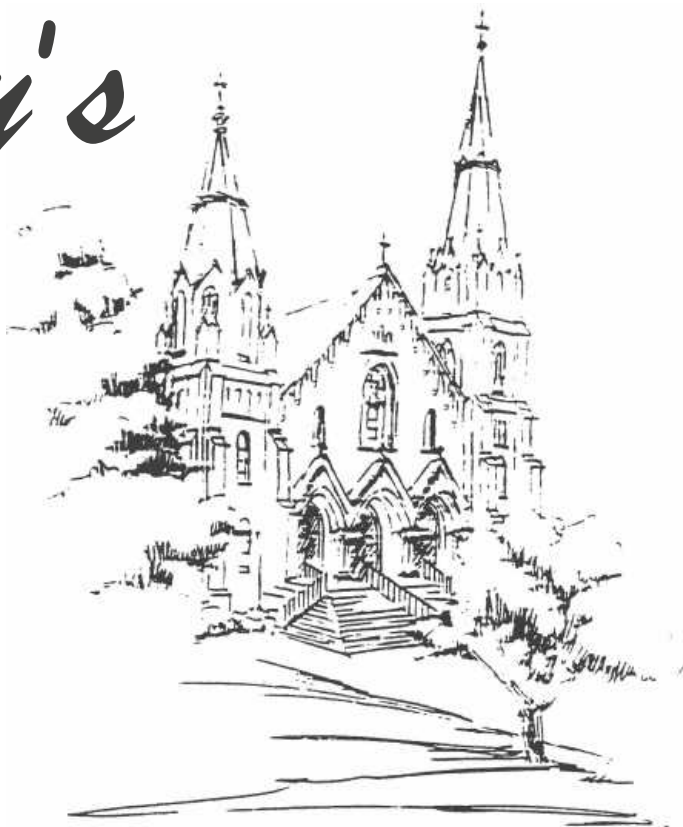


March 18, 2012

# St. Mary's Parish

**13 Marvin Street  
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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 17 - Vigil Mass**  
 5:15 PM 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 the Jama Family  
**Monday, March 19 - St. Joseph**  
 12:15 PM Communion Service  
**Tuesday, March 20**  
 12:15 PM Communion Service  
**Wednesday, March 21**  
 7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family  
**Thursday, March 22**  
 7:00 AM Laura Atkinson  
 by the Cramer & Hand Families  
**Friday, March 23 - St. Toribius de Mogrovejo**  
 7:00 AM Catherine Motz by Marion Walsh  
**Saturday, March 24**  
 8:00 AM Catherine Croghan by Her Family  
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass Eric Wiedmer by His Family  
**Sunday, March 25 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 AM Michael Buckley (1st) by His Family  
 10:30 AM Daniel Barrett  
 by Christine & Ed Knickerbocker

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, HOSPITALIZED,  
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**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.

# Dear Padre

## Why did Jesus die for us?

I've heard Baptist preachers say that Jesus' death was payment for our sins. Does the Church teach this? If not, what is the meaning of his death on the cross?

Russ

Dear Russ,

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are re-deemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, and the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life.

"It is love 'to the end' [see John 13:1] that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 616*). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment - not one to be exacted - but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (CCC614).

Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross...By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin.

Byron Miller, CSSR

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## Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 3-24

Dee & Deb Gurdo

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (3/24)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (3/24)	Tyler, Connor & Garrett Frank	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Mary Paul & Elizabeth Tantillo Cup - Jim Winkler, Sue King, Ron Newman & Mary Lou Lauchert
8:00 AM (3/25)	Georgia Zoller, Jack & Jane Hughes	Jerry Dawes	Host - Fran & Gwen Lallier Cup - Evelyn Micciche, Jeanne Roback, Chris Kielar & Bob Burns
10:30 AM (3/25)	Samantha Gaffney, Grace Collins & Gianna Spina	Amy Lefevre	Host - Ani Sojda & Carol Fobes Cup - Mary Stuttard, Phyllis Moore, Karen Brewer & Maryalice Hogan

**Lenten Penance Service**

This year's joint Lenten Penance Service with St. Mary's/Sacred Heart Church, New York Mills, and St. John the Evangelist Church, New Hartford, will be held Thursday, March 29, 7 PM, at St. John the Evangelist Church on Oxford Road. Please join us to celebrate God's forgiveness.



Other area Penance Services will be held:  
 March 21, 7 PM - Our Lady of Lourdes, Utica  
 April 1, 4 PM - St. Bernard's, Waterville

**Faith Formation**

Grades 1-8 will meet at their regularly scheduled times. Our next High School class will meet Sunday, March 26, 6:30-8 PM.

There is a very important meeting with Father Croghan for all parents of children preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Wednesday, March 21, at 6:30 PM, in the church. All children in 2nd grade are asked to gather in the school gym.

St. Paul reminds us that we are God's handiwork. And our goal in life is, by God's grace, to "lead the life of good deeds" which God has planned for us.

This week's item we are collecting for the Country Pantry is soup or spaghetti.

**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, April 15.

**Lenten Film Series**

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

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

**The Country Pantry**

If you still have not returned your filled Easter basket, please do so this weekend.

Our distribution day this month is Tuesday, March 27, 10-5 PM. Items we can use are hot chocolate packets, crackers, sugar-free jam/jelly, jello and puddings. We continue to need brown paper grocery bags, so if the cashier in your favorite grocery store asks paper or plastic, think Pantry! We can also use diaper coupons, any brand. These may be left in the food box in the vestibule of the church. Thank you and God bless!

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection .....	\$6,419.50
Holy Day.....	67.00
Faith Formation.....	20.00
School Assessment .....	105.00
Country Pantry .....	75.00
Memorial Fund.....	105.00
Diocesan Collections.....	40.00
Catholic Sun.....	177.00

**Second Collection This Weekend**

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

**Parish Pot Luck Dinner**

There will be a Parish Pot Luck Supper this Sunday, March 18, 4-6 PM, in the school gym. Everyone is invited to attend including children - just bring a dish to pass along with your place setting. Refreshments will be provided. Come join your parish community for some socializing while enjoying a great meal!

**Ignite 2012 Catholic Men's Conference**

To all men of the parish, join over 1,000 men of the diocese Saturday, March 31, at 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.

**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.

**Good News Foundation**

For information on programs being offered by the Good News Foundation, call 735-6210 or visit [TheGoodNewsCenter.org](http://TheGoodNewsCenter.org).

**Area Events**

- 3/20, 7:00 PM - Information Night/Open House at Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School
- 3/23, 4-8 PM - Clinton VFW Fish Fry & Chicken Tenders Dinner
- 3/23, 4:30-7 PM - Holy Family Church Fish Fry
- 3/25, 11:30 till gone, Chicken N Biscuit Dinner at the Clark Mills American Legion to benefit scholarships.

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