



**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 11, 2018**

**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

**MONDAY, MARCH 12TH**

**9:00AM** Maddie Sarles req. by Libby and Jim Manion

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH**

**9:00AM** Mary and Myles Doyle req. by Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH**

**9:00AM** Deacon John Repke  
req. by Libby and Jim Manion

**THURSDAY MARCH 15TH**

**9:00AM** Teresa Dicks req. by Family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH**

**9:00AM** No Mass

**7:00PM Stations of the Cross** – St. Mary’s Church

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH**

**5:00PM** People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH**

**8:00AM** Carmen Congelli req. by Terry and Jeanne Jones

**9:30AM** Mary and Frank Kartis req. by Family

**11:00AM** Antonio LoPiccolo req. by the LoPiccolo 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.

**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.

**TITHING REPORT**

This past week our collection totaled \$4335.00. 123 envelope users contributed \$2719.00; non-envelope users, \$1616.00. Again, we thank you for your continued generosity which helps us pay our monthly bills.



The 2nd collection today will be for *Catholic Relief Services* and will be sent to the Archdiocese.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**



**Upcoming Events:**

**Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2018** – 1st Penance for 2nd Graders who were supposed to receive the Sacrament on February 7th but didn’t because of the weather.

**Wednesday, Mar. 21, 2018** – Parents of children receiving First Eucharist in May will meet at the time their children are attending class. At least one parent must attend. Thank you.

**Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will open on Mar. 19, 2018.** All students who will be attending the program next year must be re-registered. You may register your child during his/her class time or at the rectory during Religious Ed Office Hours.

**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 [reducsr@hotmail.com](mailto:reducsr@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](http://St.MaryandSt.James.com) ?

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.

**DON’T FORGET...**

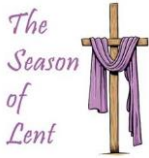
...the Marlboro –Milton Seniors trip to the “**Brownstone**” on **March 19th to celebrate the Feast of San Giuseppe.** Call Mary Martin at 389-6575. Eleanor Spagnola will also help Mary by taking calls at 236-70

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE...

...is a healing weekend for widowed, divorced, and separated men and women. A weekend will be held from April 6-8 at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY. The weekend is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required.

If you are interested or if you would like more information, please call Janice at 845-490-7466 or Phyllis at 914-261-5812.

## LENTEN OFFERINGS



[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.

## BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

**St. John's Gospel and Letters.** St John's writings are beautiful and deserve a closer look. We will study and meditate on these amazing Words. Come for all 5 sessions or even for 1 or 2. All are welcome! Bring a Bible or copy of the New Testament.

We will meet from 6:30-7:30pm on the following Thursdays - April 5, 12, 19 and May 17 and 24th in the rectory.

If interested, please call Pat Pelella 236-7431 or call the Rectory.

## ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sponsored by: The Middlehope Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

...will be held on Sunday, March 25th from 8AM to 11:30AM at the Middlehope Fire House on Lattintown Road. The breakfast promises to be quite a Sunday treat. No advance tickets are necessary – tickets will be sold at the door. Cost: Adults \$8 – Seniors: \$7 – Children (4-10): \$5 (under 4, free). Come and enjoy !!



## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS...



...will also be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 8:00-12:30. Come and enjoy a meal of Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Beverages and more. Donations only.

Each year the Knights of Columbus sponsor a "Coats for Kids" fund raiser which accepts donations to be used to provide coats for children in need. Donations received at this breakfast will be used to buy coats for next winter.



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



**"God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved, raised us up with him and seated us with him...for by grace you have been saved, and this is not from you it is the gift of God."**

Perhaps a great difficulty for us, is to appreciate the need we had for Jesus' saving work. Because we have been redeemed by Him, and experience His presence and love, we forget the great need which existed for all time for a Savior. Maybe we should change the words of St. Paul, and write 'the great love He has for us.'

We might place on a back burner, the effects of Superstorm Sandy, the earthquake in Mexico, the hurricanes of last fall, the California wild fires, while the devastating effects are still being felt. So too our sinfulness and need for redemption today.

Our Lenten practices call us to acknowledge our need today and through prayer, good works, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist, we are to move ourselves closer to the Lord. Remember, it is God's gift to us and we open our hearts today to receive it. May we seek forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, making it to confession before Easter.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

### Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

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