

*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024*



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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JANUARY 14, 2024

MASS Intentions

MONDAY – Jan. 15

7:45 AM † Kelly Starnes *req. by Claudette Farchione*

TUESDAY – Jan. 16

5:30 PM † Marjorie A. McHale
req. by Paul and Barbara McHale

WEDNESDAY – Jan. 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

7:45 AM † Jean Markham *req. by Michael & family*

THURSDAY – Jan. 18

7:45 AM † Norman Danner *req. by Patty Venditti*
† Margaret Haskell *req. by Mimsey Kelly*

FRIDAY – Jan. 19

No Mass

SATURDAY – Jan. 20

St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

4:00 PM † John and Carmella Mangona *req. by Family*
† John David Lynett
req. by Rosemarie and Mike Lynett
† Nancy Moran
req. by Donna Shinebarger
Special Int. of Joseph Naccarato
req. by Joyce Brosowski

SUNDAY – Jan. 21

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Rose Sansiveri *req. by brother, Al*
† Earl and Bea Wood *req. by family*
† Holy Souls in Purgatory
† Pro Populo

10:00 AM † Margaret Haskell *req. by I. Hogan and family*
† Roger Reese *req. by Charlene Reese*
† Marilyn Thode
req. by Caren and Bill Chiarelli

12 Noon † Thomas A. Rodick *req. by Monica Prophet*
Special Int. of Izabella
Special Int. of Vitality Sobolivsky and family

Rosary after Mass, Mon., Wed. & Thurs.

ST. MARY'S, BALLSTON SPA

We thank you for your sacrificial offering of:

	Jan. 7	Parish Improvements
Envelopes & Loose	\$8,140	\$4,540
On-line Giving	3,995	920
Total	\$12,135	\$5,460

To cover our weekly expenses, we need \$11,500.

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real. — Father John Muir ©LPi

Readings for the week January 14, 2024

Sun.: The Lord invites us to come and stay a while with him. 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 /1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Thurs.: The Lord is always near to us, and heals us. 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/ Mk 3:7-12

Mon.: New ways can be better ways. 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Fri.: Jesus calls us by name to share in his mission. 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Tues.: The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-2

Sat.: Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved. 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-2

Wed.: Blessed be the Lord, my Rock! 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Sun.: Jesus is calling us today. Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-9/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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**Saturday, Jan. 13th
6:00PM**

and

**Sunday, Jan. 14th
3:00PM**

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with the continuation of
the journey mission.*

St. Mary's Church, Ballston Spa

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion,
Ushers, Resource Persons,
and cleaners**

8 AM Mass — Resource Persons and Ushers
are needed

10 AM and 12:00 Noon Masses —
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The job of a Resource person is to make sure there are enough volunteers at the Mass and to help in the sacristy. The church is also in need of volunteers willing to spend a couple of hours once a month to help clean the church. If you would like to help out with any of these ministries please call the office at 518-885-7411.



GROW IN CHRIST...making time for God.

**Novena to Miraculous Medal
Holy Mass Tuesdays at 5:30pm**
Confession after Mass until 6:30pm



First Saturday Rosary Devotion Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 3:00PM



Please join us to pray the Rosary as Our Lady's request ed at Fatima, Portugal. We will be meditating on the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Blessed Virgin Mary promised to St. Dominic and to all who follow that "whatever you ask in the rosary will be granted."

St. Mary's Seven Sisters Apostolate

1 Holy Hour a Week
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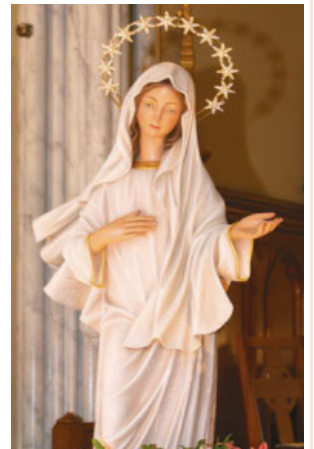
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church....Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole
foundation, you strengthen everything in the Church."*
- Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P. Founder

*Let us remain faithful in our tender and hidden prayer
offerings in the Eucharistic Presence, holding our priests
close to our hearts—but loosely so, for they are not
exclusively ours. Rather, they are ours to support as their
sisters and ours to bring to Mary their Mother.*

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group

Meets every other
Tuesday night after Mass.
Jan. 23th, Feb. 6th and
Feb. 20th

The Rosary is our refuge
and Mary, The Mother of
God, is our help at all
times of our lives.



"Dear children! I am carrying my Son Jesus to you to
fill your hearts with peace, because He is peace. Little
children, seek Jesus in the silence of your heart that
He be born anew. The world needs Jesus, therefore
seek Him through prayer, because He gives Himself
daily to each of you." - Dec. 25, 2023

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Week of January 14, 2024



God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

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man became a great saint through his small acts of
love!



The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian
anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve,
Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of
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ST. MARY'S MISSION, GALWAY, NY

SUNDAY MASS 9:30 AM

Jan. 14th † Robert Clancy *req. by Family*

Jan. 21st † Matthew Germond
req. by Colleen Germond

*No weekly offering from Jan. 7th
due to inclement weather*

To cover our weekly expenses, we need \$1,000

Young Family Group Gathering

will meet the last Sunday of the month following 10:00AM Mass
in the St. Mary's School Cafeteria and Gym.

For more information contact Chris and Elizabeth Figueroa
at 32figs@gmail.com or contact

Rebecca Cronin at the parish office at 518-885-7411.

Diocesan Appeal 2023/24

St. Mary's Ballston Spa/Galway

Thank you for your continued prayers and support
toward the Diocesan Appeal. Please help our parish
reach our goal. The generosity of St. Mary's
parishioners has always benefitted the growth
and evangelization in our diocese.



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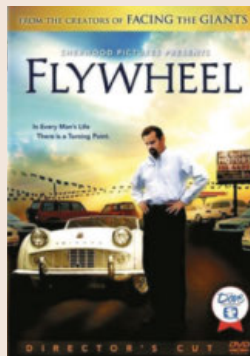
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events, ministries, , etc. Thank you!*

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**Join Us for a Movie
Night, January 26th
at 6pm
Flywheel
in the School
Auditorium**



**Office
Closed
Jan. 12 &
15th**

Parish Office Hours Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am—2:00pm

Sacrament of Baptism is held the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month
after the 12PM Mass. Baptism Preparation Class for first-time parents is
scheduled the 2nd Thursday of every month. Please call the parish
office at 518-885-7411. See the Baptism Register form on our website
at www.stmarysballstonspa.org/baptism

Sacrament of Matrimony — To be considered a parishioner at St. Mary's
you must be registered as a parishioner for at least one year, raised in
the parish, or have parents or grandparents who are registered parish-
ioners. Weddings must be booked a **minimum of six months** in advance
for marriage prep purposes. Please call Allison at the parish center,
518-885-7411.

Mass Schedule

Mon. Wed. and Thurs. 7:45 AM Tues. 5:30PM

Sat. Vigil 4:00PM Sunday 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00Noon

Reconciliation (Confession)

Tues. after 5:30PM Mass & Saturday 3:00-3:45PM, or by appointment

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Norton Pre-K

We had a special visitor
this month! Nona,
a student's grandmother,
came in and read
The Gingerbread Baby
to our class and
facilitated a fun morning
of making homemade
gingerbread houses!
What a fun way to gather
together and joyfully create
while we celebrate Advent.

Let's Kickoff Catholic Schools Week with some Pasta!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL IS HOSTING A PASTA DINNER!

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 the churches. I am the Root
 and the Offspring of David,
 and the bright Morning Star."
 - Revelation 22:16



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