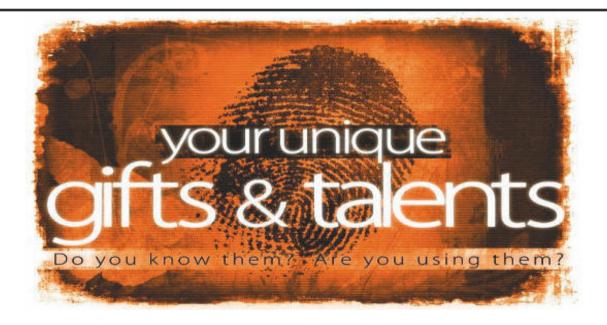
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Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:00pm

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<u>Daily Masses:</u> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00am

Monday and Friday; 12:05pm

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Fr. Scott Kubinski, Pastor 734-6255 ext. 103 fr.scott.kubinski@dor.org

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Mass Readings

Sunday, Jan 16 Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

Monday, Jan 17 1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, Jan 18 1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, Jan 19 1 Sm 7:32-33, 37 40-51 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, Jan 20 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12

Friday, Jan 21 1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, Jan. 22 1 Sm 1:1-4,11-12, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, Jan. 23 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

January Confession Dates:

Tuesdays: January 18 and 25 at St. Mary's with Fr. Scott

* Every Saturday: St. Mary's Church from 2:45 to 3:45pm.



<u>Sanctuary Candles</u> will burn the week of Jan. 16-23 in memory of or for:

- ♦ Anna Marie Dlugokinski by Mark & Mary Paluck Missert
- ⋄ Corrine Makovitch by Cal & Toni West
- ⋄ In memory of Daniel from Linda

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Bread & Wine:

- Daniel Brown by Mother, Alice
- ♦ Michael F. Tice by Mary Ann O'Herron

\$10 donation to offer the Bread and Wine used at Masses, or to have a Sanctuary Candle burn in honor or memory of your loved one for the week. The name(s) of the people will be listed here in the bulletin. Cards are available with this donation to send to the family/friends. Stop by the parish office or call to arrange these. Dates can be requested for a special occasion. Thank you.

We extend our sympathy to the Families of any recently deceased— Parishioners, Family Members or Friends especially –

Beverly Ermold, Jennifer Kitching, Faye Burke Sharon Ungvarsky

The Act of Spiritual Communion-

When we can't go to Mass and receive.

"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 sacramentally, 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. Amen.

Mass Intentions and Daily Schedule: January 15-23, 2022

Saturday, Jan 15 Sunday, Jan 16	4:00pm 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am	St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Patrick's	Jack Burke by Family Bob Agan by Peggy Chalk Mary Malone by Virginia & Brendan Curtin Bob Cavalier by Caryl Cavalier
Monday, Jan. 17	8:00am 12:05pm	NO MASS St. Mary's	Peggy Updyke by Family
Tuesday, Jan. 18	8:00am 9:00am 5-6pm	St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Mary Patelunas by Gary & Mark Karen, Fran & Mary Kubinski Confessions
Wed. January 19	8:00am	St. Patrick's	Prayer Service with Holy Communion
Thursday, Jan. 20	8:00am 11:30am	St. Patrick's St. Mary's	Mary Price by Sisters Rosary (In-person and livestream)
Friday, January 21	8:00am 12:05pm	NO MASS St. Mary's	Jerry Hogan by Woody & Mary Kay Woodworth
Sat. January 22	2:45pm 4:00pm	St. Mary's St. Mary's	Confessions James Maher by Robert & Theresa Bower
Sunday, January 23	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am	St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Patrick's	Chloe Gray by George & Mary Ann Novotny Angelo & Felicia Masi by Family Raymond R. Dibble by Marc Case

Collection: \$17,989. **December electronic giving:** \$12,762.50.

The Parish Office & Finance Office will be closed Monday, January 17 for the holiday.



Happy Birthdays:

Fr. Walt—January 20 Fr. Scott—January 23

Ministers of Holy Communion:

We will be working on a schedule very soon. If you are currently serving when called or you would like to become a Minister, please fill out the form below indicating what Mass times you wish to serve and any unavailable dates in the near future. Return form by way of the collection basket, or to the parish office no later than **February 1st.**

Name
PhoneCell
Available Mass Time(s)
Unavailable Dates:

What? Six Week Scripture Study of the Gospel of Luke When? Tuesdays: January 18, 25, Feb. 1,8,15,21 6:30-8pm

Where? Zoom or the Faith Formation Center in person To register: gwelch@tqcp.com or call the office Cost: Cost to own a book \$7, or you can borrow one.

Pope Francis Encourages "take scriptures to heart"

Pope Francis in an audience of Jan. 27 last year encouraged us to read and know the Bible. He wanted us to not simply focus on rote memorization rather on personal

encounter. His words reminded us that scripture is alive, that it speaks to us on an individual basis. Even though biblical stories are thousands of years old, we can recognize ourselves intimately in the characters and scenarios. As we begin 2022, we ask you to please read and study the bible this year. But know what Pope Francis says you are signing up for: "The Word of God infused with the Holy Spirit, when it is received with an open heart, does not leave things as they were before; never."

Please join us. We will be doing a six week zoom and in person Study of the Gospel of Luke. The Lectionary readings this year are from the Gospel of Luke. We will break open the gospel in guide discovery. We are using Kevin Perrotta's book "Luke the Good News of God's Mercy". The format is to build friendship with Christ by being immersed in his life from birth to Resurrection. If you wish to do it individually we will give you the book and you can check in with Deacon George for any questions. Get to know the person Jesus. Learn more about how the gospel of Luke applies to everyday life. Faithful to the church's teaching it appeals to beginners as well as to those familiar with the Bible. This is God's invitation to be more in relationship with the story of Salvation.

Proclamation of the Word on Sunday, January 23rd.

Undies Sundies:

The parish will be collecting NEW ONLY socks, sweatpants and socks for elementary school children in Diven, Holy Family, Fassett and Riverside Schools. Monetary donations will be appreciated also. (In a separate envelope marked "Undies Sunday).

Underwear sizes: 4/5, 5/6, 6/8 and

10/12

Sweatpants sizes: 5/6, 6/8, 10/12 Socks: (S) 7/8.5, (M) 8-9.5 (L) 9-11

Baskets for collection will be in the churches until February 27. Thank you!

Coats:

The Food Pantry will accept warm coats for Clients in need. Please bring them to the Faith Formation building. For more information contact Mary Beth Prechtl. 733-3484 or mary.beth.prechtl@dor.org.

Speaking out for Children and Workers:

Join your voice with others from around our diocese as the New York State legislature heads into a new Session. Our Diocesan Public Policy Committee invites parishioners to live out their faith by advocating for funding for programs that uphold human dignity. For our Public Policy Weekend on February 12-13, parishes will be gathering signatures on petitions asking Governor Hochul and our legislators to support two initiatives:

*Expand the Empire State Child Credit to include babies and children under 4 years of age. This tax credit provides monies to low and middle income families with children, but doesn't include the youngest children. We're asking for that to change, recognizing that struggling families with babies and toddlers need support, too. In fact the effects of financial instability are particularly adverse to the youngest among us. Stress and hunger can impair brain development, which is most rapid when children are very young, and can lead to lifelong deficits. Strengthening families' economic security helps not only the current generation of children, but the next, because poor children are much more likely to grow up to be poor adults.

*Increase Funding for Behavioral Health. During the pandemic many people came to a new appreciation of "essential workers" whose front-line jobs serve the community and can't be done remotely. However, appreciation doesn't always translate into adequate remuneration for the work they do. The direct service staff who care for people with mental illness and addiction deserve better wages.

Moreover, the work they do is even greater demand because increased isolation from social distancing has exacerbated mental health challenges and substance abuse. More than 40% of New York residents report that COVID resulted in increased mental health issues. Overdose deaths have increased 38%. Amid this significant need, many service providers are finding it extremely difficult to provide these critical services at the current reimbursement rates provided by contracts with New York State. In fact, 97% of organizations providing these behavioral health services across the state report that it is difficult to recruit staff.

NYS needs to invest in our behavioral health providers and increase funding for mental health and substance use services. Therefore, we are also petitioning for a 5.4% COLA and a \$500 million investment in workforce, service, and support in the Executive Budget.



"DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!"



Today we hear one of the very beautiful gospel passages that seem to make us happy simply in the hearing. They bring us the story of the wedding at Cana which John says tells us of the very first 'sign' Jesus worked at the beginning of his public ministry: he changed the jugs of water into wine, a gesture that saved the new bride and bridegroom from embarrassment when the supply of wine they had set aside for their wedding ran out. And what an embarrassment that would be.

The way it all came about is also a beautiful story in itself. Mary who had been invited to the wedding, as was Jesus and his disciples noticed that the wine was running low. She spoke to her Son, and I can imagine in a quiet voice told him, 'they have no more wine'. At first Jesus didn't seem too concerned with all this. Mary, however, because she knew her Son so well, simply spoke to the servants and said to them - "Do whatever he tells you."

That's when Jesus worked this first sign. He simply changed the water into wine and the party went on. He didn't' make a display about it; didn't want to attract undue attention to himself; He just let things happen as they did.

The part in this gospel passage that is remembered most is the words spoken by Mary to the servants: 'do whatever He tells you'. These are also the last words attributed to Mary that are recorded in any of the gospels. And yet, they are truly so memorable, so powerful and with no exaggeration, they are words addressed to us as well. Their message is clear and powerful for they tell us that we too should do whatever Jesus says to us as we make our journey of faith, living each day with all that happens in our lives.

A mother's role is often carried out almost silently when a child, perhaps still an infant, cries during the night. It is the mother who gets up and cares for that baby. How many times in a lifetime does this happen? A mother's role is lived in her heart when she has to hold back tears she would rather let flood out openly, but to show courage they remain locked in that maternal heart. We could go on with so many instances of a mother's role, her vocation lived twenty-four seven. And Mary was such a mother.

I hope you find this gospel story and the words spoken by Mary especially beautiful and comforting ones. I hope you hold on to them as the treasure that they are. Bring them to mind often and let them comfort you and deepen not only your relationship with Jesus but with his Blessed Mother Mary as well.

Have a good week, thinking about Jesus.....and Mary.

Fr Walt

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