

St. Mary of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2012

*"Although I am free in regard to all,
I have made myself a slave to all
so as to win over as many as possible...
All this I do for the sake of the gospel,
so that I too may have a share in it."*

I Corinthians 9:19, 23

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<u>Masses</u>	
Saturday Eve:	4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon
<u>Weekdays</u>	
Monday	12:00 Noon (Chapel)
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
Wednesday	12:00 Noon (Chapel)
Thursday	8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
Friday	8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church) (when in session) 12:00 Noon (Chapel)
Confessions	Saturday 3:30—4:00 p.m. or by appointment Vicariate Penance Services during Advent and Lent
Parish Registration	New parishioners are welcome at any time. Registration may be made by phone or in person.

Catholic Schools Week Celebrates Faith, Academics & Service

Students who were new to the school this year received crucifixes made by parishioner Michael Campagna. The presentation was part of a prayer service which involved the entire school, led by our eighth grade students.



A full week of celebrations marked Catholic Schools Week at St. Mary's Elementary School. Students and staff dressed according to themes chosen by the 8th grade class, which included "Green Thumb Day" (honoring their donation of vegetables to a soup kitchen), Express Yourself Day, Red/White/Blue Day, Dress As your Future Occupation Day, and Dress up Day. Also included in the week's activities were spirit games, a talent show, flag ceremony, cards to soldiers, Open House, magic show, teacher break time, Distinguished Graduate Ceremony, Parish Mass and Ice Cream Social.

Masses for the Week

Monday – February 6 – St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

12:00 p.m. (Chapel) Janet Kopera
(Bill and Fran Suszka)

Tuesday – February 7 – Weekday

8:30 a.m. (Chapel) All Souls

Wednesday – February 8 – Weekday/St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

12:00 p.m. (Chapel) James Snyder, Sr. (Family)

Thursday – February 9 – Weekday

8:30 a.m. (Chapel) William Cansdale, Sr. (Family)

Friday – February 10 – St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:30 a.m. (Church) Earl Myers (Knights of Columbus
Lancaster, Fr. John Schaus Council #4652)

12:00 p.m. (Chapel) Annette and Leonard Kisiel
(Family)

Saturday – February 11 – Weekday/Our Lady of Lourdes/Blessed Virgin Mary

1:30 p.m. (Church) Wedding of Christopher Stencil &
Lindsey Karas

4:30 p.m. (Church) Joseph R. Coyne
(Linda and Tom VanNortwick)

7:00 p.m. (Church) Rick Kowalski (Wife and Family)

Sunday – February 12 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. (Church) James A. Laible, Sr.
(Bob and Jane Laurence)

10:00 a.m. (Church) Robert Murphy
(Bob and Nancy Over)

12:00 p.m. (Church) Anastasia Revelas (Family)

PLEASE NOTE: If one of the weekend Masses is for the intention of your loved one, please inform one of the ushers so they may be aware that there is someone to bring up the gifts.

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, February 5

Blood Pressure Screening (Church) After Masses

RCIA (Gathering Rm.) 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Rel. Ed. JPM Classes (Parish Center) 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Junior Ladies of Charity (Cafeteria) 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Monday, February 6

SME Scrip (Music Room) 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Prayer Shawl Ministry (Gathering Rm.)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Tuesday, February 7

SME Scrip (Music Room) 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Rel. Ed. Gr. 6-8 Classes (Gym, Cafeteria, Classrooms)

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Wednesday, February 8

SME Scrip (Music Room) 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Prayer Group (Church) 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Catholic Bible School (Computer Rm.) 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Thursday, February 9

SME Scrip (Music Room) 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Quick Journey through the Bible (Gathering Rm.)

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Girls 6,7,8 Basketball Games (Gym) 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Adult Choir (Church) 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Friday, February 10

SME Scrip (Music Room) 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Mass for Schoolchildren (Church) 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Youth Open Gym Night (Gym) 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Saturday, February 11

SME Scrip (School Office) 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Generations of Faith (School Building)

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Banns of Marriage

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Christopher Stencil & Lindsay Karas

Readings for This Week

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/
Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/
Mk 1:40-45



The Sanctuary Light
will be lit in memory of

Dr. Louis
& Matthew Monin

Requested by
Family

The Sanctuary Light is a reminder of the Eucharistic presence of Christ in the tabernacles of the Catholic Churches around the world. Please call the Rectory to schedule your intention.

Scripture Reflection



Mother-in-law jokes used to be a staple of stand-up comics. The comic strip *Hagar the Horrible* continues the tradition even today, often with Hagar taking off on a voyage just as Helga's mother arrives for an extended visit. In Mary's Gospel, Simon's mother-in-law appears not as a comic foil, but as someone through whom the power of God is made manifest. When Jesus cures her of a fever, she is restored to her position in the community, offering the customary hospitality to guests. In what way has God's power been made manifest in our own lives?

Ministry Schedules Now Available

The new schedule for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers is now available. Ministers should pick up their copies in the Sacristy of the Church between now and February 12. The new schedule **begins on February 18**. Please check your name off the list when you take the schedule.

New ministers are always welcome! Encourage your friends and family members to put their gifts to use for the benefit of all. Training is provided. Call the Rectory for details — 683-6445.

What To Do In A Lonely Place

"And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed." Mark 1:35

How do you begin your day? Our Lord, early in the morning, sought out a lonely place to pray. He spent time in solitude in fellowship with the Father. He found renewal, refreshment, and was able to seek the Father's direction for the strenuous duties which awaited Him that day. It was Jesus' custom to pray alone early each day. In that activity, He set an important example for us. To be alone with God at the beginning of each day is to find renewal and empowerment for the challenges we will meet from hour to hour. The promise of the Scripture is this: "Things beyond our imagining all prepared by God for those who love him: these it is that God has revealed to us through the Spirit." (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Congratulations To Those Receiving Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fifty-four young people received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they experience the loving forgiveness of God in this blessed way.

Isabella Albino
Brice Beetow
Eric Butcher
Andrew Caligiuri
Chandler Cotter
Benjamin Cudeck
Joshua Czuprynski
Anna D'Amore
Harrison Drzewiecki
Austin Dyll
Marco Fudoli
Jeremy Guarasci
Jack Gust
Aiden Harman
Jack Heary
Matthew Heimerl
Ryan Hersey
Ian Hewett
Caitlin Hines
Caleigh Hoerner
Jocelyn Janik
Nicole Janik
Andrew Jasinski
Jamie Kaempf
Claire Kasinski
Blaise Kolbert
Joseph Kuhn
Blair Kuzniarek
Anna LaBelle
Reed Lasker

Daniel Lipke
Rachel McCrea
Matthew McGloin
Dante Millonzi
Charlotte Miranda
Aidan Murty
Henry Ploch III
Mia Robinson
Eric Roszczyk
Ian Schrader
Lainie Smith
Caleb Spinelli
Aubrie Strauch
Theresa Szumigala
Joseph Tetlow
Benjamin Vanaskie
Charlotte Vriesen
Benjamin Walsh
Davonte Watkins
Ella Weber
Nathan White
Christine Wolford
Audrey Yedinak
Scott Ziomek



Mass & Reception to be Held for Sister Barbara Whelan

A farewell Mass and Reception will be held to honor Sister Barbara Whelan, OSF for her 27 years of service to St. Mary's Pre-K program on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. Please join us in thanking her for all that she has done to teach our young people.

Gatherings Focus on The Cross

Please join us for our February Gatherings on "The Woe and Wow of the Cross." Sessions will be held: Saturday, February 11, Sunday, February 12 and Monday, February 13. Call the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation at 683-8564 for information.

The following letter was received by our parish from our Bishop:

January 27, 2012

My Dear Diocesan Family,

I write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which claims to be “of, by, and for the people,” has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people—the Catholic population—and to the millions more who are served by the Catholic faithful.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that almost all employers, *including Catholic employers*, will be *forced* to offer their employees’ health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be *forced* to include those “services” in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be *forced* to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation’s first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration’s sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

We cannot—we will not—comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America’s cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God given rights. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.

And therefore, I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend visiting www.usccb.org/conscience, to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision.

Let us continue to pray fervently and work together to protect and defend our religious liberty as Roman Catholics and citizens of the United States of America.

Be assured of my prayers and all best wishes.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Edward U. Kmiec
Bishop of Buffalo

Do You Have Unanswered Questions About the Bible?

We want to be closer to God, and make Scripture a part of our lives. But, where do we begin? What do the words of Scripture really mean for us? How are we to understand them?

For those of us who need an intro course to the Bible, we are offering a series of eight classes entitled "**A Quick Journey Through the Bible.**" The sessions include a DVD, group discussion and brief assignments for home study. Our facilitator, John Troidl, will have useful maps and charts to lead the group along.

Classes will run on consecutive Thursdays, **from February 2 through March 29 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the school building (no class on March 8). A student pack with workbook, timeline and bookmark is available for \$15. If you do not have a Bible, the New American version with the latest Catholic translation is available for \$5.50. (Combination student pack and Bible \$20.)

This Ascension Press Co. study makes the complexity of the Bible simple through an easy-to-follow narrative approach and an ingenious color-coded Bible timeline. This is a great way to "get your feet wet" and learn how to begin authentic Catholic Bible study.

Register at the Office of Faith Formation 683-8564 or the rectory 683-6445. What a wonderful way to prepare for Lent and Easter!

SAVE THE DATES!

Mark Your Calendars Now!

LENTEN RETREATS

Monday, February 27, 2012—7:00 p.m.

Roll Away the Stones

Wednesday, March 28, 2012—7:00 p.m.

Words from the Cross

in the
St. Mary's Parish Center

Two different dates, two different topics given by Sister Louise Alff. Sr. Louise is a **popular speaker and retreat leader on the national and international level.** She is a Franciscan sister and native of Buffalo. After years of serving and conducting retreats and training Catholics on various topics around the USA, she is back in Buffalo. We are fortunate to have her conduct our Lenten retreats. Plan to attend, bring a friend to these uplifting, enjoyable and well-organized presentations.



World Day of the Sick

February 11

Lessons in Caring

Christ puts into the arms of His Church the suffering and the hungry of this world so that they may heal us, call us down from our pedestals of power and wealth, and lead us into the wisdom of the Beatitudes.

- Jean Vanier

Prayer for Consolation

Lord Jesus,

We beseech you by the loneliness of your suffering on the Cross, be near to all who are desolate and in pain or sorrow today, and let your presence transform their loneliness into comfort, consolation and holy fellowship with you, compassionate Savior.

Amen.



Teens Engage in Dating & Love Workshop



Tenth grade students in the Religious Education program participated in a workshop on Dating & Love last Sunday. After discussing the differences between the expectations of boys and girls, as well as the Catholic perspective, teens were joined by their parents in round table discussions.

Clam Chowder Dinner Planned

The annual parish Clam Chowder Dinner will take place on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Many parishioners appreciate the availability of an inexpensive meal without the long lines of restaurants. For \$7, attendees will be offered a choice of:

Fish filet sandwich or Grilled Cheese

Clam Chowder or Tomato Soup

Dessert

Non-alcoholic Beverage

Volunteers are still needed! Teens or adults may contact Patti Meyer at 683-6445 ext. 20 or patm@stmarysonthehill.org for information.

Story for Today

Resident Angel

"Resident Angel Mary D. has served in ways too broad and too many to recount in a single evening," read the Rhode Island Resolution proclaiming June 1, 1998 Mary Donnelly Day. Mary came to Block Island, just off Rhode Island's coast, in 1958 as a state nurse, a position she's held for over fifty years.

Though her nursing work is admirable, it is now, at age eighty-three, that Mary accomplishes some of her most challenging and noteworthy work, administering a charitable fund known as the Mary D. Fund. As the economic times challenged everyone and as the island's population aged, Mary was asked to make sense of the various notices received, threatening shut offs and payments due. For people who felt they had "been assigned months of misery," as Job had, Mary's visits became a beacon of hope. When the physical, emotional and financial help she offered became more apparent to the one thousand residents of Block Island, donations appeared that were to be used for those in need on the island.

Thus, the Mary D. Fund grew both from donations and from events such as the annual Mary D. Ball. Last year, Donnelly estimates she distributed about \$50,000. Mary speaks plainly when being asked for funds. Each person must meet with her in person and Mary has no problem stressing that the money is for necessities only and not dining out. Those possessed by the demons of bad spending habits are not given a free pass, but met with compassionate, yet realistic straight talk. Her service, read the Rhode Island proclamation, has been provided "always with humor and steadfastness and the truest Christian love."

Residents of Block Island could complain that life is a drudgery, but not with Mary Donnelly present. "I'm an ordinary person," said Mary on the CBS Sunday Morning Show, "who's been gifted with this." Angel Mary D. views her ability to give as a gift given to her.

- Dr. Constance M. Popp

Tax Statements

Tax statements were recently emailed or mailed to parishioners. If you did not receive a tax statement and would like one, please call Jane at the Rectory (683-6445, Ext. 12).

Technology Notes

On Twitter:

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Please Remember in Your Prayers ...

Katherine Ciamaga, Peter Duman, Beverly Holdsworth, Alice Kawalerski, Ray Smith, Richard Was, Geraldine Gervace, Chris Krull, Jessica Grazen, Alfred Seyman, Norman Horn, Kathryn Lance, Jacob Schmidt, Dolores Jansen, Timothy Buczak, Dante Pacella, Tim Glynn, Jessica Tarasik, Virginia Nowak, Fred Hadlick, Eunice O'Brien, Lillian Stiegler, Cathy Evans, Joan Pomietlarz, Lynn Hood, Darlene M. Grabenstatter, Amy Mikula, Dorothy Koslicki, Rose Panfil, Alice Kaniecki, Elizabeth Dauer-Flett, Michael Knauber, Suzann Johnson, Dennis Miesowicz, Anthony Stinson, Susan Green, George Stilb, Richard Lubi, Calvin E. Carr, Catherine Warunek, Ed Warren, Herb Wutz, Austin Bates, Walter Koneski, Sr., Jack Gandzinski, Scott Bobowicz, Marie Ausberger, Alice Knauber, Kathy Getz, Tillie Nawotka, Eddie Krajewski, Andrew Kloc, Shirley Roll, Barbara Beilman, John Guenther, Ruth Hawley, Theresa Nowicki, Gunda Fairchock, Carol Fadale, Maryann Delzer, Virginia Knoll, Adele Kuczka, Perry Hake, Leo True, Christine Maryniewski, Ron Grazen, Brian Glynn, Sarah A., Edward Piontkowski and Mabel Piontkowski.

Please let us know if a family member is hospitalized. Due to privacy laws, we can only be notified of a hospitalization by the patient or a family member (with the permission of the patient). When a person has recuperated, we ask that you call to advise us so that their name can be removed.

Please Pray for Those in the Armed Forces...

Raymond Herr, Jeremiah & Rebecca Herr (Air Force), Robert Napper (Navy), Maj. Sean McManus (Army), Capt. Evelyn Vento, M.D. (Army), James Meger (Air Force), Christopher Pfeil, Jr. (Air Force), Fireman William Noll (Coast Guard), Capt. Kelly Lelito (Army), Patrick Brotka (Navy), Capt. Thomas Derion (Army), Lt. Col. David J. Roll (Air Force), Thomas White (Marines), LCPL Anthony Celano (Marines), OS2 Justin Blicharski (Navy), Anthony Celani, Jr., Sgt. Dwayne Dunn (Marines), Sgt. Jacob Welsted (Army), Michael Howey, 1LT. Michael Thielmann, Maj. Jeffrey Buczak (Army), Lance Corporal Stephen St. George (Marines), Msgt. Mark T. Braun (Marines), Lt. Col. Thomas Murphy (Army), PV2 Jacob C. White (Army), Capt. Geoff Guinnup (Army), Matthew Banach (Air Force), Lt. Col. Steven Kotansky (Marines) and PV2 Aaron Bapst (Army).

St. Mary's Elementary School Presents: Disney's High School Musical, Jr.

Dinner Theater: Thursday, March 8th - 6PM

Performances:

Friday, March 9th - 7 PM

Saturday, March 10th - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 10th—6:00 p.m.



Dinner Theater tickets are available in the school office for \$27. Dinner will be catered by Gary Koscielniak & Apples Deli, and includes shrimp cocktail, soup, choice of chicken cordon bleu or prime rib, with vegetable and potato, dessert, rolls and butter, served along with wine, beer, coffee, tea or soft drink, and tickets to a priceless show. Seating is limited, so get your tickets early!

Tickets for Friday & Saturday performances are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door. Hope to see you there!

For the Funny Bone...

A very rich man was getting married and was nervous about it. He told the pastor that the fee would be in proportion to the brevity of the service and that if he used a long service, he wouldn't receive a cent.

When the wedding day came, the couple stood before the pastor in the bride's home. The pastor said to the man, "Take her?"; to the woman, "Take him?" and then closed the ceremony by pronouncing, "Took."

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Ministries

Altar Society	Barbara Schrader	684-6148
Before Cana Marriage Prep	Deacon David Jerome	683-4193
Care of the Soul Book Club	Barbara Schrader	684-6148
Catholic Fathers Basketball	David Hokaj	686-0024
Finance Committee	Greg Meyer	656-1871
Food Baskets	Natalie Collins	683-6199
Funeral Breakfasts	Josie Wienckowski	683-4749
Junior Ladies Of Charity	Marian Snyder	681-2957
Knights of Columbus	John Dryja	684-8120
Knights of St. John	Robert Reynders	683-0031
Ladies of Charity	Dolores Chavez	683-8313
Liturgy Committee (Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers)	Joe Kugler	681-5448
Marriage Rehearsal Ministry	Deacon David Jerome	683-4193
Music Ministry:		
Adult Choir	Andrea Ross	949-1285
Young Adult Music	Chelsea Mang	683-2617
Prayer Group	Norman Brzezinski	681-2193
Pre-Baptism Preparation	Deacon David Jerome	683-4193
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	Shirley Rinow	683-3185
Religious Education	Elaine Driscoll	683-8564
SME School	Jane Driscoll	683-2112
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ST. MARY'S PARISH OUTREACH

Outreach Coordinator	Holly Walter	656-9583
Prison Ministry	Jack Thielmann	684-5777
Hospital Ministry	Diane Stoiber	683-1252
Nursing Home Visiting	Mary Faulhaber	685-2347
Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick and Homebound	Janice Streit	681-2079
	Marilyn Streit	684-9864
Bereavement		683-2007
Transportation	Bill & Marie Ausberger	685-4902
Greeting Card Ministry	Patti Meyer	656-1871
Hospitality Ministry	Ruth Wunner	683-9239
Ministry of Praise		
Circle of Friends (Social Group for Individuals With Disabilities)	Donna Michaels	683-0615
Social Justice Ministry	Holly Walter	656-9583
Parish Nurse Ministry	Janet Ahearn	683-0463
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Ginny Loecher	683-2007
Respect for Life	Kathy Occhiuto	651-9877
Evangelization	Holly Walter	656-9583

Around the Area

- **Trip to Poland**, "Walk in the Footsteps of Blessed John Paul II," May 20-30, 2012, Blessed John Paul II Parish, Lakeview. Reservations by Feb. 10, 627-2910. Cost \$3,280 per person.
- Knights of Columbus **Spaghetti Dinner**, Sun., Feb. 19, 11 a.m.—3 p.m., 10950 Main St., Clarence. Adults \$7/ages 6-12 \$5/<5 free.

Parish Registration

St. Mary's welcomes new parishioners at any time. Please call the Rectory or register in person.

Baptism

Parishioners are asked to contact the Rectory before the birth of a child and to participate in a program of preparation for the celebration of Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 1:15 p.m. or during any weekend Mass. A godparent should be a practicing Catholic and must obtain a Letter of Recommendation from his or her own parish. Please call the Rectory for details and registration.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. each Saturday. Area Penance Services are offered during Advent and Lent.

Marriages

Before a wedding date is scheduled, arrangements must be made with one of the parish priests at least six months in advance. Weddings may be scheduled any time after 3:00 p.m. on Fridays and before 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Throwing of rice, birdseed, confetti, etc. is prohibited.

Ministry to the Sick

Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held the third Sundays of May and November at 3:00 p.m. in the Church. The sick, shut-ins, elderly and disabled of the parish may receive Communion at home, if they desire to do so. Please contact the Rectory. Please notify the Rectory when a parishioner (family member or neighbor) is admitted to a hospital or nursing home.

Bulletin Announcements

Announcements must be submitted to janed@stmarysonthehill.org and pattim@stmarysonthehill.org at least nine days before the date of the bulletin in which they are to appear.



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