



**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

5:00PM Phyllis Klock req. by Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Regina Flannery

req. by Irena, John, Adam and Ola Morehead

11:00AM John Repke req. by Anita and Ed Christie

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

9:00AM Mary Tinney req. by The Vitagliano Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

9:00AM Jane Sheftic req. by Bernadette Murphy

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

All Masses will be held in St. Mary's Church

Ashes will be distributed at the Masses

9:00AM Juliet Kruszenski req. by Her Estate

4:30PM Diane Humphrey req. by Family

7:00PM Cal Cosman req. by Libby and

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

9:00AM Albert and Agata Lopergolo

req. by The Gerentine Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

9:00AM No Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

5:00PM Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farrell and

Kay Anderson req. by The

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Carol Sasso

req. by Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners

11:00AM Bill and Helen Ott

req. by Matt and Ann Maria Carrig

Weekday Masses are held in the Rectory Chapel – 71 Grand St. – Marlboro, NY – at 9:00AM unless otherwise stated in the schedule.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

If the Intentions for the Mass are members of your family or friends and if you would like to bring up the gifts during the Offertory, please mention this to the Ushers before Mass and they will be more than happy to accommodate you.

HEALING PRAYERS...



... are asked for all the sick of our Parish for whom we have been praying. We also ask your prayers for their family members and others who are caring for their loved ones. May God give them the strength and grace to help them through these difficult times.

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 after the 8AM Mass. Children are also welcome to attend. For more

information, please contact Jovita Kanz at jovitakanz7@gmail.com. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY

All the children of the Parish are invited to join in the **Recitation of the Rosary to Our Lady in St. Mary's Church at 10:30AM – next Sunday, Feb. 18th.** For more information and to find out when the children will be meeting for this devotion, email Jovita Kanz at jovitakanz7@gmail.com.

TITHING REPORT



This past week our collection totaled \$4398.00. 117 envelope users contributed \$2645; non-envelope users, \$1753. We thank you for your continued generosity which helps us meet our monthly bills.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018 is Ash Wednesday. Students will report to the Church either at 4:30pm or at 7:00pm for Mass rather than meet in their classrooms. Parents are urged to stay and attend Mass with their children. Children's attendance will be taken.

Monday, Feb. 19, 2018 – No Classes – Presidents' Weekend.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018 – All 2nd Graders who meet for class at 6:15pm should report to St. Mary's Church rather than to their classrooms. They will be receiving 1st Penance that evening.

Wednesday, Mar. 7, 2018 – 1st Penance for 2nd Graders who were supposed to receive the Sacrament on February 7th but didn't because of the weather.

**LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY
LENTEN FASTING REGULATIONS**

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of faith and abstinence.



Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

- No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence.
- Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

- Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- Catholics over 18 but not yet 60 years are bound to fast. Again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.
- All Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence from meat.

Every Friday evening during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7PM in St. Mary's Church with Benediction following.

CAN YOU HELP?

Our **Sunday Liturgies** are always in need of **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers**. If you would like to participate, please call the Rectory or speak to Fr. Tom.

MARLBORO-MILTON SENIORS

Although the winter weather is still ever present, the Seniors have decided to start planning their first trip for this year.

The Seniors now have a new trip leader, *Mary Martin*. After planning their trips for "umpteen years," Eleanor Spagnola has decided to retire from planning and just sit back and enjoy the ride.

Taking the reins from Eleanor, Mary has planned the first trip to the "**Brownstone**" on **March 19th to celebrate the Feast of San Guiseppe**. There will be a musical show by Joe Zisa and Friends. Cost is \$52.00 which includes all gratuities and tax.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call Mary Martin at 389-6575. If there is no answer, please leave a message for her.



OUR "WORK IN PROGRESS" WEB SITE

For a few years we have been trying to establish a good web site for our Parish. *Thanks to Nancy Porcelli*, who has offered to do this for us, we have been able to improve what we had established a while back. Nancy is willing and currently learning how to maintain and make our site more interesting. Of course this will take a while, but she is determined and we thank her for that. Why not take a look at the website. [St. Mary and St. James \(Formerly St. Mary\) Main Church - Marlboro, NY](#)



We are happy to announce we now have an *online giving* area for your convenience. Some of our parishioners have told us they would like to be able to use their credit card for their weekly offerings. So we now have that option to present to you.

All you have to do is go to our website (above) and click on the Online Giving area. You will then be prompted to fill out some information so you can use your debit or credit card. In filling out your information, you also will be asked if you would like to include the small fee (3%) that is charged to the Church. Although this is not mandatory, it would be of great help to us and would also be considered a tax deduction for you. So, give it a try if you'd like. You can also change your mind and opt out if you decide this is not for you. (One of our parishioners has already signed up and said it is very easy to do.)

In the near future we also hope that we will be able to do more on this site – print the weekly bulletin, perhaps register your child for religious education, have pictures of parish happenings, and more. But this will take time, so please check every now and then to see our progress. Thank you.



IT'S PARTY TIME AGAIN !!!

At the end of this month, on February 24th, our Fr. Tom will be turning 60 and would like to celebrate this special day with his parishioners. As Fr. T says, "60 only comes once, so let's celebrate." Therefore, **you are all invited to Lunch on Sunday, February 25th after the 11AM Mass**. It will be a simple lunch – sandwiches, finger foods, cake and assorted beverages.

However, for our planning purposes, **we do need to know how many will be able to attend**. Please call Christine and Jesse Reynolds at 845-561-4976 or call the Rectory. Let's make this a grand birthday for Fr. Tom!

TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE by Rev. William J. Reilly



"A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'"

This week, we begin the season of Lent, a time of renewal and repentance. We have a tendency to approach this time from a traditional posture. Ashes, meatless Fridays and Stations of the Cross. All are part of our practice and tradition.

Wait a minute. Picture the lonely leper, ill and isolated, but with firm faith and determination, violating the rules imposed through Moses, approaching Jesus, seeking much needed help. I am he!

Consider for a moment what it took for him to act. He was desperate, knowing the reality of His condition. He spoke 'If you wish,..' He heard the will of Jesus, felt His compassion, was touched by the healer. I am he!

May I seriously consider how to begin Lent this year and live renewal and repentance with the leper to be healed, cleansed and enlivened. Lent is God's gift to me this year.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

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