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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 9, 2020



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY – February 10, (St. Scholastica)

7:45 AM + Marie Hettrich *req. by* Noreen & Bob McClements
+ Leonard Phoenix *req. by* Nancy & Jack Green

TUESDAY – February 11, (Weekday)

5:30 PM + James W. Reagan
+ Gerald Neugebauer *req. by* Bernie Clancy

WEDNESDAY – February 12, (Weekday)

7:45 AM + Barb Macica *req. by* Maureen Winney

THURSDAY – February 13, (Weekday)

7:45 AM + Patricia, Michael, & William Henry
req. by Mary Jo Henry
+ Sal Ruzzo *req. by* Wife, Nancy

FRIDAY – February 14, (St. Cyril & St. Methodius) NO DAILY MASS

SATURDAY – February 15, (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00 PM + Donald Abeel, Birthday *req. by* Jean
+ Phil Sweet *req. by* Mr. & Mrs. Steven Therrien

SUNDAY – February 16, (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 AM + Pro Populo
+ James J. Farley *req. by* Family
+ James Janczykowski *req. by* Friends
10:30 AM + Salvatore Ruzzo *req. by* Sarah & Richard Snyder
+ Deceased members of the Morley & Campbell families
req. by Nancy Morley Estate
12:00 PM + Matthew Galbraith *req. by* Anne & Martin Rowley
+ Don, Sheila, & Doug Hamilton
req. by The Connors Family
+ Edward & Diane Bablin *req. by* Chris & Julie Bablin



MONTHLY INTENTION of the HOLY FATHER

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Liturgical Ministers

SAT., February 15

4:00 PM, Lector: Tom Kent
E.M.: Mary Anne Starnes,
Marilyn Hogan, Crystal Kenneally,
Terri Smith, Eli Sutton

SUN., February 16

8:30 AM, L: Kara Durfee
E.M.: Jason Buczek,
Tracy Hanlon, Caesar Taormina,
Renate Knapp, Kathy Catman

10:30 AM, L: Maureen Pelletier

E.M.: Ed Foy,
Joyce Yates, John Yates,
Karen Scheffler, Gerianne Lehane

12:00 PM, L: Vicki Schuette
E.M.: Ann Quinn, Marilyn Campbell,
Christine O'Connell, Len Smith

ALTAR SERVERS

SAT., February 15 4:00 PM

SUN., February 16 8:30 AM

Michael Desmond,
Christopher Desmond

10:30 AM
Jack Walker,
Liam Walker

12 NOON
Seneca Knapp



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Marriage Week

"Do not let the sun set on your anger." (Eph 4:26)

Great biblical advice! Even if an issue is not completely resolved, make it a point to say "I'm sorry" and "I love you" after an argument and before bed. Check out www.foryourmarriage.org for more tips, prayers and blogs that promote healthy Catholic marriages. #MarriageWeek

St. Valentine and Valentine's Day

"How February 14 came to be celebrated as the feast for lovers is somewhat a mystery. What little is known of the feast's namesake can be attributed to the lives of two martyrs: one a priest, the other a bishop. Their lives bear little resemblance to the contemporary holiday. The priest Valentine reportedly was beheaded in 269 by Emperor Claudius II. The bishop, known for healing, was martyred earlier. It's probable that a medieval custom of sending messages of love on this day merged later with the feast.

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of husband and wife
So that we might reflect the union of Christ with
His Church:
look with kindness on us.
Renew our marriage covenant.
Increase your love in us,
and strengthen our bond of peace
so that, [with our children],
we may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reflection for Married Couples

"We must not allow ourselves to be conquered by a 'throwaway culture'. This fear of 'forever' is cured by entrusting oneself day by day to the Lord Jesus in a life that becomes a daily spiritual path of mutual growth, step by step." (Pope Francis, Valentine's Day Address to Engaged Couples, February 14, 2014)

Many in our culture today think that it is not possible to love another person for the entirety of one's life. Some protest that love "dies out" and say you can move on and find another person. Pope Francis, however, says that the fear of lifelong commitment is resolved by relying on Christ. In the Our Father, we say, "Give us this day our daily bread"; for Christian couples, we must also ask, "Give us this day our daily love." If a Christian couple entrusts their love to Christ, He will sustain and multiply it. "He has an infinite reserve!" the Pope said.

Take Action: Write your spouse a note about how your feelings for him or her have deepened over time.

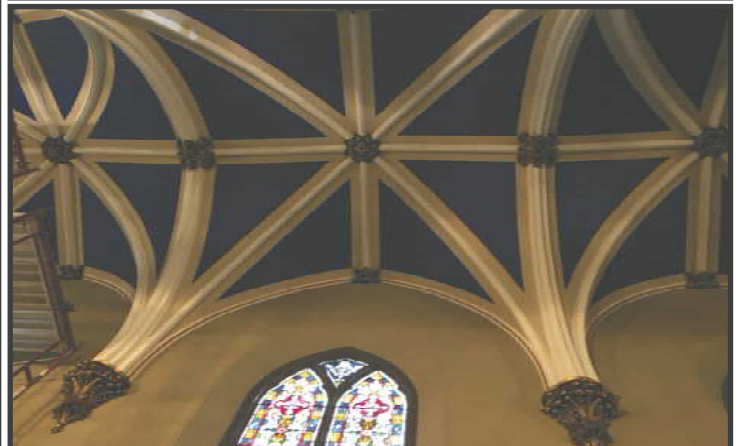
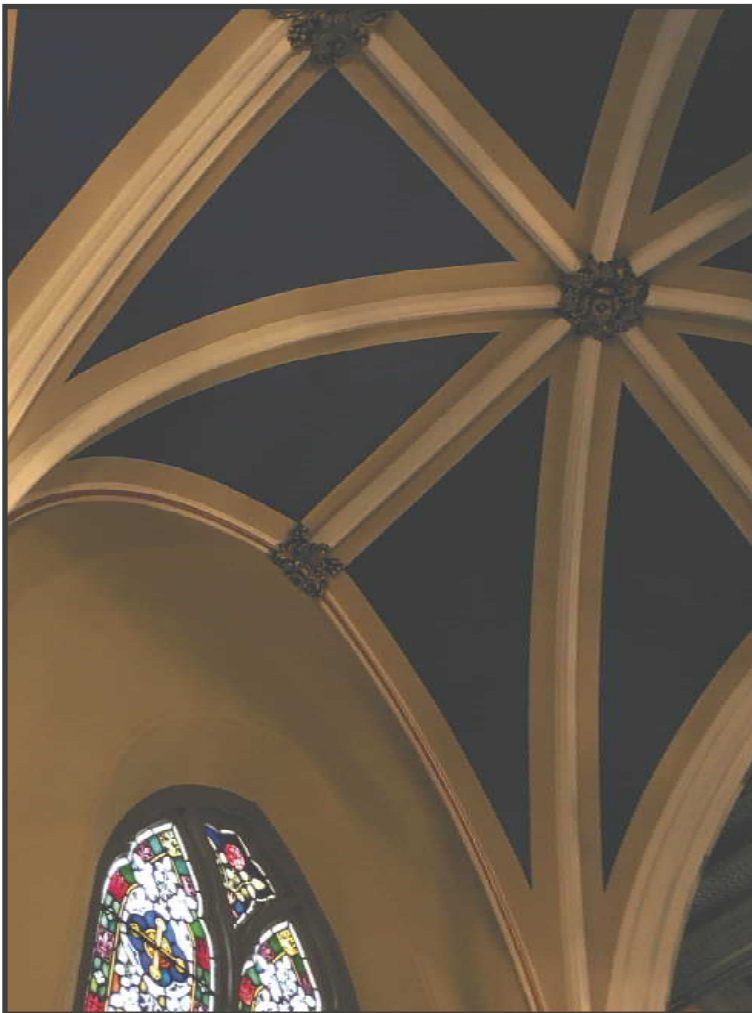




St. Mary's is very close to its goal of \$795,340. If you haven't already made a pledge please consider doing so to help St. Mary's reach its goal. After 100% of the goal is reached, the parish keeps 80% of the funds. When the funds raised are at 120% of the goal, or after \$954,408, the parish keeps 100% of the funds. Please help us restore our beautiful St. Mary's Church building.

As the work has progressed in the church, more repairs to the walls and ceiling have been necessary. It is a tedious and time consuming process to repair these surfaces to their original condition. The surfaces are first chemically dry-sponged and scraped down below the paint level through a welding process using a bonding agent. Next, two coats of plaster finish are applied and the surface is primed. Finally two coats of finish paint are applied. For the stained glass window frames, the loose glazing is first vacuumed. Next the window frames are scraped and primed. Lastly, two coats of finish paint are applied. As the areas around the stained glass are being worked on, the glass panels are inspected for any necessary repairs.

Many thanks to those who have embraced the Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign. Pledges to date total **\$728,070**, of which **\$202,582** has been received, with **302 families** participating. Pledges are at **92%** of the campaign goal of **\$795,340**.



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ENRICH OUR FAITH



Novena to Miraculous Medal,

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followed by Mass.



Eucharistic Adoration & Evening Prayer

*Please be attentive to the bulletin for
announcements in the spring.*

Thank you.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group

will meet on Tues., 2/11, at St. Mary's
School Auditorium, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.
All are welcome!



We thank you for your sacrificial offering of:

	Feb. 2
Envelopes & Loose	\$11,364
On-line Giving	1,080
Total	\$12,444

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



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ST. MARY'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

will meet on Wed., **February 19, at
6:00 p.m.** in the school sitting area
outside of the auditorium. Please use the
Thompson St. entrance. For info,
call Josephine Perniciaro
at 518-596-6886.



Readings for the week of Feb. 9:

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/
1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/
Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10,
11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/
Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40
[4a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab,
12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab,
19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
[1b]/ 1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,
27-28, 33-34a, 37

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Throughout the elementary years, our students engage in unending reading and writing activities. After all, reading and writing are the basis of all other learning. Reading skills and strategies are introduced, built upon and developed in a way that engages the children and accounts for their interests, abilities and learning styles.



Our Fourth Graders took pride in completing this integrated activity using measurement, art, writing and religion to create a winter scene and a prayer to go along with it.



Whole class lessons, reinforced with small reading groups and writers' workshops, allow teachers to give the necessary attention to each student. It is such a joy to see the growth and learning that occurs!



Happy St. Valentine's Day from our Small School With a Big Heart!



"Though your beginning was small, your future will flourish indeed." Job 8:7

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Our Mission: St. Mary's School provides a quality Catholic elementary education (Pre-school through Grade 5) guided by the Gospel's spirit of love within an atmosphere of academic excellence that nurtures the growth in holiness and wholeness for each child.

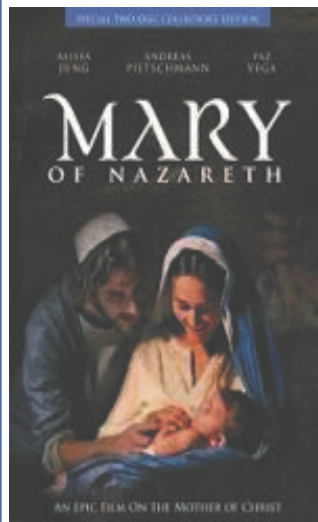


Heading to church?

can answer this need, please call Sister Nancy at 518-885-7411.

A woman who lives at **Doubleday Woods** on Church Ave. has requested a ride to Mass. She will come to any weekend Mass that the driver prefers. She has no physical problems. If you

Birthright News: Due to the renovation project currently being done in church, Birthright will be **unable to hold our annual Valentine's Day Bake Sale** this year. At this time, we send a very special thank you to all parishioners who have faithfully supported our bake sale since 1985. Thank you for baking, creating special treats, purchasing, and donating to this fundraiser. Thank you one and all. The Birthright volunteers look forward to seeing you next year!



Mary of Nazareth

Friday, March 6th at 6:30 PM in the St. Mary's School Auditorium

Join us as we view the life story of the Virgin Mary, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus, capturing the essence of her profound faith and trust in God. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

ST. MARY'S MISSION, GALWAY, NY



MASS INTENTIONS

February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time at 9:30 AM

+ No intentions

February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time at 9:30 AM

+ Joe Minarski *req. by His Wife & Children*



We thank you for your sacrificial offering of \$718 on Sunday, February 2nd. To cover our weekly expenses we need \$1,000.

Are you interested in praying the Rosary before the 9:30 AM Mass in Galway? Please see Lois Munnelly after Mass today.

Community Service Group

Thanks to all who donated items for the Galway Food Pantry. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Health Ministry

"Do good and evil will not overtake you. Prayer with fasting is good, but better than both is almsgiving with righteousness." Tobit 12:7-12:9.

In the US we are in the middle of the flu season which has affected far more Americans than the Wuhan coronavirus. It is not too late to get your flu shot and practice simple things like washing your hands and coughing and sneezing into your elbow. In addition to inhaling particles from your neighbor's cough or sneeze, touching your hand to contaminated surfaces and the to eyes, nose and mouth is how viruses most often get inside of you.

CDC recommends a pneumococcal vaccine for children under 2 and for adults over 65 or older, for people who smoke and for those with certain medical conditions.

The main reason for people getting very sick is that, once infected and weakened by the influenza virus, they are extra vulnerable to getting a secondary infection from bacteria and often it is pneumococcal bacteria.

Sunday, February 9th

Greeter: Ann McCauley

Lector: Tammie Matecko-Conti

E.M.: Lois Munnelly,
Colleen Radun, Sue Shaver

Sunday, February 16th

Greeter: Chad Beatty

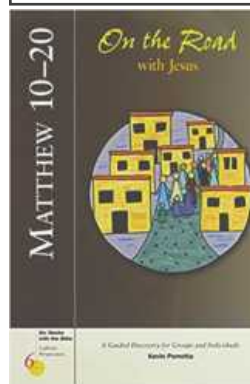
Lector: Virginia Sawicki

E.M.: Lois Munnelly,
Debbie Hanna, Ann McCauley



Bible Study Group

The group will resume meeting on February 11th at 10 AM at St. Mary's Church in Galway. Please see Colleen Radun for more information. The next six week program is **Matthew 10-20: On the Road with Jesus.**



Faith Formation

The Holy Name of Jesus

Saints throughout history have taught about the saving power of Jesus' name. Many miracles have resulted from invoking the name of Jesus, which should remind us of the blessings we have received from the Savior. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, when we invoke the Name of Jesus with confidence we can receive healing and help with bodily needs; consolation in spiritual trials; and protection against Satan, who fears Jesus' name. Our Lord tells us in John 16:23 that through his name we also can receive every blessing and grace. *Susan Klemond, ncregister.com*



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