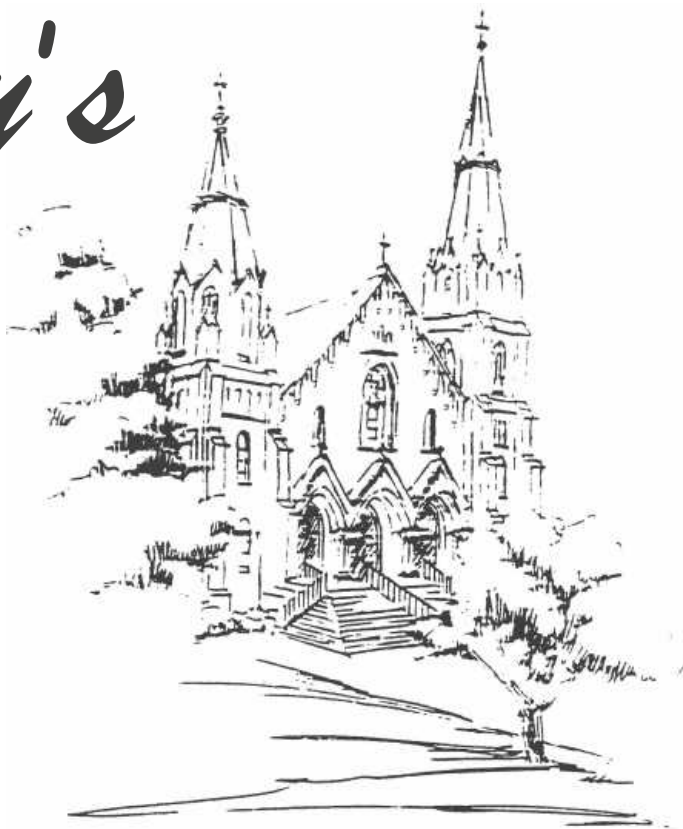


July 31, 2011

St. Mary's Parish

**13 Marvin Street
Clinton, New York 13323**



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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.



Dear Padre

Should priests always be on call?

Shouldn't parish priests be on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? Isn't part of the vocation of the priesthood to comfort and guide those in need at any time - not just when it is convenient for him?

Monica

Dear Monica,

A priest is a priest 24/7, as you correctly note. We never cease being priests - there is no time off, no sabbatical, and we don't retire from the priesthood.

However, being on call 24/7 is another matter. In 2001, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations issued *The Basic Plan for the Ongoing Formation of Priests* (usccb.org/plm/ongoing.shtml). Section E of Part 1 stresses that priests are humans with needs for education, spiritual growth, time with friends and family, rest, and relaxation. Priests who don't take care of themselves can burn out just like anyone else.

Religious orders determine how much time off their members get. Redemptorists get one day a week plus three weeks and two weekends a year. I also currently serve in the Archdiocese of New York. Their handbook gives the amount of time off their priests get for recreation as well as for educational and spiritual retreats. Other (arch) dioceses have similar guidelines.

To cover true emergencies, priests have someone cover for them when they're away. But if the number of priests continues to decline, this will be harder to arrange, so it's important that we all pray for vocations for the priesthood as well as priests in ministry today.

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Saturday, July 30 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM 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 Beuhal Granville by daughter Doris & Family

Wednesday, August 3

7:00 AM All Souls

Thursday, August 4 - St. John Mary Vianney

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, August 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

Saturday, August 6

8:00 AM James & Mary Kearney by Kevin & Ann Kearney

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Margaret Stanley by St. Mary's Parish Council

Sunday, August 7 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM James Benson by Carol & Bernie Burns
 10:30 AM Albert Griffin by His Wife

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 8/6/2011

Carol Byrne & Amy Franz

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (8/6)	Kendell Myers & Elizabeth Balch		
5:15 PM (8/6)	Hannah McHarris, Elizabeth Balch & Mark Novak	Dave Welchons	Host - Sue King & Bill Waldron Cup - Jan Slawson, Jim Winkler, Sue Kielar & Ann Wilkinson
8:00 AM (8/7)	Madeline Krasniak, Jenny & Roger Maxam	Steve Clark	Host - Fran & Gwen Lallier Cup - Mike Howard, Bob Burns, Jack McNamara & Chris Kielar
10:30 AM (8/7)	Ricky Heintz, Jacob & Jesse Dombrowski	John Burdick	Host - Anita Fitzgerald & Carol Fobes Cup - Manuel Teodoro, Ani Sojda, Don & Jane Conniff

Faith Formation

God takes care of our needs. It is our responsibility as His children to share this love with others.

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.

Our program needs one more teacher for each session. We could also 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? Please contact me for more information about volunteering at faithformation@stmarys-clinton.com or 853-7631. Thank you.

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$3,466.00
Easter.....	200.00
Faith Formation.....	50.00
Fuel.....	470.00
School Assessment.....	55.00
Country Pantry	70.00
Memorial Fund.....	10.00
Propagation of the Faith.....	2,580.00

HOPE Appeal

Thanks to your generosity we have received \$28,975 in pledges - *only* \$3,394 to go!

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

Back-to-School Collection Next Weekend

The Back-to-School Collection for the Country Pantry will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for taking care of our kids!

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 this Sunday. Next session August 14.

Blood Drive Thank You

Thank you to the St. Mary's parishioners who lent a hand volunteering and baking for the Kirkland Community Blood drive on July 14. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Baptized in Christ

We welcome the following children to our Catholic Faith community:

Avery Callahan Otto, daughter of Stephen & Christian, Madelyn Elizabeth Knapp, daughter of Jeffery & Rachel, Lilianna Jeanne Spinella, daughter of Mark & Jennifer and Ryan Scott Tarkowski, son of Scott & Patricia Murdock.

Area Events

8/3, 5-9 PM (and all Wednesdays of July and August) - Burger and Dog Night at American Legion Post 232. Food, Refreshments & Music

The Country Pantry

It's that time again, school bells will soon be ringing in a new school year. For most of us, back to school time brings up fond memories, (remember the smell of a box of new crayons and freshly sharpened pencils) and those new pens and notebooks? But for the children of our Country Pantry clients, there is usually little or no money left in the family budget for new school clothes or supplies. Our annual "School Bells" project provides school supplies and of course, the required new socks and underwear, to school aged children. These items will be given out at our August 23rd regular food distribution.



Your help is needed to make this possible. Our second collection next weekend will be used to fund this worthy project. All money collected will be used to directly benefit our children so that they may feel the excitement of having something new on the first day of school. God bless you for your continued generosity to Country Pantry!

A Family Perspective

The apostles were just being practical when they asked Jesus to "dismiss the crowds to go buy food." Jesus knew there is always enough when we place our trust in the Father, even with just five loaves and fishes. Trust is the bridge to miracles.

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).

Registration In Our Parish

Name: _____
Address: _____
City & Zip: _____
Telephone: _____

Please check one:

- I am new in the parish & wish to register
- I am unsure if registered or not, please check
- I am previously registered and wish to receive envelopes.
- I moved to the above address.

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