



“Then Jesus said. ‘If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.’”

Matthew 16: 24-25

**St. Mary’s Church Washingtonville, New York
Sunday, August 30, 2020**

Mass Intentions for this week

*This week the sanctuary candle burns for
Theresa Stack in thanksgiving.*

SATURDAY – August 29

4:00 Kaz Rakowski
5:30 Noel Harkin
8:00 Gregory Hoover, Sr.

SUNDAY

7:30 Ralph Paukovits
9:00 Stefano, Vitagliano & Grasso Families,
Michael Frisbee
10:30 Edward Luedke, George Ramm, Ralph Paukovitz
12:00 Isabel Flores, Robert Armistead

MONDAY

8:30 James Lynch, Frank & Mary McQuade,
Margaret and Mary Kate Latimer

TUESDAY

8:30 Leonardo Albuquerque and Teresa Giuffra

WEDNESDAY

8:30 Edward Luedke

THURSDAY

8:30 Adam Soltis, Rosalina Gonzalez

FRIDAY

8:30 Silvana & Lisa Spisany and Balzarini Family;
Gerard Strommer,
Danny Strommer and Brian Strommer II

SATURDAY

8:30 People of the Parish
4:00 Mary Kavanah, Kelly & Anthony Politza
5:30 For the safety of children and educators
as they return to school
8:00 St. Mary's Society

SUNDAY – September 6

7:30 Francis and Michael Polchinski,
Henry & Mary Soehnlein and Elda Testa,
Debra Graziano
9:00 Anne & James Gauquie, Margaret Nill,
Anthony Gauquie, John and Mary McCormack
10:30 Mary Kavanah, Maureen Bowes,
Thomas Shackley and Evelyn Patton
12:00 James Trevorah and Anna Wojcicki, Darin Restivo

What does it mean to take up your cross?

Jesus reminds us today, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24) Our cross can be dealing with a minor inconvenience from our spouse, children, or stranger. It can be a setback, a suffering, or a failure that weighs us down, is lonely, humiliating and heavy. They can come to us in various ways, situations, shapes, and sizes.

Often we can forget that when we encounter the little and big crosses in our lives, Jesus is there to give us the grace and strength, through faith, to carry our crosses with Him to the end. When we find our cross too heavy to bear at times, let us turn to Him for strength. St. Padre Pio had a beautiful prayer that he would often say in tough times that explains this reality, known as his *Prayer of Trust and Confidence*:

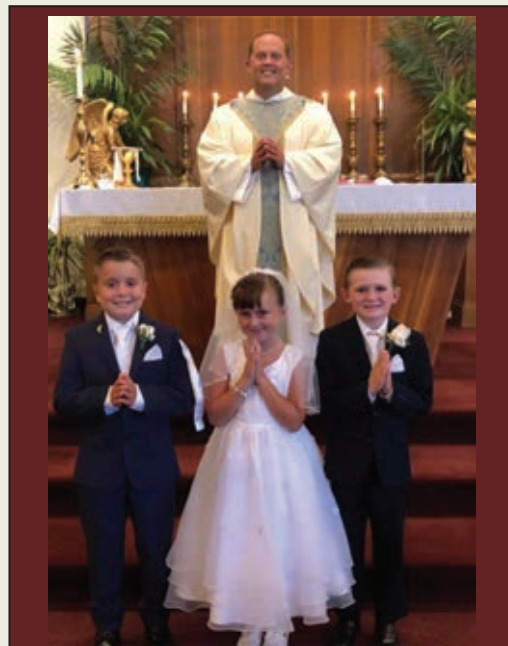
O Lord, we ask you for a boundless confidence and trust in your divine mercy, and the courage to accept the crosses and sufferings which bring immense goodness to our souls and that of Your Church. Help us to love you with a pure and contrite heart, and to humble ourselves beneath Your cross as we climb the mountain of holiness carrying our cross that leads to heavenly glory. May we receive you with great faith and love in Holy Communion, and allow you to act in us, as You desire for your greater glory. O Jesus, most adorable heart and eternal fountain of Divine Love, may our prayer find favor before the Divine Majesty of Your Heavenly Father. Amen.

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for text updates from us**



After Labor Day on Wednesday mornings we'll see Eucharistic Adoration take place from 630am until the morning Mass at 830am.

Use the "drop off" time or commute time to come in and to pray in the Church for our parish, our nation & our world.



Weekly Communion are better than First Communion. Come this weekend too!



The Rosary is recited every Tuesday at 7pm in the Church and after 830am daily Mass around 9am.

We'll also be praying it before the 8pm Mass on the first Saturdays of the month, along with Adoration, because of the amazing response we got last weekend!



Elizabeth DeFazio is working on her Gold Award for Girl Scouts - her project is a memorial surrounding the Sacred Heart statue at the entrance of the property it stands in memory of those who died (COVID or not) who were not able to have a Funeral Mass, or folks with them while in the hospital or at their burial.

If you are aware of someone from Saint Mary's or a relative of a parishioner who'd like to be remembered please let Elizabeth know by emailing a name to:

**[2020pandemic
memorialrace
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Religious Ed Update for Students in Grades 6-8/Confirmation Prep - Monday nights, 7-8:15 pm

In order to maintain social distancing here is our plan!

7th & 8th grade Confirmation prep classes will run from September 14th through November 16th. We will split the group in two and alternate in-person and at-home learning. We are excited to offer a course on the Mass called Altaration!

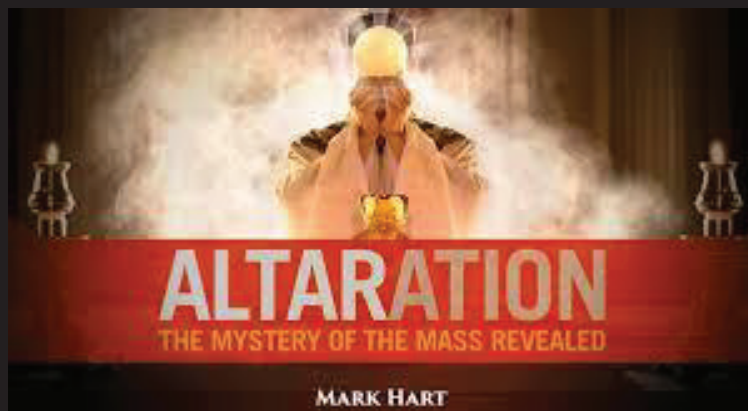
Confirmation is still on for November! Stay tuned for an email update soon.

6th Grade will NOT meet until December 7th - classes will run from December 7th until May. Additional details will follow as time gets closer. We are still waiting on registrations to come in.

We will offer the Alpha for Youth Series as well as Bible 101.

Enrolled families should have received an email update the week of August 24th. If you did not, contact Jen at jedwardstmarys@gmail.com or 845-663-1689.

Reminder: we are hosting an after-school VBS Camp on Wednesdays and Thursdays open to kids in grades 1-8 (7th and 8th graders will be Counselors in Training). Sign up on the parish website.



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An even better building project....

Can you believe it has been two years since we were made “move in” ready? Who would have guessed what would have taken place over this two year period? Who would have imagined having to build a stage outdoors for the offering of Mass as masked people walk up to Holy Communion, as cars’ engines hum in the background, crazy right?

Now I need your help for a new building project and it won’t cost you any money. It isn’t a stage or a CCD building, not even a paint job or renovation on the church, but a parish building project which brings our parish back to what we were and more. While we have done better than many places in terms of people back to Mass – “better” isn’t the best that I or we can do.

Please help me in inviting people back to a safe and sacred celebration of our Catholic Faith: most particularly in the Mass on the weekends. Bring one set of friends back one weekend or even at daily Mass.....it will make a big difference.

As autumn settles in we are going to welcome four sisters (nuns) who live in Monroe to help with home visits, religious education, and parish work, including youth ministry.

Please pray for these young sisters and their vocations.



**Parish Visitors of
Mary Immaculate**



Burke Catholic has developed a plan for a five day learning environment using the facility they have including the gym and cafeteria. Contact them if you need your high school student to be in school for the week. Juniors especially are welcome as this is a crucial year for the students and colleges.

845.294.5482



Confessions

Are being held from 445-530pm on Saturday in Religious Ed wing and with choice of screen or face to face.

Enrolled CCD families will be invited to a two day VBS for several weeks on Wednesdays and Thursdays. It's 2 ½ hours for grades 1-6 with 7-12th serving as counselors so that these poor kids and parents get some time away and time together. It will include games, lessons, prayer and music! Link will be sent to enrolled families soon.



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Saint of the Week: Pope St Gregory the Great (Sept. 3rd)



He was a monk who became a Pope. He invented Gregorian Chant, was a scholar and a pastor. Despite the business and trials of life, he allowed himself to be rooted in Jesus through prayer, no matter what he faced. So, we pray that through his intercession, we may be given the grace to anchor ourselves to Jesus' presence in the Eucharist, through prayer, and through the grace of trustful surrender amidst the business we encounter in the joys and trials of this life.

Pope St. Gregory the Great, Pray for us!

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