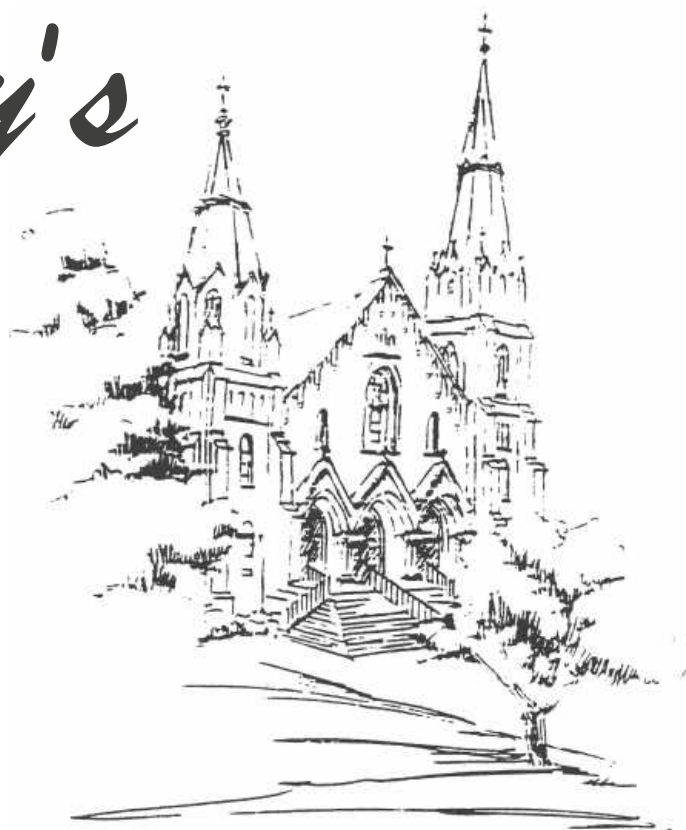


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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

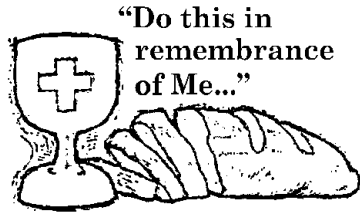
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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, February 18 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Eric Bolan by His Family

Sunday, February 19 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ernest Stricker (30 day) by His Family

10:30 AM Albert Griffin (2nd) by His Family

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions

12:00 PM Campus Mass

6:30 PM Laura Atkinson by Elizabeth (Grid) Cramer

Thursday, February 23 - St. Polycarp

7:00 AM Leonard J. Papyacki, Sr.

by Margaret Temchack

Friday, February 24

7:00 AM Nicholas J. Mariano by Joe & Ann Moore

Saturday, February 25

8:00 AM Ken Crane by Leo Crane

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass Catherine Dawes

by Robert & Nancy Conway & Family

Sunday, February 26 - 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Ellen Nolan by Judy & Ed Bentley

10:30 AM Catherine Matzilevich by Marion Walsh

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

Office Closed Monday - Presidents Day

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday for the Presidents Day Holiday. In case of emergency, please leave a message. The office will be open Tuesday - Friday, 10-3 PM.

Dear Padre

Why doesn't Lent start on a Sunday?

Why do we still celebrate Ash Wednesday on a Wednesday? We've moved Ascension Thursday to the following Sunday. Why not this too?

Margaret

Dear Margaret,

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (first day of spring). *Lent*, derived from a word meaning "spring," refers to the forty-day penitential season determined each year by counting backward from the date of Easter. "Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive" (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, 28; Pope Paul VI, 1969). The six Sundays in Lent are excluded from the count, since each represents a "mini-Easter."

While some rites calculate the days of Lent differently, in Western Christianity Lent was transferred to a Wednesday to align the number of days of Lent to the forty days Jesus fasted in the wilderness (see Matthew 4:1-2).

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence that begins a period of prayer, penance, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter, but it's never been a holy day of obligation. An obligatory holy day like the Ascension can be transferred to a Sunday, "the primordial holy day of obligation" in the universal Church, only by the national conferences of bishops "with the prior approval of the Apostolic See" (Code of Canon Law, 1246).

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Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 2/25/2012

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Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
6:30 PM (2/22) Ash Wednesday	Jane Hughes, Georgia Zoller & Grace Collins	Sister Johanne	Host - Jim Winkler & Mary Paul Cup - Sister Johanne, Carole Byrne, Sue King & Ann Wilkinson
5:15 PM (2/25)	Hannah McHarris, Elizabeth Balch & J.P. Wade	Jim Winkler	Host - Mary Lou Lauchert & Beth May Cup - Colleen Kannianen, Steve May, Ron Newman & Sue Kielar
8:00 AM (2/26)	Madeline Krasniak, Jenny Maxam & Connor Frank	Steve Clark	Host - Ed Kaido & Jeanne Roback Cup - Evelyn Micciche, Chris Kielar, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (2/26)	Meradith Thayer, Will & Cheyanne Eisenhut	Amy Lefevre	Host - Carol Fobes & Kathleen Teodoro Cup - Phyllis Moore, Sister Johanne, Don & Jane Conniff

Lent 2012

Ash Wednesday - Ashes will be distributed at St. Mary's during the 7 AM and 6:30 PM Masses. Fr. Croghan will also distribute ashes at a noon Mass in the Hamilton College Chapel. (Parking is very limited and in remote locations.)



Lenten Fast & Abstinence - Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. "The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing - as far as quantity and quality are concerned - approved local custom.

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday evening (7 PM) of Lent we will gather in Church for a time of prayer and meditation on the Stations of the Cross. This service is a great chance to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Please join us for this peaceful time of prayer.

Operation Rice Bowl - St. Mary's will again participate in this official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Proceeds benefit the poor both in our diocese and in the developing world. Material and information on this year's campaign can be found at the Church entrances.

Spiritual Reflection - Also at the entrances of the Church are booklets of daily reflections on the readings for Lent. Please feel free to pick one up for yourself or someone special.

Faith Formation

There are no classes this week due to February break.

All classes resume the following week with High School on Sunday, February 26th.

Noted Holocaust survivor, Helen Sperling, will be addressing our 7th and 8th grade students on Monday, February 27th. Any interested parishioner 7th grade or older is invited and welcome to attend this inspirational and motivational event that will take place from 5:30-8 PM in the school gymnasium.

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. Next session 3/11.

The Country Pantry

We are currently in need of hot cocoa, cereal, canned chili and tuna fish. Can you help us with any of these items? We appreciate all that you do to help us alleviate hunger in the Clinton-Clark Mills-Westmoreland area. God bless the givers and the receivers.

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$5,679.00
Faith Formation.....	32.00
School Assessment	60.00
Country Pantry	35.00
Memorial Fund.....	117.00
Fuel.....	20.00

Second Collections

On Ash Wednesday a special collection will be taken up for the Church of Central and Eastern Europe.

Next weekend, the annual Black and Native American collection will be taken up at all Masses.

Thank you again for your continued generosity!

2011 Tax Statement

For a statement of your 2011 donations for tax purposes, please put a note on your envelope, drop a note in the collection basket, or call the parish office at 853-2935, Monday-Friday, 10-3 PM.

FYI - only contributions made directly to St. Mary's Church will be reported on the statement. Checks made out to Country Pantry or HOPE Appeal were forwarded directly to them and your thanks was your receipt

Parish Coffee Hour

There will be a coffee hour on Sunday, March 4, after the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Won't you join your parish community for a cup of coffee after Mass? Bagels and donut holes will also be provided. Please mark y our calendars for this popular get together.

Ignite 2012 Catholic Men's Conference

To all men of the parish, join over 1,000 men of the diocese on Saturday, March 31, at the new SRC Arena & Event Center in Syracuse for an amazing day that could change your life. Register for the IGNITE 2012 Catholic Men's Conference and hear from Major League Baseball great Mike Piazza, Entrepreneur/Businessman Sean O'Hara and author, SKY News/CNN commentator Fr. Thomas Williams. Fee \$45 if registered by March 5. Includes Lunch. For information or to register online go to www.ignitecatholicmen.org. Questions - contact Michael Jeffery at 853-4412.

St. Mary's Clinton Preschool Registration

Registration is beginning for the 2012-13 school year. Three and four year old classes - full and half days offered with before and after care available. For information call 853-6196 or 794-1071 (www.stmarysclintonpreschool.com).

Area Events

2/24, 4-8 PM - Fish Fry at the Clinton VFW (\$8.25)
 2/26, 2 PM - Piano & Voice student concert to benefit Presbyterian Home Parkinson Project in Stone Presbyterian Church. Donation \$10

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