

# Saint Mary

Mother of the Church

March 12, 2017 • Second Sunday of Lent

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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

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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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## ***BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE!***

***“WE ARE NOT CALLED TO BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT FAITHFUL.” ~ Mother Teresa***

She rises each day at 5AM in her tiny prison cell. She spends the first hour in quiet prayer; then fueled by countless cups of coffee, she begins her rounds of the cell blocks distributing clothing, blankets and soap to prisoners. She visits the prison hospital, counsels new inmates, and meets with families. She has diffused tensions between desperate inmates and nervous guards; she has made the most recalcitrant convict accept responsibility for his crimes and seek forgiveness from his victims.

She is not the warden. She is not a guard. She is a 78 year old nun known as Mother Antonia. Her home is Tijuana’s La Mesa Prison, just across the border from San Diego. She has lived among the 6,000 inmates of what was once one of Mexico’s most dangerous prisons.

The only member of her order allowed to live inside the prison, Mother Antonia spends ten hours a day among the prisoners. Sisters in her community work in Tijuana’s neighborhoods providing support for families of both inmates and guards, counseling mothers separated from children, even helping arrange funerals for those who die in prison.

Mother Antonia’s own life and upbringing could not have been more different. Mary Clarke was the daughter of a wealthy Los Angeles businessman. A striking beauty, Mary grew up in a Beverly Hills mansion with Dinah Shore and Cary Grant for neighbors. Twice married, she raised seven children who adore her. Mary’s many hours of charity eventually led to divorce. In 1977, her marriage over and her children all grown, Mary felt a powerful pull to do more.

With the support of her children, she sold her belongings and drove to Tijuana, where she had been making church sponsored relief visits, and began religious life. She convinced the warden to let her stay and began the dangerous task of winning inmates over with small acts of kindness.

Her journey from Beverly Hills to the barrios of Tijuana is chronicled in the book, “The Prison Angel” by Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan.

“I wanted to dedicate my life to the poor,” she says, “I didn’t want to just pity them. I wanted to become a significant part of their lives. I guess you could say I’m in love with these people who the rest of the world finds unlovable.”

The warden believes that Mother Antonia is the most important person at La Mesa. “Mother Antonia brings hope to men and women here. And they find hope in themselves. She spreads the love of God.” Beloved by the guards, her presence has made their jobs safer and more humane.

What drives her, she says, is her faith. “My faith is what makes my heart beat. That’s who I am.” Of her work among the prisoners of La Mesa, she says: “Like a mother, I always search for the best in my sons.” The simplest acts of kindness and forgiveness, our humblest offers of help and affirmation may be the seed that transforms a life.

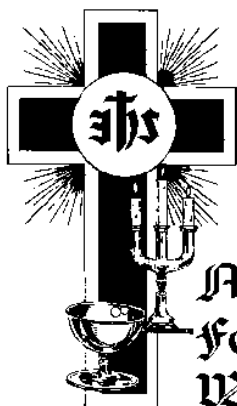
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***Lenten Fast and Abstinence*** - During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of faith and abstinence.

***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, March 13

- 7:00 Ruth Holze – Deacon Paul & Sarah Smith  
9:00 Clarence Duprey – The Bulson Family  
5:30 Joseph Boniello – Mary & Children

#### Tuesday, March 14

- 7:00 Helen Komornik – M/M Nicholas DeLuca  
9:00 Catherine Aldridge – Friend, Pat Martens  
5:30 Robert P. Moran – Family

#### Wednesday, March 15

- 7:00 Carol Giusto – Berish Family  
9:00 Terry Irushalmi – Carolyn Sorensen  
5:30 Betty Cheshire – Neil & Anne Marie

#### Thursday, March 16

- 7:00 Josephine Pulicano – Children, Paul, Chris  
and Diane  
9:00 Irene Silvestri – Bob & Lillian Harvatin  
5:30 Angelo Pietrillo – John & Mary Buzzurro

#### Friday, March 17

- 7:00 Ruth & Bill Holze – Fran McEwan  
9:00 Concepcion Montanez – José and Carmen  
5:30 Stefanie Calamari – Shanny Family

#### Saturday, March 18

- 9:00 Marcela Salvia – The Ruffy Family  
5:30 John & Rose Timar – Irene & Milan  
Kostrna

#### Sunday, March 19

- 7:15 Parishioners  
8:30 Sr. Barbara Heil – Davis Family  
9:45 William Riedy – Rita Smaila  
11:15 J. Kenneth O'Connor – Hoinkis Family  
12:45 Charles Scully – Frank Straub

### TABERNACLE CANDLE



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Broderick & Kelly Families      O'Connell Family

### ***Vietnam Rosary Parish Unity Candle***

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Mary & Ray Seng      Sarah & Rich Jerro



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Carol Ann Veltri      Husband & Family

## ***PARISH NEWS***

### **GALA RAFFLE TICKETS & EVENT TICKETS ON SALE**

Win \$1,000 or \$500

March 25, 2017: Raffle and Event tickets are being sold after all Masses this weekend and next weekend. You may also purchase tickets at the Parish Office. Enjoy a fun-filled evening while supporting our school and honoring Fr. Adolf!

## **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](http://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](mailto:smsgala2017@gmail.com).

**LENTEN SERIES**  
**Mondays during Lent**  
**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. Please join us as we journey through Lent and strive for a deeper friendship with Jesus.

**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.

**Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord** as spring is in the air and Easter is around the corner. Join the Children or Adult Choirs for this brief but important liturgical season. We are especially interested in tenors and basses. Peace, joy and love to all!

**WE ARE A TITHING PARISH**  
**God's Plan for Giving**

We enjoy a high standard of living. St. Mary's high standard of giving is a worthy response. Many, many thanks!

March 6, 2017	\$16,667
March 7, 2016	\$17,088

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Envelopes are available on the table in the rear of the Church. This is a wonderful way to remember your beloved parents, relatives and friends.

**Lent Daily Mass**

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

**St. Mary School Drama Club**  
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Join Ariel and all her friends on this "Under the Sea" adventure!

Friday, March 17 @ 7PM  
Saturday, March 18 @ 7PM  
Sunday, March 19 @ 3PM

Tickets are \$6 per person and are being sold at the door. Make Ariel "Part of Your World"!

**Praying Hands Ministry**

The knitters and crocheters of St. Mary's are having a meeting on Saturday, March 18, from 9:30 to 11:30AM. We will be meeting at the Chapel on Bedford Avenue. There are many projects we are working on. If you would like to join us, whether you are an expert in your craft or would like to learn, please come to our gathering. Join us for a cup of tea and a friendly chat. Call Rosanne at 226-4402 if you would like to find out more information.

**WOOD OF THE CROSS**

Please pick up a wood chip located in the vestibule of the Church this weekend 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.

**Catholic Relief Services**

Next week our parish will take up *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise.

**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](http://www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org).** We look forward to welcoming you!

# St. Mary Parish

## Ministry Programs

**Nurturing with Joy Our Babies:** *Active Parenting: The First Five Years Program* is being offered – come learn about safety and preventing problems. 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 about safety and preventing problems. We meet on Wednesdays, at 10AM, in the Chapel on Bedford Avenue. **Please note: No session on this Wednesday, March 15.**

**Christian Active Parenting:** *Open up lines of communication and stimulate independence and interdependence as your child grows older.* The CAP Program begins Tuesday, March 21, during Religious Education Classes, from 6 to 7:30PM in the school.

**Active Parenting - First Five Years:** This new innovative program gives crucial up-to-date information about the first five years of parenting. (See [www.ActiveParenting.com/FFY-parents](http://www.ActiveParenting.com/FFY-parents)). It will begin on Thursday, March 30, at 7PM in the St. Mary's Parenting Office.

**St. Mary's Bereavement Ministry:** *"I have found that the myths and unrealistic expectations that society maintains for grievers are some of the worst problems any griever has."* (Therese Rando, PhD, [How to Go On Living When Someone You Love Dies.](#)) Discover *The Ten Biggest Myths About Grief*. This is the topic for our next meeting on this Thursday, March 16, at 1PM, and repeated at 7PM, in St. Mary's Chapel. All are welcome.

*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.*

### Living Stations of the Cross

The students of St. Mary School will be presenting a Living Stations of the Cross on **Friday, March 24**, at 7:30PM in the Church. All are invited to attend.

## Lenten Retreat Day

Mt. Alvernia is sponsoring this event on **Thursday, March 16**, from 9AM to 3PM. The retreat day includes continental breakfast, full lunch and concludes with Mass. Suggested donation is \$30 per person, or \$50 per couple.

## Baby Shower for Birthright

St. Mary's Columbiettes will be hosting their annual Baby Shower to benefit Birthright and CareNet pregnancy support groups on **Sunday, April 2**, from 1 to 3PM at 4065 Hall, Knights of Columbus, Route 82 and All Angels Road. Needed items: disposable diapers (all sizes), crib sheets, new and gently used clothing size newborn to 3T. For more information, please call Kathy at 227-5015.

## Discovering Christ

*by Ralph Capasso*

Under the appearance of bread and wine  
Christ gives to us, Himself, Divine.  
Inviting us with Him to sup,  
To drink from His Eternal Cup,  
Providing Manna without fail,  
Christ is, Himself, The Holy Grail.

## Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Children, as well as teen and adult readers who wish to participate, please sign up at the table in the rear of Church. Please arrive at 7:15PM on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Parish Office at 896-6400 with any questions. Thank you.

## CATHOLIC WIDOWS and WIDOWERS of DUTCHESS and PUTNAM COUNTIES

The group will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

## Saints for Youth Retreat

Finding the extraordinary in the ordinary! Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries presents: **Saints for Youth Retreat!** Get to know the heroes of our Church, everyday people who discovered holiness all around them. These men and women where just like us, and their stories still impact us today. Join us as we dive deeper into their stories, hardships, and discoveries of holiness in their daily encounters. Every generation has its saints, will it be you? Friday, March 17, 7PM through Sunday, March 19, at 2PM. \$125 per person includes lodging, meals and materials. Application and non-refundable \$60 deposit due by March 14. For information and application contact CYFM or visit our website: [www.cyfm.org](http://www.cyfm.org) and click on "events". Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFMGarrison. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY 424-3609.

## Pancake Breakfast

The Rombout Fire Company (901 Main Street) is hosting this event on Sunday, March 26, at the firehouse from 8 to 11AM. Pancakes, eggs, omelet station, sausage, bacon, juice, coffee and tea. Adults/\$10, Seniors/\$9, Children/\$5. For more info call 896-8620 or [www.romboutfire.com](http://www.romboutfire.com).

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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.

### Pizza and Soup Night

Protection Engine Company (1132 Main Street, Fishkill) is sponsoring **Pizza and Soup Night** every Friday during Lent from 4:30 to 8PM. Pizza for \$11 and New England or Manhattan clam chowder for \$8 a quart. Fresh homemade cannoli - \$3 each. Freshly baked sfogliatella - 3 for \$5. Eat in, take out or home delivery. Info: 896-6613.

### Book Club

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.

### OLLHS Legion of Honor Dinner

The Our Lady of Lourdes HS Legion of Honor Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 1, at Christos Catering, in Poughkeepsie. The 2017 honorees include Ellen Garvey Anderson, Greta Kreuz '75, John E. Mack IV '89 and Denise Doring VanBuren. \$100 per person includes cocktail reception, dinner, dancing and more. To reserve your space, place a journal ad or purchase a sponsorship to support this event, please contact Jeannie Wells at 845-463-0400, ext. 1009 or [wellsj@ollchs.org](mailto:wellsj@ollchs.org).

### Two Penny Social

A Two Penny Social will be hosted by St. Mary's Columbiettes on Sunday, March 26, at the 4065 Club, Home of the Knights of Columbus Hall, 399 Route 82 (next to Handshakes Restaurant). Doors open at 1:30PM, calling begins at 3PM. Grand prize of \$500 and a second prize of \$250 cash! We will also have a wide variety of unique gift baskets, a lottery board, and 50/50 raffle tickets. Lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring the family. Space is limited. Any questions, please call Donna at 297-0014 or Fran at 440-7033.

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