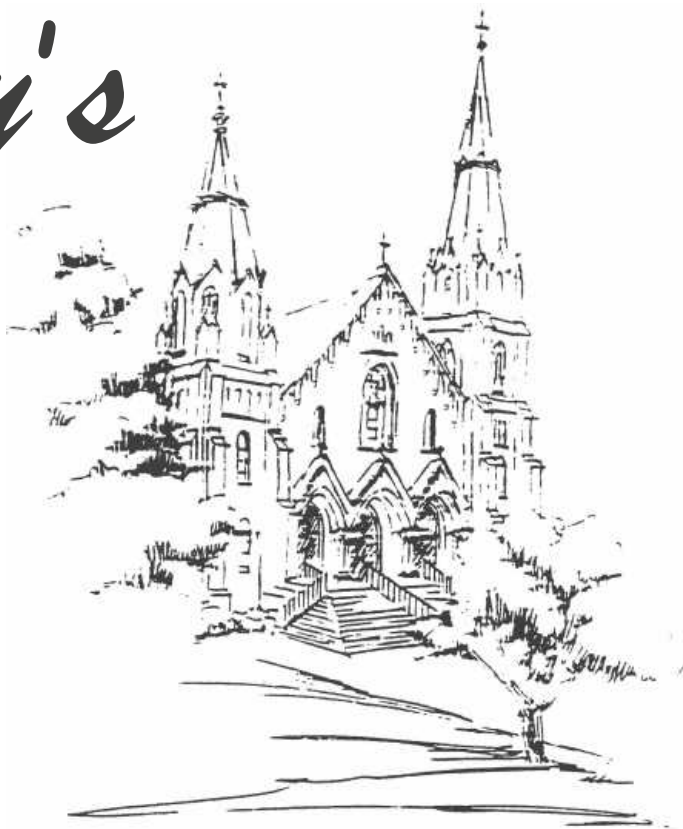


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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

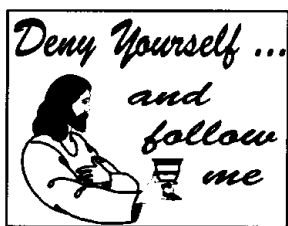
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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.



Good News!

What does it mean to be “for” someone? We’re often “for” a particular sports team (mine happens to be the 2011 World Champion St. Louis Cardinals - go Red-birds!), declaring our allegiance by wearing team jerseys, sporting logo-embroidered hats, or even painting our faces or bodies. We can be “for” a specific political candidate, displaying signs in our yard. Usually when we’re “for” someone or something, we’re against someone or something else. A competition is occurring.

Yet when a pregnant woman monitors everything she eats, drinks, or takes into her body because it will affect her unborn child, isn’t she “for” her baby? When a tutor spends extra time ensuring a student understands his homework, isn’t he “for” this young man? There’s no competition, no race to the finish. It’s simply someone pouring forth and living selflessly for someone else.

So when we hear Saint Paul claim in today’s second reading that “God is for us”, we should take pause and recognize the power of this truth. The almighty God, Lord of all the universe, is for us. Us sinners. Us frail, broken humans. God wants to give selflessly to us and to unceasingly pour out love to us. God’s most profound gift is revealed in today’s Gospel through Jesus’ transfiguration. We, like the disciples, are awed at Jesus’ glorious nature, and we are given a glimpse of our own transfiguration in eternal life. Our God is so “for” us that he has transformed our death and given us the precious gift of eternal life.

With this vision of glory always before us, our Lenten journey can be one of deep trust in God. Saint Paul said it best: “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

We truly have nothing to fear.

Janel Esker

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Saturday, March 3 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Patricia Haight by Carol Vangura

Sunday, March 4 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Jacob Mancine by Beth & Bob Tegart

10:30 AM Ernest Stricker by His Family

Monday, March 5

12:15 PM Communion Service

Tuesday, March 6

12:15 PM Communion Service

Wednesday, March 7 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

Thursday, March 8 - St. John of God

7:00 AM Laura Atkinson by Judy & Ed Bentley

Friday, March 9 - St. Frances of Rome

7:00 AM Leonard J. Popyacki, Sr.

by Margaret Temchack

Saturday, March 10

8:00 AM Deborah Carrier Prue by Carol Fobes

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass Olga Cruze by Fred Lomanto

Sunday, March 11 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Jack Magee by Pat Sheridan

10:30 AM Ernest Stricker by Barbara Townsend

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

During Lent

Join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7 PM.
Also, Sister Johanne will conduct a communion service at 12:15 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays of Lent.

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 3-10

Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski/Deb Gurdo

Reminder

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, 3/11.

Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (3-10)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (3-10)	Hannah McHarris, Elizabeth Balch & Nathan Gale	Colleen Kannianen	Host - Jan Slawson & Barb Bohrer Cup - Pearl Gapp, Mary Lou Lauchert, Steve & Beth May
8:00 AM (3-11)	Georgia Zoller, Jane & Jack Hughes	Ron Roback	Host - Carole Byrne & Jeanne Roback Cup - Ed Kaido, Bob Burns, Pat & Jerry Dawes
10:30 AM (3-11)	Rick Heintz, Jacob & Jesse Dombrowski	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Carol Fobes & Joanne Joseph Cup - Sister Johanne, Michele Beach, Mary Stuttard & Phyllis Moore

Faith Formation

Grades 1-8 will meet at their regularly scheduled times. High School classes meet next Sunday, March 11.

Again this year for Lent we are collecting items to help stock the Country Pantry shelves. This week the children are asked to bring bar soap or shampoo.

Thank you to parishioners and parents who came to hear Holocaust survivor Helen Sperling tell her story. Our 7th and 8th graders had a very rich lesson listening to this inspiring first-hand account of history and faith.

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, March 11. Next session, March 25.

The Country Pantry

One of the largest expenses at the Pantry is personal care items.

Since these essential items cannot be purchased with food stamps, we try to provide them to our families. Because of the cost involved and our increased number of clients, we are only giving these necessities every other month. These include shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, dish and laundry detergent. Toilet tissue is given every month. If you could help us with any of these items we would be most grateful. Thank you for all you do to support the Country Pantry. God bless!

Lenten Film Series

This series takes place Thursday evenings of Lent at the United Methodist Church. We gather for food at 6 PM and conclude around 7:30 PM. Please join us!

March 8, St. James Church - "Jesus' World"

March 15, St. Mary's - "The Storyteller"

March 22, Lutheran Care - "The First Christians"

March 29, Stone Church - "Christianity's Success"

Parish Coffee Hour

There is a Parish Coffee Hour this Sunday, March 4th, after the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses in the school gym. Won't you join your parish community for a cup of coffee and visit with one another? Bagels and donut holes will also be available to munch on. Please join us after Mass.

Parish Pot-Luck Supper

Please mark your calendars - there will be a Parish Pot Luck Supper Sunday, March 18, 4-6 PM, in the school gym. All members of the parish are invited (including children), just bring a dish to pass along with your place setting. Refreshments will be provided. We also will be having a 50/50 raffle. Won't you come and enjoy the company of your parish community while enjoying a great meal.

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$6,025.00
Ash Wednesday.....	567.00
Diocesan Collections.....	1,263.00
Faith Formation.....	42.00
School Assessment	16.00
Country Pantry	30.00
Memorial Fund.....	32.00
Easter Flowers.....	20.00

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.

Hearts and Hands Meeting

There will be a meeting of the St. Mary's Hearts and Hands on Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 PM, in the school. Events for the springtime will be discussed. All members of the parish are invited to join our group. Won't you come and bring a friend? We hope to see everyone on the 13th.

Easter Baskets for the Country Food Pantry

We hope you will again help us provide Easter Baskets for the young and elderly served by the Pantry.

Select an egg and fill basket for the person listed on the egg. Return on or before March 11th with the egg attached to the basket. Thank you!

Online Study - Crucifixion Narratives

What better way to prepare for Easter during Lent than to become more familiar with the Crucifixion Narratives in the Gospels? You can do this by participating in an online non-credit adult education mini-course offered by Boston College. There are no classes; no tuition costs, no exams and all materials are included online. The mini-course guides the participants through the material at his/her own pace. To begin go to <http://tinyurl.com/BCdeathofJesus>.

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Upcoming Events

3/9, 4-6:30 PM - Haddock Dinner at Church of the Holy Family, Vernon

3/9, 4-8 PM - Fish Fry at Clinton VFW

3/10, 4-7 PM - Troop 9 Annual Ham Dinner at the Clinton United Methodist Church.

3/17, 8-1 PM - Kirkland Community Bloodmobile at the Clinton United Methodist Church

3/24, 1:30-5:30 PM - Sisters of St. Joseph Ziti Dinner, Provincial House. Busing available - 337-8433.

3/24, 6 PM - Rome Catholic School Basket Affair. Italian buffet and cupcakes galore. Information - 336-6190.

3/25, 11-12:30 PM - Notre Dame Elementary School

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