

April 3, 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.



Saturday, April 2 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM James Benson by Vinny Vangura
Sunday, April 3 - 4th Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM Mary Spellman by Her Family
 10:30 AM Mary Harrigan by Her Family
Monday, April 4 - Saint Isidore
 12:15 PM Communion Service
Tuesday, April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer
 12:15 PM Communion Service
Wednesday, April 6
 7:00 AM Suzanne Roback by Her Family
Thursday, April 7 - St. John Baptist de la Salle
 7:00 AM William John Smith by His Family
Friday, April 8
 7:00 AM All Souls Intention
Saturday, April 9
 8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Fred Bolan by His Family
Sunday, April 10 - 5th Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM Derek Markis by His Family
 10:30 AM Stephen Conway by His Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 4/9
 Sandy & Marilyn Cirrincioni

GOOD NEWS!

I'm a big fan of boxes. Decorative, functional, cardboard, fabric, wood - if I can organize something in it, I love it. It's unsafe to release me in one of those organizational supply stores - I'll either never leave or leave with half the store in my cart. I love to box, label and compartmentalize.

We're not only skilled with physical boxes, but we're also deft at using psychological boxes to contain people within our expectations. Today's first reading and Gospel are full of examples of this. The box labeled "Israel's Next King" certainly wasn't going to fit Jesse's youngest son David - just a mere sheep herder, right? Yet that's exactly whom God chose to be one of Israel's greatest leaders.

In the Gospel, the Pharisees' suspicious questioning of the blind man and Jesus reveal that these two don't fit into their predesigned boxes. Healed by Jesus, the blind man suddenly wasn't the disabled begger he had always been. And by healing the blind man on the Sabbath, Jesus drew questions about his orthodoxy and identity. Jesus and the blind man didn't fit the Pharisees' preconceived notions about how they should be, but this led the Pharisees into greater fear instead of freeing them.

Aren't we also guilty of the Pharisees' behavior? How many times have we disparaged someone who doesn't fit in a box? Perhaps it's the immigrant who doesn't speak English or the father who wants to be a stay-at-home dad instead of living at the office. Maybe it's our son who seeks a career path we disagree with or our daughter's boyfriend of a different race.

Jesus' life reveals he was about bursting open boxes rather than trapping people in them. Perhaps today we can release someone from a box - and free ourselves as well.

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Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (4/9)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (4/9)	Hannah McHarris, Elizabeth Balch & Roger Maxam	Dave Welchons	Host - Ron Newman & Tim Lashinger Cup - Sue Kielar, Jim Winkler, Marybeth King & Elizabeth Tantillo
8:00 AM (4/10)	Georgia Zoller, Jack & Jane Hughes	Steve Clark	Host - Chris Kielar & Evelyn Micciche Cup - Jeanne Roback, Bob Burns, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (4/10)	Abby Hyde & Lee Ann Chesebro	John Burdick	Host - Anita Fitzgerald & Michele Beach Cup - Carol Fobes, Kathleen Teodoro, Karen Brewer & Phyllis Moore



Lenten Penance Service

This years joint Lenten Penance with St. Mary's/Sacred Heart Church, New York Mills, and St. John the Evangelist Church, New Hartford, will be held Monday, April 11, 7 PM, at St. John the Evangelist Church on Oxford Road. Please join us to celebrate God's forgiveness.

Other area Penance Services will be held:
April 17 4 PM - St. Bernard's, Waterville

Faith Formation

Regular classes will be held for grades 1-8. Grade 9 will meet this Sunday, 6:30-8 PM. Mr. Hunt's class will not meet as he is out of town this weekend.

This week children are asked to bring canned soup to help stock the shelves at the Country Pantry.

During Lent we strive to live our lives as Jesus taught us in order to project His image and enable others to see and feel the loving power of His grace. Practicing kindness and generosity leads to good habits and paves the path for virtuous lives.

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. (Next session 5/8)

A Family Perspective

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone's
Responsibility**

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims by reporting the suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. To report a case of sexual abuse within our Diocese, please contact Nuala Collins, Diocesan Assistance Coordinator at (315) 470-1465. Please do not hesitate to contact her with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding abuse. All calls are confidential in nature. It is with your help and concern that we are continuing to provide awareness for the safety of our children.

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$4,828.00
Faith Formation.....	41.00
School Assessment.....	50.00
Country Pantry	30.00
Memorial Fund.....	91.00
Diocesan Collections.....	40.00
Easter Flowers.....	85.00
Easter.....	171.00
Fuel.....	10.00
Catholic Sun.....	40.00

Second Collection This Weekend

The annual collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken up at Masses this weekend. Thank you for your generosity to this very worthy cause.

The Country Pantry

Have you thought about being a Pantry coordinator? We are still looking for someone to oversee the operation of the Pantry. We are also seeking someone to serve as treasurer as our present coordinator and treasurer are retiring after a combined 28 years of service. If interested, please call Judy Mokry at 371-5789.

At present we are in short supply of canned beets, sauerkraut, baked beans and spinach. Thank you for all that you do in helping alleviate hunger in the Clinton-Clark Mills-Westmoreland area. God bless!

Notre Dame High School Scholarships

The Christ Child Society of Utica is sponsoring a scholarship for two students entering ninth grade at Notre Dame High School in September 2011. Each scholarship provides \$500 per year for four years at Notre Dame. The scholarship is need and academic based. Applications are available in the parish office. The deadline for completed applications is April 15, 2011.

Living Stations

On Friday, April 8, at 7 PM, students from Notre Dame High School will be with us to present the Living Stations of the Cross. At this service students "pose" each of the stations while a reflective passage is read. This is a very powerful way of praying the Stations that the whole family might enjoy. Please join us.



Area Events

4/9, 6:30-1 PM - Kiwanis Pancake Day at the Clinton VFW Post 9591, Franklin Ave. for maintenance of Kiwanis Ball Park off Beatty Ave., Clinton.

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