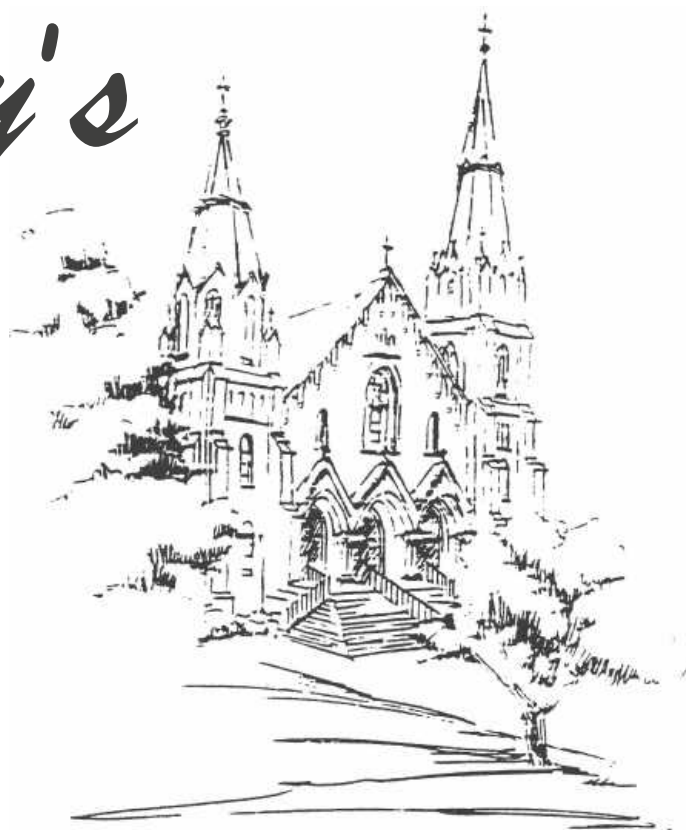


St. Mary's Parish

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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, September 3 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Ramon Perez by Carl & Jean Jones

Sunday, September 4 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Katherine Handley Crane by Her Family

10:30 AM Catherine Dawes by Staff at St. Mary's

Wednesday, September 7

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Thursday, September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Maeve Dugan by Her Mom

Friday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver

7:00 AM Bob Cole by His Wife & Family

Saturday, September 10

8:00 AM Charles O'Leary by Ann & Kevin Kearney

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Michael Buckley
by the Krasniak Family

Sunday, September 11 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

10:30 AM Antoinette Winterton
by Margaret & Douglas Preston

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 9/10/2011

Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler

Good News!

Two years into my home purchase, I still consider myself a "new" homeowner. Along with the unexpected knowledge I've gained about leaky water heaters and hail-damaged roofs. I've also absorbed lots of information about mortgage rates, refinancing, and escrow. I was speechless at the amortization schedule that states the total amount of interest I'll have paid at the end of my mortgage. It's not exactly a comforting document.

So it didn't surprise me that Paul's line to the Romans "owe nothing to anyone" stood out to me. Having thought often about how much I owe to my mortgage lender, I felt quite encouraged. Of course, Paul doesn't end there. He further instructs, "Owe nothing to anyone, *except to love one another*. Ah, there's the catch - if we truly grasp what Paul means by "love."

We often reduce our understanding of love to warm feelings for family and friends. And we know the maxim Paul quotes, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Well, the sweet grandma next door is easy to love, with her cookies and welcoming smile. But what about the neighbor whose loud music keeps you awake? Or the mentally ill panhandler you pass each day? What about your beloved spouse, child, or friend who disappoints you with selfish behavior or spiteful words? What does *love* mean then?

Paul presents a challenging oxymoron today. We should own nothing to anyone - except that the love to which he calls us requires complete self-giving. It means extending real kindness to those we find difficult or distasteful. It means forgiving our loved ones when they disappoint us.

The amortization schedule of the love we owe doesn't have an endpoint like my 30-year mortgage does, but fortunately, neither does God's profound love for us.

Janel Esker

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Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (9/10)	Garrett Frank & Kate Schlosser		
5:15 PM (9/10)	Elizabeth Balch, Hannah McHarris & J.P. Wade	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Bob Scarlota & Tim Lashinger Cup - Ann Wilkinson, Pearl Gapp, Sue King & Elizabeth Tantillo
8:00 AM (9/11)	Georgia Zoller, Jane & Jack Hughes	Steve Clark	Host - Joe & Tina Lallier Cup - Evelyn Micciche, Bob Burns, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (9/11)	Jacob Dombrowski, Connor & Garrett Frank	John Burdick	Host - Mary Stuttard & Anita Fitzgerald Cup - Joanne Joseph, Phyllis Moore, Don & Jane Conniff

Faith Formation

As summer winds down we are getting very excited looking forward to having the children back in the building. We are so blessed to have a wonderful staff of volunteers again this year! Classes begin Monday, September 26th. Is there anyone interested in preparing a lovely group of 2nd graders for their sacraments on Wednesday evenings?

Monday Grades 1-5, 7:45-8:45 AM
(busing provided to Clinton Elementary)

Monday Grades 1-8, 6:30-7:30 PM
(this option is now full)

Wednesday Grades 1-8, 6:30-7:30 PM

Our High School Classes for grades 9-12 begin Sunday, October 2, and will meet twice a month. The full schedule will be mailed and is available on the website!


The Country Pantry

Do you have a few hours a month that you can spare to help at the Country Pantry? Due to the increase in families we serve, we are in need of additional helpers. We need people to pack groceries for families and also help stock shelves. We have teams that pack from 1-3 PM on Wednesday Thursday and Monday afternoon and from 9-11 AM on Saturday and Monday morning every other month (Thursday and Saturday). It only takes about 2 hours. Even if you can't commit to a regular schedule, additional help is required to sort and shelve groceries when we receive large food donations from local food drives. You would be contacted on an as-needed basis. Also needed are volunteers to help carry groceries to client's cars from the church basement on distribution day. This is a great opportunity for teenagers to fulfill their community service, Confirmation hours. Our distribution hours are 3-5 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month, unless there is a holiday! Would you like to be a substitute when our regular packers are unable to fill their assignment? Whatever area you choose you will find this to be a rewarding experience knowing that you have aided your needy friends and neighbors in feeding their families.

Please consider volunteering! Times and days vary so for further information or dates and times, please contact Jeanne Roback at 737-7650.

Parish Picnic Next Sunday

The annual Parish Picnic will be held next Sunday, September 11, at the American Legion in Franklin Springs from 12 noon to 4 PM. Price for adults will be \$2 per plate which includes one meat, full buffet and one dessert. Beverages will be extra as well as additional hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages for a nominal fee. Children ages 10 and under will be \$1 per plate. We will have a 50/50 raffle and activities for the children. Won't you mark your calendar to join your parish community for this fun event.



Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$4,211.00
Holy Day.....	7.00
Faith Formation.....	80.00
School Assessment.....	42.00
Country Pantry	55.00
Memorial Fund.....	30.00
Fuel.....	35.00
Sudanese Relief.....	637.00
Diocesan Collections.....	335.00

HOPE Appeal

Thanks to your generosity, we have received \$30,135 in pledges - **only \$2,334 to go!**

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

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Your children, grades K-5, are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children next Sunday, September 11, at the 10:30 AM Mass. Next session 9/25.

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13, in the school at 6:30 PM. Our primary focus will be the Christmas Fair, as well as an update from the Parish Picnic committee. All those interested in helping with the Christmas Fair are urged to attend this meeting. We look forward to seeing lots of new faces and hearing new ideas for the Fair. We hope to see you there.



Bulletin Ads

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Area Events

- 9/15, 7 PM - Healing Mass at Church of St. John the Baptist, Rome.
- 9/16&17, 10-4 PM - Nearly New Sale at the Lutheran Home.
- 9/17, 8-1 PM - Kirkland Community Bloodmobile at the Clinton United Methodist Church. For an appointment call Jean at 853-2265. Walk-ins are always welcome!

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