

# 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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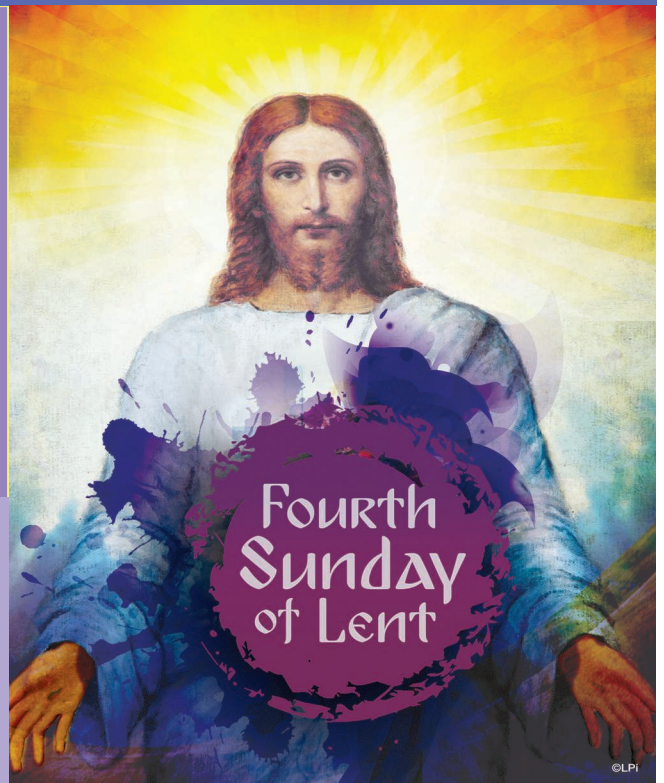
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Church and Cemetery Office: 842-4500

St. Mary's Institute: 842-4100

Faith Formation: 843-5452

Website: [www.stmaryamsterdam.com](http://www.stmaryamsterdam.com)

## 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 11, 2018**



Monday, March 12, 8:00 a.m.  
 1) **For the Needs in Book of Prayer Intentions**

Tuesday, March 13, 8:00 a.m.  
 1) **35th Anniv. Elizabeth Damiano**  
 by Grandson Paul

Wednesday, March 14, 8:00 a.m.  
 1) **Thomas & Elizabeth Quandt**



Thursday, March 15, 8:00 a.m.  
 1) **For the Needs in the Book of Prayer Intentions**

Friday, March 16, 8:00 a.m.  
 1) **Alex Martuscello** by the Joyce Family  
 2) **15th Anniv. Frank J. Cherico** by Karen, Paul, P.J. & Ashli Ottati



**Saturday, March 17, 8:00 a.m.**  
**Communion Service**

**3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Confessions**  
 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
 1) **McCune & McKeon Families** by Madeline McCune  
 2) **Anne Smith (for her 93rd birthday)** by Nieces Mary, Joan & Toni  
 3) **19th Anniv. Mary Porcello** by Daughter-in-law Esther  
 4) **4th Anniv. James Douglas** by his Wife Carol

**Sunday, March 18, 8:00 a.m. Mass**  
 1) **3rd Anniv. Hilda Pirfo** by daughters Angela, Joanne & Maria  
 2) **Shirley A. Cosentino** by Frank Fattoruso & Cindy Susi  
 3) **John Mancini** by Frank Fattoruso & Cindy Susi

10:00 a.m. Mass  
 1) **Donald F. Kraft** by Dawn & Jim Rufer & Ryan Senecal  
 2) **Alice & Walter Scott** by the Family  
 3) **Anthony Michael Damiano (for his 35th birthday)** by the Family

12:15 Spanish Mass  
 1) **Eleana Pacheo** by Myrta Gonzalez  
 2) **For the People**  
 3) **For the Needs in the Book of Prayer Intentions**



4:30 p.m. Third Sunday Latin Mass  
 1) **Jared Tagge & William Harrison** by the Pasanens  
 2) **For the Intentions of Father Jeffrey**  
 3) **For the People**



Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. - Jn 9:35-38

**Holy Name Society** meets this 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 March 3/4:** \$ 11,263.07

Breakdown  
**Weekly: \$9,175.57**      **Other: \$1,759.00**  
**Candle: \$328.50**



The **Church** Sanctuary Light this week is in Loving Memory of: **Kathryn Gavel** by her Husband & Sons

The **Chapel** Sanctuary Light this week is in Loving Memory of **Joseph Lech** by his Daughters



**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



**Irish American Club Annual Sandwich Fundraiser**

Enjoy approx. 1/2 lb. hand sliced corned beef or turkey on hearty rye or white bread. Meal includes pickles, chips, cookie and condiments for only \$9.00. Dine in or pick up at Irish American Club Yeoman St.

**Sunday, March 11, from 11:30 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 16, from 11:00 a.m.**

**(Delivery 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)**

**Saturday, March 17, from 11:00 a.m.**

For Friday delivery, orders will be taken Thursday, March 15 beginning at noon. Call 842-4096.

**Rosary Rally at the Blessed Mother's Outdoor Shrine** (East-side of Church) at 12:00 noon on **Saturday, March 17** sponsored by "America Needs Fatima Group"



**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.**

Lent is all about sin and death. Perhaps more importantly about "dying to sin" and accepting the death of Christ for our sins and



transgressions. All the efforts of the Church are for our sanctification. Priests are ordained to forgive the sins of their flocks. All the lessons and preaching of both the old and new testaments of the bible are about mercy, forgiveness and the remission of sin.

The ten Commandments make sense if God exists and if there is value to human life. As rational beings we have many opportunities in life to do good and avoid evil. During the remaining weeks of Lent we will be preaching about sin.

There seems to be a sense among some that sin no longer exists or is not all that serious. When we look at our world however, we see much sin and error pining. People in the public square may appear to be sorry for their crimes and transgressions but perhaps only because they got caught.

The categories of sin are standard. Their types: venial, serious, grave, and mortal. Venial sins are "minor infractions" of the law. Venial sins are forgiven by prayer, participation in the sacraments and good works. We have much opportunity during Lent to "work" for forgiveness of these "small" sins in order that we do not commit greater!

*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**

**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.

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