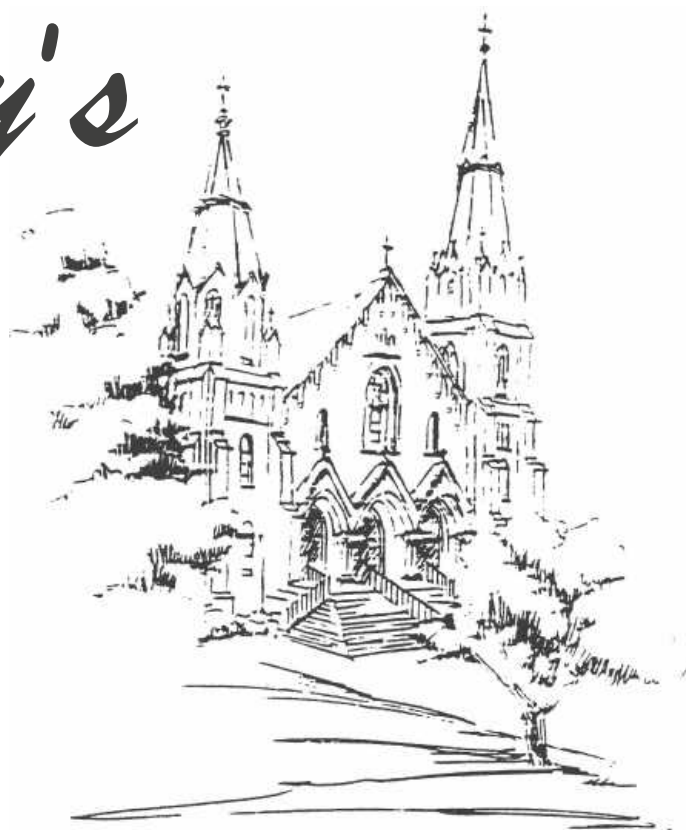


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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 10 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM 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

Wednesday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 AM Lawrence Collins Crane by His Family

Thursday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions

Friday, September 16 - Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

Saturday, September 17

8:00 AM Thomas & Esther Gale
by William & Anne Gale

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Anthony James Odell
by His Mother, Roxanne

Sunday, September 18 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Bob Sheridan by His Family

10:30 AM David & Ethel Timian
by David & Gail Timian

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

Baptized in Christ

We welcome the following to our faith community:
Jakob Gabriel Perez, son of Meghan, Jack Edward Bono, son of Sam & Katie and Maximos Michael Calogero, son of Paul & Amanda.

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 9/17/2011

Ellen Phillips & Jan Rishel

Good News!

There's no question that forgiveness is at the heart of today's Scriptures. Sometimes Christians believe that following Jesus simply means being nice or showing kindness. Actually, Jesus' life and teaching focus much more on forgiveness. That's much harder than just being nice, because Jesus demands that we forgive everyone - especially people we dislike or consider to be enemies.

Perhaps the most challenging part of today's readings is that *our* sins will be forgiven only to the extent that we forgive others'. Sirach says it clearly: "Should a man refuse mercy to his fellows, yet seek pardon for his own sins?"

This weekend is a most appropriate time to reflect on forgiveness. Ten years after the 2001 attacks, many of us still harbor anger and hatred toward those who perpetrated the attacks as well as innocent Muslims who had nothing to do with them. Yet, as today's readings remind us, how can we expect God to forgive our sins when we harbor vengeance toward others who have wronged us?

On September 7, 2010, U.S. bishops and interfaith leaders met "to denounce categorically derision, misinformation and outright bigotry being directed against America's Muslim community...All acts of intolerance aimed at a religious community should find no place in our world, let alone in our nation which is founded on the principle of religious freedom." To read the entire statement, go to usccb.org/sela/response-muslim-prejudice.shtml.

It's very clear: Holding grudges, nurturing hatred, and refusing forgiveness are sins, plain and simple. Letting go and offering forgiveness may take a long time, but if we give ourselves to the process, God will help us. True forgiveness is something we rarely can do on our own.

Janel Esker
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Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (9/17)	Cheyenne Eisenhut & Leeann Chesebro		
5:15 PM (9/17)	Ricky Heintz, Fritz & Nathan Gale	Pearl Gapp	Host - Barb Bohrer & Bill Waldron Cup - Mary Paul, Annette Foley, Steve & Beth May
8:00 AM (9/18)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Kendell Myers	Ron Roback	Host - Mike Howard & Jack McNamara Cup - Carole Byrne, Chris Kielar, Ed Kaido & Jeanne Roback
10:30 AM (9/18)	Grace Collins, Gianna Spina & Samantha Gaffney	Mike Cosgrove	Host - Kathleen Teodoro & Michele Beach Cup - Karen Brewer, Maryalice Hogan, Ani Sojda & Sister Johanne

Faith Formation

Classes begin the week of September 26!

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!

Confirmation

Retreat Sunday, September 25, 10:30 Mass - 5 PM
Rehearsal, Monday, October 10, 6:30-7:30 PM
Confirmation, Thursday, October 13, 7 PM

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

Third Thursday

The Third Thursday Group will meet September 15 at 12:15 PM, in the Church for a Communion Service. Bring a bag lunch and come to the basement after the service for socializing. Dessert and beverage provided. All adults welcome.

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$6,298.00
Faith Formation.....	75.00
School Assessment.....	25.00
Country Pantry	25.00
Memorial Fund.....	143.00

Second Collection Next Weekend

The annual Catholic University collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

HOPE Appeal - only \$2,334 to go!

Thank you for your generosity! We need everyone's help to meet our assessed goal, please get your pledge in ASAP! Thank you.

The Country Pantry

We are experiencing an increase in numbers of families served at the Pantry due to rising food costs, job losses and cut hours. We need your help. When you are grocery shopping please consider buying an extra canned or non-perishable food item for the Pantry. Monetary gifts are always welcome. Bless you.

Parish Picnic

This Sunday, September 11, our annual Parish Picnic will be held at the American Legion in Franklin Springs from 2-4 PM. Won't you join your parish community for this fun event. We will have food, drinks, 50/50 raffle and activities for the children. We hope to see you



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(Do You Know Anyone???)

- ...Who have never been baptized?
- ...Who have been baptized in the Catholic Faith; but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Communion?
- ...Who have been baptized in another faith tradition and desires to become Catholic?
- ...Who have questions about becoming Catholic?

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Conversion is the central and underlying principle of an individual's journey in the RCIA Program. The Rite emphasizes Scripture, Church Doctrine, Christian Living, Liturgy and Apostolic Service.

If you know of anyone, please invite him/her to call Sister Johanne at the Parish House, 853-1849. Also I would encourage interested persons to go online, srjohanne@stmarys-clinton.com. More information regarding the time line for this process will be forthcoming in the weeks to come.



St. Mary's Hearts and Hands Meeting

There will be a meeting Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 PM, in the school. The primary focus for this meeting will be the preliminary discussions regarding the Christmas Fair. All those volunteers who would like to help at this year's fair are encouraged to attend this meeting. Won't you bring a friend and join us?

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