Hymn: Lift High the Cross

