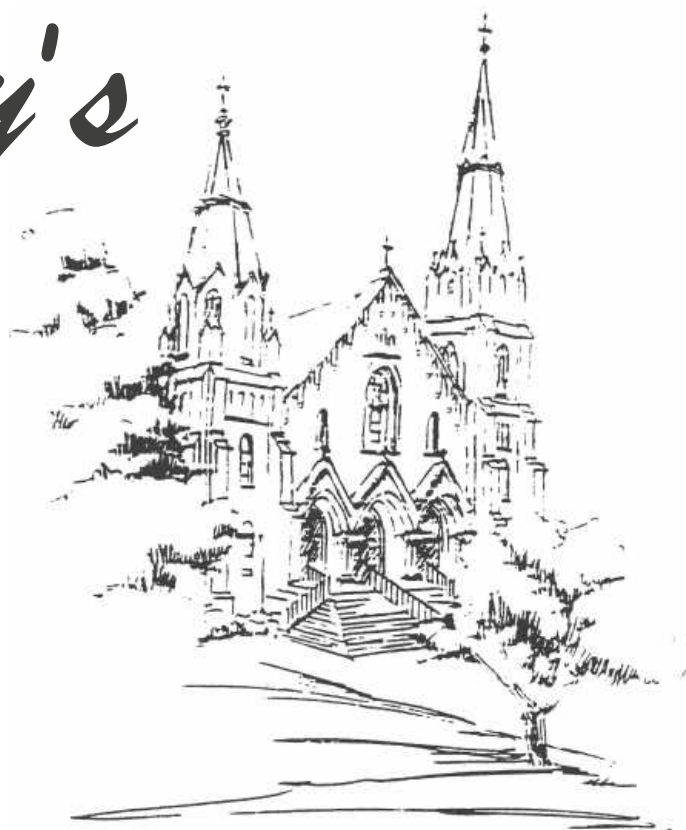


# St. Mary's Parish

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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.



- Saturday, March 10 - Vigil Mass**  
5:15 PM Olga Cruze by Fred Lomanto
- Sunday, March 11 - Third Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 AM Jack Magee by Pat Sheridan  
10:30 AM Ernest Stricker by Barbara Townsend
- Monday, March 12**  
12:15 PM Communion Service
- Tuesday, March 13**  
12:15 PM Communion Service
- Wednesday, March 14**  
7:00 AM John Tencza by Marge Costanza
- Thursday, March 15**  
7:00 AM Catherine Motz by Marion Walsh
- Friday, March 16**  
7:00 AM Bob Cole (8th) by His Wife Joan & Family
- Saturday, March 17 - St. Patrick**  
8:00 AM Donald McHarris by Andy & Irena Manolescu  
5:15 PM - Vigil Mass Patricia Haight  
by Vincent Vangura
- Sunday, March 18 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 AM Agnes Edina Batson by Leo Crane  
10:30 AM Irene Caister (1st) by Jama Family

**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 - 3-17**  
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## Dear Padre

### Did Jesus really descend into hell?

The Apostles' Creed says Jesus descended into hell before he rose again. What does that mean?

Dan

Dear Dan,

Paragraph 631-658 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* address the phrase you refer to.

In the Creed, "hell" is understood as the realm of all the dead - the abode of both the just and the unjust who have died. Before the coming of Christ, all people who died were deprived of the vision of God. The righteous and the unrighteous alike were cut off from entrance into heaven by the power of sin and death.

But with his death, Christ entered this realm of the dead and defeated its power. Christ entered hell as all who died before him did, yet hell could not hold him or the ones he came to save. Christ opened the gates of heaven and delivered the just from the general kind of hell, while the unjust remain in the hell of the damned.

As the *Catechism* explains, "By the expression 'he descended into hell,' the Apostles' Creed confesses that Jesus did really die and through his death for us conquered death and the devil."

Only after his descent into and defeat of the realm of the dead was Christ raised up in his resurrected body.

For a fuller understanding of the Apostles' Creed, go to usccb.org. In the left column, click on What We Believe, and then click on Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (3/17)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (3/17)	Marilyn Cirrincione, Kate Schlosser & LeeAnn Chesebro	Mike Debraggio	Host - Sue Kielar & Annette Foley Cup - Anne Debraggio, Mary Paul, Colleen Kannianen & Barb Blatz
8:00 AM (3/18)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline & Tyler Frank	Anna Berney	Host - Jeanne Roback & Mike Howard Cup - Ed Kaido, Carole Byrne, Tina & Joe Lallier
10:30 AM (3/18)	Meradith Thayer, Will & Cheyanne Eisenhut	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Mary Stuttard & Karen Brewer Cup - Maryalice Hogan, Anita Fitzgerald, Don & Jane Conniff

**Faith Formation**

Grades 1-8 will meet at their regularly scheduled times. High School classes meet this Sunday, March 11, 6:30-8 PM.

Our focus for Lent is about making good choices and standing up for what we believe in.

This week's item we are collecting for the Country Pantry is cereal or oatmeal.

**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 March 25.

**The Country Pantry**

If you took an Easter egg from Mary's altar 2 weeks ago, those baskets are due this Sunday, March 11.



Our needs at the Pantry for this month are jello, hot chocolate packets, instant oatmeal packets and tuna fish. We have an ongoing need for brown paper grocery bags, we use approximately 500 bags per month. Thanks for helping us provide nourishing food items to our needy friends and neighbors in the Clinton-Clark Mills-Westmoreland area. Do you know of anyone who needs our help? Call the Country Pantry at 371-5789.

**Lenten Film Series**

Clinton area churches are sponsoring a simple meal while viewing/discussing a video at the Clinton United Methodist Church:

- March 15 - "The Storyteller"
- March 22 - "The First Christians"
- March 29 - "Christianity's Success"

**A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple, it doesn't say He was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

St. Mary's Pray Shawl Ministry would like to remind our parish community that items (lap blankets, shawls, scarves, caps, etc.) made in love and prayer are available for those in need of comfort. These outreach items are intended for all (parishioners, family and friends) seeking comfort and solace. Please contact Roseann Suhr at 853-2029.

**Third Thursday Group**

The Third Thursday Group will meet this Thursday, March 15. We gather in the church at 12:15 PM for a communion service. Bring a bag lunch and come to the basement for socializing following the service. Have an early St. Patrick's Day with us! Dessert and beverage provided. All adults are welcome!

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection .....	\$7,096.00
Holy Days.....	6.00
Faith Formation.....	10.00
School Assessment .....	26.00
Country Pantry .....	25.00
Memorial Fund.....	277.00
Diocesan Collections.....	50.00
Easter.....	111.00
Fuel/Flowers.....	50.00
Catholic Sun.....	10.00

**Second Collection Next Weekend**

The annual collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Many thanks for your continued generosity!

**Parish Pot-Luck Supper**

There will be a Parish Pot-Luck Supper next Sunday, March 18, 4-6 PM, in the school gym. All parishioners including children are invited to attend - just bring a dish to pass along with your place setting. Refreshments will be provided. We will also have a 50/50 raffle. Please join your parish community for some socializing while enjoying a great meal? We hope to see everyone next Sunday afternoon.

**Ignite 2012 Catholic Men's Conference**

To all men of the parish, join over 1,000 men of the diocese Saturday, March 31, at the SRC Arena & Event Center, Syracuse. Register for the IGNITE 2012 Catholic Men's Conference and hear from Baseball great Mike Piazza, Entrepreneur/Businessman Sean O'Hare & SKY News/CNN commentator Fr. Thomas Williams. Fee: \$55 if registered by March 30, \$65 day of the event. Includes lunch. Contact Michael Jeffery at 853-4412 or online at [www.ignitecatholicmen.org](http://www.ignitecatholicmen.org) to register.

**Hearts and Hands Meeting**

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands will meet this Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 PM, in the school. All events for the springtime will be discussed. Please come and bring a friend? Everyone is cordially invited and share their ideas, etc. We hope to see everyone on Tuesday.

**Lunch Room Volunteer Needed**

Sister Theresa-Marie, Notre-Dame Elementary, is looking for volunteers to serve in the lunch room One day a week with possibility of once every two weeks (2.5 hours estimated time).

**Area Events**

- 3/15, 6:30 PM - Healing Mass at Sacred Heart-St. Mary Our Lady of Czestochowa in New York Mills.
- 3/16, 4-8 PM - Fish Fry at the Clinton VFW (\$8.25)
- 3/17, 8-1 PM - Kirkland Community Bloodmobile at the Clinton United Methodist Church.

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