



**PARISH  
INFORMATION**



**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (516) 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**

Kathleen Capuano  
Rebekah Cole  
Kevin Cronin  
Paul Cronin  
Joseph V. Danbusky  
John Damiano  
Jessica Dawson  
Linda De Stio  
John Paul DiNonno  
Kieran Doran  
James Dougherty  
Eric DuBois  
Members of Ferreira  
Family  
Emilia Foschi  
Noel Glen  
Stephen Grabher

Roberta Greco  
Christine Kenney  
Frank Krukowski  
John LaPreziosa  
Janet Levchuck  
Richard Malon  
Marilyn Manning  
Stuey Manzione  
Justin Paradine  
Diana Pearce  
Karen Petrik  
Marion Prendergast  
Gregory Racaniello  
Jaxon Rivera  
Ronald Webb  
Anne Wright  
Mary Wybaillie

**Sunday, February 18: 1st Sunday of Lent**

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Fletch Starnes and Kehan Zhao on the Occasion of their Wedding  
by Fr. Timothy S. Valentine
- 11:00 a.m. Janice & Joe Marvullo, and Elaine Stanco  
by Cathy Vanatta  
Amiel DeCicco - Birthday in Heaven  
by From Your Loving Family  
Frank Forcina  
by Anthony & Marie Papiro  
Simone Grella  
by The Nudo Family
- 12:30 p.m. For the Intentions of the Celebrant

**Monday, February 19: Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Tuesday, February 20: Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. Signe Fay  
by Her Family

**Wednesday, February 21: Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. For the Healing of Christopher Vanatta  
by The Vanatta Family

**Thursday, February 22: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

- 9:00 a.m. Livia Zambanini  
by The Zambanini Family

**Friday, February 23: Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of the Celebrant

**Saturday, February 24: Lenten Weekday**

- 5:00 p.m. Gregory Genco  
by Peggy & Michael Carillo  
For the Intentions of Dee Marvullo on her Birthdday  
by Barbara Nakelski

**Sunday, February 25: 2nd Sunday of Lent**

- 7:30 a.m. People of the parish
- 9:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Theresa Brown on her Birthday
- 11:00 a.m. Dr. Joseph Miceli  
by His Wife, Constance Miceli
- 12:30 p.m. Richard Langone  
by Angelo & Kathy Grands

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY**

**February 18, 2024**  
**First Sunday in Lent**

First Reading: Gn 9:8-15  
Second Reading: 1 Pt 3:18-22  
Gospel: Mk 1:12-15

**FOCUS:** Repent, and believe in the gospel.

To repent means to feel regret and sorrow and to change, or "turn from" what is evil. Gospel is a word meaning "good news." To "repent and believe in the Gospel" is the twofold call of the Christian, which is brought into profound relief during the Lenten season. This time of prayer and preparation for Easter shows there is indeed cause for regret and sorrow, and a need for change. And yet, what we are turning toward as we turn from sin is always cause for joy and hope.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading, God makes a covenant with Noah. In the second reading, Peter reflects on how the waters of the flood prefigured baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus is driven into the desert for 40 days before beginning to preach: *The kingdom of God is hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.*

Readings for next week, Sunday February 25, 2024

- 1) Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
- 2) Rom 8:31b-34
- 3) Mk 9:2-10

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**FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP  
AS A WAY OF LIFE**

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

This Lenten season, dig deeper into your prayer life. Attend the Stations of the Cross, go to confession and pick up a new prayer habit. Also, during this Lenten season, you can read a Catholic spiritual or apologetics book

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

Sunday Offering ~ February 11      \$7,301.00\*  
Same Week Last Year                      \$5,932.00\*

Mass Attendance for ~ February 11    548  
Same Week Last Year                      514

*\*Does not include Faith Direct*

**Faith Direct**

January 2024                      \$9,538.00  
(4 Sundays at \$2,384.50 per week)

January 2023                      \$11,780.00  
(5 Sundays at \$2,356.00 per week)

**2024 CATHOLIC MINSTRIES APPEAL**

St. Mary's Parish Assessed Goal	<b>\$66,300.00</b>
Amount Raised to Date	<b>\$27,770.00</b>
Number of Gifts and/or Pledges	<b>79</b>
Percentage of Goal	<b>41.89%</b>

**YEAR-END TAX STATEMENTS**

It's costly to send an end-of-the-year tax statement to every household in the parish and not everyone is interested in receiving one. If you'd like a statement reflecting your giving to St. Mary's for 2023 please phone the parish office at (516) 621-2222 and one will be sent to you. If there's no one at the phones when you call please leave a message with pertinent information: Your Name, Address, and a Phone Number in case verification is needed.

**✠ Celebrants for the Weekend of ✠  
February 24/25, 2024**

	<b>Celebrants*</b>	<b>Lector</b>
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Virginia Eyerman - L Dee Marvullo - EM
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Lauder	John Dussel- L Anne Dussel - EM
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Cathy Vanatta - L Marie Papiro - EM
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Lora Lofaro - L Cathy Vanatta - EM
12:30 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Mary Grace Cipriano - L Phil Kirk - EM

\* Subject to last minute changes.



Just a reminder all St. Mary's  
Masses are on Youtube link

<https://tinyurl.com/St-Marys-Roslyn>

## The Pastor's Page

Dear Friends:

It's always nice to be complimented that one teaches or explains things well. That notwithstanding, I have been put in my place countless times for trading in "ridiculous" comparisons when trying to clarify various tenets of the Catholic faith. Take, for example, the subject of "blessings." At a party once, I was heard relating the story of blessing someone's car. What kind of magical nonsense was I inflicting on the room, the eavesdropping party asked? (One might think I had injected everyone present with a new strain of COVID!) I responded that a blessing is both an affirmation of the goodness of creation, as well as a dedication of that object to the service of God and the sanctification of the person. "Even a car?" Why, yes; in fact, the Catholic imagination understands creatures as having a spiritual meaning: just as a car is the vehicle for transporting us to our destination, a life of holiness is the vehicle that transports us to Hea—..." Before I could finish "Heaven," I got cut off with, "That is just *absurd! I'm embarrassed for you.*" *I'm glad that, if one of us had to be embarrassed, it was he; I had no intention of being so, then or now. Funny thing about highly educated people: they go to great lengths to understand the world through their particular lens—his was science—but they completely disregard any and all other paths to truth. One shudders to think what he might have made of Jesus, who taught about eternity using terms like seeds, yeast, sheep, pearls, dragnets, etc.*

This week, the Church celebrates the Chair of Peter. A 1<sup>st</sup>-century seat, enclosed within a 17th-century reredos sculpted by Bernini in St. Peter's Basilica, is thought to have belonged to the first of Jesus' Apostles. Is there something "magical" about the chair? Of course not. Yet, it is a powerful symbol, a distillation, if you will, of the faith in the Church as one, holy catholic, and apostolic. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus grants to Peter the keys of the Kingdom; whatever he declares bound or loosed on earth is so in Heaven. He and his successors—the Popes—serve as Vicar of Christ, acting with his authority. This preserves

the unity of God's People until the second coming of Christ.

As such, we Catholics do not have a relationship with Christ in isolation, but rather within the context of a vast history. It is extensive, for it reaches out through time and space to embrace all people, and it is intensive, sanctifying every aspect of humanity: the corporal and the spiritual.

In our series on Ignatian Spirituality next Tuesday, we will explore the mystery of the Church. This week, however, we will consider the Lord's announcement of, and call to, the Kingdom of Heaven. This begs the question, what is the relationship between the Church and the Kingdom of Heaven? Are the two the same? And if not, what reason is there for both? According to one wag, Jesus came to bring us the Kingdom of God, and

we ended up with...the Church. Our reaction, of course, is supposed to be one of disappointment. But again, there is no reason to be embarrassed. The Kingdom of God is not to be imagined as a "place," but rather as a situation: one of right relationship with God, with our neighbor, and with creation as a whole. Catholics are very realistic in acknowledging that this right relationship will never be attained on this side of eternity, as long as the effects of Original Sin remain. We spend this life in pilgrimage to the Kingdom, and our "vehicle" for getting there is the Church. Likewise, the Church is neither a place nor a building. *We are the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, which is comprised of all-too-imperfect human beings. Our head, nevertheless, is the divine Son of God. The Chair of Peter (the office of the Papacy) is the institution guaranteeing our unity in faith, and adherence to the call of Christ.*

This week, as we meditate on the Kingdom of God, we pray that the Lord might expand our minds, hearts, and memory, that in the holy season of Lent, we make our own the boundless embrace of our Loving Father for all his children.

Faithfully,

*Fr. Valentine*

Fr. Valentine





Dear Friends:

This year I will be offering a six-week series on the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Founder of the Society of Jesus (the “Jesuits”). It is not strictly speaking a “retreat,” because a genuine experience of the Spiritual Exercises requires a “one-on-one” relationship with a spiritual director. Instead, we will give participants an introduction to Ignatian prayer, including its:

Purpose,  
Presupposition,  
First Principle and Foundation,  
Examination of Conscience,

Meditation & Contemplation  
Preparation, Colloquy and Repetition,  
Application of the senses,  
Classic methods,

Classes of Men,  
Degrees of Humility,  
Contemplation to Attain Divine Love,  
Discernment of Spirits

The Jesuits understand themselves as “contemplatives in action,” and Ignatian Prayer is often hailed as the most practicable for busy people—married, celibate, young and old, student, working and retired—for whom a monastic regimen is not possible. The purpose is to familiarize our parishioners with a tried and true form of spiritual discipline they can adapt to their own special circumstances. We will meet at 7 PM in the Basement of St. Mary’s Church on the following dates:

**February 19 (Monday)**

**March 6 (Wednesday)\*\***

**February 26 (Monday)**

**March 11 (Monday)**

Please join us for as many of our conferences as you can make. You can also follow them on the St. Mary’s streaming service. More information to follow.

Thank you.

# 300 Club of St. Mary's

- 300 Club enrollment is open to St. Mary’s parishioners, friends & family
- 300+ members at \$100.00 each subscription
- THREE prizes are awarded monthly:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> \$250.00
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> \$100.00
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50.00
- A \$1000.00 Grand Prize is awarded at year end

**When .....**  
**Enroll by March 2024**

**First Monthly Winner ....**  
**March 31, 2024**

**Grand Prize Drawing**

*Fill out, tear off and mail in the form below..*

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 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Choice:**

Choose a number between 305 and 999 (existing members can keep current number or request a new one)

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Keep my 2022/2023 | number(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 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.)



*Thank  
You*

*Many Thanks to  
Manor French  
Cleaners*

on Mineola Avenue Roslyn Heights  
for their professional courtesy in  
cleaning our vestments. We very  
much appreciate their generosity.  
Keep them in mind for your own  
dry cleaning needs.



February and March mass intentions are still  
available if you would like to have a mass said for  
a loved one. Please call the rectory office at  
(516) 621-2222.

## An Invitation



Do you like to Sing? New  
members are always  
welcome to join our  
choir. This might be the  
ministry for you. It's a  
very warm welcoming  
group with whom you will enjoy  
singing. We rehearse Thursdays at 7  
PM in the lower church. If interested see  
Paul Eschenauer after Mass or call the  
Rectory.



### *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**

## Wine Down Saturday

**Saturday March 2**

Will immediately follow the 5:00 Mass at the  
Parish Center Cafeteria

Bring a beverage of choice and a food dish or appetizer to  
share with the community. All are welcome!



# Religious Education at St Mary's - 2/18/2024

## Lent Calendar: Week 1

**Sunday** – Write down something that you are often tempted to do and pray to your guardian angel to help you resist it

**Monday** – Take some time to thank God for this day

**Tuesday** – Say a prayer with your sibling or a friend

**Wednesday** – look at a crucifix and ask Jesus for help accepting any suffering He sends you

**Thursday** – Ask your parents if there's something they want you to do, and complete the task without complaining

**Friday** – Show your parents you love them with your actions

**Saturday** – Say a Memorare prayer to Our Lady!



## KID'S CORNER

### JESUS IN THE DESERT

Today's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus was fasting in the desert for forty days. He was preparing Himself for His special work.

We know that Jesus was a real person. He was like us except that He never sinned. There was something that happened when He was in the desert that shows us that He had to decide between right and wrong just like we do. What was it?

Unscramble the letters in these words to find out!

EH SWA DPTETME

YB HET VELID

**Vacation Bible School is coming to St Mary's!**  
**Camp is open to students 1<sup>st</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**  
**Grades 1-6 as campers**  
**Grades 7-12 as counselors**  
**Save the Dates:**  
**July 8<sup>th</sup> thru July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Visit the Religious Education webpage to sign up!**

# WINTER BREAK

**No class this week!**

What was the story mentioned in today's first reading that talks about God washing away the sins of the world and making a covenant with His people?

Connect the dots to find out what the story was about!

# First Sunday of Lent Year B—Feb. 19, 2024—Missal page

Entrance

O Lord Hear My Prayer

Taize

Chant

Please repeat the refrain

Ostinato Chorale

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
 \*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:  
 when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
 all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the  
 Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O  
 Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life. The

\*Alternate text

Text: Psalm 102; Taizé Community, 1982  
 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
 © 1982, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

## Responsorial Psalm

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep the cov-e-nant.

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise and hon - or to \_\_\_\_\_ you, O Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus Christ.

## Offertory

## Our Father, We Have Wandered



1. Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered And  
 2. And now at length dis - cern - ing The  
 3. O Lord of all the liv - ing, Both

hid - den from your face; In fool - ish - ness have  
 e - vil that we do, Be - hold us, Lord, re -  
 ban - ished and re - stored, Com - pas - sion - ate, for -

squan - dered Your leg - a - cy of grace. But  
 turn - ing With hope and trust to you. In  
 giv - ing, And ev - er - car - ing Lord, Grant

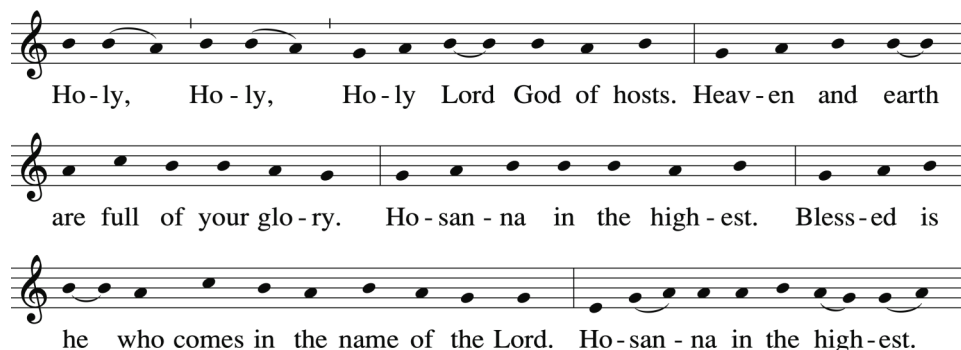
now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, We  
 haste you come to meet us And  
 now that our trans - gress - ing, Our

rise with fear and shame, As, dis - tant but com -  
 home re - joic - ing bring, In glad - ness there to -  
 faith - less - ness may cease. Stretch out your hand in

pell - ing, We hear you call our name.  
 greet us With calf and robe and ring.  
 bless - ing, In par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006, © 1980, ICEL  
 Tune: PASSION CHORALE, 7 6 7 6 D; Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

## Holy, Holy

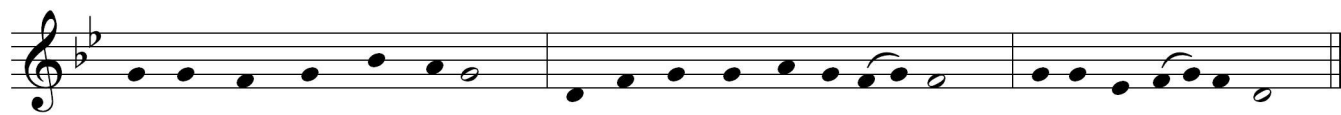


Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth  
 are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Text: *The Roman Missal*  
 Music: *The Roman Missal*  
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### Acclamation



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec - tion un-til you come a-gain

### Great Amen



A - men \_\_\_\_\_

### Agnus Dei

### Chant

### Communion

### We Remember

Refrain



We re - mem - ber how you loved us to your death,  
and still we cel - e - brate, for you are with us here;  
and we be - lieve that we will see you when you come  
in your glo - ry, Lord. We re - mem - ber, we  
cel - e - brate, we be - lieve.

## Verses



1. Here, a mil - lion wound - ed souls are
2. Now we re - cre - ate your love, we
3. Christ, the Fa - ther's great "A - men" to
4. See the face of Christ re - vealed in



year - ing just to touch you and be healed.  
 bring the bread and wine to share a meal.  
 all the hopes and dreams of ev - 'ry heart,  
 ev - 'ry per - son stand - ing by your side,



Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.  
 Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres - ence of the Lord.  
 Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free - dom from all fear.  
 Gift to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love.

## Recessional Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today and Forever

## Ostinato Refrain

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ,

yes - ter - day, to - day and for ev - er.