



**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
MARCH 25, 2018**

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH

5:00PM Ann and Anthony Bivona and
Daughter, Roseann French
req. by the Woods Family

HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH – PALM SUNDAY

8:00AM John Amodeo, Sr. req. by Wife, Faye
9:30AM People of the Parish
11:00AM Frank Morales req. by the Religious Ed Staff

MONDAY, MARCH 26TH

9:00AM Janice Cornfield and Christopher Vourakis
req. by Aunt Barb and Uncle Steve

Reconciliation Monday – 3-8PM in the Rectory

TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH

9:00AM Benedetto Frustaci req. by Daughter and Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH

9:00AM Robert Schaffer req. by Faye Amodeo

**All Services will be held in St. Mary's Church except the
9:30AM Mass on Easter Morning**

THURSDAY MARCH 29TH – Holy Thursday

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH – Good Friday

9:00AM No Mass
3:00PM Communion Service and
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST – EASTER VIGIL

7:30PM Maddie Sarles req. by Carol and Richie Messina

SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST – EASTER SUNDAY

8:00AM Marge and Myles Doyle req. by Family
9:30AM Robert Jarvis
req. by Jeanne and Tito DeSantis and Family
11:00AM Tony Biancardi req. by Wife, Fran

HEALING PRAYERS...



... are asked for all the sick of our Parish, especially **Jean Dayton** and for all for whom we have been praying. We also ask your prayers for their family members and others who are caring for their loved ones. May God give them the strength and grace to help them through these difficult times.

TITHING REPORT

This past week our collection totaled \$5159.00. 121 envelope users contributed \$2690.00; non-envelope users, \$2469.00. Again, we thank you for your continued generosity.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

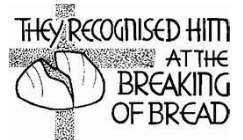
Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, Mar. 21, 2018 – Parents of children receiving First Eucharist in May will meet at the time their children are attending class. At least one parent must attend. Thank you.



Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open. All students who will be attending the program next year must be re-registered. You may register your child during his/her class time or at the rectory during Religious Ed Office Hours. Fees will remain the same - \$100 for one child; \$160 for two or more children.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST



On April 7th, there will be a Communion Breakfast for the families of children who are receiving First Eucharist in May. Although this may not seem to be an important event, it is. In teaching young children the reasons and significance of receiving our Lord in Eucharist, sharing a meal together as a family is one way of showing them the importance of sharing your faith with other families when we join in celebration of the Eucharist each week at Mass.

Jesus said to us: "I am the Bread of Life, whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst." What a phenomenal statement! Jesus equates Himself with bread as He also teaches us by saying, "This is My Body." "...whoever eats this Bread shall live forever."

So, won't you come and share a meal with your faith family. Please call for reservations today, so your child can take one more step. The cost is minimal to help us pay for the food expenses – Adults: \$4; Children 5 and over: \$2. No charge for the child receiving First Eucharist.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

On Saturday, April 21st the children who will be receiving First Eucharist will have their Retreat in the Parish Hall from 9am to Noon. Once again the children will be involved in activities that teach the importance of receiving our Lord each week at Mass as they live their faith. For example... The children are given a Rosary and are shown how to pray the rosary in devotion to our Lady; they also are given a craft activity – a "Bread of Life, Communion Craft Kit."



Another activity will be the making of bread as they did for the Last Supper. Also, little packets of seeds will be distributed to plant. This symbolizes having the "faith of a mustard seed" which will grow into a beautiful plant (soul) when fed and nourished by our attendance at Mass and reception of the Eucharist. These are just a few of the enjoyable events. **All children are required to attend this retreat in preparation for reception of the Sacrament of First Eucharist.**

SERVICE LOGS FOR 8TH GRADERS

Students who are in 8th grade are asked to call the Religious Ed office or rectory office if they would like to volunteer some time to help out at the Communion Breakfast (great meal, kids – and it's free) or to assist with the children's activities at the Retreat Day. These hours will count as service for your Confirmation requirements.



COMING SOON! GRANNY'S ATTIC!



As you start to plan your spring cleaning please keep in mind that Granny's Attic can use all of your unwanted treasures for the sale on Saturday and Sunday, May 19th and 20th. Keep your eye on the bulletin for future announcements.

TO PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS ED STUDENTS

We are reminding parents of students in our Religious Ed program to please walk your children to class and pick them up after class. Although this has been the policy for several years, we notice parents are simply dropping off their children and leaving.



Last week, one of the students was almost hit by a car as she ran out to meet her parent. Fortunately this accident didn't happen but, for this reason, we think it is still best for parents to go to the classrooms each week. Also, drivers, please slow down and be very watchful of children running out between cars. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus (Fr. Hanley Council #7266) are awarding a **\$1,000** college scholarship to a graduating senior attending a public or private high school. To be eligible for this scholarship, an applicant must be a member of St. Mary's Parish and attend St. Mary's Church in Marlboro or Our Lady of Mercy Chapel in Roseton.



Interested individuals can obtain additional information and an application by contacting their high school guidance counselor, emailing Raymond Leduc, Sr. at rleducsr@hotmail.com or by calling him at either 845-236-7624 (H) or 845-206-8355 (C).

The completed **application must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 4, 2018**, and mailed to: Attention: Scholarship Committee, Knights of Columbus, Father Hanley Council, PO Box 585, Marlboro, NY 12542

NEXT MARLBORO / MILTON SENIOR TRIP....

...will be held on **Tuesday, April 24th as they travel to the Villa Roma**. At arrival, coffee and cake will be served followed by a show performed by Steve Diamond and Trio. Indoor Activities will follow. They will leave St. Mary's Parking Lot at 9:15AM. Total cost: \$48. Call Mary Martin for more info at 845-389-6575.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

St. John's Gospel and Letters. St John's writings are beautiful and deserve a closer look. We will study and meditate on these amazing Words. Come for all 5 sessions or even for 1 or 2. All are welcome! Bring a Bible or copy of the New Testament.

We will meet from 6:30-7:30pm on the following Thursdays - April 5, 12, 19, and May 17 and 24th in the rectory. If interested, please call Pat Pelella 236-7431 or call the Rectory.

ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sponsored by:

The Middlehope Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

...will be held on Sunday, March 25th from 8AM to 11:30AM at the Middle-hope Fire House on Lattintown Road. The breakfast promises to be quite a Sunday treat. No advance tickets are necessary – tickets will be sold at the door. Cost: Adults \$8 – Seniors: \$7 – Children (4-10): \$5 (under 4, free). Come and enjoy !!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS...



...will also be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 25th, at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 8:00-12:30. Proceeds will be used to purchase "**Coats for Kids**" for next winter. Come and enjoy a meal of Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Beverages and more. Donations accepted.

OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

After the season of Lent, Holy Week is certainly the most beautiful time of the Church Year. It is fascinating to attend and to reflect on the meanings of the holy days leading up to the Glory of the Easter Vigil. **We certainly pray and hope that our Church will be filled with your presence on each of the following days:**

MONDAY, MARCH 26 – RECONCILIATION
3:00PM to 8:00PM in the Rectory

THURSDAY, MARCH, 29 - HOLY THURSDAY
No Morning Mass
7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH – GOOD FRIDAY
No Morning Mass
3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
with a Communion Service
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST - HOLY SATURDAY
No Morning Mass
4:00-4:30PM – Confessions – St. Mary's Church
7:30PM - Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST-EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 AM – St. Mary's Church
9:30 AM – Our Lady of Mercy Church
11:00 AM – St. Mary's Church



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