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Our Mission Statement: To encourage all parishioners to have a lifelong relationship with the Church by participation in all the sacraments and to encourage regular reception of the Eucharist.

MASSSES

Sunday

Saturday - 5:30PM

Sunday - 7:15, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15AM, 12:45PM

Weekdays

Monday through Friday - 7:00 and 9:00AM

Saturday - 9:00AM

Holydays

Vigil 5:30PM, 7:00, 9:00AM, 12:10, 5:30PM

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday - 4:00 to 5:15PM and 6:30 to 7:00PM or at the Rectory by appointment.

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena after 9:00AM Mass, Mondays

Marian Devotions, Mondays of May and October, 7:30PM

Stations of the Cross, Fridays of Lent, 7:30PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Thursdays, 7:30AM – 7:00PM

BAPTISMS

By appointment only. Please contact us before the birth of the child to allow time for adequate preparation. Please call the rectory at 896-6400 or 896-6494.

MARRIAGES

Individual arrangements should be made at least six (6) months before the date of an intended wedding. Couples are requested to attend Pre-Cana Conferences.

SERVED BY:

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Rev. Mr. Mel Pampolina, Rev. Mr. Paul Smith

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Mrs. Regina Berish

PARISH COMMUNITY

We welcome all new members to our parish community. Please register at the Rectory Office during the week, or fill out a card in the back of the church. We want to know and serve you and hope you become an active part of our parish community. If you move or change your address, please notify the Rectory.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

We are anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in Church because of illness, age, or handicap. If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, (Confession) and/or Communion, please call the Parish Office. If anyone is experiencing a serious illness, entering a hospital for surgery or in a weak condition due to age, please call the office to arrange for the celebration of Anointing of the Sick. The Sunday Mass is televised at 9:00AM on WNYW-TV. Mass is televised daily at 5:30AM on WTZA-TV. EWTN televises the Mass every day at Noon and 7PM.

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St. Mary's Chapel - 1863



Remember St. Mary, Fishkill, in your Will

**“The Lord rewards
everyone for his
righteousness
and his
faithfulness.”**



BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE! IT WILL MAKE YOUR DAY AS WELL AS SOMEONE ELSE’S!

“I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.”

““Miss! Over here!” “Waitress, could you check on my order?” “Could you bring the baby some more milk?” I sighed and pushed the hair back from my eyes. There was a large crowd waiting for tables. I was already exhausted. I had a splitting headache and it wasn’t even 12:30PM! How was I ever going to make it through the day?”

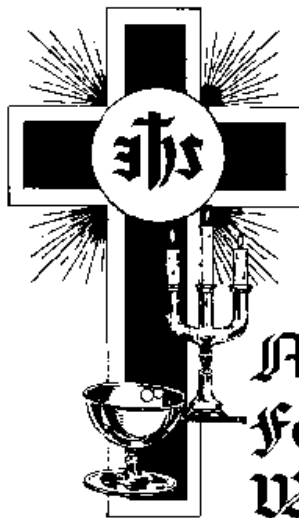
I’d been plenty grateful to get this job the year before. As a suddenly single mom with two small children to support and little in the way of education or skills, it had been a Godsend to be hired by a better than average restaurant close to a famous hospital in our city. As the “new kid” at the restaurant, I had been assigned the worst station, a small room at the back of the building, so service was unavoidably slower than in the front dining area. After two years and several new hires, I am still “stuck” with the back room, but it has a beautiful view and I could relax during off hours and find a moment of peace. On this day all of my tables were filled to overflowing and I felt swamped.

I stopped for a moment and glanced around to see what were the most urgent of the many things demanding my attention. That’s when I saw her. She was seated at the farthest table, jammed into a corner. She appeared to be about 70 years old, with white hair, a deeply lined face, and hands that testified to a lifetime of hard work. She wore an old fashioned straw hat, and a cotton house dress under a shabby brown coat that appeared inadequate for the weather. She sat quietly, with an air of dejection and an expression of terrible sadness. I hurried over and apologized for her having to wait so long. “It’s all right,” she said. “I live on a farm and out that window it almost looks like home.” All that she ordered was a cup of tea. I made sure her tea was hot and told her I hoped she’d come back when we weren’t so busy. When I looked over again, the old woman was gone. I couldn’t help but wonder what had made her so terribly sad.

A few moments later I heard my name called and I looked up to see her pushing her way through the crowded aisles. “I have something for you,” she said, and she held out her hand. I put down the plates I was carrying and dried off my hands so that she could give me a dime. She didn’t know that most waitresses here laughed at people who left only small change for a tip. I know she probably couldn’t even afford that. She said, “I know it isn’t much, but you went out of your way to be nice to me. I just wanted you to know that I appreciated it.” Somehow my simple “thank you” didn’t seem adequate, so I added, “and God bless you.” She grabbed my hand and started to cry. “Thank you, Lord” she sobbed. “You don’t know how much I needed to know there was another Christian nearby.”

“Tell me what’s wrong, and if there is any way I can help,” I stated. “There is nothing anybody can do. I brought my husband here for an operation. They thought it was a hernia but now they tell me he has cancer and I don’t know if he will survive the operation. He is 72 and we have been married over 50 years. I tried to pray over it, but I couldn’t seem to find God anywhere around here.” She managed to stop crying. “I almost didn’t come in because it looked so expensive. But I just had to get out of the hospital for a while. When I was looking out the back window, I tried praying again and asked Jesus to show me just one other Christian so I would know I wasn’t alone and that He was listening.” Still holding her hand, I said, “Tell me your husband’s name and I will pray for both of you every day for a week.” She smiled and responded, “Please do! His name is Henry.”

With that she stood up and left. I went back to work with renewed energy. Somehow I didn’t feel tired any more. For some reason, none of my other customers complained about the delay. I knew that God had conspired that the two of us meet and help each other. I was happy to offer her my prayers. And I hoped she knew she’d given me far more than 10 cents. It was suddenly an absolutely beautiful day. And that can happen to us every day of the week.”



Masses for The Week

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE INTENTION OF or IN MEMORY OF

Monday, February 20

- 7:00 Calogero Savoca – Tom & Jeannie Kraus
9:00 Ellen Botscheller – Deacon Paul & Sarah Smith

Tuesday, February 21

- 7:00 Louis Paesano – Clerc Family
9:00 Michael Nardone – Barbara & Bob Renza

Wednesday, February 22

- 7:00 Bill M. – Wife
9:00 Robert Landi – The Rosary Group

Thursday, February 23

- 7:00 Evelyn Baffuto – Denise & Jim Eve
9:00 Larry White – Dawn & Marco Zuccaretti

Friday, February 24

- 7:00 John Ring – Jane & John Walker
9:00 Brendan Hynes – Roe Reis

Saturday, February 25

- 9:00 Ray Fowler – Wife, Rita
5:30 John Dolack – Family

Sunday, February 26

- 7:15 Parishioners
8:30 Robert Howe –Newhard Family
9:45 Jean Del Duca – Kramer Family
11:15 Helen Basso – Kathy Gromyko
12:45 Josephine & Nicholas DeGennaro, Joseph & Mary Spinelli – Elianna & Elietzer

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Jean Girsch

Ann Marie Bybel

Lynette Grassi

The South Family

Vito Trotta

Pina & Family

PARISH NEWS

Parish Council

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 8**, at 7:30PM in the Bedford Avenue Chapel. Are parishioners are welcome to attend.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

REGISTRATION 2017- 2018

Registration for Kindergarten through Grade 7 has begun! The online application can be accessed through our school website (www.stmaryfishkill.org), under the Admissions tab. Please submit the following documentation to school: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate (if applicable) and an up-to-date immunization record (signed by a doctor). Students registering for Grades 1 through 7 must also provide recent report cards and standardized test results. There is a \$125 non-refundable fee for each registrant.

Annual Gala

The annual **St. Mary School Gala** will be held on **Saturday, March 25**, from 7 to 11PM, at Dutchess Manor, in Beacon. This year we will be honoring Father Adolf and celebrating his 15 year anniversary with St. Mary, Mother of the Church! Ticket cost is \$75/each and includes BEER, WINE and SODA, passed hors d'oeuvres, MULTIPLE dining stations, a carving station and dessert bar. This year's theme is a Mad Men-inspired, Retro Cocktail Party, so grab your best vintage threads {skinny ties and party dresses} for an evening of raffles, cocktails, food and spinning vinyl. Contact Stephanie McHoul for additional Gala information: smsgala2017@gmail.com.

Lent Daily Mass

For the duration of Lent, from March 1st through April 12th, we will offer a 5:30PM daily Mass (Mondays through Fridays), in addition to the usual 7:00 and 9:00AM Masses.

LENTEN SERIES

Mondays during Lent - March 6 through April 3
7:30PM in Church

This year during the Season of Lent our Parish will be reviewing the book entitled: "**Seven Last Words, An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus**," by James Martin, SJ. The evening will consist of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a reflection on a chapter from the book. If you would like to purchase this book, Hearts from Heaven, Religious Book and Gift Store, on Rt. 82 in Hopewell Junction will offer it to you at a 10% discount. To order, call [845-221-0308](tel:845-221-0308) Please join us as we journey through Lent and strive for a deeper friendship with Jesus.

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1

Ashes will be distributed during and after the 7:00AM Mass, during and after the 9:00AM Mass, from 3:30 to 4:00PM, during and after the 5:30PM Mass and from 7:00-8:00PM.

Good Deed Bracelets

Families, please join God's Youth Ministry to make Good Deed Bracelets as St. Therese did in her childhood. Nice reminder to do good deeds for Lent! Meet us in the school gym following the 9:45AM Mass on **March 5**, and enjoy a free buffet breakfast. Co-sponsored by GYM and The Marian Guild. God bless you!

ASHES TO THE HOMEBOUND

Parishioners may take ashes to the homebound. There are envelopes located in the rear of the Church, as well as a copy of a prayer service to be used for distribution of ashes at home. Bring the envelope to be filled to the priest or minister that is distributing the ashes. Note: It is not necessary to give ashes to infants and very young children, under the age of 7, because they are not yet capable of personal sin.

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God's Plan for Giving

Thank you for your continued generosity to our wonderful Parish. You are the reason we are so successful!

February 12, 2017 \$11,265*

February 13, 2016 \$15,119

*Snowstorm

SAVE THE DATE!

On Tuesday, February 28, the members of God's TYM will be sponsoring a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner/Fat Tuesday Desserts** from 5-7:30PM in the school gym. The evening will include the Burning of Palms and the Blessing of Ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday. Cost: \$8 (per adult), \$5 (per child) ages 5-12, children under 5 are free. All proceeds will support our Parish high school youth group, God's TYM. For additional information, please call or text Colleen at 914-456-1442.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening at 7:30PM in the Church. All are invited to attend.

St. Mary Parish Ministry Programs

Nurturing with Joy Our Babies: *Active Parenting: The First Five Years Program* is being offered - come learn the ages and stages of young children and what their "job" is in each year. We will meet on Tuesdays, at 2:30PM, in the Parish Office.

Nurturing with Joy Our Toddlers and Preschoolers: *Active Parenting: The First Five Years Program* is being offered - come learn the ages and stages of young children and what their "job" is in each year. We meet on Wednesdays, at 10AM, in the Chapel on Bedford Avenue.

Christian Active Parenting for parents of children from ages 5 to 12 will be offered beginning Tuesday, March 21, during Religious Education Classes, from 6 to 7:30PM in the school.

All of these programs are led by Catherine Cwiakala, LMSW, Parenting Ministry Director and Grief Counselor. Informational flyers are on the table in the back of Church and on our parish website. Please call 896-6400 for more information and/or to register.

RETURN LAST YEAR'S PALMS TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S ASHES

Where do the ashes that begin the Season of Lent come from? They come from the palm branches that were blessed and distributed during Palm Sunday last year. Because they are sacramentals, they must be disposed of in a proper way. Please bring back last year's palms and place them in the basket on the table at the rear of the Church by Sunday, February 26.

K of C MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & OPEN HOUSE

St. Mary's Council #4065 Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will be having a Membership Drive and Open House. Their members will be at the doors of the Church before and after Masses on **February 25/26**, providing information and taking names of those who may be interested in attending their **Open House on Saturday, March 4th**, 12 to 4PM, at their Council Hall on Route 82, Hopewell Junction, (between All Angels Hill Rd. and Handshakes Grill). We are a Catholic, family, fraternal service organizations serving our Parish with charitable deeds and financial support. All Catholic men and woman ages 18 and over are welcome. For more information, contact Steve Washburn at (845) 392-4448.

Book Club

The book for Saturday, March 11, is *I Burned for Your Peace, Augustine's Confessions Unpacked* by Peter Kreeft. The book for Saturday, April 8, is *Night's Bright Darkness* by Sally Read. The Book Club meets in the Chapel at 10AM. All are welcome.

Elementary School Open Houses March 14, and April 4

The Catholic School Region of Dutchess invites you to experience Catholic schools in action by visiting during a Touring Tuesday **Open House** event. Prospective parents are invited to visit from 9 to 11AM, or by appointment. Reservations are required for Touring Tuesdays. **RSVP to 646.794.2885 or www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org**. Additional Open House dates and times will be scheduled during Catholic Schools Week, January 29 through February 3. We look forward to welcoming you!

CATHOLIC WIDOWS and WIDOWERS of DUTCHESS and PUTNAM COUNTIES

The group will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **February 21st**, at 7:00PM in the Parish Meeting Room at Saint Kateri Church, 1925 Route 82, in Hopewell Junction. For more info, please call Joan at 223-3097.

Post Abortion Announcements

On **Saturday, March 4**, an "Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer and Healing for women who are suffering as a result of an abortion will take place in Putnam County, directed by Rev Richard Gill. For additional information and confidential reservations please call Theresa Bonopartis at [718.881.8008](tel:718.881.8008) or email lumina@postabortionhelp.org. Come and experience the mercy of God!

Discovering Christ

by Ralph Capasso

What happened to the other thief
Who evidenced his disbelief?
Though he turned his head away,
Would he redemption gain that day?
Barabbas, whom the people freed,
Would Jesus for him intercede?
As Pilate deftly turned his back
Forgiven was he for his lack?
Judas, traitor, money-craved
Perhaps found out he, too, was saved.
All those who clamored for His death
Pardoned were they in one breath?
For Christ said with His end in view,
"They know not, Father what they do –
Forgive them!"

ACTS Retreat: What Is It?

It's a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by men who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Spiritual Director and sponsored by the Church of the Holy Name of Mary in Croton-on-Hudson. Retreat activities focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships. Participants return to their parish faith communities with a deeper love for each other and a desire to become more involved. The dates of the retreat this year are March 2-5, 2017. For more information please contact Ray Byrnes at 914.456.7133 or Deacon Mel Pampolina at 475.8779, visit the website at hnmactsny@yahoo.com or call 201.446.6509.

Fishkill Food Pantry

Thank you! The Feeding Our Neighbors Food Drive was a tremendous success. Our wonderful parish family donated a total of 754 bags of groceries, and we collected \$1,941 in donations. Thank you to all who volunteered, especially those who braved the cold and wind on Sunday. A special thank you to Terrence who ran several truckloads to the FP for us. We are truly blessed to have so many caring people in our parish and community. God bless you all!

Healing Mass

A monthly Mass of Healing is held at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in Middletown, on the last Thursday of the month. The next Healing Mass will be held on February 23, at 7PM. Please call Carol Bezak at 343-1879 x 22 for more information.

Boys' Day-By-Day-Agape (DDA) Retreat, March 2-5

This retreat is for high school teens 14+ years old. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, come! Teen team members present talks on their own lives, struggles and triumphs in Christ; Friars, adult team and CYFM community help facilitate and support. Come to this amazing weekend of prayer, listening, sharing, growing, and feeling the love of Christ. Disconnect from stress and reconnect with what truly matters while enjoying a weekend full of laughter, prayer, music, wonderful meals and other awesome teens. Cost \$140/pp for materials, meals and lodging. Early Bird/\$125 (must be postmarked 9 days prior to retreat). All paperwork and non-refundable \$75 deposit must be received by registration deadline, 2/28. For info and application contact CYFM or visit our website: www.cyfm.org and click on "events". CYFM Garrison, Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY 424-3609.

Let's Go Play in the Sun at Pocono Downs

The Fourth Degree Knights will be hosting a bus trip to Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs Casino in Wilkes-Barre, PA, on Thursday, March 23rd. The cost of the bus will be \$30 per person, which includes a tip for the driver. The bus will leave Knights' Hall at 7:30AM. The Hall is located at the corner of All Angels Hill Road and Route 82, behind the Mobil Gas Station. For more information contact Bill Hunt at 896-6187 or 549-5165. All proceeds will go to a charity of the Knights' choosing.

Free Respite Care for Caregivers of Alzheimer's/Dementia

If you are a caregiver for a person with Alzheimer's or Dementia, "**Worship Respite Care**" offers you time to connect with your house of worship or just take time for yourself by providing a few hours each weekend of respite care for your loved one. Call Marjorie Marks, Program Coordinator, at 763-6219 or 452-6050, for more information.

AAU Basketball Tryouts

Dare2BGreat is having tryouts for spring AAU teams. The tryouts will be held from 5-7PM as follows: Boys 14 and under: 2/20 and 2/23; Girls 14 and under: 2/21; Boys 12 and under: 2/22. All tryouts will be held at St. Luke's, 850 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon. For more information before the tryouts, please call or text Coach Rod at 505-3400.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Rombout Fire Company is hosting this event on Sunday, **February 26**, from 8 to 11AM, at the fire house. Pancakes, eggs, omelet station, sausage, bacon, juice, coffee and tea. Adults - \$10, Seniors - \$9, Children under 12 - \$5. For more information, please call 896-8620.

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