



**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 18, 2018**

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

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH

9:00AM Laura Heller req. by Anne Amodeo

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH

9:00AM Cal Cosman req. by Kate and Ed Sagarese

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST

9:00AM Angelo Messina req. by Carol and Dickie Messina

THURSDAY MARCH 22ND

9:00AM Lisa Libonati req. by Ann and Frank Verdi

FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD

9:00AM No Mass

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH

5:00PM Ann and Anthony Bivona and Daughter, Roseann French req. by the Woods Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH – PALM SUNDAY

8:00AM John Amodeo, Sr. req. by Wife, Faye

9:30AM People of the Parish

11:00AM Frank Morales req. by the Religious Ed Staff

HEALING PRAYERS...



... are asked for all the sick of our Parish, especially **Jean Dayton** and for all 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 \$3687.00. 108 envelope users contributed \$2320.00; non-envelope users, \$1367.00. The collection for Catholic Relief Services totaled \$756.50 and was sent to the Archdiocese. Again, we thank you for your continued generosity.



COMING SOON!

Hopefully we are at the tail end of the winter season. And with that said, we all know that soon after our Granny's Attic Fund Raiser will be here. So, as you start to plan your spring cleaning please keep in mind that Granny's Attic can use all of your unwanted treasures for the sale on Saturday and Sunday, May 19th and 20th. Keep your eye on the bulletin for future announcements.

SERVICE LOGS FOR 8TH GRADERS

Students who are in 8th grade are asked to call the Religious Ed office or rectory office if they would like to volunteer some time to help out at the Communion Breakfast (great meal, kids – and it's free) or to assist with the children's activities at the Retreat Day. These hours will count as service for your Confirmation requirements.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Upcoming Events:

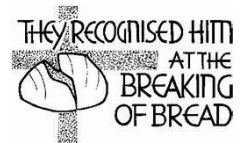
Wednesday, Mar. 21, 2018 – Parents of children receiving First Eucharist in May will meet at the time their children are attending class. At least one parent must attend. Thank you.



Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open. 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. Fees will remain the same - \$100 for one child; \$160 for two or more children.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

On April 7th, there will be a Communion Breakfast for the families of children who are receiving First Eucharist in May. Although this may not seem to be an important event, it is. In teaching young children the reasons and significance of receiving our Lord in Eucharist, sharing a meal together as a family is one way of showing them the importance of sharing your faith with other families when we join in celebration of the Eucharist each week at Mass.

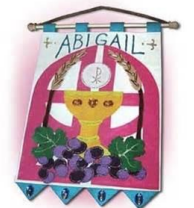


Jesus said to us: "I am the Bread of Life, whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst." What a phenomenal statement! Jesus equates Himself with bread as He also teaches us by saying, "This is My Body." "...whoever eats this Bread shall live forever."

So, won't you come and share a meal with your faith family. Please call for reservations today, so your child can take one more step. The cost is minimal to help us pay for the food expenses – Adults: \$4; Children 5 and over: \$2. No charge for the child receiving First Eucharist.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

On Saturday, April 21st the children who will be receiving First Eucharist will have their Retreat in the Parish Hall from 9am to Noon. Once again the children will be involved in activities that teach the importance of receiving our Lord each week at Mass as they live their faith. For example... The children are given a Rosary and are shown how to pray the rosary in devotion to our Lady; they also are given a craft activity – a "Bread of Life, Communion Craft Kit."



Another activity will be the making of bread as they did for the Last Supper. Also, little packets of seeds will be distributed to plant. This symbolizes having the "faith of a mustard seed" which will grow into a beautiful plant (soul) when fed and nourished by our attendance at Mass and reception of the Eucharist. These are just a few of the enjoyable events. **All children are required to attend this retreat in preparation for reception of the Sacrament of First Eucharist.**

TO PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS ED STUDENTS

We are reminding parents of students in our Religious Ed program to please walk your children to class and pick them up after class. Although this has been the policy for several years, we notice parents are simply dropping off their children and leaving.



Last week, one of the students was almost hit by a car as she ran out to meet her parent. Fortunately this accident didn't happen but, for this reason, we think it is still best for parents to go to the classrooms each week. Also, drivers, please slow down and be very watchful of children running out between cars. Thank you.

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 rleducsr@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](#)

FOR THOSE SUFFERING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

There will be an outreach program at Sacred Heart in Newburgh that might assist you as you travel throughout the process of grieving. It is faith-based and focuses on sharing, understanding, compassion, and acceptance. The group will meet for eight Tuesdays beginning on April 17, 2018. If you might be interested in more information or in joining, please call Bev Austin at 914-805-5803 or Deacon Tom Neppi at 845-562-1341 or at 845-541-0421.

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 Middle-hope 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 25th, at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 8:00-12:30. Proceeds will be used to purchase "Coats for Kids" for next winter. Come and enjoy a meal of Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Beverages and more. Donations accepted.

CONTINUE YOUR FAITH FORMATION

In partnership with the Archdiocese of New York, Fordham University continues to educate students with a program called "Enlighten" which offers new online courses that will help you live and understand your Catholic faith.

Enlighten is open to all members of the Archdiocese of NY and is for those who are interested or involved in parish leadership or ministry or for those who are just interested in learning more about their faith – church history, church teachings, scriptures, sacraments, Catholic teachings and more. Currently, the program is open to parishioners of the Archdiocese of NY, which covers all costs. For more information, visit this site [Archdiocese of New York | Fordham](#)

OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

After the season of Lent, Holy Week is certainly the most beautiful time of the Church Year. It is fascinating to attend and to reflect on the meanings of the holy days leading up to the Glory of the Easter Vigil. ***We certainly pray and hope that our Church will be filled with your presence on each of the following days:***

MONDAY, MARCH 26 – RECONCILIATION
3:00PM to 8:00PM in the Rectory

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 - HOLY THURSDAY
No Morning Mass
7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH – GOOD FRIDAY
No Morning Mass
3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
with a Communion Service
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST - HOLY SATURDAY
No Morning Mass
4:00-4:30PM – Confessions – St. Mary's Church
7:30PM - Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST-EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 AM – St. Mary's Church
9:30 AM – Our Lady of Mercy Church
11:00 AM – St. Mary's Church