



**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 4, 2018**

**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

**MONDAY, MARCH 5TH**

**9:00AM** Lisa Libonati req. by Bernadette Murphy

**TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH**

**9:00AM** Robert Schaffer  
req. by Deacon Vincent and Donna Porcelli

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH**

**9:00AM** Jane E. West req. by Sue and Tony Gagliardi

**THURSDAY MARCH 8TH**

**9:00AM** Stephen D. Stapleton  
req. by Kate and Ed Sagarese and  
Libby and Jim Manion

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH**

**9:00AM** No Mass  
**7:00PM Stations of the Cross** – St. Mary's Church

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH**

**5:00PM** Frances Valentino req. by The Palmieri Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH**

**8:00AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30AM** Ricky Evangelisto req. by The Family  
**11:00AM** William Tonelli req. by The Patterson Family

**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. 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 *Jean Lomonaco and Fran Reilly* 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.



Last weekend our parish celebrated Fr. Tom's 60th Birthday with a gathering in the hall for lunch. We were expecting about 50 people but close to 75 attended. That was wonderful! (With a modern day "blessing of the loaves and fishes," we did have just enough food).

Father Tom would like to thank all of you who were able to attend – a nice few hours were spent enjoying each other's company. He would also like to thank you for all your good wishes, cards, and gifts as he enjoyed his special day.

**TITHING REPORT**



This past week our collection totaled \$3740.00. 120 envelope users contributed \$2387.00; non-envelope users, \$1353.00. Our second monthly collection for the Parish totaled \$1700.50. Once again we thank you for your continued generosity which helps us pay our monthly bills.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS  
Upcoming Events:**



**Monday, March 5th – The Parents of students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation** will meet on Monday evening at 7:00PM while the students attend class.

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Knights of Columbus (Fr. Hanley Council #7266) are awarding a **\$1,000** college scholarship to a graduating senior attending a public or private high school. To be eligible for this scholarship, an applicant must be a member of St. Mary's Parish and attend St. Mary's Church in Marlboro or Our Lady of Mercy Chapel in Roseton.



Interested individuals can obtain additional information and an application by contacting their high school guidance counselor, emailing Raymond Leduc, Sr. at [reducsrc@hotmail.com](mailto:reducsrc@hotmail.com) or by calling him at either 845-236-7624 (H) or 845-206-8355 (C).

The completed **application must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 4, 2018**, and mailed to: Attention: Scholarship Committee, Knights of Columbus, Father Hanley Council, PO Box 585, Marlboro, NY 12542.

**ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM**



Have you recently checked out our website at . [St. Mary and St. James \(Formerly St. Mary\) Main Church - Marlboro, NY](#) ?

Online giving is for our parishioners' convenience and would eliminate the necessity of bringing your envelope to Mass each week. 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. Of course, this is not mandatory but 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.

Please check out the web site and remember that it is still "a work in progress." Thank you.

### 11TH ANNUAL MASS...

...in honor of St. Colette, Patron Saint of childless couples, sick children and expecting mothers will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00PM. The Mass will take place in the Monastery of St. Clare – 70 Nelson Avenue – Wappingers Falls, NY. For more information please call Sr. Mary Michael at 845-297-1685. There will also be a Blessing with a relic of St. Colette.

If you have a Special Intention, the Sisters will also accept them. Please email at [claresny@gmail.com](mailto:claresny@gmail.com)

### LENTEN OFFERINGS

*The Season of Lent*



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.

[dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever](http://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, you will be offered suggestions which will enhance your spiritual life immensely. Why not give it a try.

### DON'T FORGET...



...the Marlboro –Milton Seniors trip to the "**Brownstone**" on **March 19th to celebrate the Feast of San Giuseppe**. 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.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

#### Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.

#### Gospel: John 3:14-21

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God. ©1999 Bon Venture Services, Inc.

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



**"Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to the grace in which we stand and we boast in hope of the glory of God... 'If you knew the gift of God.'"**

One of the most dangerous liabilities in our lives is found in the area of presumption. So many things are taken for granted. Don't let that happen this Lent. We have been gifted with faith allowing us to experience great peace. Through this gift we have a strong relationship with God and a loving relationship with others. God's grace, His very life which flows and fills us, is a gift offered over and over through the sacraments. Ask for it.

Besides being an unmerited gift of God, it is something offered, but must be accepted. It is hard to receive a gift if my hands are closed or formed into a fist. I begin this third week of Lent, opening my hands and heart to the gift of God's grace that He is offering me today. Reach out for it. Like the Samaritan woman, I want to discover this great gift in my life. Perhaps as I shake someone's hand this week, or reach for a doorknob, I will remember to reach out and ask for God's amazing grace.

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