

# Historic St. Mary's Church

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## Mission Statement

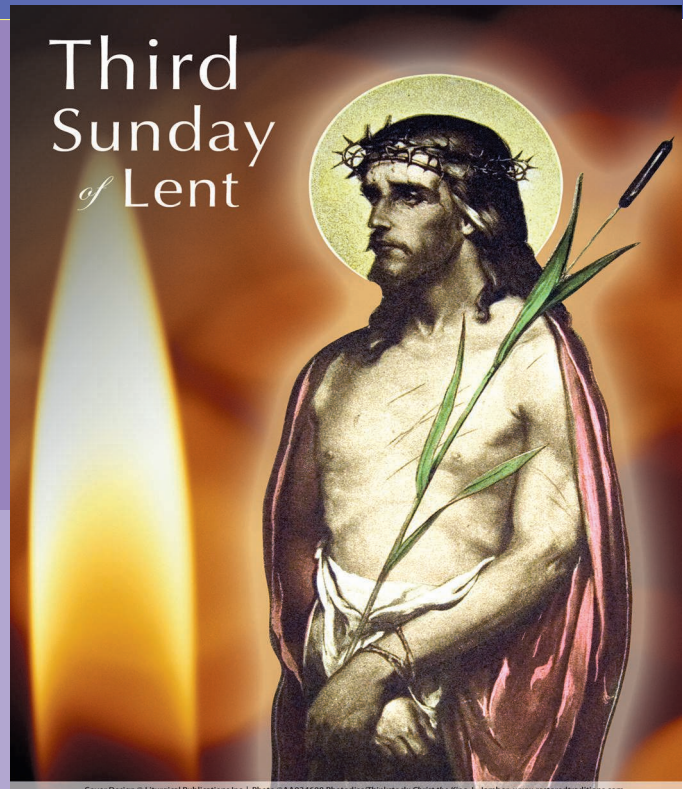
We are a Catholic community of faith, nourished by Word and Sacrament, who trusting in the merits of Jesus Christ and faithful to the Church's magisterium, seek to live the Gospel in the world today through Liturgy and Service.

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jeffrey M. L'Arche, MS, *Pastor*  
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Betsy Barker, *Parish Secretary*  
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Church and Cemetery Office: 842-4500  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Daily Mass** (Monday through Friday) 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. (*Spanish Mass*)  
(Communion Service at 8:00 a.m. Saturday)

\***Traditional Latin Mass** every First Friday at 5:00 p.m., First Saturday at 8:00 a.m. & Every Third Sunday of the month at \*4:30 p.m. (\*new time)

**CONFESSIONS :** Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** - Celebrated monthly. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

**SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE** - Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed date of marriage. Dates will be secured at this initial meeting. No other arrangements should be made until after this initial contact.

**SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK** - Anyone who is seriously ill or undergoing surgery and would like to receive this Sacrament should contact the Parish Office.

**Misioneros de Jesus Grupo de Oracion:** 5:00 a 6:45 p.m. Escuela de Fe: 7:00 a 8:00 p.m. Asambleas generales de Predicas, Alabanzas y Adoracion Todos los ultimos Domingos del mes.

**Masses for the Week of March 4, 2018**

Monday, March 5, 8:00 a.m.

- 1) **Michela, Rocco, Nicholas Colangelo, Armand D'Ambrosio, Jane Hughes** by the Family

Tuesday, March 6, 8:00 a.m.

- 1) **Alfred D. Motyl Sr. (for his 70th birthday March 4)** by Betsy, Rich & Family

Wednesday, March 7, 8:00 a.m.

- 1) **Thomas & Elizabeth Quandt** by the Family
- 2) **For the People of St. Mary's**

Thursday, March 8, 8:00 a.m.

- 1) **Our President Donald J. Trump**



Friday, March 9, 8:00 a.m.

- 1) **2nd Anniv. Ed Meliosky** by the Family
- 2) **1st Anniv. Evelyn Rimkunas** by the Family

**Saturday, March 10, 8:00 a.m. Communion Service 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

- 1) **Evelyn Rimkunas** by the Family
- 2) **James Douglas** by his Wife Carol
- 3) **Jacob Fariello** by Dolores, Jimmy & Family
- 4) **1st Anniv. Louis Muscatello** by the Family

**Sunday, March 11, 8:00 a.m. Mass**

- 1) **Veronica Kanard (on her birthday)** by the Family
- 2) **Annamay "May" Engle** by Frank Fattoruso & Cindy Susi
- 3) **Shirley A. Costentino** by St. Mary's Holy Name Society

10:00 a.m. Mass

- 1) 4th Anniv. **Catherine Sinicropi Galluccio** by Children & Grandchildren
- 2) **Richard Agard** by his Wife & Family
- 3) **Theresa Williams** by her Friends

12:15 Spanish Mass

- 1) **For the People of St. Mary's**
- 2) **For the Needs in the Book of Prayer Intentions**



And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." - Jn 2:16-17

**Holy Name Society** meets next Sunday, March 11 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Matthew Stachnick will read his winning Essay. Last month's meeting was postponed.



**St. Mary's Stewardship Report**  
**Budget for the Current Fiscal Year, 2017/2018 is:**  
**\$656,319.00**

**Average Weekly Offertory Income Needed** \$ 11,274.00  
**Average Weekly Income Needed from Other Sources:** \$ 1,117.30  
**Total Collection Report for February 17/18:** \$ 10,240.00

Breakdown

**Weekly: \$9,414.00**      **Other: \$452.00**  
**Candle: \$374.00**

**\*Church Restoration: \$1,141.63**  
**\*This collection is separate from all above collections.**

**Total Collection for February 24/25:** \$ 10,776.00

Breakdown

**Weekly: \$8,741.00**      **Other: \$1,654.00**  
**Candle: \$381.00**

**\*Faith Soup Kitchen: \$1,249.00**  
**\*This collection is separate from all above collection**



The **Church** Sanctuary Light this week is in loving memory of: **Raymond Moissonnier** by his Wife Catherine

The Chapel Sanctuary Light this week is for a **Special Intention**



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**Experiencing Jesus' Presence During Lent** Wednesdays during Lent at 1:00 p.m. St. Stephen's Church Hall. The 90 minute program includes prayer, scripture, meditation, prayerful reflection and faith sharing. Call Josie Sperduto at 843-2907.

**Eucharist and Wine Donations**



**Eucharist** Donation for the Month of **March** is in loving memory of: James Douglas by his Wife Carol

**Wine** Donation for the month of **March** is in loving memory of: **Joseph DiBlasi** by his Wife Kathy & Family

**Lenten Fish Fry is back!**

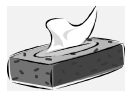


St. Mary's Church and St. Mary's Institute present the Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, March 9 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Institute;

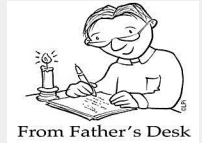
eat in or take out. Tickets are \$12 each. Fried fish, salt potatoes, coleslaw, roll & coffee. Tickets available after Mass and also at the door.

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**Monthly Collections**

**"Anytime" Collections:** *Clothing* - Blue/White drop box west-side entrance of the church. These proceeds benefit our parish.



*Comfort Zone* - Paper products and toiletries, etc. that are not provided by the Food Pantry. **Food Collection:** Bring non-perishable food to the church hall or place in the Comfort Zone box located in front/main entrance of the Church. **Third Weekend of each month:** Church Restoration Envelopes. **Last** weekend of each month is for the **Faith Soup Kitchen**.



The "*Romance*" languages: Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, French and Romanian all derive from the Latin language. Many other languages do too including English, German and many others. These countries were part of the Roman Empire once upon a time.

The word for Lent in Latin is "*Quadresima*." It means forty. The forty day period of Christ's venture into the wilderness in fasting and in prayer. The Latin derivative all use a variation of the word *Quadresima* to connote "*Lent*." No doubt this time in fasting, prayer and temptation was a spiritual retreat for the Lord before He began His public ministry of three years. Jesus did so much in such a short period of time. There was no communications office or social media to help Him. It was all the work of the Holy Spirit.

The word "*Lent*" is an Old English word which means "*Springtime*." Imagine? Though it is a good concept, not only are we anticipating the end of the "*dead*" Winter but also a new beginning of goodness. We use the term, "*Spring Cleaning*;" we certainly get the connection. The weeks of Lent offer us the opportunity to clean our souls. Once again we can only do this with the "*help of God's Grace*." The act of contrition says as much and we should avail ourselves of this grace!

*Father Jeffrey*

**Lenten Opportunities**

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction** every Friday during Lent at 12:00 noon at St. Mary's St. Stanislaus at 2:00 p.m.  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Stephens at 7:00 p.m.



**The Area-Wide Penance Service will be Wednesday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church in Hagaman**

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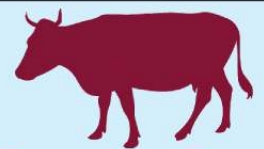
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