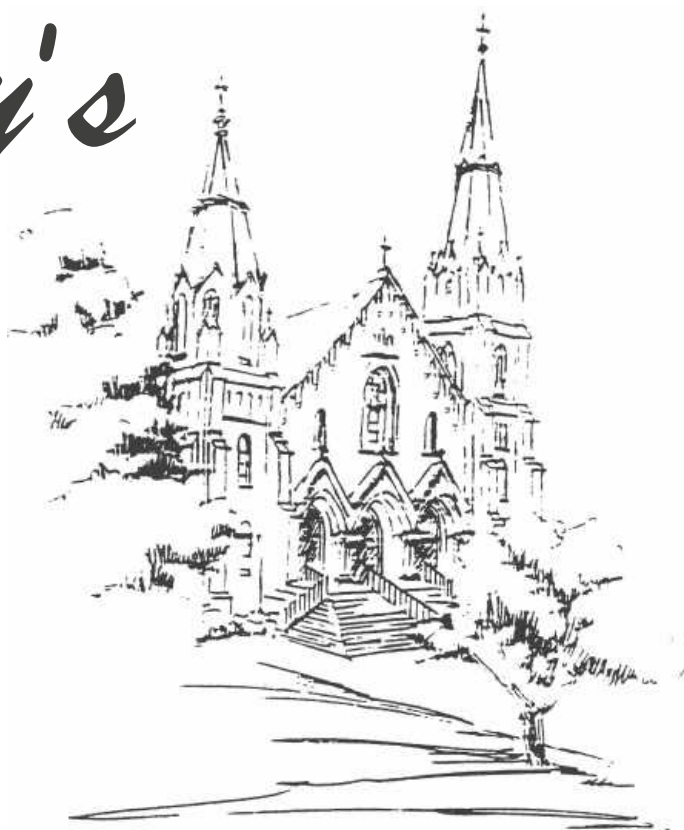


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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, November 26 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Joe Maxwell (10th) by His Family
Sunday, November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions
 10:30 AM Beulah Granville by daughter Doris & Family
Wednesday, November 30 - St. Andrew
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, December 1
 7:00 AM Robert Ford by Elmer Ford
Friday, December 2
 7:00 AM Mary O'Neil by Brenda Reid
Saturday, December 3
 8:00 AM Catherine Dawes by Wm. Owens & Sons P&H
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Eric Wiedmer (9th)
 by His Family
Sunday, December 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM Edward Kaido, Sr. by His Family
 10:30 AM Claude Comstock by His Wife & Children

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 12/3/2011
 Deb & Dee Gurdo

Dear Padre

How can I make Advent more meaningful?
 This year I've promised myself I'll make time for Advent reflection and prayer, but I don't have huge blocks of time to spare. Any ideas?

Rick

Dear Rick,

You don't need huge blocks of time; you just need to recognize your opportunities. Each of the following activities takes only a few moments. Do all five every day, and soon you'll feel very good about the amount of time you're devoting to Advent.

- 1. Spend fifteen minutes in silence.** As Psalm 46:11 says, "Be still and know that I am God!"
- 2. Light a prayer candle.** Whenever you see the flame, offer a prayer on behalf of someone who is sick, hurting, or struggling.
- 3. Pray for each person you hear from.** Christmas cards and e-mails often have news about the senders. Use that information to offer prayers of thanksgiving and help.
- 4. Be like the innkeeper.** Extend compassion to a stranger - let someone ahead of you in line or give up your seat to a person holding packages.
- 5. Reflect on Philippians 4:4.** "Rejoice in the Lord always!" Ask yourself what blessings you've enjoyed today, and then thank God for them.

At the end of Advent, choose one of these activities to do every day for the next year to keep the spirit of Advent and Christmas in your heart all year long.

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| Liturgical Ministers | | | |
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| Time | Altar Servers | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 8:00 AM (12/3) | NO SERVERS | | |
| 5:15 PM (12/3) | Nicholas, Tyler & Connor Frank | Dave Welchons | Host - Elizabeth Tantillo & Jim Winkler Cup - Anne Debraggio, Barb Bohrer, Tim Lashing & Marybeth King |
| 8:00 AM (12/4) | Nathan Gale, Jack & Jane Hughes | Steve Clark | Host - Fran & Gwen Lallier Cup - Evelyn Micciche, Ed Kaido, Chris Kielar & Jack McNamara |
| 10:30 AM (12/4) | LeeAnn Chesebro, Abby Hyde & Jacob Dombrowski | Susan Yaworsky | Host - Kathleen Teodoro & Carol Fobes Cup - Phyllis Moore, Anita Fitzgerald, Don & Jane Conniff |

Faith Formation

Forty-three young parishioners will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Saturday, December 3rd. Please keep them in your prayers that they may truly feel God's love and receive His grace on this special day.

Monday, Grades 1-5, 7:45-8:45 AM
Grades 1-8, 6:30-7:30 PM
Wednesday, Grades 1-8, 6:30-7:30 PM
High School - class next Sunday,
December 4th, 6:30-8 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 next Sunday, December 3. Next session December 18.

The Country Pantry

We had a wonderful response to the local food drives and we have an abundance of food for the holidays. However, we are in need of shampoo, toothpaste, dish detergent, laundry detergent and bar soap. We appreciate anything that you can contribute to this need. God bless!

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel tells us to "Be watchful." This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. "Be watchful," the Lord is already with you.

Baptized in Christ

We welcome the following children to our Catholic Faith: Brady Michael Barker, son of Brian & Shannon and Jesse Zacchaeus Amuso, son of John & Jessica.



Collection for Last Weekend

No report due to an early bulletin deadline.



Advent Begins

Please help yourself to the Advent Meditation booklets which are available at the entrances of the Church. This years edition is titled *Daybreaks Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas* by James S. Torrens, SJ, and contains daily reflections to help us prayerfully walk through this season of preparation.

Kirkland Community Bloodmobile

Blood donations needed to "Maintain Life" next Saturday, December 3, 8-1 PM, at the Schillings Burns Young VFW Post 9591 on Franklin Ave. New and past blood donors are needed. For an appointment call Bill Rudge at 853-6300 (Rudge44@aol.com). Walk-ins are always welcome.

Donations are being requested to help Red Cross Blood Services "maintain lives". For example, a young Clinton Elementary School Student continues to be treated for leukemia and is doing well, even playing sports. This young man has to make frequent trips to the Children's Hospital at SUNY Up State Medical in Syracuse for blood transfusions, platelets, and chemotherapy. Our blood donations provide the needed blood for these transfusions and blood medicine products.

Are You Coming or Going?

In order to keep our records up to date, if you are new to St. Mary's Church, please fill in the Registration Form below. Also, if you plan to move or change churches, please call the office at 853-2935 and let us know. We care about you! Thank you.

Registration In Our Parish

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

- I am new in the parish & wish to register
- I am unsure if registered or not, please check
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