

The Catholic Communities of Eastern Broome

Our Lady of Lourdes, Windsor

St. Joseph's, Deposit

St. Joseph's, Sanitaria Springs

St. Mary's, Kirkwood



“TOGETHER, CELEBRATING OUR FAITH!”

The Catholic Communities of Eastern Broome are faith filled parishes guided by the Holy Spirit and committed to each other and our neighbors. Dedicated to strengthening our relationship with God through prayer and worship, we seek to welcome all, share our faith and assist our brothers and sisters in their time of need. We come together as one to celebrate our faith, to hear God's Word and grow in the assurance of God's love.

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Our Lady of Lourdes
594 Kent St.
Windsor, NY 13865
Office # (607) 655-8118

Mass Time: Sunday 9:00 am

St. Joseph's Deposit
98 Second St.
Deposit, NY 13754
Office # (607) 467-2291

Mass Time: Sunday 11:00 am

St. Joseph's Sanitaria Springs
659 NY Rt. 7-B
Sanitaria Springs, NY 13833
Office # (607) 648-5209

Mass Time: Sunday 8:30 am

St. Mary's Kirkwood
975 NY Rt. 11
Kirkwood, NY 13795
Office # (607) 775-0086

Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

PARISH

REGISTRATION:

*Your parish staff is here
to serve you.*

*If you are not a
registered parishioner,
please consider filling
out the parish registration
form that can be found
in the bulletin.*

We welcome all visitors.

Sunday, December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas is on our doorstep. The joy of Christmas is almost here! Hopefully our preparations are completed, and we have been able to pause and reflect upon the miracle of Jesus' birth. I thank you for the many generous ways our parishioners have reached out to others this Advent season. Your generosity has facilitated the distribution of hundreds of Christmas Baskets. Thank you also to the many parishioners who serve in a wide variety of ways in our parish communities. Your generous efforts help us to celebrate Christ and proclaim His presence!

This Advent season, our hearts ache for God's hope, love, joy and peace. Each of us has many needs, some of which are carried very deep in our hearts. May we each open our minds and hearts to Jesus' presence within and allow Jesus to heal, enliven and transform us. We especially hold in prayer all those who are grieving and affected by illness, natural disasters, violence and war.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Let us continue to pray for each other, our communities, our nation and our world.

I wish you and your family a Holy and Merry Christmas!

Advent Blessings, Barbara Kane



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FR. PETER
(DECEMBER 21ST)



MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED YEAR!

CHURCHES OF EASTERN BROOME
2025 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

VIGIL MASS

December 24th—Christmas Eve

St. Mary's, Kirkwood—4:00 pm

Mary Strom requested by Alice Hart & family



CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25th—Christmas

St. Joseph's, Sanitaria Springs—8:30 am

For the health of the
parishioners of Eastern Broome
requested by Irene Yalch

Our Lady of Lourdes—9:00 am

MASS INTENTION

Richard Paccio requested by Nancy Paccio

St. Mary's, Kirkwood—10:30 am

Julia & Michael Podolinsky
requested by John & Jane Friedman

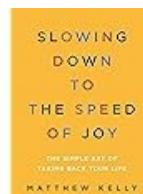
St. Joseph's, Deposit—11:00 am

MASS INTENTION

Hilton Evans requested by Sarah Evans

**OUR GIFT TO YOU THIS CHRISTMAS
“SLOWING DOWN TO THE SPEED OF JOY”**

Matthew Kelly spent thirty years rushing from one thing to the next. But then something changed. *SLOWING DOWN TO THE SPEED OF JOY* is a deeply personal book. It provides a rare and intimate look at the author's own struggles with busy and urgent. By revealing his own vulnerabilities, Kelly provides us with the practical insights and timeless wisdom necessary to banish busy and urgent from our own lives. Busy is not your friend. The speed and busyness of our lives stand in direct opposition to what we say matters most. It's time for a new strategy. It's time to embrace the speed of joy. *SLOWING DOWN TO THE SPEED OF JOY* isn't just a book. It's a way of life. It will quite simply and in every way imaginable change your life.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CORNER

ST. MARY'S



December 21st—Pageant Practice

January 11th—Class & Student Mass

OLOL—January 11th

Safe Environment Training

DEPOSIT—January 11th—Class

Enjoy your Christmas break!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

FIRST KNIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for something to do this New Years, or know a high school teen looking for community service hours. **Please come and volunteer at**



our indoor carnival at First Knight December 31, 2025.

Our venue is VERY popular and needs referees at our indoor snowball fight and running our carnival games. The venue runs from 7pm to 11pm so you will have plenty of time to make it to the community house to watch the ball drop and ring in the new year.

For more information and to sign-up, please see Jen Barton.

WINDSOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

We are in need of peanut butter and jelly, tuna, canned chicken, canned corn and **sleeping bags**. With the cold weather, extra warmth and layers are greatly needed.

A NOTE ABOUT MASS INTENTIONS

Our church has the beautiful practice of accepting mass intentions. An individual may request a mass to be offered for a certain intention: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as a birthday or anniversary), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

One must never forget the great spiritual benefit and infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass.

It is a wonderful spiritual gift.

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, simply call the parish office and we will help you schedule a date and time good for you.

The donation is \$15.00, but if need be, we can discuss that when you call the office at 607-775-0086.

LAST WEEK'S SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

ST. MARY'S KIRKWOOD

Collection:	\$	3,992
Restoration:	\$	194
Weekly On-Line Giving:	\$	370

ST. JOSEPH'S SANITARIA SPRINGS

Collection:	\$	485
Restoration:	\$	10
Weekly On-Line Giving:	\$	170

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Collection:	\$	641
Restoration:	\$	45
Weekly On-Line Giving:	\$	760

ST. JOSEPH'S DEPOSIT

Collection:	\$	663
Votives:	\$	24
Weekly On-Line Giving:	\$	364

Please join us in praying for
the sick of our
parish communities



*Michelle Gorman, Doloros Baska,
Margaret Murray, Rita Morgan, Fred Whitney,
Dan Fish, Gerri McErlean, Jeff Briggs, Julie Steele,
Diane Yonchuk, Carolyn Depaolo, George Whiting,
Alana Neer, Tom Williams, Beverly Akulis,
Kevin Kane, Joan Puccio, Robert Acquisto,
Wanda Chesarick, Jane Daley, Bev Gorman,
Lori Decker, Jessica Griffiths, Caesar Siedlecki,
Ray Vitiello, Karen Krasowsky, Bill Bennett,
Corky Mott, Giovanni Depolfi, Jean Aswad,
Mary Kramer, Joe Hauptfleisch, Shirley Dennison,
Tony Russell, JoAnne Meyer, The Grogan Family,
Sarah Henry, Leo & Jan Grippen, Stephanie Davis,
Kendra Decker, Jeannie Hurlburt,
John & Arlene Dubay, Juliana Widmer,
Celia Santalucia, Ralph Blodgett, Connie Cotter,
Mary Joan Bayer, Anna Drankowski*

If you would like to add your name to the list, call the office at 775-0086. Please note, due to HIPAA regulations we can only accept names from one's self, family member or guardian.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, December 20, 2025

4 pm—St. Mary's
Peter & Dorothy Yonchuk
requested by
Linda & Diane Yonchuk

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:30 am—St. Joseph's, SS
Parishioners of Eastern Broome

9:00 am—OLOL
Rita Jeanne Miniutti
requested by Nancy & Gil Senger

10:30 am—St. Mary's
Liam, Cassius & Brandon Fish
requested by Sharon & Dan Fish

11:00 am—St. Joseph's Deposit
Ann Lloyd requested by the family

Saturday, December 27, 2025

4 pm—St. Mary's
Lucille Brady
requested by Linda & Diane Yonchuk

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:30 am—St. Joseph's, SS
OPEN INTENTION

9:00 am—OLOL
David Posey
requested by Nancy & Gil Senger

10:30 am—St. Mary's
John Bruetsch
requested by John & Jane Friedman

11:00 am—St. Joseph's Deposit
Deceased members of the Baudendistel family
requested by Sarah Evans

2026 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Be sure to take home a calendar for 2026.

One per family please.

We appreciate Thomas J. Shea, Chase, Osterhoudt—Madden, and Peter McDade for donating the calendars.



ST. MARY'S

GIVING TREE



Thank you to all those that donated the “extras” for the Christmas food baskets.

A special thank you to the Binghamton Elks Club for their generous monetary donation.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MITTEN TREE

The Social Justice Group is once again collecting hats, mittens, scarves, gloves and socks for the area homeless men, women and children. Please leave items on or around the “Giving Tree” located at the back of the church through Sunday, January 4, 2026.



FAITH FORMATION BOTTLE/CAN DRIVE

Thank you to all those that drop off and donate their cans/bottles to benefit our Faith Formation Program.



Please know just how thankful we are for your continued support in helping provide and educate our youth in our Faith Formation program.

Please keep the donations coming! We also thank the volunteers who come and sort and return the donations.

FOOD PANTRIES

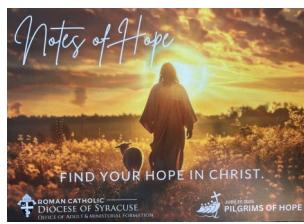
Thank you to all those who generously donated food and goodies for our holiday baskets and throughout the year!



Your help is essential in keeping our shelves stocked and those in need fed. With the new year and food drives throughout the holidays, we can always use donated items. These items include; fruit juice, peanut butter and jelly, rice, spaghetti, mac and cheese, green vegetables and tuna. **Thank you for your support!**

“NOTES OF HOPE”

During this season of Advent, do you know of someone on your heart who needs a message of hope, encouragement or love, or just a little note to let them know that they are thought of and held in prayer?



You will find in the vestibule “Notes of Hope” a postcard for you to take and write a message to anyone you want.

We ask that you write your message, address the postcard, and leave in the collection basket or drop off to the parish office, and we will pay for the postage and send your “Note of Hope.”

It's a simple, tangible and to the point way of spreading a message of Jesus' love and compassion.

At this time of year, we often reflect upon our **charitable giving**. Please remember your parish community in your considerations.

“As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others and return them with increase to the Lord.”

U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

There are tax advantages to various ways of donating. To learn more about how you can use your gifts to help our parish, please contact Barbara Kane for more information.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF EASTERN BROOME CAREGIVER RESPITE

NEXT SESSION

JANUARY 17, 2026 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL, KIRKWOOD

Participants will have the opportunity to meet new friendly people.

Activities include: sharing memories and life experiences, snack, music, arts and crafts, light chair exercises.

There is no cost. All are welcome!
Registration is required.

Contact Barbara Kane at 607-775-0086



ST. JOSEPH'S DEPOSIT ADORATION

Come join us at St. Joseph's on Wednesday's for silent time with God from Noon—1 pm.



Congratulations to our Immaculata Medallion Award recipients!

We thank Anne, Ursela, Robert, and Bridget for all their time and talent. They received their award from Bishop Lucia at a Vesper Service on December 7th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse.

HOPE APPEAL 2025

Donations can still be made to the HOPE Appeal.

All amounts over our parish goal will be returned to the parish.

Pledge cards are available at all entrances to the church.

You can also donate online at syracusediocese.org.



2025 Hope Appeal Goals

St. Mary's—\$14,071
donations as of 12/15—\$15,935

Our Lady of Lourdes—\$6,776
donations as of 12/15—\$7,330

St. Joseph's Deposit—\$4,780
donations as of 12/15—\$10,200

St. Joseph's Sanitaria Springs— \$5,708
donations as of 12/15—\$5,895

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

EASTERN BROOME

OUR LOCATIONS

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Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Peter T. Amaya—Akpala

Our Lady of Lourdes

Trustees: Scott Symons & Christine Barnes

Catechetical Leader: Jen Barton

St. Joseph's Deposit

Trustees: Lawrence Rowe & Mary Spencer

Catechetical Leaders: Judy Lloyd/Bridget Davis

St. Joseph's Sanitaria Springs

Trustees: Mike Hubenthal & Teresa Monico

Faith Formation Program combined with St. Mary's

St. Mary's, Kirkwood

Trustees: Dennis O'Dea & Jeffrey Kerr

Faith Formation Program combined with St. Joseph's, Sanitaria Springs

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Please contact the parish office prior to the child's birth for information on Baptismal preparation.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament is available on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at St. Mary's from 3:30 pm - 4 pm. You may also call for an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of strength and healing is available upon request for those who are sick or elderly. Please do not wait too long to call the office for assistance. Please do not wait until your loved one is near death.

You can also request the sacrament at area hospitals.

Marriage

Couples should contact the Office to make an appointment with the Parish Life Director to begin their preparation for marriage. Marriages should be scheduled at least six months before the anticipated wedding date.

Illness

Due to HIPPA privacy laws the parish is not notified when parishioners are hospitalized.

We ask you contact the parish office when a loved one is hospitalized.

Bereavement

We would like to help you with your needs at your time of loss. Please contact the office for assistance.

**The parish office will be closed on
Thursday, December 25th and
Friday, December 26th**

We will reopen on

Monday, December 29th at 9 am.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CHRISTMAS OPLATKE

These Christmas wafers that many families traditionally share at the beginning of their Christmas Eve meal are available this year to parishioners.

The envelopes are at the entrances of all parishes.

PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

Please indicate parish choice:

St. Joseph's, Deposit St. Joseph's, Sanitaria Springs Our Lady of Lourdes, Windsor St. Mary's, Kirkwood

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register I am previously registered and would once again like envelopes

(Please mail completed registration form to the Parish Office at 975 NY Rt. 11, Kirkwood, NY 13795 OR put in collection)

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