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**DECEASED:** Thomas Dvorak, Jay Muskovitch,  
Frank Fabiano Sr., Antoinette Spada, Anita Van Gorder

**RESERVED MASSES:**

Sun 7:00 a.m. Mary & John Buono  
9:00 a.m. Terence Michael O'Neill  
11:00 a.m. John "Jack" Kolano  
Mon 6:45 a.m. Mae LaTourette  
Tue 6:45 a.m. Geraldine Gardner  
Wed 6:45 a.m. Communion Service  
Thu 6:45 a.m. Communion Service  
Fri 6:45 a.m. Communion Service  
Sat 8:00 a.m. For all parishioners  
5:00 p.m. Donald Truesdell  
Sun 7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Hilliker  
9:00 a.m. Jared Macarille  
11:00 a.m. James Palumbo

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**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING**

Sunday Collection:	\$ 3,466.57
Church Maintenance:	70.00
CNY:	74.00
Christmas:	65.00
Solemnity of Mary:	10.00
CC/CU:	10.00
Year's Collection:	\$ 1,810.50

**THANK YOU!**

**Fuel Fund Club #64**

Weekly winner #16 – Jim Griffis

**OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

Sun 11:00 a.m. Seeds  
12:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Mon 6:45 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Masses  
3:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena  
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.  
7:30 p.m. Contemporary Music practice  
Tue -----  
Wed 6:00 p.m. Religious Education classes  
7:15 p.m. R/M Prayers  
Thu 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice  
Fri 7:00 p.m. BST #36  
Sat 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Sun 11:00 a.m. Scouting Sunday  
11:00 a.m. Seeds  
12:00 p.m. Adoration

**FOOD FOR THE POOR**

There will be a priest from Food for the Poor represented next weekend, Feb. 7 & 8, 2015. There will be a special collection. Food for the Poor was founded on the basis of the Gospel of St. Matthew: "As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." Matt. 25:40. They seek out the poorest of the poor in 17 different countries, aiding some of the most destitute. In each face they see the living Christ, who is hungry, thirsty, a stranger and naked. Their ministry focuses on the greatest needs of the destitute. Just as our Lord served those society ignored, they are there; feeding the hungry, building water wells for thirsty villages, building houses for the homeless, aiding the impoverished elderly, raising orphans in a loving atmosphere of Christian discipline, healing the sick or overcome illiteracy by supporting schools.

**OPEN HOUSE/SAUGERTIES COLUMBIETTES**

The Saugerties Columbiettes is having an annual recruiting Tea Party at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Saugerties, on Sunday, March 1 at 1:00 p.m. All practicing Catholic women over the age of 18 are welcome. Come join us to see what we are all about. Refreshments will be served. If you are interested, please call (518) 929-1614.

**R.C.I.A. NEWS**

Imagine you are the person described: At the Our Father, holding hands and swinging suddenly the beauty of it all struck me, and I almost lost it with a rush of emotion. And then at Communion time as I broke and folded over the host and then held it up: insight, this is Jesus, God's own Son, the one who stands before each human being and invites himself in—the great God of the stars and skies. The people come up, grandmas/grandpas with canes, mothers/fathers holding their children, careworn faces and happy faces. Suddenly in the midst of it all a wave of gladness comes over me. I am so very glad to be here today. For a few moments I choke and can't say the simplest words: "The Body of Christ." Jesus of Nazareth requests the pleasure of your presence at a dinner to be given in his honor tomorrow morning. Attire is informal. R.S.V.P. All are welcome to attend class at 7p.m. on Monday in the school cafeteria.

**TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE**

will be held on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7 PM in the church. A choir of two dozen singers will present this under the direction of Michael Sweeney.

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### **MEDITATION**

**Mark 1:21-28**

*He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.*

So many people—especially those living in the West—have dismissed the existence of evil spirits. But that is a big mistake. Evil spirits are real, and they are always at work, trying to destroy our faith and the Church as a whole.

Now, few people are actually possessed by evil spirits, but most of us experience what we may call spiritual harassment from them. Think of how Peter tried to convince Jesus not to go to the cross, only to hear him reply, “Get behind me, Satan!” Clearly, Peter wasn’t possessed. Still, the devil had gotten into his mind and suggested thoughts that were contrary to God’s plan.

Satan wants to confuse and mislead us, just as he did to Peter. So how do we guard our minds? By trying our best to agree with Jesus. Of course, we should always feel free to ask questions, just as Mary did when she asked the angel; “How can this be?” That is a lot different from fighting Jesus or going against what he clearly tells us. When we think we know better than Jesus, we are opening ourselves up to the devil’s harassment.

Peter learned how to overcome this harassment and so can we. The first thing we need to do is acknowledge that it is going on and take action. So when you wake up each morning, ask the Lord to protect you and your loved ones. Call on the name of Jesus, pray to St. Michael the Archangel, or simply mark yourself with the sign of the cross.

Second, keep building your faith. Soak yourself in the Scriptures. Read up-building spiritual books. Focus on Jesus during Mass. Nothing helps us stay clear-minded more than faith.

Finally, believe that Jesus rules the universe. He wants to help you be able to be alert to the divisive whispers of the devil. Trust that Jesus, who lives in you, is far stronger than “the one who is in the world.”

*“Lord, help me to stand firm and resist the devil’s temptations today.”*

### **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY PLANS MEETING**

There will be a general meeting of the Altar Rosary Society on Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. A game night is planned, with prizes. All women of the parish are welcome.

### **FUEL FUND 20 WEEK CLUB**

Our 20-Week Club dinner is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, 2015. The flyers regarding this dinner were mailed out this week. The name of the facility has been changed to BEST WESTERN PLUS several days ago, flyers could not be changed as they were already printed and ready to mail. We just wanted everyone to be aware that they are going to the right venue. Thanks for your patience. Please spread the word. Everyone will be reminded again mid-March. Thank you for your patience.

### **BETHLEHEM CARVERS**

Fr. Chris has invited the Bethlehem Carvers to be here on the weekend of February 14/15. They will be here offering the beautiful items that have been carved from the olive wood. The profit from the sale goes to help support the people in the region of the Holy Land.

### **FR. CHRIS ON PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE**

Father Chris will be on a pilgrimage to France with Cardinal Timothy Dolan and other area priests from the Archdiocese of New York. Communion services will be offered on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 4, 5 & 6th at 6:45 a.m. in the chapel. Communion services will be offered all next week at 6:45 a.m. The normal Mass schedule will resume on Saturday, February 14th at 8:00 a.m. We wish Fr. Chris safe travel.

### **BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. MARY’S**

will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the hall (next to the school building). Our goal is 41 units to be collected to be used in our area. If you plan to donate, please bring I.D.; be sure to be hydrated prior to donating. You must be in general good health, be 16-76 years of age. Questions or concerns about donating, please call 800-688-0900.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Catherine Ott, Bill Bair, Rose & Charles Meiswinkel, Jan van der Poel, Barbara Wismont, Mary Ellen Fuoco, Jeanette Fuoco, Neil Gallagher, Judy Fiero, Pastor Dick Webber, John Mulligan, Angelina Lemyre, Adrian Lepe, Leslie Zarcone, Michael E. Donlon, Ruth Lowe, Maryanne DePoala, John Valdata, Donald Patsos, George Woerthmann, Melanie Hagan, Chris Morrissey, Bruce Dederick, Darryl Caldwell, James Dargan, Herman Wilcox, Anthony Konopka, Ed Norton, Patty Williams, Robyn Daugherty, SherryAnn Kenjersky, Michael Greco, Jr., Gloria Sauer, George Dale, Michelina Cornell.

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