

# 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.



**Saturday, March 5 - Vigil Mass**  
 5:15 PM Deceased of the Parish

**Sunday, March 6 - 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM Rodger Peer by Carol Marshall  
 10:30 AM Esther & Harold Myers by Roger Myers

**Wednesday, March 9 - Ash Wednesday**  
 7:00 AM Richard McNamara by St. Joan's Parish Family  
 12:00 PM Campus Mass  
 6:30 PM For the People of the Parish

**Thursday, March 10**  
 7:00 AM Walta Bush by St. Joan's Parish Family

**Friday, March 11**  
 7:00 AM Joan Helmer by St. Joan's Parish Family

**Saturday, March 12**  
 8:00 AM Special Intention of Jim Hynes  
 by St. Joan's Parish Family  
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass Barbara Jean Rhodes  
 by Geraldine Lane

**Sunday, March 13 - 1st Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 AM Pat Landy by St. Joan's Parish Family  
 10:30 AM Mary Harrigan by Her Family

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 3/12**  
 Ellen Phillips & Jan Rishel

# Dear Padre

## Is it OK to donate my body to science?

I know the Church approves of organ donation under the right circumstances, but what about donating my entire body to science?

Jenny

Dear Jenny,

Christians believe death is ultimately defeated in God's gift of a new creation. This new and eternal creation is made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, who "will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead" (*Order of Christian Funerals, 402*).

Resurrection, then, is not a return to earthly life. Our bodies are not resuscitated like Lazarus' (see John 11), but are resurrected like Christ's, transformed and glorified. Christians traditionally revere the body - alive and at death - because we are created in God's image. Some people reason that such respect prevents donating the body to science, but that is not the opinion of the Church.

In his 1956 allocution to physicians, Pope Pius XII said, "A person may will to dispose of one's body and to destine it to ends that are useful, morally irreproachable, and even noble, among them the desire to aid the sick and suffering. One may make a decision of this nature with respect to one's own body with full realization of the reverence which is due it."

Such a self-giving act in death - in consultation with family members or health care providers - is a supreme manifestation of Christ in what it means to be Christian.

Byron Miller, CSsR

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Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
6:30 PM (3/9)	Jacob Dombrowski, Jenny Maxam & Elizabeth Balch	Jim Winkler	Host - Beth May & Barb Blatz Cup - Sue King, Steve May, Ron Newman & Sue Kielar
5:15 PM (3/12)	Hannah McHarris, Elizabeth Balch & Jack Hughes	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Jan Slawson & Barb Bohrer Cup - Pearl Gapp, Mary Lou Lauchert, Steve & Beth May
8:00 AM (3/13)	Madeline Krasniak, Jenny & Jack Hughes	Steve Clark	Host - Carole Byrne & Anyone Available Cup - Evelyn Micciche, Bob Burns, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (3/13)	Jacob Dombrowski, Lee Ann Chesebro & Abby Hyde	Mike Cosgrove	Host - Joanne Joseph & Sister Johanne Cup - Carol Fobes, Michele Beach, Mary Stuttard & Kathleen Teodoro



**Ash Wednesday** - Ashes will be distributed at St. Mary's during the 7 AM and 6:30 PM Masses. Fr. Croghan will also distribute ashes at a noon Mass in the Hamilton College Chapel.

(Parking is very limited and in remote locations.)

**Lenten Fast & Abstinence** - Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. "The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing - as far as quantity and quality are concerned - approved local custom.

**Stations of the Cross** - Every Friday evening (7 PM) of Lent we will gather in Church for a time of prayer and meditation on the Stations of the Cross. This service is a great chance to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Please join us for this peaceful time of prayer.

**Operation Rice Bowl** - St. Mary's will again participate in this official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Proceeds benefit the poor both in our diocese and in the developing world. Material and information on this year's campaign can be found at the Church entrances.

**"Daybreaks"** - Also at the entrances of the Church are booklets of daily reflections on the readings for Lent. Please feel free to pick one up for yourself or someone special.

**Parish Lenten Retreat** - March 20, 21 and 22 guided by Rev. Donald Karlen, a retired priest of the Diocese. Please see insert for more information.

**Faith Formation**

Lent begins as the days grow longer and it is time for spring cleaning. The children learn to make more room in their lives for God and one another.

Monday, Grades 1-8, regular schedule

Wednesday, Grades, 6, 7 & 8 will meet at church at 6:30 for Ash Wednesday service.

The spring semester for high school students has begun. Classes will be held each Sunday through April 3rd.

**RCIA Update**

After a period of inquiry, prayer & God's grace, Darryl Harding received the Rite of Welcoming this past weekend. Darryl moved into the area recently and began the RCIA process a few weeks late. He joins the other four individuals in the program and will receive the fullness of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for him and all the others as they continue the path to become Roman Catholics.

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection .....	\$4,862.00
Faith Formation.....	81.00
School Assessment.....	29.00
Country Pantry .....	25.00
Memorial Fund.....	65.00
Diocesan Collections.....	15.00
Ash Wednesday.....	10.00

**Liturgy of the Word for Children**

Your children, grades K-5, are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday.

**Adults:**

We are thrilled to offer a 4-week course right here in our parish on Thursdays beginning March 24th. "I Make All Things New" - a Lenten series for all to re-discover, refresh and renew! Class size is limited. Please call or email Andrea Slaven at 797-4030 or [aslaven@syrdio.org](mailto:aslaven@syrdio.org) no later than March 13 to pre-order materials. \$5/session donation fee.

**The Country Pantry**

This month we are in need of canned beets, canned sweet potatoes, baked beans, jello and bar soap.

Are you recently retired and seeking an opportunity to volunteer? We are seeking a new **Program Coordinator** and a **Treasurer**. These positions would offer immeasurable rewards to anyone willing to serve. Contact Judy Mokry at 371-5789. God bless!

**Lenten Community Reflection**

Every Thursday during Lent, 6-7:30 PM, in the United Methodist Church, the Clinton area Churches are sponsoring a Lenten study of the PBS video series "God in America". Each evening will begin with a light supper followed by viewing and discussion of one segment of the video. If you are interested in attending the first session on March 10th, please call the rectory (853-2935) so we have an idea of the number who will be attending.

**Covered Dish Supper This Sunday**

Don't forget - The Hearts and Hands of St. Mary's will hold a covered dish supper this Sunday, March 6, at 4 PM, in the school gym.



Everyone is invited - just bring a dish to pass along with your place setting and enjoy a great meal. Refreshments will be provided. We hope to see everyone this Sunday.

**Area Events**

3/6, 12-3 PM - March Meatball Madness to benefit Abraham House at The Blue Flag Room & Historic Union Station., 321 Main Street, Utica  
 3/11 (and Fridays to April 22), 4-8 PM - Clark Mills Fire Department Lenten Fish Fry



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