

St. Mary of the Presentation Church Chesterville

St. Daniel the Martyr Church South Mountain



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Chesterville*

Established: 1851



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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (St. Daniel's)

Sunday 11:00 a.m. (St. Mary's)

Daily Liturgy

Please refer to the schedule included with this bulletin

Pastoral Visits

Regular pastoral visits are available on request. Please call the Parish office.

Confessions are available 30 minutes before each regular daily and Weekend mass and by appointment.

Baptism: Contact the office. Families must be registered with the parish.

First Communion/Confirmation:

Contact the office. Meetings with parents and candidates begin in September.

Funeral Service: Please contact the Priest.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements with the pastor should be made at least 6 months in advance. A marriage preparation course is required.

Contact

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Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryofthepresentationparish>

Parish Administrator: Father Oliver Wekesa

Office Hours: Thursday 10:30am - 3:30pm
(Appointment preferred) Friday 10:30am - 3:30pm

Bookkeeper: **Brenda Sliva** (Leave message at the office. Your call will be returned.)
Secretary: **Jacqueline Louise** (Thursdays 9:30am-12:00 pm, Fridays 9:30am - 12:00pm)

Announced Masses

Palm Sunday, Year A, March 29, 2026

Day	Date	Time	Place	Intention	Requested by
Sat.	Mar. 28	5:00pm	St. Daniel	For the repose of the soul of Patrick Andrew Maraj	Sherry & Randy Ali
Sun	Mar. 29	11:00am	St. Mary	For the people	
Wed.	Apr. 1	6:00pm	St. Daniel	For the health of St. Daniel's parishioners	Sherry & Randy Ali
Holy Thursday	Apr. 2	7:00pm	St. Mary	For the repose of the soul of Edward Moore	Margaret Moore
Good Friday	Apr.3	10:00am	St. Mary	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
		3:00pm	St. Daniel	<i>Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord</i>	
Holy Saturday	Apr.4	8:00pm	St. Mary	Repose of the Soul of Francis Beekmans	Carolyn & Mark vanDelst
Easter Sunday	Apr.5	8:30am	St. Daniel	For the people	
		11:00am	St. Mary	For the intentions of Abramo Donato	Steven & Gloria Poletti

The Saint Mary Sanctuary Lamp

For the intentions of Daniela Borda

If you wish to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for **one week** the cost is \$10.00*

<p>Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A, March 22, 2026</p> <p>St. Mary's Regular: \$553.70; E-transfers: \$50.00; Building Fund: \$200.00 Lenten Mission: \$0.00; Easter Flowers Collection: \$45.00</p> <p>St. Daniel's Regular: \$1375.00; E-transfers: \$65.00; Lenten Collection: \$50.00</p> <p>St. Mary's Cemetery \$20.00 St. Daniel's Cemetery : \$0.00 St. Mary's/St. Daniel's Mass Account: \$60.00</p>
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E-transfer St. Mary's: stmaryofpresentationpayments@gmail.com
 St. Daniel's: stdanielparishpayments@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. St. Mary's Easter Social: Following the Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Mass, the St. Mary's Social Committee invites you to celebrate the joy of the season as a Parish! Refreshments will be served in the Hall, and Easter treats will be available for children following the 11:00am Sunday Mass.

2. Praying Hands Lenten Mission: On behalf of the Praying Hands' Lenten mission, non-perishable donations for the FAITH Pantry in Chesterville will be received for the remainder of the Lenten season. There is a basket labeled "FAITH Pantry" in the foyer of St. Mary's Parish where donations can be given. Thank you for your support of this important initiative!

3. Adult Faith Development: On Saturday, March 28th at 3:00pm at St. Mary's, the next Adult Faith session will explore Palm Sunday and the connection to the Jewish faith, as well as explaining the Easter Triduum. All are welcome to attend!

4. Bus Trip - 200th Anniversary Mass for the Archdiocese of Kingston: Join fellow parishioners on a coach bus trip to the Archdiocese's 200th Anniversary Holy Mass and reception in Kingston, on Saturday, April 18th. The cost is \$40 per person. The bus will pick up from St. Mary's, Chesterville, St. Daniel's, and St. Mary's, Morrisburg. See sign-up sheet at the back of the church for details.

5. Upcoming Diocesan Special Collections:

- Good Friday (April 3rd) - For the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land.
- Easter Sunday (April 5th) - Easter Offering

6. Upcoming First Communion Meetings April 12, 2026. Retreat: Saturday, May 9th; First Reconciliation: May 31st; First Holy Communion Saturday, June 6th at 10am.

Upcoming Confirmation Meetings: April 26, and May 23, 2026. Meetings are held after the 11:00am Mass. Families are asked to attend Mass and then attend the meeting.

REFLECTION

Isaiah 50:4-7

We start Holy Week with palms in our hands and the shout of “Hosanna!” on our lips—yet quickly, the liturgy guides us into suffering, rejection, and the Cross. At the core of this journey stands the mysterious figure from the prophet Isaiah: the Suffering Servant.

This Passion Sunday calls us to reflect deeply: "Do I possess the strength to endure the pain that comes with my faith?" The words of Isaiah, “I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard,” illustrate profound resilience. This steadfastness is not a sign of weakness, but rather a remarkable strength anchored in unwavering trust. The servant does not use violence or flee but rather remains steady in the face of aggression. The image depicts Christ's face in the Passion. When Jesus is betrayed, arrested, mocked, scourged, and crucified, He totally fulfills the prophecy. He does not strike back. He does not rely on power to defend himself. Instead, He gives Himself over to the Father.

In today’s world, the pursuit of control, self-protection, and the impulse for revenge seem to dominate our instincts. When someone inflicts pain upon us, our immediate reaction is often to retaliate. If we are misunderstood, we rush to defend ourselves. When we encounter suffering, our natural tendency is to seek any means to avoid it. Yet, the example set by the suffering servant and Jesus offers a radically different path—one marked by patience, trust, and complete surrender to God. As Holy Week begins, the Church invites us to reflect on a profound question: Will we follow Jesus only in moments of comfort, when the path is lined with palms and praise? Or are we willing to journey with Him through hardship and sacrifice, all the way to the Cross? This challenge calls us to move beyond the easy road and embrace a deeper faith—one that persists even in the face of adversity.

