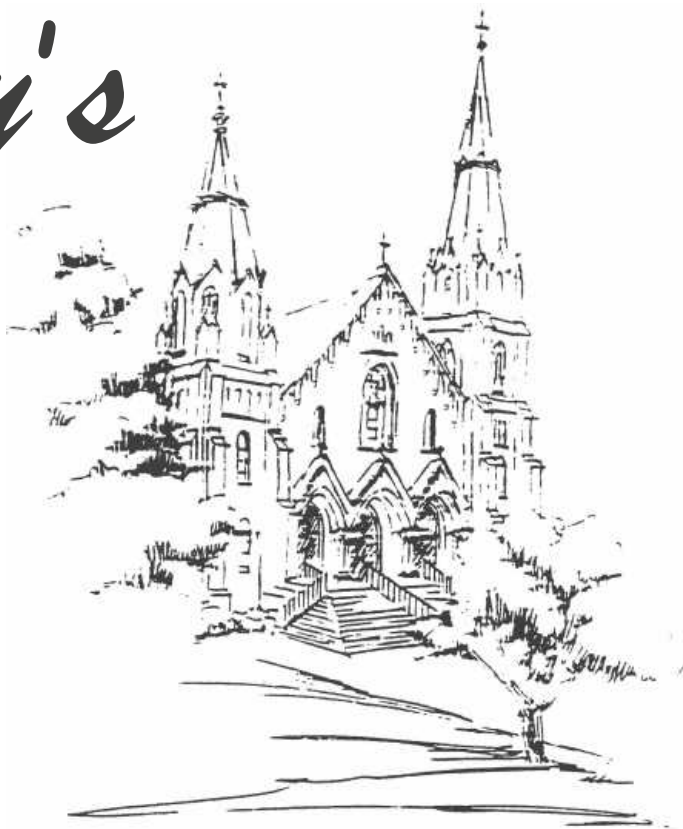


# St. Mary's Parish

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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, October 8 - Vigil Mass**  
 5:15 PM Frank & Lotti Savicki by the Bojdak Family  
**Sunday, October 9 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM William Burns (5th) by His Wife & Family  
 10:30 AM Mary Harrigan by Her Family  
**Wednesday, October 12**  
 7:00 AM Justin & Clara Kutary  
 by Ken & Michelle Denison  
**Thursday, October 13**  
 7:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions  
**Friday, October 14 - St. Callistus**  
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
**Saturday, October 15**  
 8:00 AM Mary Ann O'Neil by Sally Reid  
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Marion Jenny  
 by Mike & Lisa Jeffrey  
**Sunday, October 16 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM Edward Janus (20th) by His Family  
 10:30 AM Claude Comstock by His Wife & Children

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, HOSPITALIZED,  
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**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 10/15**  
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# Dear Padre

## Can Catholics who commit suicide be buried in Catholic cemeteries?

My friend's son committed suicide. He was distraught over his brother's death and not in his right mind. Can he be buried in a Catholic cemetery?

Janice

Dear Janice,

Before I answer your question, I offer my heartfelt sympathy to your friend over the loss of his sons.

The Church teaches that our lives are "not ours to dispose of" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2280*). Suicide is a serious matter, but the Church also says that "Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide: (2282). Bearing that in mind, the Church compassionately states, "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives...God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (2283).

In general, Catholics who commit suicide are neither deprived of full burial rites in the Church, which commends all of the dead "to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins" (*Order of Christian Funerals, 6*), nor are they deprived of burial in a Catholic cemetery - a sacred place that helps bring peace to those confronted by the suddenness of suicide.

Byron Miller, CSSR  
 sundaybulletins@liguori.org

(For materials to support Catholics dealing with suicide and depression, call 800-325-9521 or visit [liguori.org](http://liguori.org).)

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Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (10/15)	Betsy Gale & Madeline Krasniak		
5:15 PM (10/15)	Taylor Arndt, Kendell Myers & LeeAnn Chesebro	Jim Winkler	Host - Marybeth King & Mary Lou Lauchert Cup - Sue Kielar, Annette Foley, Bob Scarlota & Jan Slawson
8:00 AM (10/16)	Tyler, Garrett & Connor Frank	Jerry Dawes	Host - Jeanne Roback & Bob Burns Cup - Joe & Tima Lallier, Pat & Jerry Dawes
10:30 AM (10/16)	Ricky Heintz, Betsy & Fritz Gale	Karen Brewer	Host - Carol Fobes & Maryalice Hogan Cup - Ani Sojda, Karen Brewer, Sister Johanne & Michele Beach

**Faith Formation**

This week, October 9:

**NO regular Monday classes** - Columbus Day - Enjoy the holiday!

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

**Confirmation Rehearsal** for candidates and their sponsors Monday, October 10, 6:30-7:30 PM in the church.

**Confirmation** - Thursday, October 13, 7 PM. Please keep these 23 beautiful young adults in your prayers.

For information and schedule, check us out on the website - [www.stmarys-clinton.com](http://www.stmarys-clinton.com).

**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 October 23.

**The Country Pantry**

Last month 15 new families joined the Country Pantry. This brought our total to 135 families being served. With the holidays and the colder weather approaching, we expect even more families to need our services. We can use donations of any canned or non-perishable food item. Among the items we can use this month are cereal, boxed mashed potatoes, canned chili and canned white and sweet potatoes.

During the month of October we also collect hats and mittens for the children. We can use medium and large sizes.

We appreciate all that you do to assist us in providing nourishing foods to families in need. May God's blessings be upon you. Thank you for your generosity!

**A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel speaks about "unworthy wedding guests". What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is support to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage naturally contains within it the fields of disappointment. Think of the weddings you have attended. Have you been a "worthy guest"?

**RCIA**

The period of Inquiry of the RCIA process (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults) has begun. This period will continue until mid November. Anyone interested should contact Sister Johanne at 853-1849.

**Office Closed Monday - Columbus Day**

Our offices will be closed this Monday for the Columbus Day holiday. Please leave a message and we'll get back to you ASAP.

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection .....	\$8,114.00
Fuel.....	95.00
Faith Formation.....	175.00
School Assessment.....	22.00
Country Pantry .....	75.00
Memorial Fund.....	119.00
Diocesan Collections.....	777.00

**Enhanced Giving Program**

Thank you for your help with our increased giving program. Of the three hundred and two (302) envelopes returned, two hundred and fifty-eight (258) responded positively to increasing their weekly donation. There were also thirty-two (32) who were interested in electronic giving and twenty-five (25) in need of envelopes. If you have not yet responded to the appeal, you can find commitment envelopes on the pamphlet rack in the back of the church. We appreciate all that you do to keep St. Mary's a vibrant spiritual presence in our community.




**St. Mary's Christmas Fair**

The Bells of St. Mary's Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 12th and Sunday, November 13th in the school gym. Collection times for the Attic Treasures will be Saturday, October 29th and Saturday, November 5th, from 9 to 4 PM on both days in the school gym. We ask that all items be in clean and useable condition and as usual, NO CLOTHING, will be accepted. We have many talented parishioners in our parish and we would love to have you donate an item or two for either our candy, craft, or bakery tables, as well as our Theme Basket Raffle table. Our Festival of Trees booth would love to have a wreath or small decorated tree. It takes many hands to make our Christmas Fair a success so won't you consider donating an item or two? We thank all of you for your advanced support. For further information, please call Evelyn at 853-2190.

**Pie Sale**

The Hearts and Hands of St. Mary's will be having a Pie Sale after all Masses on the weekend of October 22/23. Please mark your calendar to stop by the school gym to purchase your favorite pie. Thank you in advance for your support.



**Area Events**  
10/15, 10-3 PM - Craft and bake sale, The Meadows Friendship House  
10/20, 7 PM - Healing Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Rome, NY  
10/23, 1 PM - Kirkland Community Crop Walk. More information next week.

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