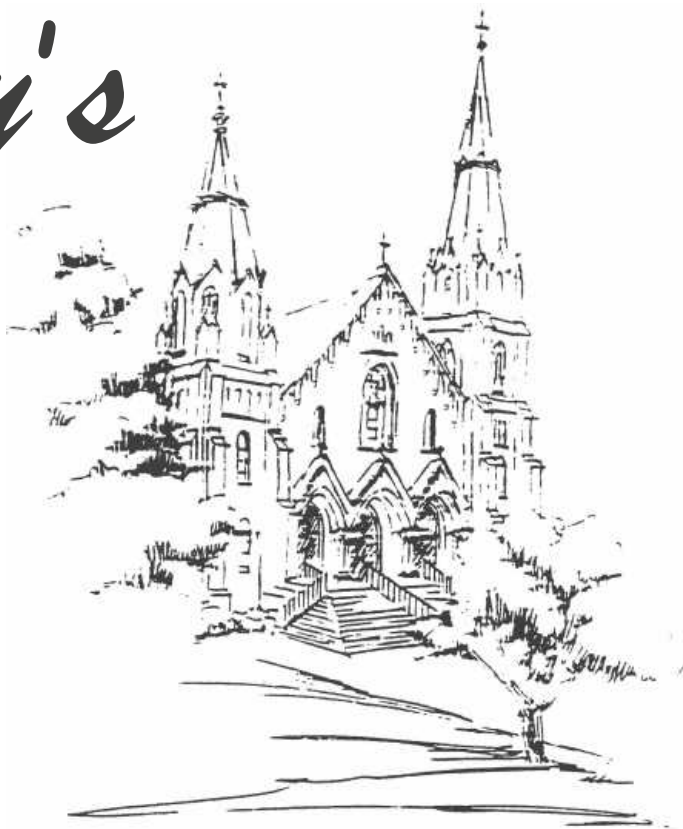


# St. Mary's Parish

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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**

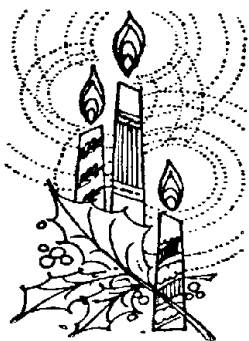
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

**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.



# Dear Padre

## Who is Our Lady of Guadalupe?

I never used to hear about the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but now every year my parish celebrates it. Is this something new?

Edward

Dear Edward,

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is not new at all. In 1531 the Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego in the form of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She asked him to build a church on the place where she appeared. Her image was left on his cloak as a sign to the Bishop of Mexico. This cloak is still venerated in Mexico.

Devotion to Mary under the title Our Lady of Guadalupe began almost immediately after she appeared to Juan Diego. Pope Benedict XIV (1740-1758) encouraged devotion to her, and Pope Leo XIII (1878-1905) made her celebration a memorial for the Universal Church.

In 1945, Pius XII proclaimed her the Queen of Mexico and the Empress of the Americas. In his 1999 apostolic exhortation *Ecclesia in America*, Pope John Paul II proclaimed Our Lady of Guadalupe the Mother of Hope and the Mother and Evangelizer of America.

So devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe is not new. What is new, Edward, is the great number of Mexican immigrants in the United States Church, which is why Our Lady's feast is more popular. As John Paul II said, "Not only in Central and South America, but in North America as well, the Virgin of Guadalupe is venerated as Queen of all America." She will bring us closer to her son, Jesus.

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- Saturday, December 10 - Vigil Mass**  
5:15 PM 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
- Wednesday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross**  
7:00 AM Charlotte Heintz by Her Family
- Thursday, December 15**  
7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
- Friday, December 16**  
7:00 AM John Thomas Crane by His Family
- Saturday, December 17**  
8:00 AM Robert Auert by His Wife & Family  
5:15 PM - Vigil Mass Ben & Mary Hillage  
by Their Family
- Sunday, December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent**  
8:00 AM Leila Adour by Her Family  
10:30 AM Florence Reynolds (2nd) by Her Family

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 12/17/2011**  
Sandy & Marilyn Cirrincioni

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (12/17)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (12/17)	Kate Schlosser, Marilyn Cirrincione & Abby Hyde	Jim Winkler	Host - Ron Newman & Barb Blatz Cup - Alex D'Acunto, Elizabeth Tantillo, MaryLou Lauchert & Marybeth King
8:00 AM (12/18)	Garrett, Connor & Tyler Frank	Jerry Dawes	Host - Carol Byrne & Jack McNamara Cup - Chris Kielar, Ed Kaido, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (12/18)	Ricky Heintz, Jesse & Jacob Dombrowski	Joyce Boj dak	Host - Phyllis Moore & Anita Fitzgerald Cup - Kathleen Teodoro, Carol Fobes, Don & Jane Conniff

**Faith Formation**

In this third week of Advent we look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth with joy and excitement!

All classes for grades 1-8 will meet at their usual time.

Mr. Hunt will be holding class this Sunday from 6:30-7:30 PM. All confirmed high school students are invited and encouraged to attend.

Next Sunday, December 18, Grade 9 will meet 6:30-8 PM and Grades 10, 11 and 12, 6:30-7:30 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 18.

**The Country Pantry**

Please mark December 13 on your calendar! The Country Pantry will be hosting a **Food Stamp and HEAP** clinic at the Church of the Annunciation, Clark Mills, in the school building behind the Rectory. If you need information about HEAP or want to apply for Food Stamps, please come Tuesday, December 13, 9-12:30 PM. Representatives from HEAP and the Food Stamp program will be available to answer your questions and you will be able to apply at that time. Specific documents are required. For information, call Mary Zimble at 371-5789.

If you know of anyone needing any of these services, please inform them of this clinic. Thank you for helping us to assist those in need through our supplemental food program and by sponsoring clinics such as these where those in need may get needed information and assistance.

**Third Thursday Group**

The Third Thursday Group will meet this Thursday, December 15. We gather 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 are welcome - and

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection .....	\$7,324.60
Holy Day.....	38.00
Christmas.....	593.00
Faith Formation.....	34.00
School Assessment .....	28.00
Country Pantry .....	25.00
Memorial Fund.....	305.00
Diocesan Collections.....	3.00

**Second Collection This Weekend**

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

**Enhanced Giving Program**

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish and your positive response to the Enhanced Giving Program. Because of your generosity, our collections have increased an average of \$2,270 per week! Thank you for making it easier for us to keep St. Mary's a vibrant witness of Christ's presence in our community.

It is still possible to enroll for electronic giving. You can enroll by filling out an enrollment form at the rectory, signing up directly on the ParishPay website at [www.parihsipay.com](http://www.parihsipay.com), or calling 1-866-727-4741.

**A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel reports "there is one among you whom you do not recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at mass, "The Lord is with you," are not a hope, they are a fact.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Saturday, December 24

5:15 PM, Mass

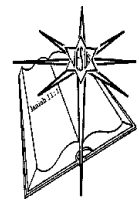
10:30 PM, Choir

11:00 PM, Mass

Sunday, December 25

8:00 AM, Mass

10:30 AM, Mass



**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**, this 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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