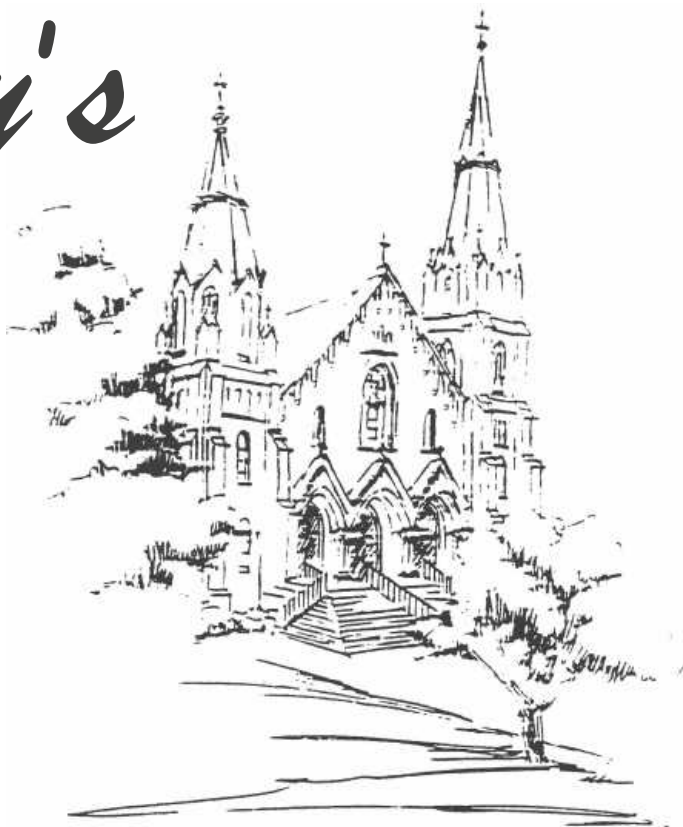


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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, December 3 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM 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

Wednesday, December 7 - St. Ambrose

7:00 AM Mary O'Neil by Mark & Judy Kowalczyk

Thursday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

12:00 PM Campus Mass

6:30 PM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

Friday, December 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

7:00 AM Jeffrey O'Brien (2nd) by His Family

Saturday, December 10

8:00 AM Joan Palmitier

by St. Mary's Bible Study Group

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass John & Eleanor Calidonna

by Their Family

Sunday, December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Fr. Kevin F. Fox, OFM by Pat Dugan

10:30 AM Linda Marsh by Carla & Don Barrett

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

Holy Day
 Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be held on that day at 7 AM and 6:30 PM. Also, there is a noon Mass on Campus.

Dear Padre

Why doesn't the term immaculate conception also apply to Jesus' conception?

I know Immaculate Conception refers to Mary's conception because she was born without original sin. But since Jesus was also born without original sin, wouldn't that term refer to *his* conception as well?

Christine

Dear Christine,

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that Mary was free of the stain of original sin from the time she was conceived. Jesus was also free of the stain of original sin, but his conception by Mary is referred to as the Incarnation of Christ.

In the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, Mary's conception is celebrated on December 8, and her birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on September 8. Likewise, Christ's conception is celebrated on March 25, and his birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on December 25.

Mary Immaculate Conception was celebrated many centuries before Pope Pius IX defined it as dogma on December 8, 1854, in his apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*: "That the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all stain of original sin in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God...has been revealed by God and must, therefore, firmly and constantly be believed by all the faithful."

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Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 12/10/2011
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Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
6:30 PM (12/8)	Georgia Zoller, Madeline Krasniak & Samantha Gaffney	Sister Johanne	Host - Jim Winkler & Sister Johanne Cup - Sue King, Carol Byrne, Evelyn Micciche & Tim Lashinger
5:15 PM (12/10)	Elizabeth Balch, Hannah McHarris & Meradith Thayer	MaryLou Lauchert	Host - Sister Johanne & Mary Paul Cup - Jan Slawson, Ann Wilkinson, Sue Kielar & Pearl Gapp
8:00 AM (12/11)	Jenny Maxam, Georgia Zoller & Madeline Krasniak	Ron Roback	Host - Mike Howard & Bob Burns Cup - Ann Kearney, Jeanne Roback, Pat & Jerry Dawes
10:30 AM (12/11)	Grace Collins, Samantha Gaffney & Gianna Spina	Amy Lefevre	Host - Manuel Teodoro & Michele Beach Cup - Maryalice Hogan, Mary Stuttard, Karen Brewer & Joanne Joseph

Faith Formation

In this Advent season we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Our Savior, Jesus.

- 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 This Sunday,
- December 4, 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 this Sunday. Next session, December 18.

The Country Pantry

The Country Pantry is hosting a HEAP & Food Stamp Clinic on Tuesday, December 13, at the Church of the Annunciation, Clark Mills (in school behind the Rectory). If you are unsure if you are eligible for HEAP or want to apply for Food Stamps, please come between 9 and 12:30 PM. We will have representatives from HEAP and Oneida County Food Stamps program to answer your questions and you will be able to apply at that time. *Specific documents are required.* Any questions, please call Mary Zimmler at 371-5789.

If you are unable to attend this clinic, a similar one will be held at Vernon Town Hall, 4305 Peterboro Road, Vernon, on December 8, 12 to 6 PM.

Christmas Stars

The response to our request for gifts for the families served by the Country Pantry was heart warming. The need was great but we are nearing our goal. We are still mission some gifts. Please return them by this weekend.

Thank you again for making the holidays brighter for our families. You are the true spirit of Christmas.

A Family Perspective

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

Collection for 11/20

Ordinary Collection.....	\$6,050.00
Holy Day.....	7.00
Faith Formation.....	27.00
School Assessment.....	22.00
Country Pantry.....	60.00
Diocesan Collections.....	881.00
Memorial Fund.....	8.00
Flowers.....	45.00

Collection for (11/27)

Ordinary Collection	\$5,683.00
Holy Day.....	402.00
Faith Formation.....	151.00
School Assessment	13.00
Country Pantry - Thanksgiving Collection.....	630.00
Memorial Fund.....	20.00
Diocesan Collection.....	50.00

Second Collection Next Weekend

The annual Cathedraticum collection, for the support of our Bishop, will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Rite of Welcoming

At the 5:15 PM liturgy this past Saturday, Calvin "Cal" Sprague participated in the "Rite of Welcoming." In this rite, we welcome him as part of our community as he seeks the ways of Christ within the Catholic faith. Having already been baptized, he will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Vigil of Easter celebration. Please welcome and pray for him as he continues on this journey to full acceptance in the Catholic Church.

St. Mary's Cemetery

St. Mary's Cemetery staff and the Helmuth Ingalls Legion Post would like to thank all who attended our Vetrans Day Program. A special thanks to Valerie Wright and St. Mary's Choir.

Advent Penance Service(s)

Again this Advent, the parishes of St. John's, New Hartford, St. Mary's-Sacred Heart, New York Mills and St. Mary's Clinton will join together for an Advent Penance Service at **St. Mary's, Clinton**, on Monday, December 12, 7 PM. Mark your calendar:



- December 12, 7 PM - St. Mary's, Clinton
- December 18, 4 PM - St. Bernard's, Waterville
- December 19, 7 PM - St. Anthony's, Utica
- December 21, 7 PM - Our Lady of the Rosary, New Hartford

Registration In Our Parish

Name: _____
 Address: _____
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- I am new in the parish & wish to register
 - I am unsure if registered or not, please check
 - I am previously registered and wish to receive envelopes.
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