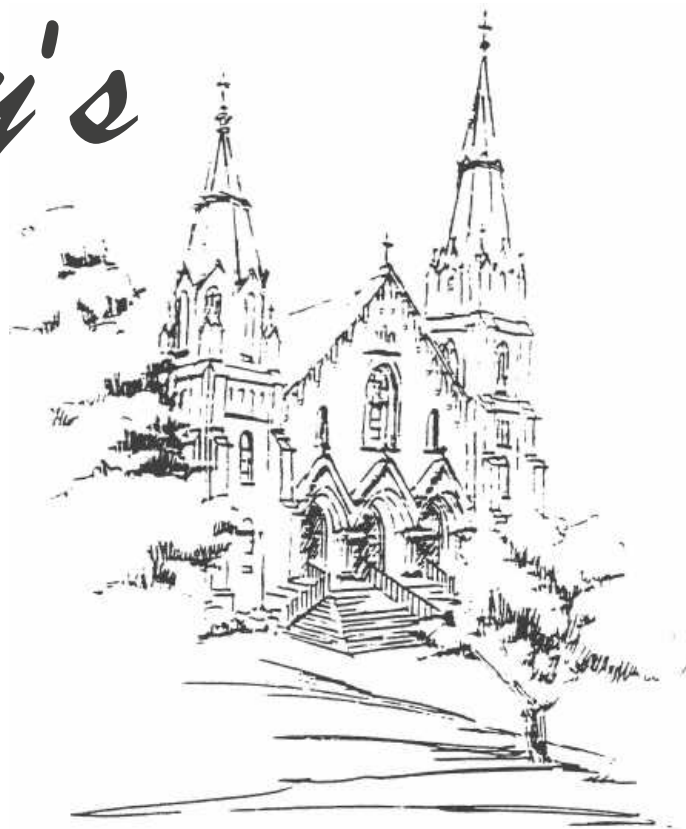


July 24, 2011

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

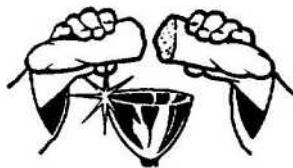
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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.



Saturday, July 23 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Deceased of the Ondarcho Family by Family

Sunday, July 24 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Francis J. Muller, OFM by Pat Dugan

10:30 AM Joe Maxwell by Jacquie & Kids

Wednesday, July 27

7:00 AM NO MASS

Thursday, July 28

7:00 AM NO MASS

Friday, July 29 - St. Martha

7:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, July 30

8:00 AM NO MASS

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Deceased of the McKeever & Yaworsky Families by Their Family

Sunday, July 31 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Bob Burns by Betty & Family

10:30 AM Beulah Granville by daughter Doris & Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 7/30/2011

Deb & Dee Gurdo

Good News!

You know you're turning into your parents when you start talking like them. The phrase of my mother's I've recently started spouting is, "My time is worth something!" She tends to use that phrase after shopping extensively for the best price among several stores, then realizing that the five dollars she'll save isn't worth it. I use that phrase when contemplating a project that would provide extra spending money but ultimately would require too much time away from my family.

Learning the value of time seems to be a gift of growing older and growing in wisdom.

Today's Scriptures ask us to consider what we value most. 1 Kings describes Solomon's request for a wise and understanding heart to lead God's people. He doesn't ask for less valuable gifts, such as riches or an enemy's death, and his choice immensely pleases God. In the Gospel, Jesus again reflects in parables about the value of the kingdom of heaven. He compares the reign of God to an extraordinarily rare pearl a merchant buys with all his savings because he knows its true value.

If someone asked what is most valuable to us, we would quickly name our family, friends, and God. But do the choices we make every day truly reflect what we hold dear? Or does making money or a name for ourselves at work trump time spent with our children? Do we play online games or get lost in TV when we could extend a hand to a struggling friend? Are we willing to put God - and bringing about God's kingdom - at the center of our days rather than just at church on Sunday?

It may be time to reevaluate how to better treasure the pearls of great price in our lives.

Janel Esker
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Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (7/30)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (7/30)	Kate Schlosser, Marilyn Cirrincione & Fritz Gale	Bill Waldron	Host - MaryLou Lauchert & Tim Lashinger Cup - Bob Scarlata, Colleen Kanniainen, Barb Blatz & Anne Debraggio
8:00 AM (7/31)	Mark Novak, Addie & Georgia Zoller	Ron Roback	Host - Jeanne Roback & Ed Kaido Cup - Evelyn Micciche, Carol Byrne, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (7/31)	Taylor Arndt, Gianna Spina & Samantha Gaffney	Karen Brewer	Host - Michele Beach & Maryalice Hogan Cup - Kathleen Teodoro, Ani Sojda, Carol Fobes & Joanne Joseph

Faith Formation

What is your treasure or talent? Could it be sharing God's love with a child? Our program is in need of volunteers on all levels. We could use hall monitors during the evening classes and substitute teachers for all three sessions. I have a few people willing to teach, but not every week. Would you be willing to share a spot with someone? Our Youth Group will be starting soon - do you have ideas we could use for this? Please contact me for more information about volunteering at faithformation@stmarys-clinton.com or 853-7631. Thank you.



Monday evening classes are now almost full. Options include: Grades 1-8 Wednesday evening, 6:30-7:30, and Grades 1-5 Monday morning, 7:45-8:45, with busing provided to Clinton Elementary School.

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 August 14.

The Country Pantry

Tuesday, July 26, is our next distribution of Kid's Paks. With this hot, humid weather we know our kids are looking forward to some cool drinks and tasty snacks. What a treat!

We can also use baked beans, jello, puddings and cereal. Thank you for all that you do for us, God bless.

A Family Perspective

The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - A New Opportunity at St. Mary's

Create lap blankets, shawls, scarves, socks or caps for those who need the comfort of an item, made in love and prayer, at a difficult time. Supplies and instructions will be provided. Work at home or in a group. Donations of supplies are also welcome. Interested in learning more? Contact Roseann Suhr (853-2029).



Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$5,447.00
Fuel.....	85.00
Faith Formation.....	220.00
School Assessment.....	16.00
Country Pantry	50.00
Memorial Fund.....	74.00

Second Collection This Weekend

The annual Mission Appeal through Propagation of the Faith will be taken up at Masses this weekend.

This weekend we welcome Fr. Innocent who will talk to us about the needs of his home diocese of Ahiara, Imo State of Nigeria.

Thank you for your generosity to "the least of his people".

HOPE Appeal 2011

Thanks to your generosity we have received \$28,905 in pledges - *only* \$3,564 to go!

If you have not yet responded to the HOPE Appeal, please make your pledge as soon as possible. Thank you

John Bosco House Wish List

John Bosco House, a residence for homeless orphaned and displaced young men is in need of a used vehicle which our staff would use to transport our boys to medical, legal and social service appointments and for recreational outings. A passenger van or SUV would be very welcome. (They can provide a tax donation receipt for your contribution.) Please call 733-1506 9-5 PM, Monday - Friday. Thank you!

Area Events

7/27, 5-9 PM (and all Wednesdays of July and August) - Burger and Dog Night at American Legion Post 232. Food, Refreshments & Music

8/10, 6 PM - Hospice Butterfly Release Celebration at Utica College. Music & refreshments. Sponsorship \$25 (for information, call 735-6487)

Registration In Our Parish

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Please check one:

I am new in the parish & wish to register

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