

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Easter everyone! To all of our visitors and extended family members who have come to celebrate with us this morning: we thank you for celebrating Christ's Resurrection with us. Please know that you are always welcome to celebrate faith with us.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is such an important event that the Church celebrates it for eight days! And for these next fifty days, we'll continue to bask in the rays of Christ's Rising and the Easter Season.

Thanks to Denice Frechette and Sara & Emily Adams, our little cherubs will again enjoy our annual Easter Egg Hunt today!

Again this year, we are so very happy to welcome our newly baptized and all those who have celebrated the Easter sacraments. Welcome **Rick Nestler** who has been initiated into our faith, as well as **Shakir Cannon, Jessica Tucker, and Brian Haney** who have completed their entry into the life of the Catholic Church. Their journeys were made fruitful by our hopes and prayers for them, but also through the dedicated ministries of Maureen Billa and our Faith Formation program, as well as Joanne Cimma and all of the catechists and ministers of our RCIA Team.

Finally, in a special way, I invite each of us to recall the many members of our parish—family members, friends, neighbors and loved ones—who have died over the last few months. May the Easter message of Christ's own rising bring comfort to those who mourn amidst the holiness of these days, and bring blessed joy and new life to our departed sisters and brothers; may Christ's own victory over death be shared with each of them in eternity. May they rest in peace.

*He is Risen, Alleluia! A Happy Easter to all.
Fr. David*



UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Thu	4/4	7:00p	Catholicism series
Sat	4/6	11:00a	Joseph's Music Celebration
Mon	4/8	7:00p	Finance Comm. meeting
Tue	4/9	6:30p	Scripture Study
Sat	4/13	8:00a	Blood Drive (Holy Spirit)
Mon	4/15	7:00p	Golf Committee meeting
Wed	4/17	6:30p	Eucharistic Adoration
Mon	4/22	7:00p	Gala Team meeting



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 1, 2013



Tues.	4/2	7 ^{AM}	+REV. ROBERT W. KLINE (available; priest's intention)
Thurs.	4/4	7 ^{AM}	+MSGR. DONALD E. RAU (available; priest's intention)
Fri.	4/5	7 ^{AM} 7:30-10 ^{AM}	WORLD PEACE By OLM Prayer Group EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Sun.	4/7	8:30 ^{AM} 11 ^{AM} 7 ^{PM}	+MARY & PETE LAZOSKY By Peter & Edna Mae Arnos +RALPH NUSCA, SR. By Ray & Rose Ann Fabian +RALPH PINTO By Jack & Carol Spath +ALICIA HUBBARD & FAMILY By Ken & Louise Lloyd +HANNAH ROONEY By Roger & Marilyn Rooney +BARBARA SHEEHAN By The Mitchell & Jackson Families FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR AREA PARISHES

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Report for: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Offertory received from Envelopes & Loose Offerings	\$ 6,121.47
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$ 2,215.00
Total Offertory received for last week	\$ 8,336.47
Budgeted need for last week	\$ 7,741.00
Percentage of budgeted need received in offertory	107.7%
Last Week's Difference ("+" means surplus, "-" means deficit)	+ \$ 595.47

Thanks to all of you who show such generous care!
Please remember our parish in your will...we are:
"St. Mary's Church, Clinton Heights, NY"

EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

DO YOU KNOW?



IT'S TIME TO TURN IN YOUR WATER BOTTLE

For the next couple weeks you will notice a blue collection barrel at the entrance of the church for the H₂O Project donations. Simply drop your H₂O water bottle or envelope with your donation toward a permanent drinking well.

FIRST RECONCILIATION



Congratulation to our 29 children who received their First Reconciliation on Monday, March 18th. You ALL did a wonderful job! Special thank you to **Mrs. Lynn Burdick** and **Mrs. Julie Suarez**, who so beautifully prepared the children.

K -5th GRADE (elementary)

No Session: Sunday, 03/31/2013 EASTER SUNDAY
No Session: Sunday, 04/07/2013 SPRING BREAK

6th-8th GRADE (Middle School)

10th Session: Monday, 04/08/2013; 7:00PM - 8:30PM

9th-10th GRADE (High School)

11th Session: Monday, 04/15/2013; 7:00PM - 8:30PM

ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS OFFERINGS

- **Scripture Study—Tuesday, April 9th from 6:30-8:00pm**
Fr. David LeFort will be our guide as we explore Paul, an Apostle.
- **"Catholicism" Series - Thursday, April 4th from 7:00-8:30pm**
A VAST COMPANY OF WITNESSES: The Communion of Saints



Don't forget to check the website (www.stmaryny.org) for detailed information and additional happenings or contact Maureen at maureen@stmaryny.org or 449-2232 x12.

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

For Our Sick:

Jaime Adams	Joan Filkins	Madison Chester Mann
Withani Anvwater	Michael Gabriel	Mary Murtha
Rose Bix	Tiffany Gamache	Lorenzo Carling Russo
Nancy Burns	JoAnn Gullo	David Salzer
Marilyn Burt	Robert Guynup	Helen Tencza
Hudson Cushman	Louise Kolakoski	Ruth Van Dyk
Bill Dawson	Kassidy Krenzer	Mabel Whitcomb
Carole Farrell	Theresa Orciuoli Lacy	

Names will be on our list for 3 months. To request continued prayer, please contact the parish office.



For Our Parish Soldiers and Friends:

Aaron Bentley	Vincent Catalfamo	Caroline Cleveland	
Sean Markham	Tera & Tyson Quink	Josh Spath	Arthur Thornton

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT-TO CONSERNS-U

Our pantry needs this week are: **peanut butter** and **shampoo**. Also, if anyone has plastic grocery bags they want to recycle, we could use them at the pantry for our clients to bag their food items. God bless you all during this Easter season. You are faithful servants of our Lord!



The Church of St. Mary and Holy Spirit Church are co-sponsoring a Blood Drive to be held at Holy Spirit Church on **Saturday, April 13th from 8:00am to 1:00pm**. Sign-ups will take place on Sunday, April 7th after the masses or you may contact Teresa or Mike Blohm at 432-7938.



STILL LIFE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THANK YOU!! A special thank you to all who were involved in the live stations. **Fr. David**, for your constant and continued support of our youth; the **families**, for your encouragement of our youth and lending a helping hand; the **parishioners**, for your continued support and prayers for our youth; also a special thanks to the cast and crew who lead the stations: Music by **Fiona Shea, Dan Lang, Mary Memole and Genina Sheehan**; Narrator, **Olivia Lang**; Crew, **Christian Englund**; Re-enactors, **Anthony Balascio, Joseph Balascio, Emily Blohm, Justin Burdick, Andrew Curtin, Laura Haney, Rachel Haney, Ashley LaBreck, Travis LaBreck, Teresa Memole, Matt Morris, Rachel Morris, Siobhan Shea and Katie Teal**.



SIGNING THE LITURGY



Recently, we were asked if we could offer sign language during some of our parish liturgies. By the grace of God, **Colleen Hart**, one of our high school freshmen, has been studying and is beginning to sign the Liturgy of the Word at today's 11am Mass. Our hope is to have Colleen sign one Sunday a month (always at the 11am Mass) for these first couple of months, growing to two Sundays each month and including all of the Mass parts. **Please help us spread the word to your neighbors** to let them know: we hope this is a help to our hearing impaired friends. By the way, the sign in this picture is the first letter of Christ's name!

TSL SUMMER CAMP HERE AT ST. MARY'S



Introducing a new Summer Camp hosted here at our parish with the help of TSL Adventures! The camp will run for 10 weeks and folks can sign up their children for as many weeks as they wish. Children will be here weekdays anywhere from 7:30am to 5:30pm and will enjoy learning and activities and sharing that's fun and engaging. **Information sessions are scheduled for Sunday April 14th (9:45am – 11:00am) or Thursday April 18th at 7:00pm. All are welcome.** In the meantime, find out more by visiting www.tsladventures.net.

JOSEPH'S MUSIC CELEBRATION



Many of you will remember Art & Karen Frost and their two sons Joseph & Matthew who moved a few years ago to Wynantskill. Well, **St. Jude the Apostle** is holding a benefit concert **this Saturday, April 6th 11:00am-2:00pm**, featuring songs by Joseph Frost. There will be food, face painting, a bake sale and raffle prizes. Adults \$10/Children \$5 (under 5 yrs...free). Can our own parish make a great showing at St. Jude's School?

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAKING SHAPE...

If you haven't heard, we're making great strides in several improvements to our campus. First, although our **new organ** was scheduled to be installed this week, we've postponed it by a few weeks to be sure we do it carefully and correctly...rather than racing to beat Easter. The **garden** around the statue of Mary (in front of our property) will be fully replaced in the next few weeks...just in time for May crowning. Later this spring we'll begin installing **air conditioning** in the church (as well as the childcare room in the Parish Center). We'll also begin some corrective work on our **parking lot** (including sealing and striping the lot this summer). And, finally, the new "Invitation to Holiness" **stained glass window** should be installed in the Chapel of St. Joseph next month.



THANKS TO SO MANY OF OUR DEDICATED & GENEROUS PARISHIONERS, WE'RE CONSTANTLY ABLE TO IMPROVE OUR PROPERTIES...always looking to better-serve our welcoming, our gathering, our community, our prayer, and our good works!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: RUNNING RESULTS

Here are the running results of our capital campaign for air conditioning our church and installing a new organ:

Goal:	\$100,000.00
Pledges Received:	\$ 96,324.23
Still Needed:	\$ 3,675.77
Number of Pledges:	124
Average Pledge:	\$76.81

Less than \$3700 in pledges left to go!
Are you receiving a tax refund? Consider donating a portion to our Capital Campaign!
The projects have begun—but there's still time to contribute!

