

A religious painting of Jesus Christ, depicted with a crown of thorns and a spear. The text is overlaid on the image. The text is in white, with the first line in all caps and the second line in a cursive script.

MY GOD, MY GOD  
*Why Have You  
Forsaken Me?*

PSALM 22:2



**SATURDAY, March 28, 2026 Vigil of Sunday**

5:00 p.m. (SP) +Karen Ryan  
/Req. Maria Berry

**SUNDAY, March 29, 2026**

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Alfonso DiRico  
/Req. Fred & Angela Castelli

9:00 a.m. (SP) +Jerome J. Geadrities  
/Req. Elizabeth & Family  
+Matthew Fedish /Req. Family  
+Ann Lenihan  
/Req. Mary Simpson

11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Brendan Fernan  
/Req. Sean & Alanah Fernan

2:00 p.m. (SMA) **LATIN MASS**

**TUESDAY, March 31, 2026**

12:10 p.m. (SP) +Julia Grace Howard  
/Req. Carol Howard & Marcy Cisz  
\*Parishioners' Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2026**

12:10 p.m. (SMA) +Col. & Mrs. William Cooper  
/Req. Barbara McKetta  
+Antoinetti Piccirilli /Req. Family  
\*Parishioners' Intentions

**THURSDAY, April 2, 2026 HOLY THURSDAY**

6:00 p.m. (SP) +Edward (Tony) Byrnes  
/Req. Shawn & Rose Byrnes

**FRIDAY, April 3, 2026 GOOD FRIDAY**

3:00 p.m. (SMA) **Good Friday Service**

**SATURDAY, April 4, 2026 EASTER VIGIL**

8:00 p.m. (SP) \*St. Mary's & St. Paul's RCIA  
Catechumens & Candidates

**SUNDAY, April 5, 2026 EASTER SUNDAY**

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +MaryEllen Allegrino (90th  
Birthday) Req. Sandra Falank

9:00 a.m. (SP) +Nancy Vanno  
/Req. Jerry Testa  
+Richard Lane /Req. Family  
+Holy Souls

11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Jennifer Giammarino  
/Req. Family

+Ettore DiRado  
/Req. Wife & Family

2:00 p.m. (SMA) **LATIN MASS**

**Last Sunday's Offerings St. Mary's:**

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Ordinary Offering | \$6,846.00        |
| Fuel              | \$401.00          |
| Electricity       | \$160.00          |
| Candles           | \$134.00          |
| Easter Flowers    | \$785.00          |
| On-Line Giving    | \$413.66          |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>\$8,326.00</b> |

**We need \$6,500 weekly to meet our expenses.**

**JUST A REMINDER...**

**The second collection each weekend will go towards  
our Hope Appeal goal for each church.  
Every little bit helps!**

**Last Sunday's Offerings St. Paul's:**

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Ordinary Offering     | \$5,361.00        |
| Fuel                  | \$407.00          |
| Electricity           | \$29.00           |
| Candles               | \$55.00           |
| Grounds & Maintenance | \$49.00           |
| Flowers               | \$317.00          |
| On-Line Giving        | \$1,301.86        |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>\$7,519.86</b> |

**We need \$6,100 weekly to meet our expenses.**

**HOPE APPEAL**

**St. Paul's**

**St. Mary's**

**Goal: \$34,808**

**Goal: \$36,554**

**\$31,690.00**

**\$34,504.00**



**RICE BOWLS**

**GOAL:  
\$10,000.00**

**Fr. Art has graciously offered to kick in the difference if we do not  
collect \$10,000.... but we do not want him eating rice & beans for  
the next year (he's already too skinny)!**

**Collected to date: \$5,100**

## Holy Thursday Mass

Fr. Art is asking for 12 volunteers to have their feet washed at our Holy Thursday Mass. Please call the rectory by Tuesday March 31st to sign up.



THE TABERNACLE CANDLE  
BURNS FOR THE GLORY OF  
GOD AND FOR ...

**St. Mary's:** Safe Journey for Jillian & the Chenango Valley High School Travel Club

**St. Paul's:** Matthew Fedish  
Req. Family

### BULLETIN REQUESTS...

In order to honor your requests for the bulletin announcements, we require them to be submitted at least **TWO WEEKS** prior to the requested date.

## My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

### *The Blessing of Easter Baskets A Cherished Catholic Tradition*



In many Eastern European countries, it is a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on **Holy Saturday**.

This Catholic Ritual has been cherished for centuries among many families. It has now been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom.

As we did last year, we are welcoming this tradition to St. Mary of the Assumption & Church of St. Paul by having a Blessing of Baskets on **Holy Saturday**, April 4th @ 10am at St. Paul's Church. This will be followed by an Easter egg hunt and children activities in St. Paul's Hall.



This is a wonderful family event! Any single or combined family units are welcome!!

Line your basket and cover the food with a covering to symbolize Christ's burial shroud. (Colorful ribbons, greenery, dried flowers etc.) are some suggestions to symbolize spring, renewal and the **Resurrection**.

Roots of this tradition date back to the early 12th century history of Poland. It is now observed by expatriates and their descendent Poles in the USA, Canada, United Kingdom and other Polish parish communities.

Contact Donna DiStefano if you have any questions: [ddistefano@syrдио.org](mailto:ddistefano@syrдио.org)  
or call 607-724-7283, 607-727-7956



The Christ Child Society of Greater Binghamton would like to express their gratitude for the many years of support from parishioners from both St. Mary's and St. Paul's. From donations to hand made blankets for the newborns we serve, *we thank you!*

Our chapter will be moving soon to the parish of St. Thomas Aquinas across town. We look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming functions. Please reach out if you have questions or if you have time to volunteer to advance our mission

Email us @: [ChristChildofgb@gmail.com](mailto:ChristChildofgb@gmail.com) or call Jeanette May @ 518-366-2589.  
Many thanks and God Bless.

PALM SUNDAY

|   |                 |                              |
|---|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers<br><b>St. Paul's</b><br>April 4 & 5, 2026 |                 |                              |
| Saturday  | Time<br>5:00 PM | Lector/Ciborium: NO 5PM MASS |
| Sunday  | Time<br>9:00 AM | Lector/Ciborium: SIGN UP     |

|   |                  |  |
|---|------------------|--|
| Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers<br><b>St. Mary's</b><br>April 5, 2026 |                  |  |
| Sunday  | Time<br>7:30 AM  | Ciborium: Steve Gardner<br>Lector: Carol Mion  |
| Sunday  | Time<br>11:30 AM | Ciborium: Sr. Lucia<br>Lector: Rocco Fortunato |



**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at St. Mary's on Monday March 30th from 4pm - 7pm



**MANY THANKS TO:**

Dan, Amanda & Jack Svoboda and Ken Klawiter for providing a simple soup supper on the fourth week of Lent.



**HOLY THURSDAY**  
**MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER**  
APRIL 2ND, 6:00 PM @ ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
APRIL 3RD, 3:00PM @ ST. MARY'S

**EASTER VIGIL MASS**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH, 8:00PM @ ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
APRIL 5TH  
7:30 AM @ ST. MARY'S  
9:00 AM @ ST. PAUL'S  
11:30 AM @ ST. MARY'S

**\*Please note: No 12:10pm mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday**



**ST PAUL'S RCIA GROUP**

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2026  
**NO CLASS**  
Attend Good Friday Service, April 3rd, 3PM @ St. Mary's.

**NEW PARISHIONER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ St. Mary's \_\_\_\_\_ St. Paul  
New Registration Change of Address  
\_\_\_\_\_ You may publish my name in the bulletin

Please cut out and drop in collection basket or mail to rectory

**ST. MARY'S RCIA GROUP**

Date: Sunday, March 29, 2026  
Time: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm  
Place: St. Mary's  
Topic: Continuing your Faith



MEDITATION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

*I have sent you untiringly all my servants the prophets. (Jeremiah 7:25)*

Speaking through the prophet Jeremiah, God reminded his people of something that had happened centuries earlier. He wanted them to think about how he had used Moses to lead his people out of Egyptian bondage so that they would remember his mercy and turn away from their own sin. But he also reminded them that the story of the Exodus wasn't simply a one-time event. It became a recurring cycle. Israel repeatedly found themselves trapped in crises, often as a result of their transgressions. And just as reliably, God intervened to rescue them.

Now, what's true of God's people as a whole is also true of us as individuals. You can probably pinpoint moments in your life when God intervened to forgive and rescue you. Those events usually followed the same pattern God outlines in today's reading. You needed to be rescue from the consequences of your own sins, and God led you out of your predicament.

On the surface, this might sound like a comforting assurance of God's faithfulness. But it can also be deflating to acknowledge the repetitive nature of your problems. Instead of delighting in God's mercy for you, you might feel ashamed that you keep sinning and needing God to step in.

But pause and consider that word "untiringly" (Jeremiah 7:25). God never grows impatient or exasperated. Whether it's over centuries of his people's wavering faithfulness or over the course of a day as you stumble in and out of sin, he is always ready to rescue you.

Even better? You can overcome this cycle—and not by achieving some impossible level of perfection! In Jesus, God himself has entered our world and broken the age-old pattern of sin and liberation followed again by sin. Like Moses bringing the people through the Red Sea, Jesus has carried you through the waters of Baptism. He washed you clean from sin and rescued you from the power of death. And most wonderful, he filled you with his own Spirit, who can transform you over time so that sin doesn't have the same hold on you.

So rejoice today! You have become a new creation. The old futile cycle of sin has been broken. Forever.  
*Thank you, Jesus, for revealing the Father's untiring love and for rescuing me once and for all!*

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|   | <p><i>"The Sacred Order will leave readers breathless and enlightened."</i><br/>—New York Weekly</p>   |  |  | <p><i>"The Vatican thriller of the year!"</i><br/>—The Book Revue</p> |  | <p><i>In loving memory of</i><br/><b>LaMonica &amp; DeGennaro Families</b></p> |
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