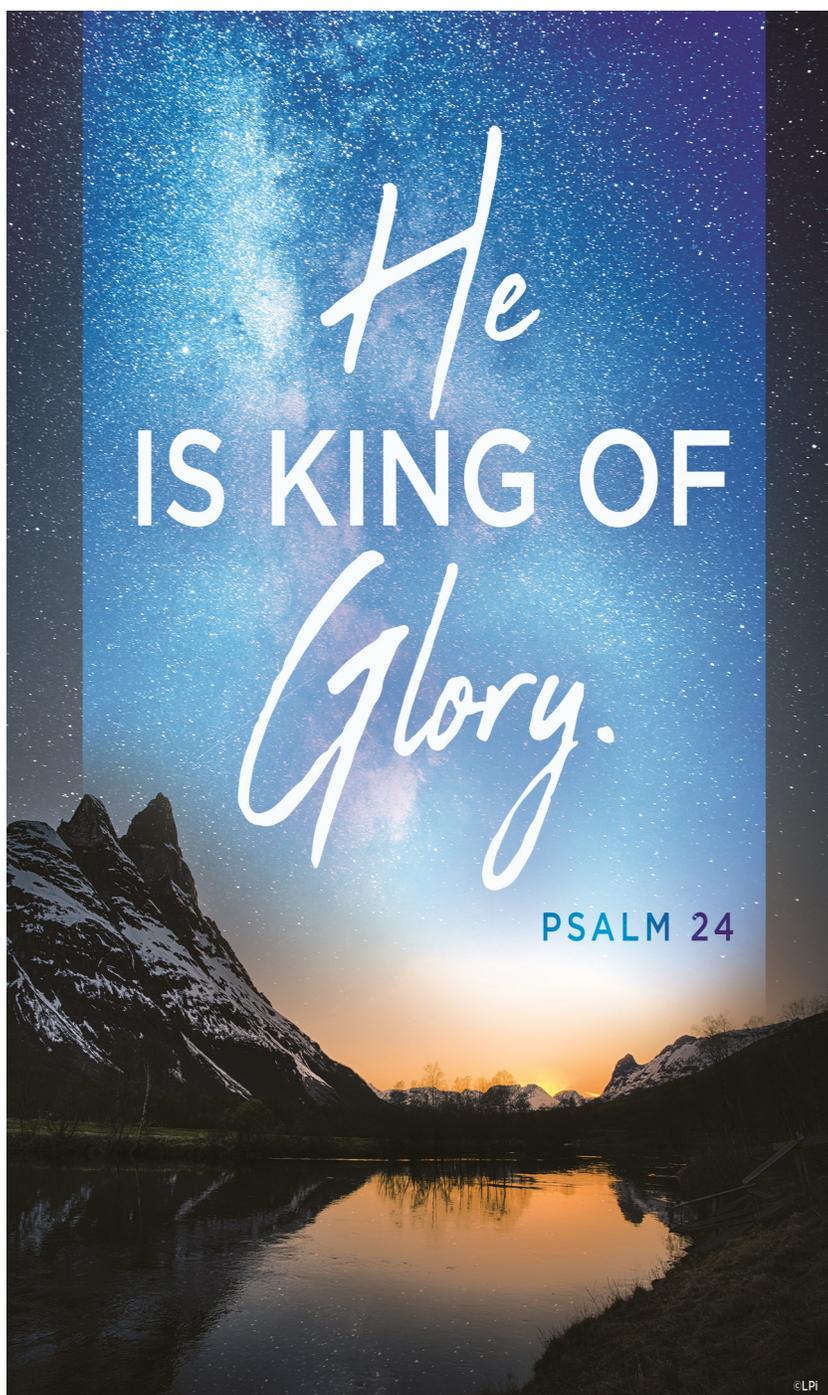


December 22, 2019 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent



Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 21: 4:30 PM

Sunday, December 22: 8:00AM / 10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve ~ 4:30pm & 7:30pm

Christmas Day ~ 8am & 10am

St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake

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Father Peter Pagones

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Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office, or if at the hospital,
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547-3626

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We, the Catholic Community of St. Mary's, once again are planning The Giving Tree project which reaches many of our county's Elderly Community living with assistance. With your support and generosity this annual tradition enriches many of whom this may be the **only Christmas** they will have. What a great opportunity to engage your whole family, especially teens, in this outreach of love. Every member can have a part in the selection of a tag (or two) off any of the three trees in church, in the purchase and wrapping of much needed and appreciated gifts, and perhaps together say a prayer for the person as you place the tag on the present. Trees will be decorated with tags by November 16th and gifts are needed back by December 22nd at the latest. Thank you. ~ Jean Bohm

Jesse Tree

The Fourth Sunday of Advent – PREPARE

The symbols of the fourth week all deal with the people involved with the miraculous birth of Jesus. Start with the parents of Mary: Anne and Joachim, who brought Mary up in the readiness to always do God's will. This prepared her to accept God's invitation to become the mother of his Son. Joseph lovingly fulfilled his role as the husband of Mary and the protective foster father of Jesus. The little town of Bethlehem, with its mysterious star, was the setting for Jesus' birth. The shepherds in the fields were the first to hear the news proclaimed by the angels who filled the sky. And so it was that Jesus came to be born, closing the final chapter of the saga that had begun so long ago. And yet his birth is also the beginning of a new and even more wondrous story for all people.

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Person/Event</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
Book	Anne & Joachim	
	Tradition says Anne told Mary about God's chosen people and of the Messiah to come	
Heart	Mary	Luke 1:26-38
Carpenter's tools	Joseph	Matthew 1:18-25
Star	Star of Bethlehem	Matthew 2:1-12
Lamb	Shepherds	Luke 2:8-20
Angel	Choir of Angels	Luke 2:8-14
Babe in the manger	Jesus	Luke 2:1-20

Prayer – Heavenly Father, help us to celebrate Jesus' coming in joy and peace. May we welcome him into our lives in a new way this Christmas, allowing him to love and act in and through us. Help us to be like Mary, always ready and eager to do your will.

Thank you to all who participated in St. Mary's Youth Christmas Pageant

Thank you Kara Grady for organizing, Roger Davidson for delivery, set-up & clean-up, and to Brian Wrubleski, his family and staff at Mel's @ 22 for the delicious spaghetti dinner they provided.

Weekly Offertory

December 14/15

Attendance: 273

Offertory: \$2061.00



An **Advent calendar** is a special calendar used to count the days of [Advent](#) in anticipation of [Christmas](#).

Consecutive doors or windows are opened every day leading up to Christmas, beginning on the start of the Advent season for that year. Often the doors are distributed across the calendar in no particular order. The calendar windows open to reveal an image, a poem, a portion of a story (such as the [Nativity of Jesus](#)), or a small gift, such as a toy or a chocolate item. Often, each window has a [Bible verse](#) and [Christian prayer](#) printed on it, which Christians incorporate as part of their daily [Advent devotions](#).

Our "Advent calendar", on the sides of the tabernacle, is slowly letting in the light as we await the light of the world, Jesus, our Savior's birth.



Christmas Mass schedule:
Christmas Eve ~ 4:30pm & 7:30pm Christmas Day ~ 8am & 10am

 *Pray For...* **Pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:**
Vicar, the Most Rev. Michael Cambi
Maureen Brennan ~ Robert Davenport ~ Richie Davy ~
Julia Fasset ~ Steve Markusen ~ Senator Jim Seward-Bradley Smith ~ Steven Smith, Jr.

Pray for members of the military from our families
Liam Dolan-USMC ~ Connor McCue-USMC
Ryan Barrow (son of Maureen Davidson)

2020 Sunday & Holy Day Mass remembrances or tabernacle candle remembrances are arranged through the parish office. Masses are \$10 donation and candles are a \$5 donation.

The Tabernacle Candle is donated in memory of Celia McGoldrick. Thank you McGoldrick Family!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21

4:30pm Edward Reilly
 Req. Margaret Reilly Antalec

 Maryellen Wrubleski
 Req. by Dorothy & Richard Dabrowski

Sunday, December 22

8:00am Special Intention
 Req. by the Kennedy family

10:00am Patrick Brennan
 Req. Maureen Brennan

Tuesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

4:30pm Elaine Magdal Scharfenberger
 (Our bishop's mom)

 7:30pm For the People of St. Mary's

Wednesday, December 25 ~ Christmas

8:00am Special Intention
 Req. by the Kennedy family

 10:00am Dorothy Dabrowski ~
 Happy 82nd Birthday!

 Celia McGoldrick
 Req. by the McGoldrick family

Saturday, December 28

4:30pm Mary Ungolo
 Req. by the family

 Patricia and William Dornburgh

Sunday, December 29

8:00am Daniel Blake (healing)
 Req. by Kitty Dykstra

 10:00am John Duffy Sr.

COOPERSTOWN SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Monday, December 23rd:
 1:15pm Live Strong with Carole LcChance
 2:00pm Balancing your daily living with Kari Mullin

Thursday, December 26th:
Senior Center will be closed

2020 Catholic Calendars are available at the entrances of the church. Please take one.



Please turn in your parish census form sent out in the mail last month. If you cannot locate it we have more available in the parish office.

Christmas flowers are donated by

Dorothy and Richard Dabrowski
 in memory of Maryellen Wrubleski &
 Mark Dabrowski

J Ungolo Alexander
 in memory of Mary Ungolo

The Clark Foundation

Thank you and blessings to you all!



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

Merry Christmas to all!
Father Pagones and Karen



Church of St. Mary Our Lady of the Lake

16 December 2019

Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. Mary's

We promised you a summary of the town hall meetings held in November.

The turnout was excellent, between the two meetings 96 people attended, and offered their thoughts, concerns and ideas about how together we might enhance our parish. We are in the process of addressing these and acting on them as best we can. We want to thank everyone for your enthusiasm and support during the Town Hall meetings.

From those of you able to attend the town halls we heard a desire to have more volunteers and leaders step forward to help the church progress. As we share with you the identified initiatives, we ask that you consider helping in whatever way you can, both large and small.

For those of you who were not able to attend and have thoughts you would like to share, **please call 547-2213 or email at pastor@stmaryscoop.org**. We look forward to your comments!

As many have inquired about how our parish organized, we have that information on the back of this page. Many have noticed an increase in enthusiasm and activity at our parish over the last few months. Indeed, this is heartwarming and encouraging. Our goal is to continue to build upon the many good things at our parish (see below) as we look forward to welcoming a new priest at some time in the future.

We wish you a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Warmly, the St. Mary's Leadership Group

How Parishioners Responded to the Question About What They Like About St. Mary's

Social interaction with other parishioners	Responsiveness to requests
Door to the church is always open	Articulation and expression of Mass
Physical style of the church, reflective of earlier time	Thanksgiving Mass
Social events e.g. Glimmerglass Mass, Lenten Fish Fry	Small size, leads to closeness
Opening of the senior center	Eucharistic ministers
History – children grew up here, married here	Commitment to hospital patients
Food drives	Strong Catholic community
Church community interaction with Cooperstown	Compassion, caring one another
Community and other churches	

How St Mary's is Organized

In addition to the leader of the parish, either a parish priest or parish life coordinator, we have two main councils which have overall responsibility for parish activities. These are:

I. Pastoral Planning Council

Parish Leader – Karen Walker Trustees – Mike Millea and Peter Henrici

Chairman – Rob Bohm Members – TBD (**we'd love you to consider your role here**)

Please call 547-2213 or email at pastor@stmaryscoop.org

Recommendations from Town Halls:

Prayer and Worship: Reinvigorate bereavement program (led by G Smith), enhance music program, establish a liturgy committee, enhance reverence, respect for presence of God at Mass, increase mid-week services, assess prayer chain, expand Eucharistic ministry, announcements at end of Mass vs beginning, increase involvement of children at Mass, pray(ers) for a new priest.

Social Interaction, Parish Culture: More parish-wide activities, build upon welcoming culture, integrate new parishioners into culture, i.e. Mom's group, book club.

Youth, Young Adult Ministry: Consider recruitment of youth director, implement more youth activities, and acquaint youth with Catholic colleges, more qualified, certified instructors. **Outreach, Social**

Justice: Convert words of liturgy into real life, family social activities, organize social justice work, pursue ecumenism.

Faith Formation, Education: Strengthen youth and adult catechesis, adult education opportunities.

II. Finance Council

Parish Leader – Karen Walker Trustees – Mike Millea and Peter Henrici

Chairman – Vincent Russo Members – Sharon Oberriter, Don Dubois, Jim Howarth, Jeff Woeppel

Regular Business Functions: Financial mgmt, budget, vendor contracts, financial reporting, fund raisers, human resources, investment fund, mgmt of physical campus, communications

Recommendations from Town Halls: Accessible info station, Tripod for the Day's Special Announcement, more robust social media program, assess feasibility of ministry fair