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Eucharist

SJESJ - Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 9:30am.

Tuesday and Thursday 12:10 pm (Our Lady's Chapel);

Holy Days 12:10pm (Church) or as posted

Church of St. Mary- Sunday Masses at 8:00am & 11:00am

Sunday, 7:00pm LCC Mass for entire area. Weekdays on

Wednesday and Friday at 7:00am in the Chapel, Holy Days

at 6:45am & 5:30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

SJESJ Saturday 3:30-3:45 p.m. and communally during

Advent and Lent, or by request. At **St. Mary's** on Thursday

evening at 5:30pm.

Baptism

Celebrated weekly, except during Lent. Contact the Parish

Office for the Sacramental Prep Schedule.

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Offered upon request.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Offered to all seeking full initiation into the Catholic

community. Please contact the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care

Members of our parish community and staff regularly visit

area hospitals, nursing homes, and our senior citizen

residences. Please call the Parish Office if you or a family

member are hospitalized.

Mission

Statement

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph, as the

Roman Catholic Faith Community of Rensselaer, embraces

young and old as children of God. United by the bonds of faith,

family, and friendships, we are rooted in the love and teachings

of Jesus. Inspired and motivated by the Holy Spirit, we are

committed to continue spiritual growth and service to all.

We welcome you to share activities in the sacramental, prayer, and social life of the parish using your gift of time, talent, and treasure with your family in faith. Please speak to Deacon Greg Mansfield, or call us for more information about our sacramental programs or ministries.

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	2/10/18	4:00 PM	Madeline Cipollari, <i>by Mary Ann Martyn</i> ; William M. Lape, <i>by Rita Zenzen</i> ; Richard Ryan, <i>by the Family</i> .
Sunday	2/11/18	9:30 AM	Jack Dwyer, <i>by Pasqualina Crescenzi</i> ; Edward Kappes, <i>by Sandy Raus</i> ; Michael Coakley, <i>by David & Karen Burek</i> ; Kathy Bayly, <i>by Joan Gochee</i> .
Tuesday	2/13/18	12:10 PM	For all the departed souls of our Parish
Wednesday	2/14/18	12:10 PM	Mass with imposition of Ashes
		5:30 PM	Prayer Service with imposition of Ashes
Thursday	2/15/18	12:10 PM	Joseph Hall, <i>by K. McNulty & Family</i>
Saturday	2/17/18	4:00 PM	Anna Pugliese, <i>by the Pugliese Family</i> ; Carolyn Kelly, <i>by Rita & Michael Zenzen</i> .
Sunday	2/18/18	9:30 AM	Edward Kappes, <i>by Joan Gochee</i> ; Eugene Louis Guidetti, <i>by Joseph Mosca</i> ; JoAnn Schepisi, <i>by Pasqualina Crescenzi & Family</i> ; Vincenzo Lucia Fiacco, <i>by America Cardazzi</i> .

HONORED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Bread and Wine: Elbert E. Cooley, by daughter, Joan
Sanctuary Light: Elbert E. Cooley, by daughter, Joan

PRAYERS REQUESTED

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice." Fran Barrington, Nicholas Cristo, Joan Dwyer, Daniel Gallucci, Bob Gawel, Noelle Barresi-Jones, Dylan Pollack, Wayne Simmons, Marge Waterbury, and Christine Wilson. ***We pray for our men and women serving in our armed forces, both here and abroad, especially for Andrew Barresi and Corey Russo.*** Let us also pray for our Priest Aspirants, all the men who are in Formation with the Diocese of Albany.

CONSERNS-U WEEKLY NEEDS

This week pantry needs include: Hearty soups, canned meals and meats (Spam, hash, Vienna sausage, potted meat, tuna), and toiletries. Thank you! Colleen and Mary.

TAX STATEMENTS

Tax Statements for donations to the Church for 2017 have been sent out to those who requested them last year. If you did not receive one, contact Ben or Judy in the office at 518-465-0482 we will mail it to you.

REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR LENTEN RICE BOWLS!

In The Parish This Week

Sun. 2/11	7:00PM LCC Mass @ CSM
Mon. 2/12	7:00PM Queen of Peace Prayer Group- OLC
Tues. 2/13	12:30PM MARDI GRAS BRUNCH- P.H.
Wed. 2/14	11:00AM Choir Practice in Church 12:10PM Ash Wednesday Mass 5:30PM Ash Wednesday Service
Sat. 2/17	1:00PM Literacy Sewing McManus Center
Sun. 2/18	1:00PM Rensselaer N.A. Meet Rm 100

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR BLACK, NATIVE AMERICAN & LATIN AMERICAN MISSIONS

We ask your continued support in the Diocesan Collection on **February 17/18** for Black, Native American and Latin American Missions. Your gifts fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the US and the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean. The Mission office provide grants for projects in these areas including programs in the Diocese of Albany. Thank you for your continued support.

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE BRUNCH



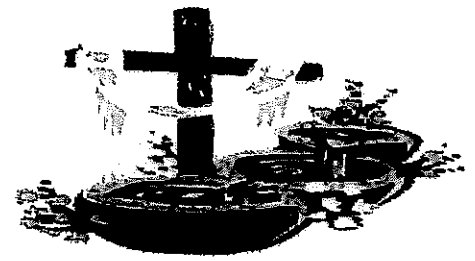
Pancakes were traditionally prepared on Shrove Tuesday to clean out ones cupboards of all that was fat and sweet before the penitential season of Lent. Please join the choir, church committee members and friends as we continue that tradition on February 13th at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House. **Please RSVP** to Judy or Ben at the church office, 465-0482, so we will know how much to prepare. Thanks!

CIRCLES OF MERCY TAX OFFERINGS

Safe, secure tax filing at "MyFreeTaxes.com" web link on Circles of Mercy home page at www.circlesofmercy.org. Free "Vita Tax Prep" services from January 22 until march 24, call 518-462-0899.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITHIN HOLY ADORATION

Friday, February 16th, @7:00pm at St. Jude the Apostle Church. 43 Brookside Ave, Wynanskill. Presented by Discerners and Aspirants for the Priesthood and Diaconate candidate of the Albany Diocese. **"We Adore Thee"** combines the Way of the Cross with Eucharistic Meditation. This is free and open to the public. Call St. Jude the Apostle at 518-283-1162 for more information.



Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

It feels like we just finished Christmas and now we are looking at the beginning of Lent, 2/14/18. Lent is an opportunity to take an honest assessment of our relationship with Jesus. No one in the Church has it all together and Lent is the time to recommit or commit our lives to Jesus for the first time. As Catholics, we often do not use that type of language. But, the Christian life is a commitment to the person of Jesus. He is alive and in our midst as he was 2,000 years ago. This is what we believe. Our faith is in a person, not a stale doctrine. This Lent Jesus is calling you and me to him.

I would like to seriously invite you to use this Lent in a new way. Jesus is asking you to let Him in. Our fasting creates a space for Him. Doing without food, our electronics, our pride, whatever allows Jesus in. Our almsgiving puts us in solidarity with the poor and vulnerable. Our renewed efforts at prayer deepen our relationship this Lent. The highest form of prayer for us Catholics is the Mass. Unfortunately, its importance has been in a decline. I often hear from people that they don't need to come to church because they can pray at home. I agree 100 %, but, Jesus shows us that our individual prayer (His going into the desert) was linked to his prayer with others (attending the synagogue on the Sabbath). I can only go on my own experience when I say that the few times I have missed Sunday Mass, my life has been incomplete that week and I needed the Lord more. Sometimes we are hungry and don't even know it. I would strongly ask you to recommit or commit yourself to the Sunday (or Saturday) Eucharist. You may not realize what you are missing. This Lent could be an invitation you will never regret.

Lent is also about forgiveness. We fast, pray and give alms to make atonement for our own sins. Each of us needs another's forgiveness and we need to forgive. I would like to take this opportunity to ask your forgiveness for anything I have done or said that may have offended you. I truly believe that there is nothing that cannot be resolved and if you feel the need to talk with me about something I have done; please talk to me. Do not just leave and let the anger grow. We do not have to agree, but we can live together in Christ.

Finally, Lent prepares us for the celebration of the Holy week and the Easter Triduum. This is the World Series, the Super Bowl, the Tour de France, the Stanley Cup, etc. of the Church year. As Christians, this week is even more important than Christmas. During this week, we celebrate in ancient rituals and prayers the core of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus.

On the back of this letter is the schedule for Lent and Holy Week. I would highly encourage each of you to make this Lent one that changes you life. As we journey together through these holy days, you all will be in my daily prayer.

As always, in Christ

Fr Tom Konopka

FEBRUARY 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

6:45 AM	Mass with the imposition of Ashes	Church of St Mary
12:00 PM	Prayer with the imposition of Ashes	Church of St Mary
12:10 PM	Mass and the Imposition of Ashes	Church of St John/St Joseph
4:45 PM	SOUP SUPPER	Church of St Mary
5:00 PM	Prayer with the imposition of Ashes	Church of St John/St Joseph
6:30 PM	Mass with imposition of Ashes	Church of St Mary

PRAYER communal services will be in the bulletin

Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 PM on Fridays during Lent	Holy Spirit, East Greenbush, NY
Lenten Holy Hour on March 12 @ 6:30, @	Church of St Mary time of reflection and prayer
Reconciliation: Thursday at @5:30pm	Church of St Mary
Reconciliation: Saturday @ 3:30 PM	Church of St John/St Joseph
Lenten Eucharist @6:30pm on Wednesdays during Lent	Church of St Mary
Ecumenical Worship and Lunch @ Methodist Church, 1 Gilligan Road, East Greenbush; Wednesdays of Lent @ 12:05 PM	

ALMSGIVING more examples will be in the bulletin

Church of St Mary H2O project.....give up a cup of coffee a day Church of St John/St Joseph Operation Rice Bowl

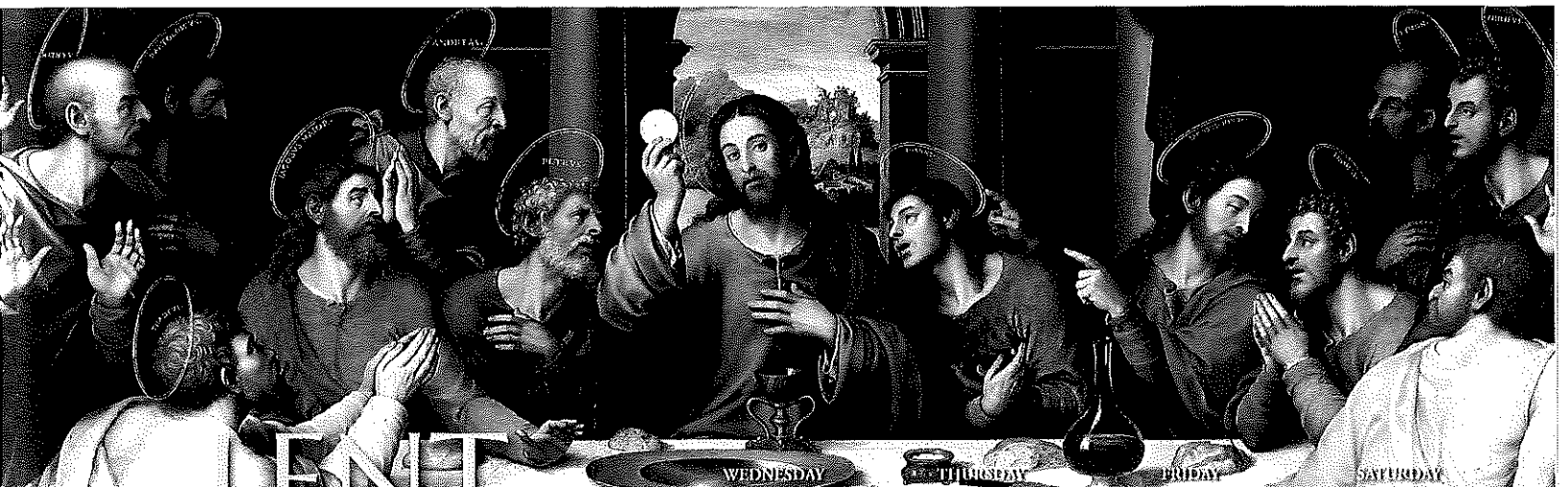
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Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (limiting the consumption of food) and abstinence (refraining from eating meat).

As a sign of our penance, there is also the custom of not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. Therefore, all Catholics, 14 years of age and older are obliged to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the other Fridays of Lent. All Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast. Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting allows for eating only one full meal per day. Two additional, smaller meals may be eaten and there is no eating in between meals. By following these traditions, it is not intended that they be interpreted simply as laws; but as customs from which we will not hold ourselves lightly excused. They are ways of expressing our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other, and to love our neighbor. It is helpful to remember that the ability to decide how much or little one will eat is in itself a gift.

HOLY WEEK AND THE TRIDUUM

MARCH 25	PALM SUNDAY	Regular Sunday Schedule
MARCH 26	HOLY MONDAY	Individual Reconciliation @ 6 PM @ Church of St Mary Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament @ 7PM @ Church of St Mary
MARCH 27	HOLY TUESDAY	Mass @ 12:10 @ Church of St John/St Joseph 6:30 Prayer and Reflection "Lazarus come out: Pilgrimage in hope" with Deacon Tim @ Church of St Mary
MARCH 28	HOLY WEDNESDAY	Mass at 7 AM @ Church of St Mary Lenten Mass @ 6:30 followed by "Praying the Icons Holy Week" with Fr Tom
MARCH 29	HOLY THURSDAY	Morning Prayer @ 9am @ Church of St Mary Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7pm @ Church of St Mary followed by adoration, Night Prayer @ 9:45 PM
MARCH 30	GOOD FRIDAY	Morning Prayer @ 9 @ Church of St Mary Living Stations @ 12:05 @ Church of St Mary Individual Reconciliation @ 3pm @ Church of St Mary Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death @7PM @ Church of St Mary
MARCH 31	HOLY SATURDAY	Morning Prayer @ 9 AM @ Church of St John/St Joseph Blessing of the Easter Food @ 3 PM @ Church of St Mary Easter Vigil @ 8PM @ St John/Joseph



LENT 2018

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
18		19		20		21		22		23		24	
Give Me a Sign Look for signs of God's love around you today. <i>Genesis 9:11-13</i>		When Did We See You? Let us do good for others as Jesus did. <i>Matthew 25:40</i>		God's Word Is Powerful Let God's Word change us this Lent <i>Isaiah 55:10-11</i>		We Can Change Now is the time to change our behavior to be like Jesus. <i>Psalms 51:3-4</i>		Walk in God's Ways What can draw us closer to Jesus today? <i>Deuteronomy 30:16</i>		The Right Fast God wants you to fast from doing evil, not just from food. <i>Isaiah 58:6-7</i>		Follow Me What do I need to leave behind today to follow Jesus? <i>Luke 5:27-28</i>	
25		26		27		28		1 MARCH		2		3	
Listen to Jesus Listen today to God's voice speaking in your heart. <i>Mark 9:7</i>		Let Us Forgive! Jesus asks us to forgive others and so be forgiven. <i>Luke 6:37-38</i>		Be More Just Let us try to treat others as if they were Jesus. <i>Isaiah 1:16-17</i>		Don't Seek Rewards Jesus insists that we will be rewarded for our service to others. <i>Matthew 20:27-28</i>		God Knows Our Need God knows us through and through. <i>Jeremiah 17:9-10</i>		Love Your Family How can you show your love for your family today? <i>Genesis 37:26</i>		God Always Surprises Us Let us be open to God's surprising ways with us. <i>Micah 7:18-19</i>	
4		5		6		7		8		9		10	
Keep God's Commands Which commandment do you most need to keep today? <i>Exodus 20:5-6</i>		God Speaks in Strange Ways Listen for God speaking through those close to you. <i>Luke 4:24</i>		Forgive Others Jesus tells us not to limit our forgiveness. <i>Matthew 18:21-22</i>		Teach Your Children Moses encourages handing on your faith to the next generation. <i>Deuteronomy 4:9</i>		Hear God's Voice How can you be more attentive to what God wants today? <i>Jeremiah 7:23</i>		Love God First How can we love God above all things? <i>Mark 12:29-30</i>		God, Be Merciful Ask God and those you have hurt for forgiveness today. <i>Psalms 51:3-4</i>	
11		12		13		14		15		16		17	
God Gives New Life Where has God's new life been working in you this Lent? <i>Ephesians 2:4-5</i>		Trust in Jesus Let us trust Jesus as the one who can heal us. <i>John 4:48-50</i>		Wanting to Be Well Jesus wants to heal you but you first must want to be healed. <i>John 5:6</i>		God Never Forgets You Trust that, like a mother, God never forgets you. <i>Isaiah 49:15</i>		Search the Scriptures Use the scriptures today to learn more about Jesus. <i>John 5:36-39</i>		Comfort Us, O God! God is close to the brokenhearted and the poor. <i>Psalms 34:19-20</i>		No One Speaks Like Him Let us treasure Jesus' words to learn about God. <i>John 7:46-47</i>	
18		19		20		21		22		23		24	
New Life through Death What must you die to today so Christ might live in you? <i>John 12:23-26</i>		ST. JOSEPH Like Joseph, protect the life of Jesus in those around you. <i>Matthew 1:20</i>		Do What Pleases God Let us always do what God desires of us. <i>John 8:29</i>		Jesus' Word Is Truth Faith in Jesus and his words gives the truth that sets you free. <i>John 8:31-32</i>		Keep My Word! Jesus promises that if we keep his word we shall live forever. <i>John 8:51</i>		God Is with You When things go wrong, remember that God is with you. <i>Jeremiah 20:10-11</i>		Gather Us Together God is drawing all people together through Jesus. <i>John 11:51-52</i>	
25 PALM SUNDAY		26		27		28		29 HOLY THURSDAY		30 GOOD FRIDAY		31 EASTER VIGIL	
Jesus Emptied Himself How can you follow Jesus' example of suffering service? <i>Philippians 2:6-8</i>		Be Not Afraid! Faced with suffering, we need not fear for God is with us. <i>Psalms 27:1-2</i>		Peter's Denial When have you denied and not followed Jesus? <i>John 13:37-38</i>		Judas's Betrayal What most tempts you to betray Jesus today? <i>Matthew 26:14-15</i>		My Body Given for You How can you give yourself for others as Jesus did? <i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i>		God's Suffering Servant Jesus suffers for us all and conquers sin and death. <i>Isaiah 53:4-5</i>		Go and Tell! Let us share the good news that Jesus is risen. <i>Mark 16:6-7</i>	

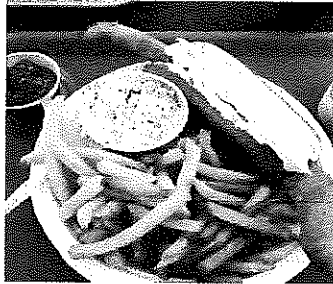


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Chicken tenders with fries \$8.00

Kids Menu: \$5.00 for chicken tenders with fries

February 11, 2018

DEACON'S DESK: *"The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted."*
 ~ Mother Teresa ~

Leprosy (Hanson's Disease) is a disease caused by bacterial infection. It mainly affects the skin, eyes, nose and nerves. Symptoms include light colored or red skin patches with reduced sensation, numbness and weakness in hands and feet. The most common form of contagion is by airborne droplets, such as coughs and sneezes. It can also be cured with a series of special drugs. In America, it is extremely rare, in 2015, there were just 63 confirmed cases.

It's most likely our own experience with this disease is from our Gospel reading. Mother Teresa confronted its effects daily. The common thread is that, for us to imitate Christ as Paul tells us, we must have the attitude of Christ. For us, that doesn't necessarily mean we have to go out and heal the sick, but we need to be open to theirs, and the needs of any "lepers" we encounter at any moment in our life, and no one is excluded!

Those are the people facing isolation and rejection. They may be the ill, but they also may be people of color, the poor, the foreigner, or anyone in the LBGT community. There are many forms of pain, suffering, and social "disfigurement." They are the victims of isolation and loneliness. When Mother Teresa treated physical needs, she recognized how much deeper their pain and suffering was. For her, it was just as important to address their spiritual pain if anyone was to experience any healing.

Lent is coming. As we reflect on these sacred words from Scripture this weekend, let the Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to be the healing touch of Jesus. A smile, a friendly word, a helping hand, are all occasions of healing to be done. Jesus will be by our side guiding our hearts. After all, all we do is not for our own good, but for the glory of God.

In peace,

Deacon Greg

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**LENTEN RECONCILIATION -- 2018**

- March 7 - 12:10pm -- Wednesday - St. John/St. Joseph's
- March 9 - 1:00pm - Friday - Holy Spirit School
- March 14 - 7:00pm - Wednesday - St. Henry's
- March 15 - 7:00pm - Thursday - St. Mary's- Nassau
- March 19 - 7:00pm - Monday - St. Mary's- Clinton Hgts.
- March 21 - 7:00pm - Wednesday - Sacred Heart -  
 Castleton-on-Hudson
- March 22 - 7:00pm - Thursday - Immaculate Conception  
 New Lebanon

**Serving Next Weekend 2/17 - 2/18**

*If unable to serve, please find a replacement.*

| <b>Saturday</b>   |                   | <b>4 PM Mass</b>    |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Tabernacle Host   | Dawn Gillan       |                     |
| Tabernacle Cup    | Sheila Millea     |                     |
| Center Host       | Sandy Raus        |                     |
| Joseph's Host     | Bill McLoughlin   |                     |
| Joseph's Cup      | Deacon Greg       |                     |
| Lector I          | Pauline Wohlleber |                     |
| Lector II         | William Wohlleber |                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>     |                   | <b>9:30 AM Mass</b> |
| Tabernacle Host   | Theresa Baird     |                     |
| Tabernacle Cup    | Deacon Greg       |                     |
| Center Host       | Stephen Janenka   |                     |
| St. Joseph's Host | Dorothy Martin    |                     |
| Joseph's Cup      | Bill Mahar        |                     |
| Lector I          | Rick Harbeck      |                     |
| Lector II         | Peter Mahar       |                     |

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**All Stations of the Cross are being held at Holy Spirit Church during Lent this year.** Each Friday the Churches take turns sponsoring the Stations. All at 7pm.

**February 16 - Holy Spirit**

**February 23 - Sacred Heart**

**March 2 - St. John/St. Joseph**

**March 9 - Holy Spirit**

**March 16 - St. Mary of Clinton Heights**

**March 23 - St. John/St. Joseph**

**ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

6:45am- **Mass** with imposition of Ashes - St. Mary's

12:00pm **Prayer** with imposition of Ashes - St. Mary's

12:10pm- **Mass** with imposition of Ashes- S.J.E.S.J.

4:45pm **SOUP SUPPER**- St. Mary's- All Invited

5:30pm- **Prayer** with imposition of Ashes- S.J.E.S.J.

6:30pm- **Mass** with imposition of Ashes - St. Mary's

**STEWARDSHIP - Thank You for your generosity!**

**+ Please consider including us in your will. +**

| <b>Week Ending February 4, 2018</b>                 |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Amount Received from Collection                     | \$2,960.00   |
| Amount Received from E-Giving                       | \$605.00     |
| Total Received Last Weekend                         | \$3,565.00   |
| Budgeted Weekly Need                                | \$4,327.00   |
| Last Week's Difference <b>Over</b> (Under) Budget   | (\$762.00)   |
| <b>Year-to-Date Fiscal Year</b>                     |              |
| Received Year-to-Date                               | \$137,300.03 |
| Budgeted Year-To-Date                               | \$138,464.00 |
| Year-to-Date Difference: <b>Over</b> (Under) Budget | (\$1,163.07) |

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