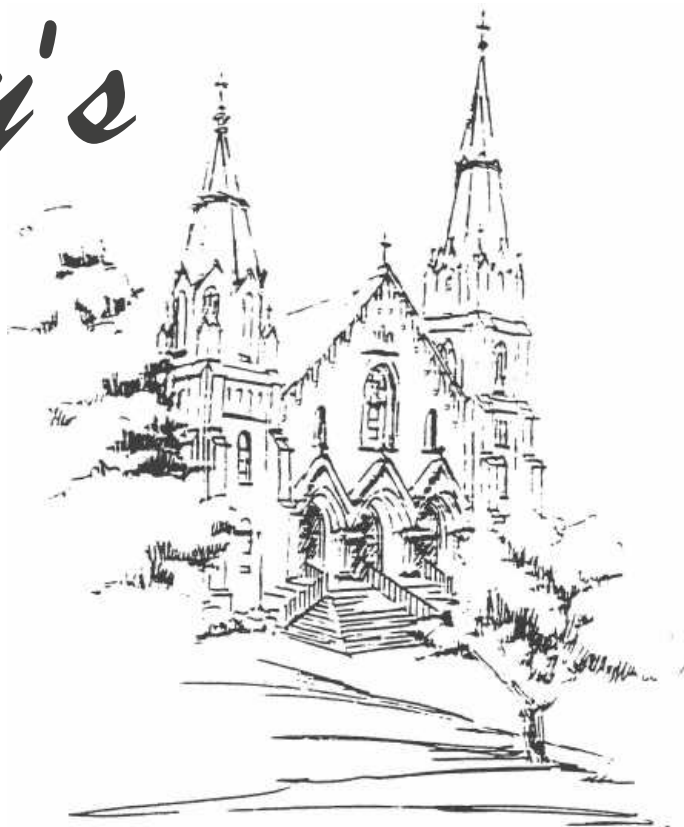


August 21, 2011

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.



GOOD NEWS!

Imagine you're reviewing applications for the newly created position of Rock Upon Whom Jesus Will Build His Church.

You come across a Simon Peter's resume. Here are some of his qualifications:

*Wavering faith - some days it's strong; other days, I'm so full of doubt I could sink in the sea

*Dense, slow to understand, uncertain about following directions.

*A tendency toward violence with the sword, especially around people's ears

*Voted Most Likely to Deny Knowing a Friend in Need

Would you hire him? It seems laughable, but that's exactly what Jesus did. He called Simon Peter to be the foundation of this new community called *Church*. Today's reading from Romans certainly applies here - "How inscrutable are [God's] judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" Our human minds can't grasp why God would name such a fallible person as the leader of the Church.

Yet it's precisely because of Peter's weaknesses that he was chosen. As Saint Paul wrote, God's "power is made perfect in weakness." God works best when we are open to God's transformation. It's humility, not pride, that makes us most effective in God's eyes.

So, too, God has chosen us. Yes, we're sometimes selfish, angry, unfaithful, dishonest, and stubborn, yet God still calls us to discipleship. If we offer these less-than-attractive qualifications to God for healing and forgiveness, God can work wonders with us. In fact, with God's help, we might find that the job Follower of Jesus is one we can actually fill quite well.

Janel Esker

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Saturday, August 20 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Martin Halpin by the DeDominick Family

Sunday, August 21 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Arthur Litts by Pat Sheridan

10:30 AM Claude Comstock by His Wife & Children

Wednesday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew

7:00 AM All Souls Day Remembrance

Thursday, August 25 - Sts Louis of France

& Joseph Calasanz

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, August 26

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

Saturday, August 27

8:00 AM Louis & Winnifred Gale by William & Anne

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Bob Ingalls by Wife Judy

Sunday, August 28 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Kenneth Denison, Sr.

by Ken & Michelle Denison

10:30 AM William C. Phillips

by Roger & Barbara Cresswell

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 8/27/2011

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Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (8/27)	Kendell Myers & Hannah McHarris		
5:15 PM (8/27)	Ricky Heintz, Fritz & Nathan Gale	Mary Lou Lauchert	Host - Jan Slawson & Jim Winkler Cup - Barb Blatz, Pearl Gapp, Sue King & Barb Bohrer
8:00 AM (8/28)	Mark Novak, Addie & Georgia Zoller	Steve Clark	Host - Jeanne Roback & Bob Burns Cup - Ann Kearney, Ed Kaido, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (8/28)	Grace Collins, Samantha Gaffney & Gianna Spina	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Kathleen Teodoro, Karen Brewer, Carol Fobes & Anitz Fitzgerald

Faith Formation

The Diocese of Syracuse is sponsoring two retreats for high school students. The girls retreat will take place September 30-October 2 and the boys retreat will be October 21-23. Flyers are located in the front vestibule or contact me for more information.

Classes begin the week of September 26. If you have not returned your registration, please do so as soon as possible. Monday evening classes are now full, but 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. Thank you to our new volunteers! We are still looking for someone in 2nd Grade on Wednesday evening. Please contact Mary Lou Lauchert for more information if you are new to the program or are interested in volunteering at faithformation@stmarys-clinton.com or 853-7631.

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 9/11.

The Country Pantry

How does your garden grow? Overwhelmed with Zucchini, beans, etc? Our distribution day is **Tuesday, August 23rd**, and we can use any of your excess vegetables for our families. You can contact Jeanne Roback at 737-7650 for further information. Thanks for all you do in helping to eliminate hunger in the Clinton-Clark Mills-Westmoreland area.

Parish Picnic

St. Mary's annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11, noon to 4 PM, at the American Legion in Franklin Springs. Please mark your calendar to join your parish community for this fun family event. More information will follow in forthcoming bulletins.



Third Thursday Group

The Third Thursday Group will meet this Thursday, August 25, 12:15 PM, for a Communion Service in church. Come to the basement after the service with your bag lunch for socializing. Dessert and beverage provided. All adults welcome. Tell your friends!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

There is a new opportunity at St. Mary's to reach out and share God's love with others. The Prayer Shawl Ministry will create blankets, shawls, socks or caps for those who need the comfort of an item, made in prayer, at a difficult time. The first information meeting will be held Thursday, September 22, 7 PM, in St. Mary's School. If you are interested, please attend or contact Roseann Suhr at 853-2029.

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$5,479.50
Faith Formation.....	205.00
School Assessment.....	53.00
Country Pantry	50.00
Memorial Fund.....	85.00
Holy Day.....	145.00
Propagation of the Faith.....	10.00

HOPE Appeal

Thanks to your generosity we have received \$29,535 in pledges - *only* \$2,934 to go!

We need everyone's help to meet our assessed goal. Please make your pledge as soon as possible. Thank you!

Special Appeal - Sudanese Hunger Relief

Bishop Cunningham has approved a voluntary second collection for the poor and starving people of East Africa. Checks (or cash in an envelope) made out to Sudanese Hunger Relief - Diocese of Syracuse, may be dropped in the collection basket with your regular envelopes next weekend, August 27/28

Thank you for helping!

Area Events

- 8/24, 5-9 PM - Burger & Dog Night at the American Legion Post 232. Food, Refreshments & Music
- 8/27, 10-6 PM - Stone Presbyterian Church will offer pulled pork sandwiches, pie, drinks, crafts, Fair Trade items, The Stone Storytellers at 2 PM and historical tours as part of the Art & Music Festival.
- 8/28, 11:30 until sold out - Chicken BBQ (\$8.25) and Indoor garage sale at the Clinton VFW.
- 9/17, 8-1 PM - Kirkland Community Bloodmobile at the Clinton United Methodist Church. For an appointment, call Jean at 853-2265. Walk-ins welcome!

Are You Really Registered?

In updating our parish census records we noticed several families not technically registered with the parish. If you have moved out of your parents home, married, formed your own household, or moved back into the area don't assume that you are automatically registered. Please fill in the registration form below and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you.

Registration In Our Parish

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City & Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Please check one:
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