

*Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord*

*March 31, 2024
Experience Faith in God*

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD — MARCH 31, 2024

MASS Intentions

MONDAY – April 1 Monday within the Octave of Easter
No Mass

TUESDAY – April 2 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

5:30 PM † Sheila Noel *req. by Nancy Pompa*
† James Farina *req. by Wife, Mary & Daughter Debbie*
Special Int. of Michelle Welborn
req. by Robert and Viviane Strain
Special Int. of Sandi DiNicola
req. by Christine Valosin

WEDNESDAY – April 3 Wed. within the Octave of Easter

7:45 AM † Helen Noel *req. by Nancy Pompa*
† Charles Verdile *req. by Godbout Family*
Special Int. of Christina Farello
req. by Robert and Viviane Strain

THURSDAY – April 4 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:45 AM Special Int. of Eric Brosowski *req. by Joyce Brosowski*
Special Int. of Nicole Sweeney
req. by Robert and Viviane Strain

FRIDAY – April 5 Friday within the Octave of Easter

9:30 AM First Friday

SATURDAY – April 6

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

4:00 PM † Jean Pierson *req. by Joe*
† Virginia D'Ambrosio *req. by Daughter*
† Eileen Hausmann
req. by Robert Kazalski and Therese DiGiacomo
† Sherry Underwood
req. by Dave and Kelley Brockmann

SUNDAY – April 7

Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 AM † Margaret DeFilippo *req. by Husband, Al*
† Holy Souls in Purgatory
† Pro Populo

10:00 AM † Richard Cerasani Caine
req. by Michael & Sally Planko
† Barbara Boyle *req. by Mimsey Kelly*
† Maria Refino *req. by Westlake Family (Teagan)*

12 Noon † Holy Souls in Purgatory *req. by Elise Markham*
† Stephen Flickenschild *req. by Alison & Grey Gorton*
† Thelma Inserno
req. by Carol, Peter, Benny, and Jack Brosseau

ST. MARY'S, BALLSTON SPA

We thank you for your sacrificial offering of:

The sacrificial offering of March 24 will be noted in next week's bulletin

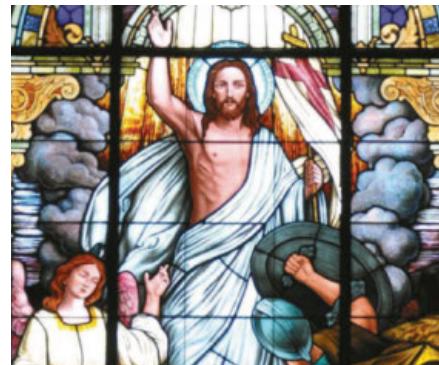
To cover our weekly expenses, we need \$11,500.

ST. MARY'S MISSION, GALWAY, NY

SUNDAY MASS 9:30 AM

March 31st † Deceased Members of St. Mary's Parish
April 7th † Daniel B. Reilly *req. by Mom and Dad*

The sacrificial offering of March 24 will be noted in next week's bulletin
To cover our weekly expenses, we need \$1,000



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Lord has risen! *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!* For the past six weeks we have opened our hearts to a deeper awareness of Christ's passion. We now celebrate the promise of His resurrection in all of its glory. Our lives have changed because the Light Has Risen! Each of us have been re-created for love, joy, zeal and gratitude. With Christ in our hearts, we now experience the graces which come from the His resurrection. We experience little miracles in our day-to-day lives. To keep the Spirit of the Risen Christ within us, we remember our Lenten Journey: *keep my promises, look for the good, listen for the truth, pray for vision, come out of the darkness, and join the crowd!*

May your days be filled with our Savior's love for you and your loved ones. I pray for all members of our parish family, those with us and those who have gone before us. May the peace and love of our Risen Lord bring comfort and strength to us all.

- In Christ, Father Francis Vivacqua

HE IS RISEN!



Readings for the week
March 31, 2024

Sun.: Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you. Acts 10:34, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Thurs.: God has raised Christ from the dead and opened for all the promise of the Resurrection. Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2 and 5-9/Lk 24:35-48

Mon.: Rejoice and proclaim the Good News of salvation. Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15

Fri.: Jesus is always with us. Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14

Tues.: Jesus has conquered everything – even death. Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Sat.: Persevere in prayer and trust in the Lord. Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-21/Mk 16:9-15

Wed.: Give thanks to the Lord, invoke his name. Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35

Next Sun.: We are called to live out God's mercy. Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

*Congratulations to our
RCIA Elect and candidates
who came into full communion
in the church on Easter.*

MICHAEL BINGHAM

JENNIFER COOMBS

ABIGAIL DANNA

STEVEN DANNA

SUSAN DANNA

ISAIAS DUBUQUE

KADEN LEARCH

SHERIDAN LYONS

JOSEPH MAHEUX

JADE VERRIGNI



Thank you
to all our Volunteers who have
assisted to make our church a
beautiful place to worship during
Lent and Easter!

A special thank you
to all those who volunteer at each
Mass in order for us to be able to
celebrate together at St. Mary's.
Please offer a pray of thanksgiving
for our volunteers during the
Easter Season.

Fr. Vivacqua and
St. Mary's Staff wishes you a
Blessed Easter Season.



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024

We will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday beginning at 2:30 PM

*Solemn Exposition and Benediction of the Eucharist
Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet
Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image*

Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy, known today as Divine Mercy Sunday, be preceded by a Novena to The Divine Mercy. A Novena is nine days of prayer in preparation for a feast. Pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy each day for a specific intention.

Our Lord told St. Faustina, "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw ... strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209).

*There is no right way to grieve
but letting yourself grieve is always right.*



St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group
April 9th 4-5PM
in the Parish Center

*This group will offer emotional and spiritual support
for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one
through death. Please call the parish office at 518-885-7411
for more information.*

GROW IN CHRIST...making time for God.

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



Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group

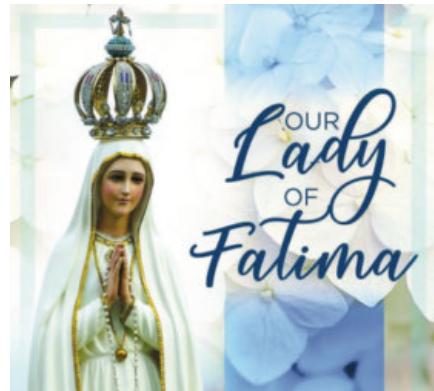


Meets every other Tuesday night after Mass.
April 2 and 16th
The Rosary is our refuge and Mary, The Mother of God, is our help at all times of our lives.

“Dear children! Pray and renew your heart so that the good which you have sown may bear the fruit of joy and oneness with God.

Darnel (*poisonous weed*) has seized many hearts and they have become unfruitful; that is why, you little children, be light, love

and my outstretched hands in this world which yearns for God Who is love. Thank you for having responded to my call.” - Message February 25, 2024



First Saturday Rosary Devotion **Saturday, April 6th at 3:00PM**

Please join us to pray the Rosary as Our Lady's requested at Fatima. We will be meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

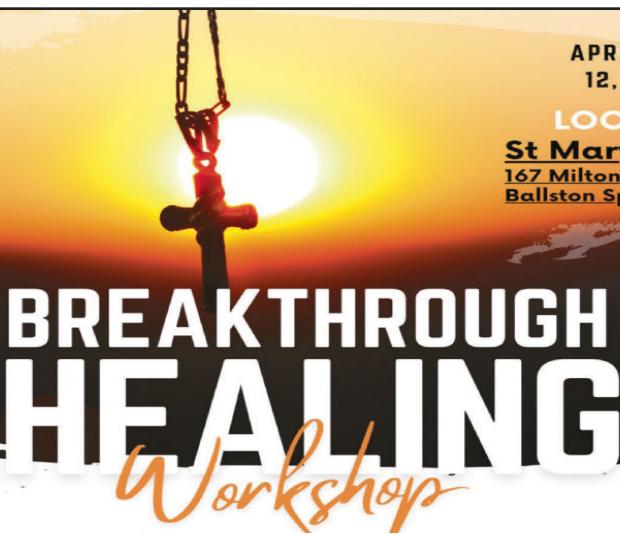
Mary promises us: “Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.”

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12, 13, 14

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Featured on EWTN and numerous Catholic publications around the world. Patrick and his wife Joy founded the Cross of St. Benedict Society and Joyful Hope Missionaries. Together with various priests, they travel internationally, ministering to thousands with their Breakthrough Healing Workshops. Healing and reconciliation occur on a regular basis when Campbell's gather to teach, pray with and spiritually empower those who are searching for individual and family healing. www.crossofstbenedict.com

**Scan the QR code to register
or click here!**



Starting Friday, April 12th at 3pm until Sunday, April 14th at 3pm
at St. Mary's Church, 185 Milton Ave., Ballston Spa, NY

For any questions you can email RosaMysticaJanine@gmail.com



Pancake Breakfast



First Sunday of every month

**Sunday, April 7th
9AM—12Noon**

**\$7 adult \$5 children/seniors/active duty military
St. Mary's students eat for FREE!**

Hosted by St. Mary's Church & St. Mary's School
Proceeds to benefit St. Mary's School Safety Programs

Office closed March 28th - April 1st.

It will reopen Tues. April 2nd

Please read the bulletin for important announcements!



Experience Faith in God

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Sacrament of Baptism—held the 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month after the 12PM Mass. Baptism Preparation Class (first-time parents) is the 2nd Thurs. 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 — You must be registered as a parishioner for at least one year, raised in the parish, or have parents or grandparents who are registered parishioners. 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.. 7:45AM, Tuesday 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

Holy Hour

Second Wednesday of the month 6:30PM

St. Mary's Playgroup

Adoration/Holy Hour 10-11AM, Chapel 2nd Sat. of the month

Requesting A Mass Card

Visit stmarysballstonspa.org/mass-intentions,
or stop in at the Parish Center or call the office at 518-885-7411
Mon.—Fri. 9am - 2pm, the offering is \$15.00

**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA),
Court McLaughlin #422, will hold its monthly meeting
on Tuesday, April 2nd
at the Knights of Columbus, 50 Pine Road, Saratoga Springs.**

Members gather at 5:45PM for recitation of the Rosary, followed by Past Regents' Recognitions, the awarding of anniversary pins and celebration of members' birthdays with refreshments. The regular meeting will begin around 6:30pm. CDA is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. Please join us. Any questions? Contact our Regent Lucille Koch by phone or text at 516-319-4577.

Diocesan Appeal 2023/24

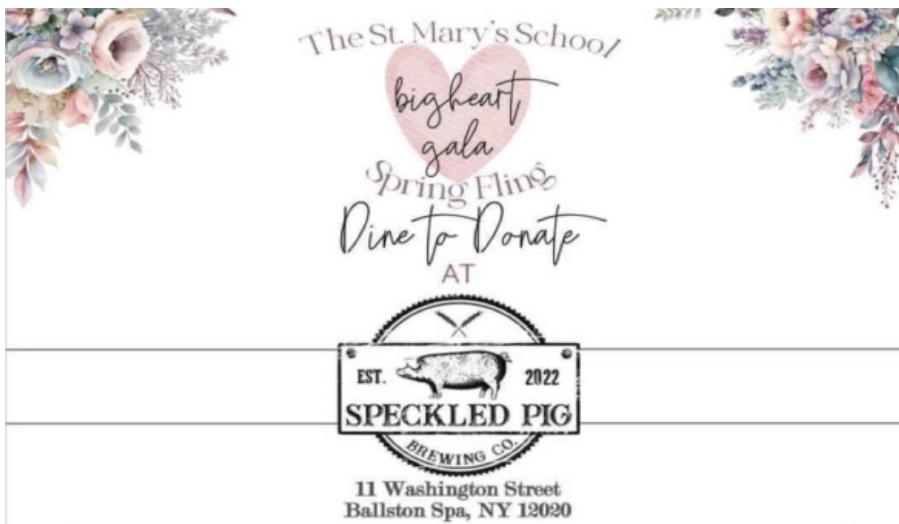
St. Mary's Ballston Spa/Galway

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.



Diocesan Appeal

Send your Diocesan Appeal Commitment Card to:
Diocesan Appeal
40 North Main Ave.
Albany, NY 12203



THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024 | 4:00 - 9:00 P.M.

St. Mary's School and Speckled Pig invite you to come get into the Gala spirit while enjoying a sneak peek of our exciting auction offerings! The school's fabulous raffle baskets will also be on display, and tickets will be available for purchase! Of course, no party is complete without fantastic food and drinks! To help make this night a success, Speckled Pig is donating \$1.00 for every pizza (including takeout) and pint of beer sold during the event! Don't miss this opportunity to socialize with friends while helping St. Mary's gear up for its biggest fundraiser of the year!

Can't attend but want to show your support? Just click:

<https://smsbsn.betterworld.org/donate>

St. Mary's School Ballston Spa



The weather this March has given us our fair share of clouds and rain but here in preschool, we see the sunny side of life! Our young learners are continuing to work hard at handwriting, problem solving and nurturing our growing friendships. We are observing Lent by learning new prayers and reflecting on our blessings when we gather together.

We created fuzzy lambs this week to represent the lamb of God, Jesus Christ. While creating, we recognized that everyone came out unique, just like us! As we look toward St. Patrick's day, we create art work with rainbows to show all the beauty in the world and the promise of God's love.

In preschool, we see tremendous growth in those small steps toward spring! We look forward to the warmth and the promise of new life, just under the surface waiting to be revealed!

God bless you all!

Love,
Mrs. Norton's Preschool classes



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to give you this testimony for
the churches. I am the Root
and the Offspring of David,
and the bright Morning Star."
- Revelation 22:16

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Trista Russo



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