

### PARISH INFORMATION

### 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 Mary S. Parisi Diana Pearce Karen Petrik Marion Prendergast Gregory Racaniello Jaxon Rivera Ronald Webb Anne Wright Mary Wybaillie



### 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

by Her Family

11:00 a.m. Dr. Joseph Miceli

by His Wife, Constance Miceli

12:30 p.m. Richard Langone

by Angelo & Kathy Grands

Monday, February 26: Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. Vicenta Tolentino

by Benedicta Ang

Tuesday, February 27: Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. Rita Driscoll

by Her Family

Wednesday, February 28: Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. Alva Ruth Badagliacca

by Diane, Tom, Kristen, Mike &

the boys

Thursday, February 29: Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. John Noone

by Cathy Vanatta

First Friday, March 1: Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. Msgr. Francis R. Ryan

by Parishioners of St. Mary's

First Saturday, March 2: Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. For the Intentions in Our Lady of

Fatima Petition Book

5:00 p.m. Anthony Ferro - On his Birthday

by Ann & Family

### Sunday, March 3: 3rd Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Jose Portela

by Ronnie, Maryann Combs

and Family

11:00 a.m. Arthur & Mary Byrne

by Carolyn O'Neil and Family

12:30 p.m. Deceased members of the Muller and

McNichol Families



Please keep our recent departed and their families in your prayers

Filippo Tiberio.

### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY**

February 25, 2024 Second Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Second Reading: Rom 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mk 9:2-10

**FOCUS:** This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.

We do not have a God who sits enthroned, looking down from a great distance to arbitrarily ask us to do this or not do that. No, we have a God who loves us enough that we can trust him completely, as Abraham did. We have a God who did not hold back anything, not even his beloved Son, to lead us to the goodness he desires for us.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, God calls Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, but provides a ram instead and promises blessing on all nations in response to Abraham's trust. In the Epistle, we are reminded that God did not spare his own Son and so gives us everything with him. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured and a voice from the cloud says: This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.

### Readings for next week, Sunday March 3, 2024

1) Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

2) 1 Cor 1:22-25

3) Jn 2:13-25

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## **†** Celebrants for the Weekend of **†** March 2/3, 2024

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	Celebrants*	Lector	
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Phil Kirk - L Louise McCann - EM	
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Joe Castellano - L Mary McHale - L	
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Lauder	Lorraine Czarniak - L Cathy Quinn - EM	
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	1-4 Gr. Level Liturgy Virginia Eyerman - Assist	
12:30 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Jason Ferrira - L Phyllisann Kalenenka - EM	

<sup>\*</sup> Subject to last minute changes.

### FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP **AS A WAY OF LIFE**

### PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

We, too, are called to be at service to God- we can practice that by being at service to our neighbor. Is there anyone around you (family, friends, neighbors) who can use your assistance in something? Perhaps you can offer to take an elderly friend to Mass or to the grocery store (or even do their shopping for them). Perhaps you can just be an ear for someone who needs to talk.

### **Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

Sunday Offering ~ February 18	\$5,661.00*
Same Week Last Year	\$6,285.00*
Mass Attendance for ~ February 18	551
Same Week Last Year	451

<sup>\*</sup>Does not include Faith Direct

### 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.

### A REMINDER REGARDING **DONATIONS TO ST. MARY'S**

All checks should be made payable to St. Mary's **Church.** If the check is for a special purpose, please indicate that on the memo line. For example: Human Concerns, 300 Club, Religious Education, Diocesan Collection, etc.

We thank you for your generous support of our Parish and its activities.



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

## The Pastor's Page

Dear Friends:

"A Gnat settled down on the horn of a Bull. After he had rested a short time, he made ready to fly away. But before he left he begged the Bull's pardon for having used his horn for a resting place. 'You must be very glad to have me go now,' he said. The Bull didn't even notice the Gnat, so he replied, 'I did not know you had come, and I shall not miss you when you go away." Aesop reminds us against an inordinate sense of self importance. This is good advice, not only for our overall happiness, but for our advancement in wisdom. The philosopher Alasdair MacIntyre argues that humility is an essential virtue, because if we are to be successful, we have an "obligation to subordinate (ourselves) to best standard yet achieved." As any

teacher or coach or boss will tell you, we only improve to the extent that we humbly submit to those with greater knowledge and judgment. So too in the life of the spirit. In the novitiate, we heard the advice of St. Ignatius: "If you desire humility,

pray for humiliations." If your experience is anything like mine, you know that this is the one prayer that never goes unheard!

On the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration, in which Jesus reveals his divinity in the sight of the Apostles. Peter, being Peter, responds by saying something rather inane, whereupon the voice of God tells the frightened disciples, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Listening to—or "obedience"—is only possible for those who are humble before the object of authority.

Likewise, in the Second Week of the *Spiritual Exercises*, St. Ignatius would have us meditate on the Three Classes of Men and the Three Degrees of Humility. Humility is, if you will, the gateway virtue, inasmuch as it makes all other virtues possi-

ble; the soul allows itself to be taught by Our Lord. Creatures are good in themselves, but not all redound to our spiritual benefit. The three classes of human beings rightly desire salvation, and to "rid themselves of inordinate attachments," but the first class, sad to say, does not act upon it; the second makes an effort, while "retaining what they have acquired. The third have attained what Ignatius calls a spirit of "detachment." He does not mean that a detached person does not care; rather, he means that one's only desire is to listen attentively to God alone, and obey his will wholeheartedly, whether by the retention and use of things (including wealth) or, if it pleases God and inspires him to serve God better, to renounce the same.

I have had many conversations with my non-Catholic colleagues about the virtue of humility, and the acceptance of poverty—actual and spiritual—to attain spiritual perfection. Remember the song "Take, Lord, Receive," in which St.

Ignatius hands over to God all his liberty, memory, understanding, and entire will? Many of my colleagues—good, holy people—expressed shock at this idea. How in the world does one live any kind of life worth living, let alone benefit, by renouncing one's freedom to another person: even if it is God?

The answer, of course, is: we must. Given that he made us with the powers of the soul, who but God can direct them to our greatest spiritual benefit, i.e. salvation? There is no safer investment.

Faithfully,

Fr. Valentine

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### 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:

The Jesuits understand themselves as "contemplatives in action," and Ignatian Prayer is

Purpose, Presupposition, First Principle and Foundation, Examination of Conscience, Meditation & Description (Application of the senses, Classic methods,

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

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 26 (Monday)
March 6 (Wednesday)\*\*

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. Fr. Valentine

\*\*Fr. Valentine has a previous appointment on March 4

## 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				
Name				
Address				
E-Mail	Phone			
Number Choice:				
Choose a number between 305 and 9	99 (existing members can keep current number or request a new one)			
1st Choice	Keep my 2022/2023   number(s)			
2nd Choice	Auto Pick a number for me			

# **Wine Down Saturday**

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

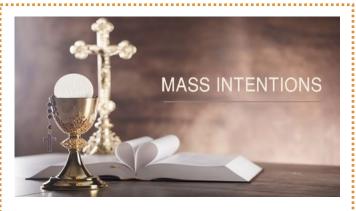
Bring a beverage of choice and a food dish or appetizer to share with the community. All are welcome!





## Short Prayers ~ Prayer for Guidance

"God, help me not to lean on my own understanding, but in everything acknowledge You, so that You can direct my words, thoughts and actions. In Jesus' name. Amen."



March and April mass intentions are still available. You can request that a Mass be offered for someone who is deceased or living. It can be for the health of a loved one, in thanksgiving for a blessing received, or for a special occasion. If you would like to have a mass said for a loved one. Please call the rectory office at (516) 621-2222.

# Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel



St Michael's Fountain, on Boulevard Saint-Michel, Paris, sculpted by Francisque-Joseph Duret 1860.

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** (Prayer by Pope Leo XIII)

## Religious Education at St Mary's - 2/25/2024

## Lent Calendar: Week 2

Sunday – Thank God for something nice that you have Monday – Pray for people who are in jail, those who are guilty and those who are innocent

**Tuesday** – Set aside a donation for someone in need Wednesday – Pray "Oh my Jesus, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee"

Thursday – Say an Our Father before you go to sleep

Friday - Pray when you wake up: Everything today I offer to you, O Lord!

Saturday – Say a Memorare prayer to Our Lady!





## KID'S CORNER

Second Sunday of Lent February 25th, 2024





Suddenly His became dazzling white, like the

began to speak with Moses and Elijah,

who appeared beside Him.



were terrified.

Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we

build : one for You, one for Moses and

one for Elijah?" Then a came over them, and a



voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son.

Listen to Him." Then only was there with them.



Coming down the



not to tell

anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

Use the pictures to help read the story from today's Gospel reading!

## **Vacation Bible School** is coming to St Mary's!

Camp is open to students 1st thru 12th grade. Grades 1-6 as campers Grades 7-12 as counselors

> Registration is open! July 8th thru July 12th

## Jesus Shows His Glory



Jesus knew He was going to die, and He knew the apostles were going to be afraid. So He decided to show some of them something that they would not be able to forget. He took Peter, James and John up a mountain and

suddenly He became dazzlingly bright, like the sun! The apostles were terrified. Then Jesus began to talk with Moses and Elijah, who stood beside Him.

### Saints Francisco and Jacinta February 20















FRANCISCO FELL ILL. HE OFFERED HIS SICKNESS AND SINNERS. IN TWO YEARS **ACINTA ALSO** FELL SICK AND FOR SINNERS.

SAINT FRANCISCO AND SAINT JACINTA KNEW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PRAY AND DO SACRIFICES TO SAVE PEOPLE FROM HELL. THEY WOULD GIVE UP THEIR LUNCHES AND WEAR KNOTTED ROPE AROUND THEIR WAISTS TO SUFFER FOR SINNERS. WHAT IS A LITTLE SACRIFICE THAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP SINNERS?

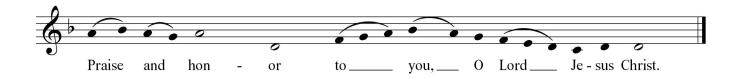
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### Responsorial Psalm

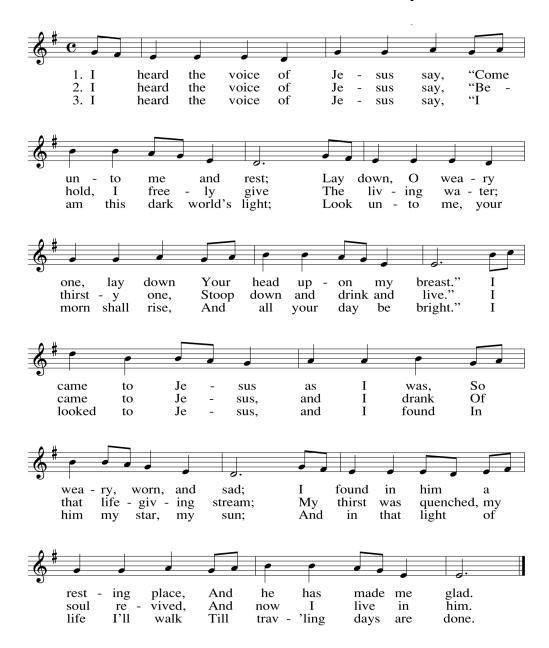


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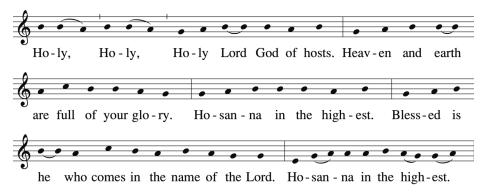


## Offertory

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

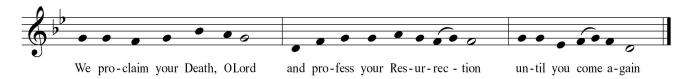


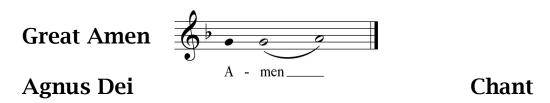
## Holy, Holy



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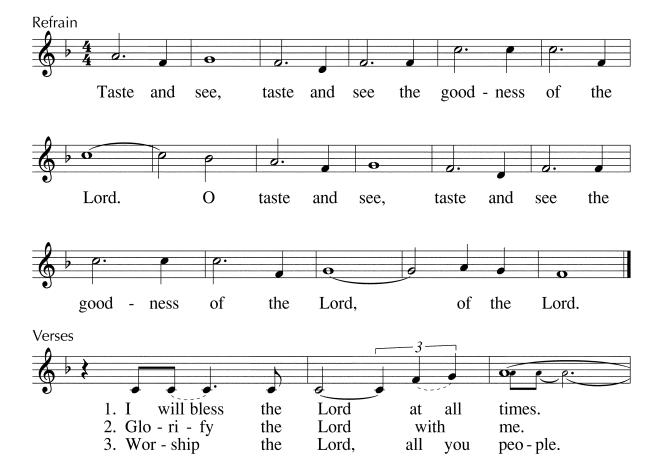
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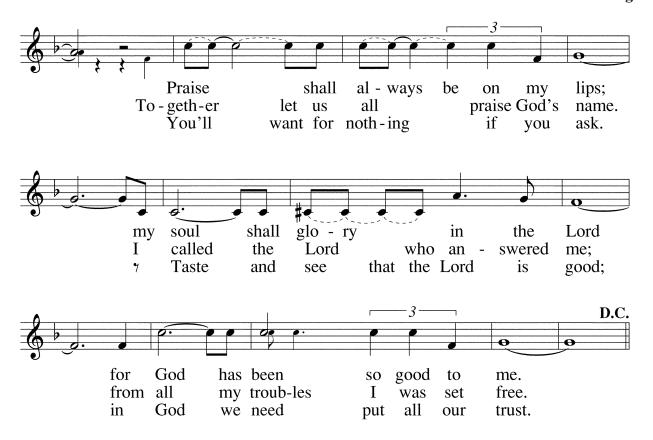




## Communion

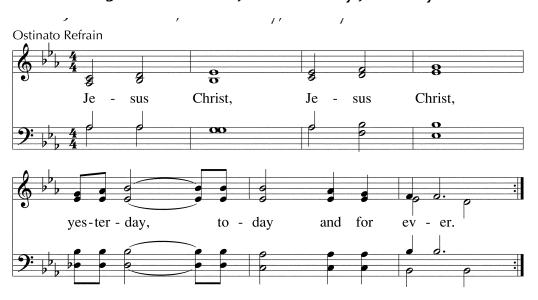
## Taste and See





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## Recessional Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today and Forever



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