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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.

MASSES

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:

PASTOR

Reverend Joseph A. Blenkle

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

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Mrs. Rita Smaila, Mrs. Dorothy Drusik

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.

PARISH SCHOOL

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St. Mary's Chapel - 1863



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BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE! LENT CAN HELP US DO JUST THAT!

Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent, challenges us to ponder the reality we most dread to consider, our own death. The journey of life and of being a disciple of Christ begins with the task of seriously reflecting on one's own death, embracing it so that one can truly embrace life. May the gift of the holy ashes placed on your forehead on this coming ancient holy day, help you to realize that only by a Christ-like death can you experience the promise of Easter life. (Sounds gruesome but it helps some people to place some dust of the earth in a small plastic bag and place it in their prayer corner or on their desk or some place where they are sure to see it every day, as a daily reminder of death. It helps them treat each of these forty days as significant.)

Jesus did not call his disciples to go forth on crusades to battle distant evils. Rather, He called them to face evil right in their midst. The first place to encounter darkness and evil, and the most dangerous place, is in your heart. Few are willing to explore that dark, mysterious dwelling, since to do so could mean not only discovering evil but also might require making radical life changes. It is so much easier to point a finger somewhere else, to look for evil outside yourself in those with whom you work or live, in your parish, local neighborhood or society. It is easier to lament and to condemn evil and violence on the television, among those who live in the inner city or those of other races. After all, nothing is demanded of us personally when we point the finger of accusation outward.

Lent holds the great challenge to reform self, not society. Lent is that season to renew your heart and not the hearts of others. Lent is a time of personal revolution based on the principle that truly revolutionary changes come into the world one by one, heart by heart.

As we approach the beginning of this time of renewal, let us take a look at the direction in which our finger of accusation is pointing. Is it pointed at our spouse, friends, co-workers, those in responsible positions, or at the world? How often have we found that famous finger is pointed at ourselves? When it is, have we found copious good reasons for turning it away?

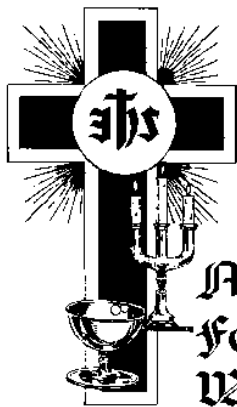
We invite everyone to take a wood chip (located in a basket in the rear of the Church) and carry it with them throughout Lent as a daily reminder that we share in the burdens of Christ's cross and to remind us of the voluntary Lenten sacrifices, acts of prayer, almsgiving and fasting that should be part of our Lenten practices. We will ask you to return the wood chips on Passion Sunday as a symbol of your Lenten sacrifices. All the chips will then be put together to form a Good Friday cross, a symbol of our union with Jesus in His death and resurrection, which will be used as the cross of adoration during the Good Friday Liturgy. The memorial acclamation will be "Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us and is risen from the dead. He is our saving Lord. He is joy for all ages." Finally, during Lent, in addition to the 7AM and 9AM Masses, there will be a 5:30PM Mass as well. Please consider joining us.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence - During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of faith and abstinence.

FASTING requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Nor is there eating between meals. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige through age 59. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

ABSTINENCE prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their lives. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of **Fast and Abstinence**. **Fridays in Lent** are days of **Abstinence**.



Masses For The Week

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE INTENTION OF or IN MEMORY OF

Monday, February 27

- 7:00 Robert V. Landi – Family
- 9:00 Irma Garrand – Guardian Self Storage

Tuesday, February 28

- 7:00 James Doherty – Anthony Sexton
- 9:00 Margaret Deese – Carolyn Sorensen

Wednesday, March 1

- 7:00 John Ryan – Mary Shaw
- 9:00 Helen Coris – Dolores Daley & Robert Schoen

- 5:30 Joseph Conklin – Fedigan Family

Thursday, March 2

- 7:00 Nancy Bohlin – Family
- 9:00 Lucy Aversano – Florence & Joe Barra
- 5:30 Ann Katz – Isis Vega

Friday, March 3

- 7:00 Roger Martin Brady, Jr. – M/M Michael Gillies
- 9:00 J. Kenneth O'Connor – St. Mary School Faculty and Staff
- 5:30 Fay Northam – Ainsworth Family

Saturday, March 4

- 9:00 Robbi Lynn Janicker – Love, Mom & Dad
- 5:30 Stephanie Barnes – Broughton Family

Sunday, March 5

- 7:15 Parishioners
- 8:30 Margaret Darcy Heyer – Yaremko Family
- 9:45 Jean Del Duca – Hoinkis Family
- 11:15 J. Kenneth O'Connor – Metz Family
- 12:45 Helen Basso – Alice Cantalupo

TABERNACLE CANDLE



Intention of / In Memory of Requested by
Peter M. Hartney, Sr. Maureen Hartney

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Ernest Russo Craig J. Russo



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Intention of / In Memory of Requested by
Carol Ann Veltri Husband & Family
Claire Fortin Rose & Rick Kozak

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.

WE ARE A TITHING PARISH

God's Plan for Giving

Give your hearts to Christ and let Him direct your giving so that we can be all that we can be as a member of the Church. We are grateful that so many of our parishioners are doing just that.

February 19, 2017 \$16,335

February 20, 2016 \$16,255

SAVE THE DATE!

On this 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.

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.

St. Mary's Bereavement Ministry: You are invited to discover *The Ten Biggest Myths About Grief*. This is the topic for our next meeting on Thursday, March 16, at 1PM, and repeated at 7PM, in St. Mary's Chapel. All are welcome.

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.

Marian Guild

The next meeting of the Marian Guild will be on **Monday, March 13**, at 7PM in the Chapel on Bedford Avenue. Our guest speaker will be Father Adolf, and we look forward to welcoming him. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. New members are welcome to join us!

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!

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.

WOOD OF THE CROSS

Please pick up a wood chip located in the vestibule of the Church on March 4/5 and carry it with you during Lent as a daily reminder of Jesus' Cross. Towards the end of Lent the wood chips will be collected and used to form the Cross for Good Friday.

Discovering Christ

by Ralph Capasso

Whenever the Gospel's read,
Our response to show accord,
As we sign our lips, heart, head,
Is "Glory to You, Lord!"

What these words truly impart
Is, "Jesus in my mind, words, heart."
Then truths of Christ are dwelt upon
By Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and John.

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 Healing Mass, with a free flow of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Benediction and individual prayers for healing following the Mass, will be held on Tuesday March 7, at St. Kateri Parish, 1925 Rt 82, LaGrangeville. Guest Celebrant will be Fr. James Sheridan of St. Columba. Praise and Worship begins at 7PM; Mass at 7:30PM. Contact Pat or Joe at 440-3519.

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.

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!

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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