

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 15, 2020**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH**

**5:00PM** Greco & Farrell Families req. by Martuscello Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH**

**8:00AM** People of the Parish

**9:30AM** Marlene & Michelle Vanacore req. by the Vanacore Family

**11:00AM** Gerard Blenkle req. by Father Tom

**MONDAY, MARCH 16TH**

**9:00AM** Virginia & Adolph Palmieri req. by Palmieri Family

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH**

**9:00AM** No Intention

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH**

**9:00AM** Theresa & Joey Bagatta req. by Andy Bagatta And Family

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH**

**9:00AM** Vanacore Family req. by The Vanacore Family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH**

**9:00AM** No Mass

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST**

**5:00PM** Doris Hennekens

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND**

**8:00AM** Carmen Congelli req. by Terry & Jeanne Jones

**9:30AM** Terry Beretta req. by John & Margherita Parrino

**11:00AM** People of the Parish

We warmly welcome all our visitors to St. Mary's and Our Lady of Mercy Churches and invite you to participate and enjoy our liturgies. If you are new to our parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please call the rectory office at 236-4340 during the week.

**DIVINE MERCY MEETING**

On the first Sunday of each month, the Divine Mercy Group will meet in the side room of St. Mary's Church. The Chaplet will be sung at 7:30.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung every first Saturday before the 5:00 Mass.

The second Sunday of the month, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited in Our Lady of Mercy.

On the third Sunday of each month, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited at 10:40 AM.

For more information on the organization's Mission Statement please contact, Jovita Kanz at [friends06@me.com](mailto:friends06@me.com)

**Stations of the Cross: Friday's at 7 pm**

Will be held at Our Lady of Mercy while the work is being done on St. Mary's.

**During this season of Corona Virus/Flu** – as per the Archdiocese we will be only offering the Host for Holy Communion. The Archdiocese is also recommending that we receive the Host reverently by hand.

During Peace, please wave or bow to your neighbor instead of shaking hands to help against the spread of any illness at this time.



**WE ASK YOUR HEALING PRAYERS FOR...**

healing prayers for all in our parish who are ill or recuperating from an illness. We also ask your prayers for family members who may be caring for spouses or parents who are elderly and unable to live alone.

**TITHING REPORT**

March 7/8: Total \$4267. 117 envelope users contributed \$2959; non-envelope users, \$1308. Your offerings for the past few weeks have been extremely generous and we thank you for all of generosity in helping us to pay all of our bills.



The Annual Cardinal's Appeal is in full swing. There are so many reasons why this appeal is so important, not only to those in need in the archdiocese, but also to us, in our parish community. Your support of the Appeal helps countless people and sustains the fabric of our ministries throughout our parishes. Please take the time to read this material and consider giving whatever your means might allow. Thank you

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**No Religion Classes:**

**Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> thru April 13<sup>th</sup> for Easter Break Classes will Resume Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Registration will open for next year's Religion Classes



**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Meeting** – 4:30 PM in the Hall

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - Annual 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Breakfast** Reserve the date on your calendar and if you haven't received a letter asking for a head count please call the rectory.



**Did you know that membership in the Knight of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men who are at least 18 years old?**

A practicing Catholic is one who obeys the Commandments of God and complies with the precepts of the Church. Men in the parish interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus are welcome to attend this Thursday's (03/19/20) meeting in St. Mary's Hall at 7:00 PM or by contacting Grand Knight, Dane Mannese at 845-264-3636 or at [palletguys@aol.com](mailto:palletguys@aol.com).

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
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**“Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.**

As I pause to pray, do I realize that I have access to God? Do I realize that God is waiting for me? Do I think that I am doing God a favor? It really doesn't work that way. Because of God's unfailing love for me, for us, He reaches out or bends down, to share His life, His grace with me.

St. Paul teaches us, that God in His generosity has filled us with His grace, in abundance, pouring it on. As I live this third week of Lent His statement to the Samaritan woman, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you ‘Give me a drink’, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.” May we all seek this gift.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”

**Gospel: John 9:1-41**

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner,” but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

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**OUR LADY OF LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL ...**

... will have an Open House Information Night on March 31st from 6-8 pm. All families with students in grades 7th through 10th grades are invited to attend. (131 Boardman Rd., Poughkeepsie.) If you need additional information please call (845)463-0400 ext. 1009 or email [powers.kathleen@ollchs.org](mailto:powers.kathleen@ollchs.org)

As you think about your spring (that's coming too!) cleaning, please remember to save all your clean, useable items for our annual Granny's Attic Sale. As always, we ask that you donate only clean and “working” items which you might consider purchasing yourself.

Items for the sale should be brought to the Parish Hall on Thursday and Friday, May 14th and 15th between the hours of 9AM and 3PM. We are sorry but we cannot accept:

- + clothing or shoes
- + computers or computer equipment
- + rugs
- + furniture
- + large appliances
- + exercise equipment

**We request that that you do not just leave items at the doors of the church, hall or rectory. Please be considerate and call the rectory if you are not able to come during scheduled times.**

The sale will be held on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 3 pm.

For more information, or if you have any questions regarding items to be donated please call Jeanne DeSantis at 236-9052.

**IN THE WORDS**  
**OF OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS**  
**LENT**



Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressure and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

**Please Mark this date: “Reconciliation Monday”** will be on Monday, April 6th this year in the Rectory – more information will follow.

**Items Drive!**

The Marlboro High School National Honor Society is excited to host an items drive on Tuesday March 24th at the rectory from 3:00pm-5:00pm. They will be collecting any (preferably travel sized) toiletries to be donated to St. Mary's Food Pantry! Some items may include: toilet paper, tissues, feminine products, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. Thank you so much for your contributions!

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