



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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH**

**5:00PM** Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farrell and  
Kay Anderson req. by The Martuscello Family

**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

**\*\* MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH**

**9:00AM** No Mass

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH**

**9:00AM** Maddie Sarles req. by UNICO

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST**

**9:00AM** Wilson C. Barry  
req. by the Estate of Juliet Kruszenski

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22ND**

**9:00AM** Perry Mullins  
req. by The Estate of Juliet Kruszenski

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**

**9:00AM** No Mass

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**

**5:00PM** Cecilia and James Van Vliet, Jr.  
req. by Julie and Anthony Amodeo

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**

**8:00AM** People of the Parish

**9:30AM** Peter Breuckman  
req. by Barbara and Joe Moloney

**11:00AM** Bruno Papaleo  
req. by Brother and Family

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

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: St. Mary's Offices and Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19th – Presidents' Weekend Holiday. No Mass is scheduled for Monday.**

**WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

We ask your prayers *Patricia Russo*, who recently passed away. May God grant her His Eternal Rest and give peace and comfort to her friends and families.



**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.

**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 – this 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](mailto:jovitakanz7@gmail.com).

**TITHING REPORT**



This past week our collection totaled \$4480.00. 112 envelope users contributed \$2157.00; non-envelope users, \$1323.00. The second collection for Peter's Pence totaled \$906.50 and was forwarded to the Archdiocese of NY. We thank you for your continued generosity which helps us meet our monthly bills.

**Next week's second collection will be St. Mary's Monthly collection and will remain in the Parish.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**



**Upcoming Events:**

**Monday, Feb. 19, 2018 – No Classes** – Presidents' Weekend. Regular classes will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 20th.

**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 HAS BEGUN  
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

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](http://St.MaryandSt.James(FormerlySt.Mary)MainChurch-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.

**New on our web site:** You are now able to access the bulletin on the website. Although still a work in progress, if you go to the site and click on the area that says "Bulletins," the current week's bulletin will pop up. However, only the first page will show. You have to then click on the date and the entire bulletin will appear.

### SOME LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

There is a free online program offered by "Dynamic Catholic" that is highly recommended by one of our parishioners. If you do a web search for [dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever](http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever) you will be offered suggestions which will enhance your spiritual life immensely. Why not give it a try.

For those of you who have missed Taize Prayer, St. Charles Borromeo church in Gardiner will be offering an evening of Taize Prayer on Thursday, March 8, 2018 beginning at 7PM. This is truly a beautiful way to intertwine prayer and music. For more information, call St. Charles at 845-255-1374



### IT'S PARTY TIME AGAIN !!!

At the end of this month, on February 24th, Fr. Tom will be turning 60 and would like to celebrate this special day with his parishioners. As Fr. Tom 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



**"Beloved, Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit... This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.... 'The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.'"**

Lent, often described as a journey, is the opportunity for all to come closer to the Lord. In a baptismal sermon Peter tells us that the suffering of Christ, which we recall during these days of prayer, has but one purpose to lead us to God. It is not what I do, but the work of the Lord, bringing me on my desert journey. The gospel tells us Jesus was led by the Spirit for His desert experience to announce that the kingdom is at hand.

God's word spoke of a special moment in time, a moment which speaks to me today. Lent is that special time for me to meet the Lord in a new and different way. Through the threefold steps of prayer, sacrifice and good works, the kingdom becomes more present for me.

My journey began on Wednesday. Be honest, where is the Spirit leading you?

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34**

Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only

Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people.

**Gospel: Mark 9:2-10**

Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed 'This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.'

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