### WE WORSHIP

5th & 6th Sunday of Lent March 26 & April 2, 2023

10:00 am Mass

Reconciliation: By Appointment only (518-623-3021)



**Holy Thursday & Good Friday** 7:00 pm

10:00 am

### Mass Intentions ...

3-26-23 People of the Parish 4-2-23 In honor of Victims of Alzheimer's Disease



To request a Mass intention, please call 518-623-3021 and leave a message or drop a note in the collection basket. Be sure to include your name and phone # along with the name for the intention and the requested date. The donation is \$15 for each intention. Mass cards are available at the office Mondays or Tuesdays and can either be picked up or mailed.

## **Dates to Remembe**

Today there is Faith Formation Zoom Meeting at 6 pm

# **Last Session On**

Forgiven @ St. Cecilia's

The Transforming Power of Confession 5:00 pm Soup/Sandwich Supper 6:00 to 7:00 pm Presentation Tuesday March 28th Please sign up. This will allow us to know how much to

Soup & Sandwiches to prepare for.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman Making Way for God

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: And you're not going to do anything about it?

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it. Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." — Matthew 21:5



St. Mary's – St. Alphonsus Regional Catholic School will host two Open Houses for prospective Kindergartners and their parents on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, one from 12:30 to 2 pm and the other from 4:30 to 6

A short presentation about the school's entire K-8 program, which includes studio and performing arts, sports, extracurriculars, music, world languages, and classes in high school math and science, will then be held in the school's library. Administration, staff, and parents of current students and of recent graduates will be on hand to answer questions.

Because these Open Houses are more structured than is typical, parents are encouraged to arrive within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time. Reservations, requested but not required, can be made through the school's website, smsaschool.org/openhouse or by calling the Admissions Office at (518) 792-3178 x 3308.

### **Woman's Retreat**

March 31st through April 2ndk Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY. This years theme is "Make My Joy Complete" (Philippians 2:2). The Guest Director is Mary Reddy Reichley, OPA, D. Min. Enjoy hours away from daily routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing, growth, prayer, and sharing. Open to all faiths and all ages. Call Ginny Raymond @ 518-251-3515 or Pat Audi 518-792-3447 for more information.

### North Country Ministry

**Save the Date** 2023 Spring Fundraiser **Boot Scootin' Ball** Friday, May 5, 2023 6-10 pm At The Queensbury Hotel **RSVP by April 14th** 

#### WE SERVE

"Money has to serve, not to rule."

Pope Francis

Donations for 3-19-2023

Offertory \$818 Candle \$105 North Country Ministry \$305 **Easter Flowers** \$60 Ministers of Care \$15

Medical Marijuana \$40

CRS

Attendance 69 People TOTAL \$1,352

Thank you everyone who continues to support us. Many families mail in their donations weekly or monthly because they do not yet feel comfortable returning to Mass. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Without all of you, we could not continue.



New Envelopes will arrive in 3 Weeks. Please take the generic envelopes and put your name on them. Inside the envelope please let us know what you are contributing to. THANK YOU for your patience.

#### **Our 2nd Collections**

There are envelopes available next to the collection bin for our visitors & those who don't use envelopes:

3-26-23 Easter Flowers Memory/Honor

4-2-23 Rice Bowls

4-6-23 Holy Thursday

4-7-23 Peters Pence—Holy Land

4-9-23 CRS—Turkey/Syria

4-16-23 North Country Ministry

Next Sunday is the "First Sunday" Collection of **FOOD** for the pantry and **MONEY** for the **NCM** Emergency Fund.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY!! Thank you for remembering those in need.

There is a North Country Ministry Box as you leave the Church.