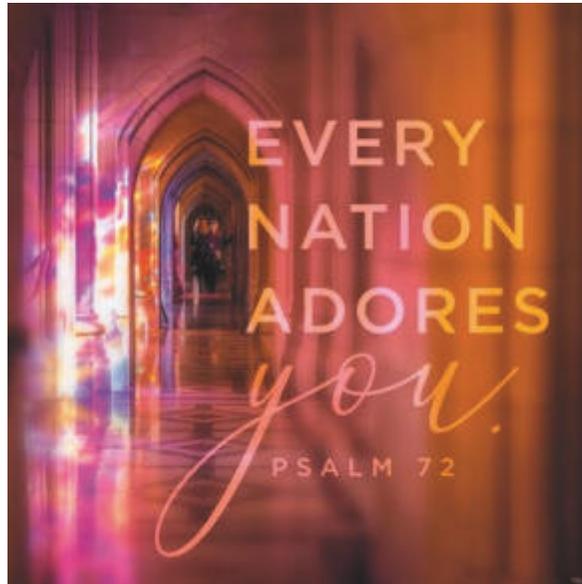


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January 3, 2020 The Epiphany of the Lord



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If you are moving: Please call or email the Parish Office with your new address and phone number or to let us know if you will be leaving our parish.

Adoration: of the Blessed Sacrament:
Tuesday : 9 am – 6:45pm (Church)
Confessions: Call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Mass Schedule:

All Masses Are Held In The Church

Weekday Masses: Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday at 9 am. No reservation needed.

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil at 4 pm and Sunday at 7:30 and 9 am. A reservation is needed. Reserve your spot on our website at www.stmarysbville.org. or call the parish office.

**You are invited to the Weekend Mass Taping on
Thursday, January 7 at 5:30 pm in the Church.**

During this time, Father Cliff will be saying Private Mass, holding us all in prayer, as well as the weekly scheduled intentions. Weekend Masses are available on our website for you to join. This week we remember in prayer:

January 4–10

People of the Parish

Teresa Schiro

requested by John & Mary Beth Drumm

Jeanne Rice

requested by Jody Moses Spilman

The Golden Family

requested by Jan & Jill Golden

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22–4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt
4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk
6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19–5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf.
11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk
5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b
[cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
[11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

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Welcome to our parish. We are happy that you are with us today and find everything you need. If you have been attending here for awhile, please join our parish family by going to our website and registering. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BURN A SANCTUARY LAMP OR DIVINE MERCY LAMP IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE?

For a \$10.00 donation you can have the Sanctuary Lamp or the lamp in front of the Divine Mercy Image burn for one week in memory or in honor of someone special or a loved one. To arrange this, call the Parish Office to see which weeks are available.

Parish Support

Weekend of December 27 \$ N/A

Weekly amount needed to meet budget:
\$10,230.77

Thank you for generosity and all your support!

MINISTRY TEAM INTRODUCTIONS:

Father Cliff has requested that the ministry team share who we are, and what we do in support of St Mary's community. Each week, and for the next several weeks we will highlight a different team member. Without your investment in who we are as a parish, and what we do in our ministries, we would not be able to minister to you.

Hello, my name is Renée Romance and I am a volunteer at St. Mary's. I have been coordinating our weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday, from 9:00 am – 6:30 pm, for three years. Adoration is when the Real Presence of Jesus is on the altar and we have the opportunity to pray to Him and just be with Him. It is a time of beautiful silence where you can talk to Jesus and if you take time to listen, you will probably hear Jesus talking to you. The Eucharist can never be left alone, so my job is to make sure that someone is always scheduled and that everything is set up and taken down for the day. Adoration would not happen without the commitment of many volunteers and I am very grateful for the people who participate in this beautiful spiritual experience.

When the Pandemic first began, just like many other church events, Adoration could not be held. Once we were able to have Mass again, we slowly began to resume the hours of Adoration and by September we were back to our normal schedule. Previously, we held Adoration in the Chapel, but now, to have enough space for social distancing, Adoration is held in the Church. I also used to be able to leave out books, rosaries and other materials for people to use for reading and praying, but we cannot do that at this time. I miss some of our Adoration regulars, who are unable to come due to the Pandemic, but on the other hand, we have some new faces and it has been joyful to see more people visiting with the Eucharist. I pray that in one year, more of our regulars will be able to return to Adoration and that more people will discover how spending time with Jesus in Adoration strengthens your spiritual life in a powerful way. And there is no doubt that the time that Adorers spend in front of the Blessed Sacrament, has a positive impact on the Parish Community at St. Mary's.

When everything initially shut down, the Ministry Team was very aware of the fact that without being able to have Mass, Confession and Adoration in person, this could negatively impact people's spirituality and connection to St. Mary's at a time when they needed it the most. That is when the idea of sending a weekly *Spiritual Connection* email was developed and implemented. For me, writing and putting together the *Spiritual Connection* each week has been an unexpected and wonderful gift from the Holy Spirit. I have always loved to write and being able to use my writing talent to ponder and share our extraordinary faith has sustained me during this complicated and stressful time. Doing it each week is enough of a blessing, but then I am humbled and gratified by the written comments, texts and one-on-one conversations that I have had with people who have shared how meaningful it has been for them. How the weekly email has helped them feel connected to our Faith community, at a time when although we are gathering for Mass and Adoration, we cannot interact the way we once did. Now, when I spend my time in Adoration, I often ask God what he would like me to write about for the next *Spiritual Connection*. What do people need? And when I sit down at my laptop, it is truly miraculous how the Holy Spirit shows up and guides my ideas and words.

I would like to personally invite you to stop by the church on a Tuesday and try Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Most importantly, thank you to everyone for your support of our Ministry Team and parish during the Pandemic.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

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January 3 The Epiphany of the Lord
 “Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are



Parish Updates

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE 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.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP

All our welcome to join St. Mary’s Bereavement Group being held on Mondays, Noon – 1 pm, or 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Please feel free to invite anyone you may know who might like to be a part of this journey. Sister Marcia Barry will present the following topics :

Defining Grief: January 11

Where Am I?: January 18

Prayer And Memories: January 25

What Gives Me Strength
Through My Loved Ones?:

February 2:

Grief In The Workplace:

February 8

How Can I Move Forward

And Incorporate Memories? February 15

Other topics are open to discussion. This is your group and we want to help you in any possible way.

Please call the Parish Office at 315-635-5762 to register, or if you have any questions.

BALDWINSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The friends and family of Evelyn Mercer, who passed away on September 4th, are establishing a perpetual scholarship in her name for a senior at Baker High School who will attend college as a music major. Evelyn was the organist and choir director at St. Mary's Church for nine years and a 16 year member of the Baldwinsville School Board. If you would like to contribute to this scholarship fund, please make a check payable to the **Baldwinsville Community Scholarship Foundation, Inc.** and send it to **William Mercer 25 Wilkinson Place, Baldwinsville, NY 13027.**

Youth Ministry

YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

Q: Why is your faith important to you?

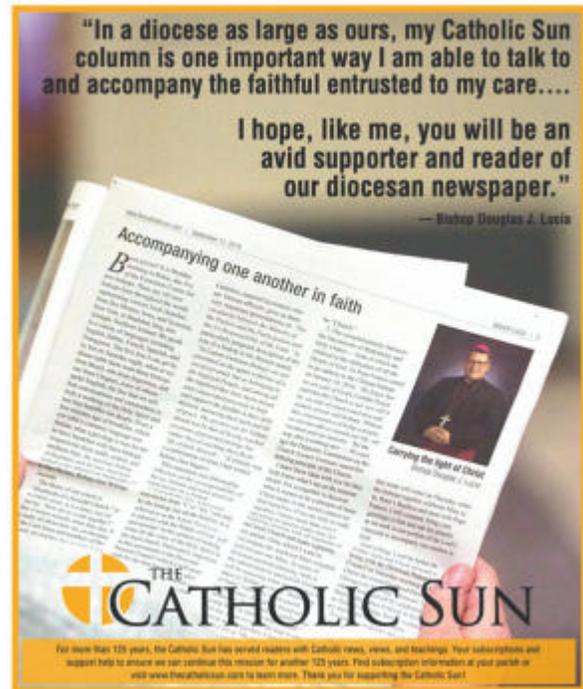
A: Andrew Sunderhaft Faith is important to me because without faith there is no ambition, and there is a need for faith so that we can hope in each other's actions. Faith is key in order to live a good Catholic life, and helps us make good choices.



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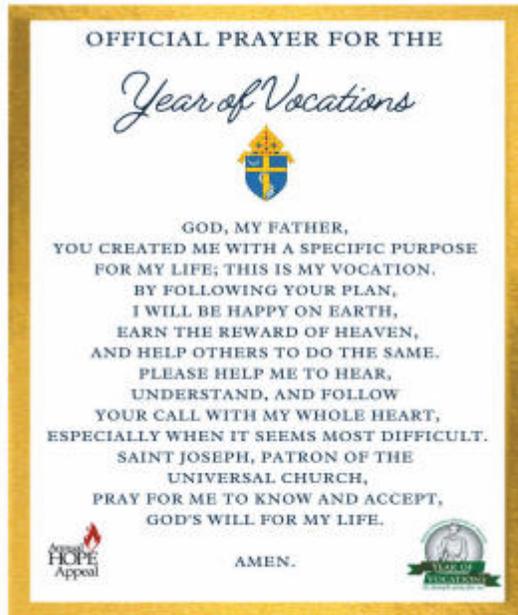


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Spiritual Communion

Make an act of faith. The key here is to express to the Lord: our faith in his merciful love and his real presence in the Eucharist. ...

Make an act of love. O Lord God, I love you above all things...

Express our desire to receive him.

Invite Jesus to come into our hearts spiritually.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramental-ly,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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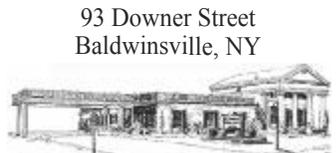


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