

A Very Warm Welcome to
St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
A Parish in the Diocese of Syracuse



Today's Novus Ordo Mass will be celebrated by
Fr. Richard Morisette

December 27th, 2020

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of Your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

We invite you to visit our new website at:

www.stmarysoswego.com

The website is updated frequently with a weekly schedule of Opportunities for Prayer and Sacraments at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

PARISH NEWS:

- Envelopes for the New Year are DELAYED until February. Please use a regular envelope and write your name and envelope number (if known) on the outside. Temporary Envelopes will be available on January 3rd.
- St. Mary's Church and Parish Office will be CLOSED from Dec. 28th through Dec. 30th for a much-needed break for the Volunteer Staff. The Church and Office will resume normal open hours on Thursday, Dec. 31st. Thank you and God Bless!
- ***This is the LAST WEEK to contribute to The Hope Appeal.*** You can donate directly online on the diocesan website. Please make sure to choose: "St. Mary of the Assumption - Oswego" from the drop down menu. <https://www.syracusediocese.org/foundation/hopeappeal/> Envelopes for the Hope Appeal for St. Mary of the Assumption Parish are now available in the back of Church and in the office.
- ❖ ***Please remember that masks are required at all times for the Sunday Noon Mass, the 5:30 Daily Mass, the 12:10 Daily Mass, and Christmas Eve Masses.*** If you have a medical reason that does not allow you to wear a mask, you are welcome to sit up in the choir loft, however, you will still be required to wear a mask upon entering the church, when going up to receive Communion, and at all other places within the Church (besides for the Choir Loft). Thank you for your consideration of others and the NYS and Diocesan guidelines as we all work together to get through these extraordinary times.

Mass Schedule:

Please note that the Church and the Office are closed
Dec. 28th-Dec.30th.

12/27/20: 12:00 Noon - Sunday Mass.
Novus Ordo (English/Latin) Mass

12/31/20: 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary
Novus Ordo (English/Latin)

01/01/21: 12:15 PM – Feast Day Mass
Solemnity of Mary: Novus Ordo (English/Latin)

01/03/21: 12:00 - Sunday Noon Mass
Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Lucia
Christmas Gift from parish and Preservation Group will be presented

**You may Register for All Masses directly at the door, or
to save time, you may:**

register on the parish website: www.stmarysoswego.com

or by going directly to the registration website:

<https://parishreservations.com/maryoswego>

Or by calling the office at 315-343-3953 and leaving a message.

Reserved Seating: is now available for the elderly and anyone who is at risk due to a medical condition. For more information or to sign up for a reserved spot at one of the upcoming regular Sunday Masses, please call the office at 315-343-3953 or email Kristie at kpauldine@syrdio.org. The reserved seating will ensure at least 6 feet of distance.

**Merry Christmas from the St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Staff,
Volunteers, and Fr. James Schultz.
May the peace and joy of Christ fill your homes and hearts this Christmas
Season and all through the year!**

**May your New Year's Resolution be to pray the Rosary more often as you
come to know the Blessed Mother as your very own Mother and ask Her
to pray for you and your family.**

"One day through the Rosary and the Scapular I will save the world."

-Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Dominic



There is still time to return your Rosary Prayer (Spiritual)
Wreaths by placing them in an envelope and sending them
directly to:

**Fr. James A. Schultz
103 West 7th Street
Oswego, NY 13126**

**Bishop Douglas Lucia
240 East Onondaga Street
Syracuse, NY 13202**

St. Mary's is open for Prayer 12/31/20-01/02/21

Monday: ~~11:00 am-6:30pm~~ closed for break

Tuesday-Wednesday: ~~11:00 am-4:00 pm~~ closed for break

Thursday: 11:00-6:00

Friday: 11:00-4:00

Saturday: 12 Noon-3:00 pm

Office Hours: Thursday: 11:00-3:00 *Closed Monday-Wednesday*

Thank you to our volunteers who enable St. Mary's Church & office to be open during the week!

Opportunities for Prayer this week:

THURSDAY Dec. 31st at 3:00 the Rosary Group will meet at St.
Mary's - all are welcome to join as we pray together

Online Giving is available at www.stmarysoswego.com Thank you for your generous support!

Collections from 12/20/20: \$1,642.00

Thank you

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish gratefully thanks *Patty Demm* for the most generous donation of a truck mounted salt spreader for our parking lot! Patty raised money for this purchase through an online birthday fundraiser a few months ago and our parish joyfully says "Thank You!" This donation was made in loving memory of Patty's father, *George Lago Jr.*

The Christmas Prayer Wreaths and the Christmas gift from our parish and the Preservation Group will now be given to Bishop Douglas Lucia at the January 3rd 12:00 Noon Mass. The gift for Fr. Schultz and his Spiritual Prayer Wreaths will be given to him at a time to be determined. Thank you to all who contributed! You have been a great blessing to both our Bishop and our Pastor.



Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states: *"The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit."* (True Christmas Spirit, ©1955, St. Meinrad Archabbey, Inc.)

The Candle on the Sacred Heart Altar is Lit this week for *Onie Williams* From Connie Murabito in remembrance of his birthday



The Candle on the Holy Family Altar is lit for *Thomas Donovan* from His Family

If you have found a Home

...at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, please consider registering with us. Please register online at www.stmarysoswego.com or use the forms found in the back of church. You can return the forms by placing them in the donation box or donation slot in the back of church.

Welcome and God Bless!

Your donations pay the bills to keep St. Mary of the Assumption Parish financially healthy. Your generosity is necessary and vital to our mission to allow for frequent access to the Sacraments, traditional teaching based on the catechism and dogma of the Catholic church, prayer opportunities, and helping bring souls to Christ. Thank you! All gifts are tax deductible according to law. Help us keep track of your giving:

- 1) Please consider using online giving at www.stmarysoswego.com for automatic electronic payments using a credit or debit card, or direct debit to your bank account. This is the preferred method of giving because it is accurate, dependable, and reduces volunteer workloads. See our website for the signup link.
- 2) If you give via check (payable to St. Mary's Church or St. Mary of the Assumption Parish) or cash, it is important that you use your pre-printed envelopes. If you forget your Envelope, or are an unregistered guest, please use a blue envelope, provided on the donation tables, and include your name, address, and phone number. (When registering, choose "envelopes.")
- 3) You may want to set up online banking to send paper checks on the cycle of your choice to: St. Mary of the Assumption Parish/St. Mary's Church at St. Mary's Church, 103 West 7th Street, Oswego NY, 13126. Please include the word "donation" and your parishioner number, if known, in the memo or note section.
- 4) Anonymous cash donations or loose checks can be put into the collection basket; however, despite our volunteers' best efforts, loose checks may not be properly matched to parishioner accounts or recorded for year-end statements. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the parish office.

To request and schedule intentions for both of our Masses, contact the parish office at **315-343-3953 or stop in during office hours**, to reserve a date **before paying for a Mass**. The stipend check *must be made out in the exact amount of \$10* per Mass and made payable to **St. Mary's Church. Mass intentions can be for those who are living as well as for those who have passed away.**

CANDLES burn on the Sacred Heart Altar and on the Holy Family Altar. Would you like to have a dedicated candle burn in memory of a loved one **OR** for a special intention? To schedule a dedicated candle intention call **315-343-3953 or stop in during office hours**. Donations for 7 day Sacred Hearth Altar and Holy Family Candles are \$10.00 each.

ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS: You may dedicate altar flower arrangements on the altar to family and friends or in loving memory of a deceased loved one. Please call the parish office at **315-343-3953 or stop in during office hours** to arrange for a floral arrangement dedications. Altar flower donations are \$50.00 (for two on either side of Tabernacle).

THERE ARE (AT LEAST) THREE REASONS to maintain a prayerful, quiet atmosphere in the church before and after services: (1) RESPECT for the House of God, (2) REVERENCE for the Blessed Sacrament, and (3) REGARD for those who want to pray in peace or may be preparing for confession. Please make an effort to carry on your friendly conversations in the church vestibules, outside after Mass, or at the coffee/social hour (when possible). Thank you for your consideration as we seek to be charitable and considerate to everyone at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish.

BEQUESTS

TO REMEMBER THE ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH and ST. MARYS CHURCH, the following phraseology should be used to direct a monetary bequest (2 options):

- 1) *I give and bequest the sum of \$_____ to St. Mary's Church for its general purposes (or for a specific named program_____).* **OR**
- 2) *I give and bequest__% of the remainder of my estate after all debts, taxes, expenses and family bequests have been paid, to St. Mary's Church for its general purposes (or for a specific named program_____).*

HOLY COMMUNION

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all. We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3). All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another. We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and unity of the human family. © 1996, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops