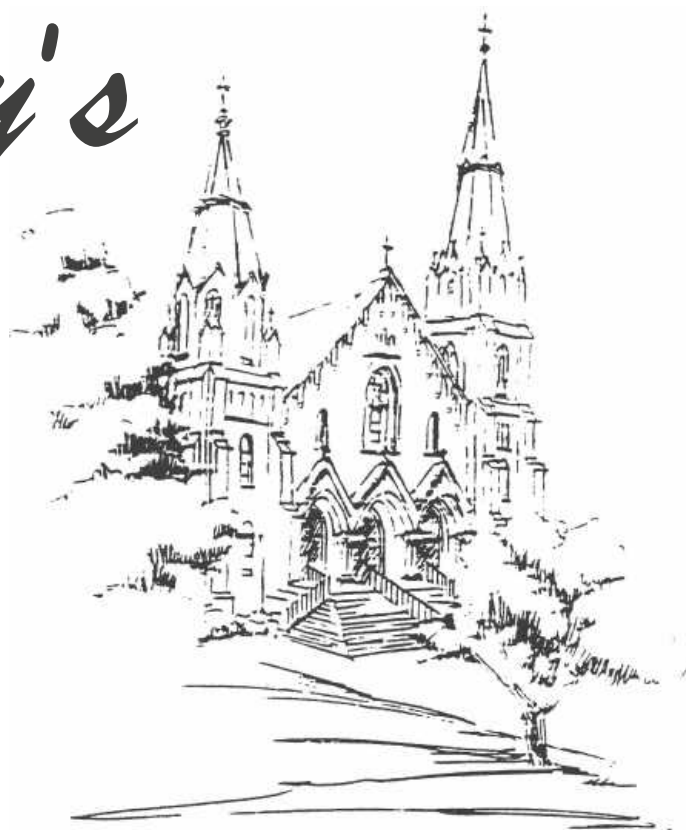


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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

When did formal devotion to Mary begin? When did Christians begin to see Mary as a figure we can ask to intervene with Christ on our behalf?

Joy

Dear Joy,

The earliest written prayer to Mary comes to us from an Egyptian manuscript from the third or fourth century. Marian apparitions were common in the church of Saint Gregory Nazianzen, a bishop of Constantinople who died in 390. He spoke in a sermon about the practice of prayer to Mary.

This tells us that in the late fourth century, Christians in some locales in the East didn't consider prayerful interaction with Mary to be strange or in need of a great deal of justification.

By the Middle Ages, ordinary people came to feel close to Mary's moments of joy and suffering and to admire her love and courage. This shift from emphasis on her universal role in the drama of salvation to her human struggles also encouraged people to feel close to her in a personal way.

The following prayer from an Egyptian manuscript is the oldest prayer to Mary in existence. Pray it, and you will catch the feeling of what our running to Mary has been and is all about. "We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen."

John Hamrogue, CSsR
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Saturday, December 31 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary,

The Holy Mother of God

8:00 AM Edward Heintz by His Family

10:30 AM Alice Gibson Jones by Marion Walsh

Wednesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Thursday, January 5 - St. John Neumann

7:00 AM Nellie Dooley Fox by Pat Dugan

Friday, January 6 - St. Andre Bessett

7:00 AM John Wilkinson (6th) by Ann

Saturday, January 7

8:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass Paul Hoff by Carl & Jean Jones

Sunday, January 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Catherine Dawes by Carm & Fred Foster

10:30 AM Ellen Nolan

by Alteri's Tuesday Bridge Group

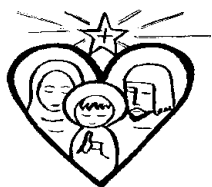
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Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 1-7-2012

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Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (1/7)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (1/7)	Elizabeth Balch, Hannah McHarris & J.P. Wade	Joyce Bojdak	Host - Tim Lashinger & Sue Kielar Cup - Bob Scarlotta, Sue King, Anne Debraggio & Karen Brewer
8:00 AM (1/8)	Nicholas, Connor & Tyler Frank	Bob Burns	Host - Evelyn Micciche & Bob Burns Cup - Mike Howard, Ed Kaido, Joe Lallier & Jeanne Roback
10:30 AM (1/8)	Meradith Thayer, Will & Cheyanne Eisenhut	Karen Brewer	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Ani Sojda, Michele Beach, Joanne Joseph & Sister Johanne



Epiphany Blessing

Go in peace,
And may the God who protected the Holy Child
Cover you and keep you,
The God who came to be with us be found
Beside you
And the love within you be called into
Safe places by the gentle Spirit.

Dorothy McRae-McMahon
Australia

Faith Formation

Happy New Year! We are still on vacation this week. Classes resume NEXT Sunday, January 8th.

Remember - NO Faith Formation classes when school is delayed, cancelled or let out early due to weather conditions!

Baptized in Christ

We welcome the following children to our Catholic faith: Owen Nicholas LoGalbo, son of Dennis & Nicole, and Vincent Connor Jackson, son of Derek & Meghan.

A Family Perspective

Mary, our mother, is someone who is there for us, strives to listen to and understand us, offers a hopeful path for us to take at those times we see no path. How well do we model Mary in our family?



Christmas Thanks

As we begin a new year, I would like to extend a "THANK YOU" for the cards, gifts and food that you shared with me this Christmas. Your generosity always amazes me. I hope and pray that all of us have a happy and peaceful New Year!

Fr. Croghan

Collection for Last Weekend

Due to an early bulletin deadline, no collection report this week.

Thank you all for your generosity to St. Mary's!

Become a Lector or Eucharistic Minister

Are you interested in becoming a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister? Please contact Sr. Johanne at 853-1849 or Sue King at 725-5631 for more information.

Please consider contributing to the parish serving in these ministries.

The Country Pantry

Your friends at the Country Pantry wish you a healthy, happy, and happy New Year. God Bless!

Good News Foundation Programs

Separated & Divorced Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, 5 PM, at the Good News Center, Utica. The group meets in a warm, caring environment designed to help you learn skills and practical information that will guide you in rebuilding your life after your separation or divorce.

The Third Option meets every other Sunday, 6:30-8:30 PM at the Good News Center, Utica. Do you fight a lot with your spouse, hardly speak, fear you are growing apart, feel misunderstood or angry? Don't wait until your problems become serious - come to The Third Option, a support group for married couples, and learn new ways to handle old problems.

GriefShare meets Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30 PM at The Good News Center, Utica. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. GriefShare, a faith-based support group, meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move from mourning to joy.

For more information on these programs, contact Andrea, Program Coordinator at (315)735-6210, andrea@thegoodnewscenter.org or visit www.thegoodnewscenter.org.

Registration In Our Parish

Name: _____
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Please check one:
 I am new in the parish & wish to register
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