

# St. Mary's Parish

**13 Marvin Street  
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**Eucharistic Liturgies**

**Weekend Mass**                      Saturday Vigil 5:15 PM  
   Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
**Weekday Mass**                      Wednesday – Friday 7:00 AM  
   Saturday 8:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 PM

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the parish office to make arrangements. Baptisms normally take place on the first and third Sundays at 11:30 AM.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Couples planning to be married are asked to schedule an appointment with Fr. Croghan at least 6 months before the desired date. Wedding dates cannot be scheduled over the phone. One of the parties being married and/or their parents must be registered members of St. Mary's (Pre-marriage instruction is required).

**Prayer Line**

If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

**New Parishioners**

Welcome! Please introduce yourself after Mass. We invite you to become an active member of our parish community. Please call the parish office to register.

**Bulletin Deadline**

All announcements for the bulletin should be in writing and submitted to the parish office by Monday noon.

# Good News!



I met my mother-in-law in a bar. I'd been dating her daughter for a few months. The two of them came into the place where I was singing. That night I learned a great deal about both of them. They were mother and daughter, but good friends also. They traveled together, laughed together, and watched old movies and cried together.

A friend of mine, a keen student of human nature whose pastoral duties involve witnessing a lot of weddings often says, "You fall in love with a person, but you marry a whole family." I was blessed to have found a second mother.

It was devastating for all of us when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. In the last years of her life, her mind faded more dimly and our hearts widened more deeply with tough emotions and poignant questions.

The prophet Habakkuk sums up what we feel when we hit an emotional brick wall: "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene." Do we dare talk to God like that? The closer we are to someone, the more honest we can be. The prophet talks in strong language. We understand what he means.

God doesn't offer simple answers. God asks us to look at the whole picture. In the good as with the bad, God stands with us. The message of Christ's cross is that God stands with us no matter what. God redeems our lives, whatever twists they take.

And so Habakkuk offers us also not answers, but a strategy: "I will stand at my guard post, and station myself upon the rampart. And keep watch to see what he will say to me...For the vision still has its time."

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**Saturday, October 2 - Vigil Mass**

5:15 PM M/M William Knowles by Olga & Chet

**Sunday, October 3 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Special Intentions of Bob & Joan Hutchison by Their Family

10:30 AM Jim McMyler by M/M John Ellsworth

**Wednesday, October 6 - St. Bruno**

7:00 AM Fr. Walter Fox, OFM by His Sister, Pat Dugan

**Thursday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary**

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

**Friday, October 8**

7:00 AM Jeremy Gordon by the Balch Family

**Saturday, October 9**

8:00 AM Esther & Harold Myers by Roger Myers

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass Beulah Granville by daughter Doris & Family

**Sunday, October 10 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Mary Harrigan by Bob & Lee Christ

10:30 AM Edward Joseph Janus (19th) by His Family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, HOSPITALIZED,  
SICK & SHUT-INS OF OUR PARISH**

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 10/9**

TBA

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (10/9)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (10/9)	Samantha Gaffney, Gianna Spina & Grace Collins	Dave Welchons	Host - Barb Blatz & Mary Paul Cup - Sue King, Pearl Gapp, Jim Winkler & Tim Lashinger
8:00 AM (10/10)	Georgia, Addie & Jack Zoller	Anna Berney	Host - Fran & Gwen Lallier Cup - Ed Kaido, Chris Kielar, Jack McNamara & Evelyn Micciche
10:30 AM (10/10)	Fritz Gale, T.J. Sullivan & Jacob Dombrowski	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Ann Wilkinson & Phyllis Moore Cup - Mary Stuttard, Manuel Teodoro, Joanne Joseph & Don Conniff

**Faith Formation**

We are off to a wonderful beginning of the new year and it is such a joy to see everyone back! I am pleased to tell you that there are 383 young people registered in the program this year from 1st through 12th grade. Please keep the children, as well as all the wonderful volunteer class leaders, in your prayers as together we embark in another year's journey of faith.

**Parents of 9th grade students: Required meeting this Sunday at 6:30 PM in the school auditorium.**

**10th Grade Confirmation students will be participating in a retreat this weekend. We also ask your prayers for these candidates as they discern what this sacrament means to them.**

There will be no class for Mr. Hunt's 11th & 12th grade this week as he is being honored, along with his son Matthew, in the Kirkland Sports Hall of Fame. Congratulations Mr. Hunt!!

The gym will be open for recreation from 5-6:30 PM for all high school students. Refreshments will be provided for before class begins.

If you need to register a 1st grader or child new to the program, please call Mary Lou Lauchert at 853-6196 or 853-7631.

Save the date! Confirmation Tuesday, November 30.

**A Family Perspective**

Toddlers leap into our arms believing we will catch them. Children cry out at night trusting a parent will respond. Teenagers share their stories of shame, guilt and error believing we will understand. These sacred moments of trust are the building blocks for faith in oneself, others and God. With the apostles in today's gospel we pray: "Lord, increase our faith."

**Happy Retirement Dave Richards**

We wish to thank Dave Richards, our custodian, for his 21 years of service to St. Mary's. He has done an exceptional job maintaining our church and grounds. We pray that he and his wife Marie have many wonderful years to share with their family and friends.

Bless you Dave - and Thank You!



**Pie Sale and Coffee Hour**

The Hearts and Hands of St. Mary's will be having a pie sale after all Masses on the weekend of October 16/17. We will also be having a Parish Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 17 after the morning Masses. Please mark your calendar to stop by the school gym after Mass to purchase your favorite pie. For those of you who wish to help donate a pie, please drop them off at the school gym on Saturday, October 16 at 4 PM or before Mass on Sunday. If you have any questions, please call Katie at 853-1662. We thank you in advance for your support.

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection .....	\$4,280.00
Holy Days.....	12.00
Fuel.....	20.00
Faith Formation .....	199.00
School Assessment.....	12.00
Country Pantry .....	125.00
Memorial Fund.....	53.00
Diocesan Collections.....	7.00

**Second Collection This Weekend**

The annual Respect Life collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend. Many thanks for your continued generosity!

**HOPE Appeal 2010**

We're *very slowly* reaching our 2010 HOPE Appeal goal of \$33,242 with pledges of \$32,253 - **only \$989** to go!! Thank you!!!

*Please* drop your pledge in the collection basket, or drop it off at the parish office as soon as possible. Keep in mind you can make your pledge and be billed in installments from the HOPE Appeal Office

**Bells of St. Mary's Christmas Fair**

Mark your calendars - the Parish Christmas Fair will be held on November 13 & 14 in the school gym. In our parish, we have many bakers, crafters, woodworkers and candy makers who donate such wonderful items to this annual event, together with such great volunteers who donate their precious time. We also request that you begin to gather your items for Attic Treasures, and as usual, no clothing will be accepted. Please watch the bulletins for further notices. Remember that this is the only fundraiser for the Parish every year so let's get together and have a great and successful Fair! Thank you.

**The Country Pantry**

During the month of October we will be conducting our annual **Hats and Mittens** collection. We can use larger size children's mittens, gloves and hats which will be given to our families at our regular food distribution on October 26th. Our families appreciate receiving these items and thank you for your help. Items may be left in the food box in the back of the church.

Food items needed this month are canned chili, sloppy joe sauce and cereal. God bless!

**Area Events**

10/8-10, Notre Dame High School's 50th Anniversary and Alumni Reunion Weekend. For information call the Development Office at 749-7060

10/11, 6:45 PM - Regional Charismatic Mass and Healing Service at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, New Hartford.

10/16 - Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference at the Oncenter, Syracuse. Register [www.syracuseCWC.com](http://www.syracuseCWC.com).



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