



**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2018**

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

9:00AM Andrew and Susan Bagatta and their children,
Catherine, Theresa and Joseph
req. by Andrew Bagatta, Jr.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

9:00AM Peter Carofano req. by His Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

9:00AM Mui Si Chau req. by The O'Herron Family

THURSDAY MARCH 1ST

9:00AM No Mass

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND – FIRST FRIDAY

9:00AM Anthony Battista req. by The Miller Family
7:00PM Stations of the Cross – St. Mary's Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD

5:00PM Charles and Mary Kryda
req. by The Carofano Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH

8:00AM Michael Sheftic req. by Ann-Marie and Ed Coffey

9:30AM Marlene and Michele Vanacore
req. by The Vanacore Family

11:00AM People of the Parish

FIRST FRIDAYS

Every First Friday Adoration is held after the 9am Mass until 2pm in the Rectory Chapel. Why not take a few minutes from your hectic schedules to stop by for a few quiet minutes with Our Lord. There are some who regularly come for prayer before the Eucharist. If you would like to sign up for a specific time for Adoration, please call the rectory.



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

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

We ask your prayers *Mary Verdi and Catherine Scilla* who recently passed away. May God grant them His Eternal Rest and give peace and comfort to their 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.

LORDY, LORDY, GUESS WHO'S 40 !!!!!
Well.....Sorry to say, "It isn't Fr. Tom."
He says.....



AND LET'S CELEBRATE !!!

This weekend on February 24th, Fr. Tom turned 60 years old and would like to celebrate with his parishioners. As Fr. Tom says, "60 only comes once, so let's party!" Therefore, **you are invited to Lunch this Sunday, February 25th, after the 11AM Mass.** Your presence is your gift to Father Tom!! It will be a simple lunch – sandwiches, finger foods, dessert and assorted beverages.

TITHING REPORT



This past week our collection totaled \$3000.00. 81 envelope users contributed \$1871.00; non-envelope users, \$1129.00. Once again 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.

**LAST WEEKEND'S
STORM WARNING**

As most of you know by now, last weekend we canceled the 8AM and 9:30AM Masses because of the weather. It was not an easy call to make but after considering what was anticipated to be a fairly good snowfall and the fact that many would have to shovel out and travel on what could possibly be unsafe roads, it was decided to be safe rather than sorry.



As spring keeps trying to "sneak in," we may or may not have too many more snowfalls. However, we have decided that if the weather prediction is not good, we will make sure there is an announcement on our answering machine if Mass is canceled for any reason. So, if or when in doubt, call the rectory and listen to the message. Thank you.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
Upcoming Events:**



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.

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.

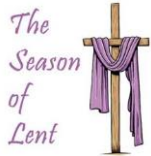
New on our web site: You are now able to access the bulletin on the website. Although still a work in progress, if you go to the site and click on the area that says "Bulletins," the current week's bulletin will pop up. However, only the first page will show. You have to then click on the date and the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

SOME LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

Lent is a wonderful time to reflect on our prayer life and to deepen our relationship with God. This season of the Church year also has been a time when we were taught to "give up something for Lent" or to make a little extra sacrifice in our lives.

Some extra activities we could do would be to attend daily Mass and/or Friday Stations of the Cross, read daily Scriptures, pray the Rosary, read about the lives of our saints or perhaps some other spiritual book. Someone once suggested that, instead of trying to focus on doing that one little extra sacrifice for all of Lent, we might pick something new to do each week of Lent.

Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are available every Saturday from 4pm-4:30pm at St. Mary's Church.



IN THE WORDS OF OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS

LENT

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressure and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever is a free online program offered by "Dynamic Catholic" and is highly recommended by one of our parishioners. If you do a web search for 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

MARLBORO-MILTON SENIORS

The Seniors have decided to start planning their first trip for this year under the leadership of trip planner, Mary Martin, who has taken the reins from Eleanor Spagnola, who has decided to just sit back and enjoy the ride.



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 a Show, Family Style dinner, all gratuities and tax as well as 2 complimentary drinks. For more information or to make a reservation, call Mary Martin at 389-6575. If there is no answer, please leave a message for her. Eleanor will also help Mary by taking calls at 236-7012.

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



God will provide
the lamb
for the offering

"Then Peter said to Jesus in reply 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them, from the cloud came a voice, 'This is my beloved Son, Listen to him.' Suddenly looking around they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them."

Today we join the three apostles, the two prophets and Jesus on the Mount of the Transfiguration. A mountain in the bible is where God meets His people. The two great persons representing the law and the prophets, and Jesus, have a new experience of God's presence.

Like Peter today, it is good we are here for worship, or for private time reading, or reflecting on this scripture account. Like Peter we may not know what to say in the awesome presence of the Almighty. Following the voice from the cloud, we pause to listen. What is the Lord asking of me as I begin this second week of Lent? Is He offering me words of comfort and consolation in my life as I struggle to draw closer to Him? Is He wishing that I consider how special it is to spend some time apart to grow in holiness this Lent? As I descend from the mountain is it time for me to invite others to experience the great love Jesus has for us?

He is the Father's beloved an so am I. As I look around may I
too see only Jesus.

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