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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 –

Dt. 26: 4-10; Rom. 10: 8-13; Lk. 4: 1-13

5:00 PM August Zarski / req. by Esther DeRosa

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Dt. 26: 4-10; Rom. 10: 8-13; Lk. 4: 1-13

7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

9:30 AM In Thanksgiving / req. by the Menezes Family

12:00 PM Mary Randles / req. by the Prior Family

MONDAY, MARCH 11 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Lv. 19: 1-2, 11-18; Mk. 25: 31-46

8:00 AM Pat Corrigan

req. by Thom and Grace Calabro

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Is. 55: 10-11; Mt. 6: 7-15

8:00 AM Presley Miranda / req. by Mona Grbic

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Jon. 3: 1-10; Lk. 11: 29-32

8:00 AM Roy Keiper

req. by Ralph and Regina DeNicola

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt. 7: 7-12

8:00 AM Martha D'Amico

req. by St. Mary Homebound Ministry

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Ez. 18: 21-28; Mt. 5: 20-26

8:00 AM Jeanine Saal / req. by Frances Regan

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

Dt. 26: 16-19; Mt. 5: 43-48

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving / req. by Dindo Nicolas

5:00 PM Mary Cully / req. by the Torre Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn. 15: 5-12, 17-18; Phil. 3: 17-4: 1 or 3: 20-4: 1; Lk. 9: 28b-36

7:30 AM All Parishioners – Living and Deceased

9:30 AM Liddy/Keavin Families

req. by the Liddy Family

12:00 PM Juergen D. Kleine

req. by the Kleine-Micholetto Families



THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Bread – Intentions of Grace and Thom Calabro, req. by Joan Westervelt.

Altar Wine – Intentions of Grace and Thom Calabro, req. by Joan Westervelt.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle – Special Intention.

Sanctuary Candle – Intentions of Theresa and Bob Medlock, req. by Joan Westervelt.

ANNOUNCED SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Weekly offerings of: Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Blessed Virgin Mary Candle and Sanctuary Candle are available throughout 2019.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

On this first Sunday of the Lenten season, we hear of the temptations Jesus endured during his fasting of 40 days in the desert. During this season of Lent, all of us are called to fast from meat on days of abstinence and to keep Fridays as a special day to fast and to pray. Our holy father, Pope Francis, has given us other ways we can fast during this holy season. He says we can:

*“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 pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.”*

As we journey together during these days of grace, may all of us be filled with the Holy Spirit, who calls us to be charitable, to pray more, and to fast and so grow closer to our loving Lord and to one another.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Joe

We Pray for the Sick

George Abad, Irene Abad, Christian Brueck, Fran Caldwell, Lee Ann Davito, Lisa Deegan, Desiderio Fernandes, Frank Forte, Ed Koch, Sr. Dominic Marie McDonnell, Joseph Miele, Carol Munkins, David O'Hanlon, John Pagano, Alicia Parent, Joan Pinto, Richard Pinto, Samantha



PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Genevieve Albenga

Mary Galligan

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, **March 16th** and **17th** the second collection is for Repairs and Maintenance

Why the MAINTENANCE COLLECTION?

The monthly MAINTENANCE COLLECTION funds the regular upkeep of St. Mary's physical plant: school, former convent, rectory, church and grounds. Our buildings are certainly not "new" and we have a responsibility to maintain these resources entrusted to us. Donations to this collection are "restricted" and are not subject to the 14% assessment by the Archdiocese. Thank you for being good caretakers of our spiritual home, St. Mary's.

Collections and Income for February 2019

Regular Sunday Collection	\$20,264.00
Maintenance & Repair Coll.	\$6,521.00
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$3,469.00
Additional Christmas	\$210.00
Other Monthly Income (primarily from school rental)	\$13,690.00
February Total Income	\$44,154.00
February Expenses	\$43,526.00
Total Outstanding Debt to Archdiocese.....	\$115,073.00
Central and Eastern Europe Collection	\$415.00

Thank you for your continued support of the regular collections and your generosity at Christmas. St. Mary's relies upon your support all year long. Please remember to support the parish even if you are traveling. Why not give through electronic giving. Signup at Parishgiving.org. God bless you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Holy Communion – Mass and Activity

Today the children preparing for First Holy Communion will attend the 9:30 AM Mass together. Through the year the children have been preparing for the reception of both the Sacrament of Penance and for First Eucharist. Part of that preparation involves learning about the mass. To help accomplish this, the children have watched videos explaining the parts of the mass. Textbook lessons have helped with the responses used during the service. The special masses they have attended included an Enrollment Mass to begin the process. The themes for other services have included Liturgy of the Word, the skill of listening, and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

This Sunday as the children focus on their responses, we are also emphasizing the closing part of the mass. As the mass ends and we are "Sent forth to love and serve the Lord," the children have learned our faith practices do not end with the mass. We continue to pray and follow Jesus in our life every day until we return again the following Sunday. Jesus is the Light of the World; the children have been encouraged to let His light shine through them.

After mass the second grade children, accompanied by their parents, will go to Fr. Roger Troy Hall to work on their bench banners. The banners will be used to mark their family bench during the mass when they receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.



Paschal Candle

If anyone is interested in donating the Paschal Candle in memory of someone please contact the rectory for more information.

Upcoming St. Mary's Social Happenings: Join the Team

The Parish is planning a St. Patrick's Day party and a Fish Fry! Would you like to be on a team to help with these parties: planning, communication, environment, worker bee? Do you have a knack for hospitality and want to enhance community at St. Mary's? Then be in touch with Lou Scarpa ministry@stmarycloster.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Mar. 10 – Sunday:

No – LWC
10:30 AM – 11:50 AM – Religious Education – Grades K – 6
12:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Third Order lay Carmelites – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Mar. 11 – Monday:

10:00 AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Parish Life Room
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Deepening the Journey – Parish Life Room

Mar. 12 – Tuesday:

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM – Religious Ed – Grades 6 – 7
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Women's Cornerstone – Parish Life Room
No Choir Rehearsal

Mar. 13 – Wednesday:

8:00 AM – Mass with Bishop Flesey followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Reflection
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Morning Scripture Study – Parish Life Room
4:00 PM – Stations of the Cross - Church
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Evening Scripture Study – Conference Room

Mar. 14 – Thursday:

7:30 PM – Marian / Eucharistic Holy Hour
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM – K of C meeting – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Mar. 16 – Saturday:

12:00 PM – AA Special Mass and Meeting – Church and Fr. Roger Troy Hall
4:15 PM – 4:45 PM – Reconciliation

Mar. 17 – Sunday:

9:30 AM – LWC
10:30 AM – 11:50 AM – Religious Education – Grades K – 6
11:15 AM – Parish Choir Meet
12:00 PM – Parish Choir at Mass
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM – St. Patrick's Day Dinner Party – Fr. Roger Troy Hall

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are held every Wednesday during Lent at 4:00 PM in the Church.

Save the Dates

March 13th – Does Hope Still Matter?
March 17th – St. Patrick's Day Party;
March 25th – Theology and Biology
March 30th – Fish Fry.

BISHOP JOHN FLESEY

In the midst of division, anger, and violence, does our faith still give us hope for the future?

DOES HOPE STILL MATTER?

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Knights of Columbus Annual Memorial Mass & Communion Breakfast

Sunday, **March 31st**, Mass at 9:30 AM at Church of St. Mary followed by buffet breakfast at 11:00 AM at Madeleine's Petit Paris, 416 Tappan Road, Northvale. Advance paid reservations are required by Wednesday, March 20th. For more information and cost see the flyers on the bulletin boards in the vestibules. For table reservations and tickets contact Ken Chamberlain at 201-768-7839 or John Hernandez at 201-768-8871 or e-mail jah21344@aol.com.

Special Noon Mass

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, for the Third Saturday Mass on Saturday, **March 16th** at 12:00 PM. **This is our yearly Healing Mass.** Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. A support group, Meeting of Hope will follow the mass. For information please call 201-768-7565.

Keep Up on Parish and Community Announcements

The parish sends an informative weekly email blast with pertinent spiritual, social and community announcements. Send St. Mary's your email address [today](#) and be added to the blast. You can opt out at any time. Send an e to gdtizel@stmarycloster.org to be kept in the loop. Cheers!



Theology & Biology

The theology of the Pascal Mystery— the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ— is explored from two contrasting points of view: theology and biology.

**Reflection by Mr. Bill Deegan
Monday, March 25th, 7:00 PM
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**Milestones with the Lord:
Antonio and Aurora**

Antonio and Aurora Gonzales have marked their lives in the footsteps of our Lord, in their living and by visiting the Holy Land. On their 25th wedding anniversary, the couple recalled their wedding vows at Cana and recently on their 50th anniversary, returned to Cana to do so again. Also, Tony, a

choir member at St. Mary's, renewed his baptismal promises in the River Jordan, where St. John the Baptist baptized Christ. Tony also brought back rocks from Galilee which we will scatter in our prayer garden. He also brought back water from the Sea of Galilee which Fr. Joe will use for the next baptism at St. Mary's! It's no secret that Tony also does a fine impersonation of Elvis! Thank you, Tony and Aurora, for sharing your faith and good cheer at St. Mary's.

And a Great Time was had by All

The parish Mardi Gras party was a great success as all parish ministries and volunteers gathered for delicious Cuban food and



fellowship. Special thanks to Ginny Fjermestad. and all who helped with greeting, decorating and set-up, especially our confirmation candidates. We're truly blessed at St. Mary's to have so many generous parishioners who give of their time, talent and financial resources, enabling St. Mary's to minister as well as she does.



Where DO the Ashes Come From?

Some confirmation candidates helped burn the palms from last Palm Sunday so that we could have ashes for use on Ash Wednesday. It was truly a hands-on lesson as the candidates learned about the connection of the palms to Ash Wednesday and actually receive these ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday.

Christian Marriage Anniversary Liturgies

Every couple in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage during 2019 is invited to celebrate this anniversary liturgy with Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Fifty years on Sunday, **April 28th** at 3:00 PM and five years and twenty-five years on Sunday, **June 2nd** at 3:00 PM. Please call the rectory to register. The **deadline** for June 2nd is Monday, **May 20th** and the deadline for April 28th is Monday, **April 15th**.

Communion Dresses / Suits Needed

The First Communion Day of our child is a very special occasion – a day to be celebrated and always remembered! Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating any Communion dresses, veils, suits, jackets, shirts, and shoes.

Please bring all articles, clean, on hangers, and covered in plastic, to St. John the Baptist Church Parish Center, Hillsdale by **March 28th** or call Kathy at 201-666-4185. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If you or anyone that you know may need an outfit, please contact Kathy. Thank you!

Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Student Scholarship

Applications

For the 12th consecutive year, student scholarships are being offered through the Stephanie Cywinski-O'Brien Trust. Applications are now being accepted from parish 7th and 8th grade students attending a Catholic grammar school (primary consideration), as well as Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors attending a Catholic high school (secondary consideration) and continuing their education at a Catholic school. Applications and eligibility requirements are available at the parish office. Applications are due **March 31st** with decisions to be made by April 21st.

How To Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

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