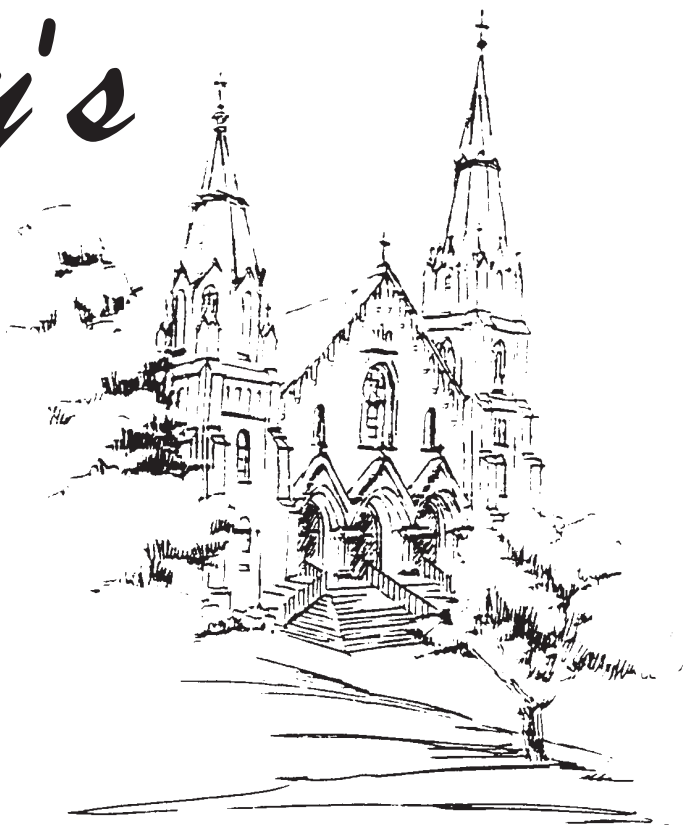


January 9, 2011

St. Mary's Parish

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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!

You never get a second change to make a first impression. Though today's feast day celebrates Jesus' baptism, in today's Gospel the Holy Spirit is the one making the first impression. As Jesus emerges from his baptism, the Holy Spirit descends on him in the form of a dove - a gentle bird normally associated with peace. That's certainly one first impression of the Holy Spirit.

However, as we know from Jesus' ministry, the Holy Spirit's work in him was hardly quiet and peaceful. Jesus spent his life turning the status quo upside down - challenging those in power and uplifting those who were oppressed. Jesus called for repentance from sin, healed the outcast, and overturned the moneychangers' tables in the temple.

As we hear in the reading from Acts, after his baptism Jesus was filled with "the holy Spirit and power." Talk about a second chance to make a first impression - this Holy Spirit turned out to be no meek dove, but a mover and a shaker!

Though Jesus' baptism was different from ours, we too receive the power of the Holy Spirit in our baptism and in the sacrament of confirmation. And the Holy Spirit seeks to move and shake in our lives, just as it did in Jesus' life.

But we're not marionettes controlled by the Spirit. We must respond to the Spirit's urging. In the moments when a colleague tells a racist joke, when we see a stranger treated unjustly, or when a lonely neighbor aches for companionship - in those moments, the Holy Spirit calls us to speak out in justice and to reach out in love. The Spirit continually seeks to make new first impressions in the world through our actions - if we are willing to respond.

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Saturday, January 8 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM John Wilkinson (5th) by Ann

Sunday, January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM Bob Sheridan by His Family

10:30 AM Claude Comstock by His Wife & Children

Wednesday, January 12

7:00 AM Jack Williams by John & April Costello, Jr.

Thursday, January 13 - Saint Hilary

7:00 AM Rosemary McNamara (5th) by Her Family

Friday, January 14

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Saturday, January 15

8:00 AM Helen Johnson by Her Husband Floyd

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass Stephen & Caroline Vangura
by Their Family

Sunday, January 16 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ethel Magee by Her Family

10:30 AM Mary Spellman by Her Family

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SICK & SHUT-INS OF OUR PARISH**

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 1-15

Sally Glouse & Sue King

Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (1/15)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (1/15)	Hannah McHarris, Elizabeth Balch & T.J. Sullivan	Colleen Kannianen	Host - Ann Wilkinson & Jan Slawson Cup - Annette Foley, Barb Bohrer, Jim Winkler & Mary Paul
8:00 AM (1/16)	Madeline Krasniak, Roger & Jenny Maxam	Anna Berney	Host - Carole Byrne & Sister Johanne Cup - Jerry & Pat Dawes, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (1/16)	Lee Ann Chesebro, Abby Hyde & Jacob Dombrowski	Amy Lefevre	Host - Kathleen Teodoro & Carol Fobes Cup - Anita Fitzgerald, Phyllis Moore, Joanne Joseph & Mary Stuttard

Faith Formation

Grades 1-8 will meet as scheduled.

High School Class - Grades 9-12 - We're trying something new! All students will meet in the gym for dinner at 5 PM. Workshop and activities to follow dinner. We will conclude the evening with Sunday's Liturgy beginning at 7 PM. College students home on break are welcome to attend! This is the only class scheduled for the winter. Our six-week spring semester will begin on February 27, 2011.

The Country Pantry

The holiday food drives have helped us stock our shelves and we are most grateful. However we have need of some basic personal care items such as bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toilet tissue. We appreciate your donations and any of these items. Thanks for all you do for our families. God bless!

A Family Perspective

The words in today's gospel, "This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased," are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children.

Liturgical Publications

Liturgical Publications, Inc., our bulletin publisher, will have a sales representative in our parish this coming week for those interested in placing a new ad. This is your opportunity to secure a space for the new publication year. To place your ad, please contact Frank Isgro at 800-888-4574 ext. 3423 (figro@4lpi.com) or call the parish office at 853-2935. We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their ad. Keep in mind; our advertising sponsors make this publication possible at no cost to the parish.



Parish Dinner - Save the Date
 Our Parish Dinner will be held February 13th at Dibbles Inn. More information to follow.

World Marriage Day Celebration

The 25th Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on February 13, 2011 at 2 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass and renew the marriage vows of all couples in attendance. He will honor those couples celebrating silver anniversaries, golden anniversaries and beyond 50 years in 2010 or 2011. All couples are encouraged to attend.

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$5,201.50
Holy Day.....	745.00
TOTAL Christmas Collection.....	16,063.00
Faith Formation	5.00
School Assessment.....	30.00
Country Pantry	35.00
Memorial Fund.....	36.00

Thank you for your generosity this Christmas!

2010 Tax Statement

For a statement of your 2010 donations for tax purposes, please put a note on your envelope, drop a note in the collection basket, or call the parish office at 853-2935, Monday - Friday, 10-3 PM.
 (parishoffice@stmarys-clinton.com).

Good News Foundation Events

Women's Spiritual Direction Group - meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. This group offers an opportunity for scriptural reflection, prayer and sharing. Free and open to women of all faiths.

Retrouvaille - Do you want to experience more unconditional love? Do you want to feel a greater sense of personal value? Do you have thoughts of separation or divorce? Healthy, effective communication skills can strengthen relationships and facilitate personal growth whole blessing families. Retrouvaille "A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages". Next weekend, March 4-6 at the Good News Center.

The Third Option - Many of us manage marriage as a series of choices between his and her desires. With the Third Option you can learn how to break through the clutter of past baggage and misunderstandings and build an effective, loving relationship. Meets every other Sunday, 6:30-8:30 PM.

Separated & Divorced Support Group - Meets 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 6 PM.

All programs are held at the Good News Center. Call 735-6210 for more information (www.thegoodnewscenter.org).

Help Wanted

The John Bosco House, Lafayette Street, Utica, a faith-based ministry serving homeless young men 18-21 needs part-time weekend day and overnight house supervisors. No experience necessary - will train. Must be male at least 21 years old who can be VIRTUS certified. Hourly wage plus meals included. Those with a desire to serve in a needed ministry, please call 733-1506.

Area Events

1-9, 8-12 PM - All you can eat breakfast at the Helmuth Ingalls American Legion (\$8)

1-20, 7 PM - Healing Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Rome.

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