"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight."

- Lk 10:30b-31, 33
Sandwich Making Team

We will be making sandwiches for the Catholic Charities Men’s Shelter in our Academy cafeteria on Friday, July 26th at 1:00pm. Please park in the back parking lot and enter through the double doors of the Academy. New volunteers are always welcome to join this team – just show up on Friday!

Music Ministry

FUNERAL CHOIR

St. Mary’s Funeral Choir: Music is an integral part of the funeral Mass. We are so fortunate to have a combined funeral choir consisting of members from both St. Mary’s and St. Augustine’s. We are seeking new members who would like to join us for funeral liturgies. Our funeral choir meets a half-hour prior or to all funeral masses. You will be notified via phone/email when a funeral is happening. If you are interested in joining us, please contact our Organist/Director of Music, Ryan Schaffer at 315-635-5762 ext 112 or email rschaffer@syrdio.org.

In the month of June, we welcomed the following children into our church family through the sacrament of Baptism:

Nora Grace DeKay
Rachel Marie Grabosky
Graysen Keegan Higgins-Pearsall

May the Lord give his angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways. Psalm 91:11

Safe Environment Training

Has your Safe Environment certification expired or is it about to expire? Do you volunteer for a ministry and still need to attend a Safe Environment training session? There are many initial certification and re-certification sessions being held throughout the Diocese each month! To view a schedule of upcoming training sessions or to register for a session, go to syrdio.org and select Safe Environment from the main menu. Choose Training for Adults and select either Initial Training or Re-certification, whichever you require. Then, follow the prompts.

There will be a Safe Environment Re-Certification Training held at St. Mary’s on Wednesday, July 17th at 6:30pm in the Gathering Space.

The diocesan Child and Youth Protection Policy requires Safe Environment training for all clergy, members of religious orders, parish and diocesan employees, and all volunteers whose ministry or role continues to place them in regular contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults. Re-certification is required every 5 years.

Questions? Contact Joelle Zarnowski, our Safe Environment Coordinator at 315-635-5762, ext. 102. Thanks for doing what you can to keep ALL of God’s children and vulnerable adults safe!

Important changes to the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy:

Effective February 1, 2019, any parish, school, or agency volunteer whose ministry or role places them in regular contact with children, youth, and/or vulnerable adults, must attend a Safe Environment re-certification training and pass another criminal background check by the expiration of their last train date.

Any volunteer who has lapsed on or prior to December 31, 2018, will have a grace period to satisfy the re-certification training requirements until June 30, 2019.

Volunteers who do not satisfy the re-certification Safe Environment requirement by the expiration of their last training date will receive a letter from the Office of Safe Environment that their Safe Environment credentials will be suspended indefinitely until the completion of the Safe Environment re-credentialing process.

The parish office will begin sending letters to volunteers at least 3 months prior to their expiration date to notify them of their need to re-certify. If you are no longer active in ministry, please contact the parish office to notify them of your change in status. They will contact the Diocese to have your information updated as well.

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Faith Formation News

Registration for the 2019–2020 Faith Formation year is now open! Visit the Faith Formation page on our website to register! Please register by July 31 to receive the Early Bird Discount!

CHANGES IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM:

Grades 1-6 will meet on Sundays from 10-11:30 or on Mondays from 6:30-8:00 only twice a month.

Grades 7-10 will meet on Sundays only, from 5:00-8:00 only once a month. This will include attendance at 5:00 Mass, a family-style dinner after, class time and a service activity. If this is something that your family truly cannot attend due to scheduling, please contact Mrs. Mackey.

Is your child receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion in this upcoming Faith Formation year?

If so, please be sure to register them for BOTH the weekly Faith Formation second grade class AND for the sacrament prep class. The total cost will be $60.

**St. Mary Academy students need to register for sacrament prep classes only**

Confirmation Requirement:

In order to be eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 10th grade, a student must have attended Faith Formation classes in 8th, 9th and 10th grade.

If your child attends Catholic school, your child must attend Faith Formation classes in grades 9 and 10 to be eligible to receive the sacrament in 10th grade.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

High Schoolers (Grades 8-12):

Our next Sports and Scripture is Saturday, July 20th, from 10AM - 12PM at St. Mary's. We'll have breakfast tacos, play basketball, and our topic will be Compassion. Keith Ceiplicki, Director of Jail Ministry will be joining Kathyne to talk about their experiences of ministering to inmates at the Justice Center. You won't want to miss it! Sign up with Kathyne (ksparaco@syrdio.org) if you are interested in attending.

Middle Schoolers (Grades 6 & 7):

Our next Food, Fun, Faith will be on July 23rd at St. Mary's from 12:30-2PM. We'll have a picnic, games and some Jesus time. Sign up with Kathyne if you plan on attending.

Parish Updates

Have you received our weekly updates?

We have been sending out weekly emails with important information about upcoming events and general parish information. If you would like to receive this email, please visit our website and click on the link on our main page! You can also contact the Parish Office to provide us with your email address.

Men of St. Mary’s Faith Group

Men 18 and up meet every Wednesday at 8:30pm in the Conference Room. Come and enjoy the fellowship of other men as we strengthen our faith together. We share the Gospel and encourage each other in the Faith. Come on your own or bring a friend. To get on the email list, questions, or comments: please contact Phil Fiorentino, via email: philip.fiorentino@gmail.com or (315) 439-8092.

Next meeting: July 17th

SANCTUARY LAMP & DIVINE MERCY LAMP

For a $10.00 donation you can have the Sanctuary Lamp or the lamp in front of the Image of Divine Mercy burn for one week in memory or in honor of someone special or a loved one. To arrange this stop by or call the Parish Office to see what weeks are available.
You’re Invited: Holy Smoke!

“Holy Smoke” evening gatherings started in 2018 at St. Mary’s Rectory over the spring/summer months. This was a hit and resumes July – September/October 2019 for a monthly Thursday evening and we would like to invite you! The theme continues with guest speakers to raise our awareness, discuss social action and build community. We plan on 7-9 pm outside of St. Mary’s Rectory (in the backyard) on Syracuse St. in Baldwinsville.

Thursday July 18th is our first gathering for the season and the topic/guest is “Bread For The Masses– The Community Feeding Each Other” presented by James Taylor of St. Augustine’s Parish. James will discuss a new program sponsored by both St. Mary’s and St. Augustine’s to bake bread for distribution to local soup kitchens, homeless shelters, etc. using the model of the Brady Faith Center. This is an opportunity for fellowship in community serving one another!

Beverages and snacks will be provided. And if you wish, bring a cigar!

Our gathering is not limited to the communities of St. Mary’s and St. Augustine’s, but please RSVP no later than Wednesday, July 17th by calling the St. Augustine’s Parish Office at 315-638-0585.

Hope to see you there!
The Holy Smoke Planning Committee

Passing of Richard Bingold

Richard Bingold, Catholic Evangelist, died on June 24, 2019.

St. Mary’s was blessed to have Richard visit the Parish twice to share his testimony of faith. He was an internationally recognized speaker and author who was known for his healing ministry that was said to be through the Blessed Virgin Mary’s intervention. He fashioned a "pilgrim" rosary with stones from the hills of Medjugorje and traveled the world with it praying over people.

Please pray for his soul and for his grieving family, including his wife Monique.

Condolences can be sent to:
Monique Bingold
PO Box 664
Alburg, VT 05440

Ode to Saint Cecilia

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More Kids’ Content

To sign up for FORMED visit: stmaryassumption.formed.org and input your information.
This week we remember in prayer:

**July 15—21**

Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
For Jim & Faith Casper (Living Intention)  
requested by Dc. Joe & Amy Casper
Wayne Horton  
requested by The Family
Raymond & Margaret Vulcan  
requested by Maggie Scholten
Jack Ladstatter  
requested by David & Harriet Witt
Joan Weeks  
requested by Barbara & Jack Allen
For Msgr. Richard M. Kopp (Living Intention)  
50th Anniversary of Ordination  
requested by The Gilhooly Family
For Mildred Chopko (Living Intention)  
requested by The Bianchetti Family
Dawn Diamond  
requested by Joe Diamond
Vanessa McCarthy  
requested by The McCarthy Family
Carmel Daino  
requested by Martha Rickey

**Weekly Mass Schedule**

**Monday, July 15**
6:45 am (Chapel)

**Tuesday, July 16**
10:45am (McHarrie)
7:00pm (Chapel)

**Wednesday, July 17**
6:45am (Chapel)

**Thursday, July 18**
6:45am (Chapel)

**Friday, July 19**
No Mass

**Saturday, July 20**
4:00pm

**Sunday, July 21**
7:00am
9:00am
5:00pm

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**2020 Mass & Lamp Intentions**

The 2020 Mass Book is now open for intentions. If you would like to have an intention said for a loved one, or have one of the lamps lit in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours, or call the office at 315-635-5762. The offering for Mass Intentions and Lamp Intentions is $10 per intention.

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**Parish Support**

Weekend of June 29th & 30th: $11,670.41  
Weekend of July 6th & 7th: $10,769.00

**Weekly amount needed to meet budget:**

$10,230.77  
*Thank you for all your support!*
Gospel Reflection

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
July 14, 2019
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving isn't too difficult, right? Many of us are surrounded by kind, lovely people trying to do the right thing. Indeed, to "love your neighbor as yourself" seems like it should be easy enough. Treat people like you would like to be treated. Bring the new neighbors some baked goods (normal and gluten-free, just in case). Chat with the bank teller about his holiday weekend. Write an occasional card to your sister "just because." There were probably varieties of these acts of kindness in Jesus' day. Perhaps substituting figs for cookies. But "exchange pleasantries with the traveling cloth merchant" isn't the example Jesus gives.

"A man fell victim to robbers... they stripped him and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead." The righteous pass by the scene of the dying man. The hero of the story is the one on the margins of Jewish society, who perhaps would not have been welcomed, in other circumstances, by the man now in the ditch. His neighborly love causes him to halt his journey, to tend wounds, and to pay for the man's care out of his own savings. Are we interruptible? Are we attentive to the hurts of others? Are we generous with our money and possessions?

In the past few weeks, who has crossed your mind as someone in need of help? Perhaps it's an acquaintance suffering from cancer. Maybe you were invited to donate or volunteer to a local social cause, but it just won't stick in your mind (or schedule) to make it happen. The needs of people are many and varied. We can't help everyone, but God does place opportunities in our path for compassion and courageous love. This week, be "the one who treated him with mercy."
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