



Our Lady of the Valley Parish

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Mon.-Fri.</i>	<i>7:00 am & 5:15 pm</i>	<i>St. Ann</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8:00 am & 4:30 pm</i>	<i>St. Ann</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>	<i>St. Mary</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>7:00 am</i>	<i>St. Ann</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>St. Ann</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>St. Ann</i>

TELEVISED MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Sunday 1:00 pm (channel 99 - Hornell)

Sponsored by Bishop & Johnson Funeral Home and Peish TV

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

• *By Appointment* • *St. Ann's Church*
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:15 pm

BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office

WEDDINGS

Contact Parish Office 6 months in advance



Our Lady of the Valley Masses and Intentions

SATURDAY ~ December 17

8:00am. - St. Ann - Esther McAneney by John and Margaret Sleggs

4:30pm. - St. Ann - *Birthday* - Nick Galbo by the Family

SUNDAY ~ December 18 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00am. - St. Ann - Esther McAneney by Donna and Darrell McDaniels

8:30am. - St. Mary - Brooke Nicole Weyand by David and Linda Weyand

10:30am. - St. Ann - Dr. C.E. Patti, Camille, Mary Ellen & Tim by Mary Patti & Family

5:30pm. - St. Ann - Irene Morris by Joan and Bill Loree

MONDAY ~ December 19

7:00am. - St. Ann - Jerry and Bridget Quartz by Mary Lou, Jean, Rich

5:15pm. - St. Ann - Stephen D'Agostino & Margaret Hooper by Donna, Joseph & George Hooper

TUESDAY ~ December 20

7:00am. - St. Ann - Edda M. Fiacco Tuite by Rich & JoAnn Argentieri

5:15pm. - St. Ann - Jimmy Martin by Karen, Pen, Peggy & Don

WEDNESDAY ~ December 21 ~ St. Peter Canisius

7:00am. - St. Ann - Richard W. Kull by Donna and Family

5:15 pm. - St. Ann - Joseph Hess by Helen Burke and Family

Thursday ~ December 22

7:00am. - St. Ann - Sr. Madeleine Franks by the Family

5:15pm. - St. Ann - Carol Wellington by Ray and Mary Pieklo

FRIDAY ~ December 23 ~ St. John of Kanty

7:00am. - St. Ann - George Fawcett by the Family

5:15pm. - St. Ann - Lawrence and Florence Flansburg by the Family

SATURDAY ~ December 24

4:30pm. - St. Ann - Dominic Gallicchio by Mary Ann

8:00pm. - St. Mary - Michael Wolcott by Connie and Paul Shepard

10:00pm. - St. Ann - Jack Tierney by the Tierney Family

SUNDAY ~ December 25 ~ Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00am. - St. Ann - Anne Schwartz by Christopher Melley and Family

10:30am. - St. Ann - *Anniversary* - Anna Price by Mary Jane

Dear parishioners,

Saying Yes to God

Today many seek fulfillment and happiness through “doing their own thing”. It’s what I want that matters. They believe that happiness lies in having no commitments, no one to answer to, no one whose needs or problems will ever tie us down.

It is, of course, good and necessary to find and do that which deep down we feel we are called to do. Nevertheless, human nature being what it is, we have to be on our guard. There can be a lot of selfishness in the “do your own thing” approach. It often means taking the easiest path in the belief that this is where freedom and happiness lie. But this approach is more likely to lead to slavery and unhappiness.

In this Mary gives us a great example. She didn’t say to the angel, “Sorry, but I have my own plans. I want to do my own thing.” She said, “It’s not what I want, but what God wants that matters. Let what God wants be done to me.”

Mary made a complete gift of herself to God, and accepted the task God gave her. Even though she didn’t understand all the implications of it, she trusted that God would give her all the help she needed. In effect she was saying, “I don’t know what all this means, but I trust that good things will happen.” She trusted so deeply in God that she was open to all possibilities. She gave up control over her future and let God define her life.

Mary didn’t just say her Yes once. She had to confirm that original Yes many times during her life. Each one of us has said Yes when we have undertaken commitments and responsibilities. When we said our original Yes, we took a leap in the dark, for we didn’t know the full implications of what we were undertaking. This is gradually revealed to us as we go along. Hence, we too have to confirm our original Yes, not once but many times, and ask God to help us remain faithful.

Life imposes a lot of duties on us. Besides duties to ourselves, there are duties to others, and duties to God. Where would the world be if everyone just thought of themselves, and insisted on doing their own thing, seeking their own freedom, happiness, and fulfillment independent of others and of God?

Those who accept duty as Mary did may not find happiness and fulfillment in the eyes of the world, but they certainly will find it in the eyes of God. And deep down, they will know it. Faith is not blind. It is beyond reason but is not against it. Mary had questions, and so do we as we seek to say Yes to God. But having asked questions, the answers to which may never fully satisfy us, we have to let God be God. We have to bow to the mystery.

The greatest grace in life is when what we have to do is what we want to do.

Rev. Peter Anglaere
Pastor



Parish Activities and Coming Events

- Sunday:** Rosary Holy Hour - 3:00pm. at St. Ann Church
- Monday:** Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena - 7:00pm. in McAuley Manor Chapel
McAuley Manor Mass - December 26th., 10:00am.
St. Ann School Christmas Concert - December 19th. at 6:30pm. in St. Ann Church
- Wednesday:** Finance Committee - December 21st., 7:00pm. in the meeting room
- Thursday:** Advent Group Reconciliation Service - December 22nd. 7:00pm., St. Ann Church
- Friday:** Hornell Gardens Mass - December 23rd., 1:00pm.
Parish Offices Closed - December 23rd.

Our Lady of the Valley

Last Sunday's Collection

December 11, 2011

Actual - \$12,406

YTD Actual - \$214,206

YTD Budget - \$192,000

Heat - 1,628

School Support - \$1,048

May God reward you for your generosity

It is important that all checks written out to the parish be made out to "Our Lady of the Valley".

Free Health Care

Health Ministry of the Southern Tier

To make an appointment, call 607-962-2032

Blood Pressure Clinic The next Blood Pressure Clinic will be the weekend of **January 7th. & 8th.** after the masses at St. Ann Church.

Christmas Schedule

Reconciliation Services

Thursday, December 22 at 7:00pm. at St. Ann

Christmas Eve Masses

Saturday, December 24 - 4:30pm. St. Ann (Family Mass)

Saturday, December 24 - 8:00pm. St. Mary, Rexville

Saturday, December 24 - 10:00pm. St. Ann

Choir and Congregation carol singing begins at 9:30pm.

Christmas Day Masses

Sunday, December 25 - 7:00am. St. Ann

Sunday, December 25 - 10:30am. St. Ann

Our Lady of the Valley on Facebook

Just search for **Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Hornell**

St. Mary's Rexville is in dire need of **Lectors & Altar Servers**. Anyone willing to help call Patty at 698-5056.

Please Note: Bulletin articles are to be at our Parish Offices, 27 Erie Ave., Hornell by **deadline, Monday, at noon.**

Altar Server Schedule

St. Mary

Sunday, December 18 - 8:30am. ~ Erika and Falyn Lewis-Ellison

Sunday, December 24 - 8:00pm. ~ Brent Green and Luke Williamson

St. Ann

Monday, December 19 through Wednesday, December 21 - 7:00am. ~ Brendan Deebes

Monday, December 19 through Wednesday, December 21 - 5:15pm. ~ Heather Hickok

Thursday, December 22 and Friday, December 23, 7:00am. ~ Erin Crosby

Thursday, December 22 and Friday, December 23 - 5:15pm. ~ Hannah Watt

Saturday, December 24 - 4:30pm. ~ Claire, Audrey, & Anna Weyand

Saturday, December 24 - 10:00pm. ~ Colin McDaniels, Daniel & Erin Crosby

Sunday, December 25 - 7:00am. ~ Jake and Zack Walsh

Sunday, December 25 - 10:30am. ~ Tommy Pieklo

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Our Parish Goal: \$47,398

Pledge: \$25,668 = 54.15% of Goal
259 Donors

20% Parishioner Participation

Thank You for your Support

The Following Masses have been sent to Fr. Thaddeus Kuuskh, Diocese of Tamale

In Memory of:	By:
William Yergens	William Kelleher & Family
William Yergens	Joe Kelleher & Family
Francis Okpala	Bonnie Norton
Mary Margaret Anglaaere	M/M Frank Rizzuto
Mary Margaret Anglaaere	Mary Eicher & Dee Porter
Linda Shermond Marnuer	James & Helen Prior
Deceased Members of Charles Roselli Family	Tim and Sandy Aiken
Pauline White	M/M Stan Schafer & Family, Kate Histed

The Giving Tree If you have any last minute gift (or money) donations for the Giving Tree, please leave them under the tree or feel free to contact me. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you, Mary Bossard 295-7583.

Southern Tier Hospice and Palliative Care...

Needs volunteers to provide support to patients and their families in your area. This may include visiting with the patient, doing errands for the family, gardening, walking a dog, or helping in any number of ways. For further information contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 607-962-3100 or Behand@sthospice.org

Sacraments

Baptism

Preparation is required if you are presenting a child for baptism for the **first time**. Are you expecting a baby? Don't wait until that hectic time **after** you have your baby, plan to attend before your delivery date. Our next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on **January 4th**, at 7:00pm. in the school. Call Marianne Logan at 382-1484.

2012 Calendars

2012 Calendars are now available in the vestibules of St. Ann Church & St. Mary Church, Rexville. Compliments of Bishop & Johnson Funeral Home, Inc.

Attention Ladies of Columbus:

Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 20th., at the Knights of Columbus at 6:00pm. All reservations need to be in by December 17th. Call Kathy Green at 382-4549.

St. Ann School Alumni 40 Week Club

December 12th. ~ Week #9 Drawn by: Sidney Drouin

\$10 - Eileen St. James

\$15 - Elizabeth McKinley

\$25 - Linda Cole

Congratulations to All !

Choir members needed for the 10:30am. Mass on Sundays at St. Ann Church. Our major function is to back up the congregation and encourage singing. At times, we will be teaching new music and Mass Ordinaries...Gloria, etc. Auditions not necessary. Just come up to the choir loft by 10:15am. on Sundays. Remember, St. Augustine who said "Those who sing, pray twice".

Parish Prayer Corner As a parish we have been asked to pray for people who are sick, facing surgery, etc. We thank God for His healing goodness and ask that you **please let us know when someone can be removed from the prayer list**. Call the parish office at 324-5811.

Prayer Corner

If you have a loved one or friend, of any faith, for whom you would like the prayer support of the community call the office at **324-5811**. Please keep the following parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers throughout your week.

Our Sick

Jack Cregan, Martha Glynn Samiec, Sue Reynolds, Roger Schultz, Patrick Cooney, Evan Hensley, Ceceilia Decker, Patricia Decker, Doris Ordway, John Fortuna, Kevin Burch, Jillian Andolina, Donald Kennell, Lynne Cardamone, Kevin Quinn, Diana Garcia, Steve Lamb, Noreen Fraser, Kathleen Watches Gencarelli, Joan Hurlburt, Bill Brown, Ryleigh Mitzel, Helena (Smith) Bates, Emmie DiNardo, James Fennelly, Angelo Daniels, Robert Dietrich, Alice Hutchinson, Mary Frances Brown, Vincent Clark, Jackie Ellis, Marian Gee, Daniel Guthrie Sr., JoAnn Carpenter, Patricia Mattie, Jason Latham, Brian Burdell, Yaj Hauser, Justin Brown, Mary Ann Daniels Albright, Dawn Kempney, Ralph Berardi, Mike Fucci, Stacey Pullen, Donna Roosa, Thomas Scaglione, Don Piano, Betty Rahmlow, Ann Shanley, Alexis Prentice, Susanne McMIndes, Andrea Burdick, Ann Rizzon, Richard Trent, Robert LaShure, Jeannette Lodato.

Our Young Men & Women Serving in the Military

David Hunt, Megan Swift, Bill Kays, TJ Murray, John Baker, Ryan O'Rourke, Pete Lehman, Scott Smilinich, Jessica Fahl, Elliott Butler, Donald VanWinkle, Jonathon Van Durme, Joshua Steinhilber, Ann Flansburg, Timothy Brownell, Cory Rahr, Jeramiah Wilder, Richard Mahoney, Kirk McManus, Gregory Argentieri, Robert Murray, Chuck Coleman, Michael Ingham, Terry Leonard, Joe Testani, John Parks, Rachel Mullen, Seth Baker, Angela Neu, Fr. Patrick Van Durme, Michael Roberts, Patrick Duffy, Brandon Smith (Avoca), John Washington, Joe Hornbeck, Joseph Murray, Kyle Stewart, Adam Prouty, Carrie Prouty, Brandon Kimball, Amanda Prouty, Sean Stillman, Stuart McHenry, Nick Edwards, Zack Edwards, Jay Daniels, Matthew Ranzazzo, Casey McLaughlin, Ryan Phillips, Steven Miles, Donovan Clancy, Bryant Gerber, Cory Rose.

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

"There is no need to worry, the Lord is very near" ...Phil 4:1-9

Open Hours:

Monday at 1:00am.

Wednesday at 1:00am.

Thursday at 2:00pm.

Saturday at 6:00pm.

Substitutes are welcomed. Please call:

Isabel Nobilski 324-1424 or Donna Kull 324-2884

Please Note: The 12:15pm. Mass will be added to the daily mass schedule beginning January 2, 2012 and will run until Tuesday of Holy Week.

First Communion

Any baptized child, age 7 or older is eligible to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. There will be a meeting **Wednesday evening, January 11th. at 7:00pm. for parents only**, in the Pine Room of St. Ann School. If you would like to present your child for this sacrament please make this meeting a priority.

Faith First for Families

Sunday Gospel Reflections for December 18, 2011 Luke 1:26-38

Gospel Summary - Jesus' birth is foretold in this gospel where Gabriel comes to Mary and announces that within her she has the king that Israel has long awaited. To have found favor with God surprises Mary, a woman with none of the qualities valued in her society. She was female, young, poor, and didn't even have a husband or child to give her existence credibility. Not only did this puzzle her, but she knew she was a virgin and carrying a child didn't logically fit. Her puzzlement gave Gabriel the opportunity to explain that the baby she carried was conceived through the Holy Spirit. Mary accepted what was told to her, and remained open to God's will. At the same time, she learned that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also pregnant. This pregnancy was miraculous as well, since Elizabeth had been thought to be barren and was now an old woman.

Reflection for Families - Mary accepted the gift of Jesus with a willing and thankful heart. She is a good model for us as we approach this busy and hectic time of year. Rather than be so concerned about all the preparations for the holiday, at least for a few minutes today, take time to thank God for the Gift of Jesus and the promise he brings to each of us. Along with Mary, we might be thankful for the gift of our own children and focus today on what is really valuable about these gifts.

Bringing the Gospel into your Family - As you gather for a meal or prayer today, share with one another a difficult task you have that lies ahead for you. As you share your concerns, suggest ways that your trust in God might help you meet the obstacle. Allow each family member to offer ways of helping one another with these tasks, and for sure, take the time to pray together for guidance and courage.

Discussion Starters

- ◆ If I had been Mary and Gabriel came to tell me the things he told Mary, I would have....
- ◆ God calls me in the same way Mary was called. Specifically, God calls me to...and I respond by...
- ◆ Like Gabriel told Mary, I know nothing is impossible with God because...

Christmas Flowers 2011

In Memory/Honor of:

Mrs. James Reardon
Mrs. Jane Fahl
Ray & Nan Racalto
M/M James D. Gilbert
M/M Paul Polasik
Stephen E. McManus
Mr. Stephen Hoyt
M/M James Bebout
M/M Charles Libordi
M/M Laurence McCormick
Miss Josephine Carretto
Mrs. James R. O'Connor
Mrs. James Reardon

In Memory/Honor of:

Miss Dorothy Meehan
Sara Arcangeli
Elmer Parks
Dominic Conlan
M/M James Soukup
Dr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Vaglienty
M/M Gerard St. James
M/M Richard Schieder
M/M Frederic Voss
Marilyn Grillo
William J. Bantell
Mary Kay Flansburg
Mrs. Toby M. Grassi

In Memory/Honor of:

Angela Caldwell by Mrs. Robert Alger
Zach Smith by M/M John Tobin
John F. Rees by John J. Rees
Thomas Gibbs by His Family
Henrietta Lee by M/M Paul Shephard
Kennell Family by Miss Linda Kennell
Mary M. Hill by Stan Hill & Family
M/M Joseph Daniels by Pamela Markel
William J. Smith from the Family
Francis Marino by M/M Joseph Rose
Jim Wall by Mrs. Kathryn Wall
Joe Ross by Doris Ross
Flaitz Family by M/M Jacob W. Flaitz
Michael Mulhollen by Mom

In Memory/Honor of:

Gloria Sirianni Koskie by Richard O. Sirianni, Sr.
Mary Ailen, Rita McCaig by M/M James Mayo

In Memory/Honor of:

Jerry Hoeffner by M/M Thomas Hoeffner
Matthew Gemmell by Mrs. Anne Gemmell