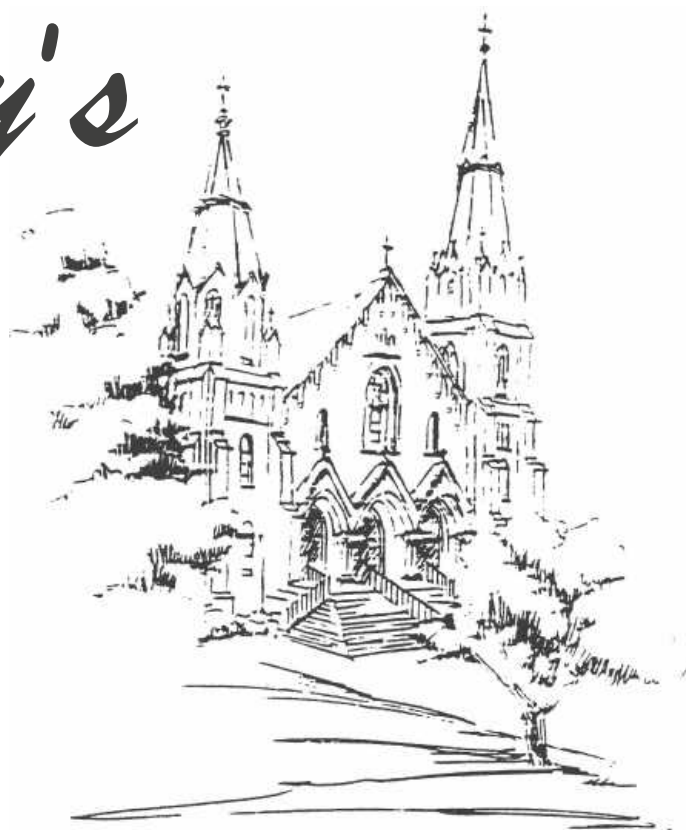


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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

We joyfully welcome all into our Church family through this sacrament. Parents are asked to please call the rectory 853-2935 to make arrangements. Baptismal preparation meetings are held with the Baptismal Team the first Sunday of the month at 9 AM at St. Mary's School.

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, May 5 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Aleen Barron by Pat Balon

Sunday, May 6 - 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Jeremiah O. McCarthy by the McHarris Family

10:30 AM George & Adelaide Richter
by David & Gail Timian

Wednesday, May 9

7:00 AM Nancy Tieri by Jeanette Waryha

Thursday, May 10 - St. Damien Joseph deVeuster of Moloka'i

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, May 11

7:00 AM Charlotte Heintz (17th) by Her Family

Saturday, May 12

8:00 AM Jubilarians of the Sisters of St. Joseph
by Sr. Johanne

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Ellen Nolan
by Joe & Cynthia Kowalczyk

Sunday, May 13 - 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Virginia Page by Nancy J. Kratzert (sister)

10:30 AM Richard Phillips by Angela Bertini

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 5-12

Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski

Good News!

Now that summer is around the corner, I look forward to breaking out my favorite outdoor friend: our electric hedge trimmer. My husband does a good amount of the yard work, but I might as well have carved my initials in the trimmer - I love it. We have lots of bushes in our yard that need regular trimming, and I delight in shearing excess branches and pruning foliage to invite new growth and life. And I have to admit that the "power tool" aspect of the trimmer is especially addictive.

Today's readings have a lot to say about pruning and shearing, but it's important to remember who holds the power tool. In the first reading, the early Christian community is suspicious of Saul's sudden conversion from Christian-persecutor to active disciple. They have a right to be uncertain, of course, but they learn that God pruned Saul and transformed him and that they must welcome him into their community.

We're familiar with the image of Jesus as the vine and us as the branches, but sometimes we forget that in this image we're connected to Jesus the vine and to all the other branches through him.

We may not like all the other branches, or we may think they're in need of serious pruning or shearing. Yet our initials aren't carved in the trimmer. God's is. We're not in charge of pruning others (and ourselves) - God is.

Our job is to stay connected to the vine and to one another, to welcome even those we might find suspicious or distasteful or foreign to us. The community of branches belongs to Jesus - and to its members.

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Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
10:30 AM (5/12) First Communion	J.P. Wade, Samantha Gaffney & Madison Steates		
5:15 PM (5/12)	Connor, Garrett & Nick Frank	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Mary Paul & Ron Newman Cup - Marybeth King, Bill Waldron, Barb Bohrer & Pearl Gapp
8:00 AM (5/13)	Georgia Zoller, Jane & Jack Hughes	Anna Berney	Host - Jack McNamara & Ed Kaido Cup - Mike Howard, Carole Byrne, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (5/13)	Meradith Thayer, Cheyanne & Will Eisenhut	Amy Lefevre	Host - Ani Sojda & Anita Fitzgerald Cup - Michele Beach, Sister Johanne, Don & Jane Conniff

Faith Formation

Please hold in prayer the 42 young boys and girls who will be receiving First Communion next Saturday, May 12.

First communion rehearsal with parents - Wednesday, May 9th, 6:30 PM, in the church.

TGIF (Teens Gathered in Faith) Youth Group

All students who will be in High School next year are invited to join us this Sunday, May 6, at 6:30 PM. Guaranteed fun and a few refreshments! Bring a friend, the more the merrier. Contact Mary Lou Lauchert for more information.

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.

Postal Carriers Food Drive

On Saturday, May 12, the Postal Carriers will be collecting food items in their "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. We ask that you support this annual appeal. All donations will be given to the Country Pantry. Items may be left near your mailbox to be picked up. (NO GLASS JARS, PLEASE). Thank you!

A Family Perspective

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."

Parish Breakfast

There will be a Parish Breakfast Sunday, May 20, at the Clinton VFW beginning at 9:15 AM. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend and next. Prices are \$7/adults and \$4/children under 12. Unfortunately, no tickets will be sold at the door. Get your tickets today and enjoy a great breakfast with your Parish community.

Good News Foundation

For information on continued and upcoming programs being offered at the Good News Foundation, please visit www.TheGoodNewsCenter.org - Events Calendar or call 735-6210.

GriefShare meets Tuesdays, 6-7:30 PM at the Good News Center.

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$6,140.00
Faith Formation.....	32.00
School Assessment	25.00
Country Pantry	30.00
Memorial Fund.....	68.00
Home Mission	578.00

HOPE Appeal 2012

The Annual HOPE Appeal will kick off next weekend in our parish. The programs, services and ministries supported by the Annual HOPE Appeal help meet the needs of people in our diocese. The HOPE Appeal serves all of us in different ways. Your financial support is needed to further the good works of the Appeal.

Camp Nazareth

Summer at Camp Nazareth! Fill out your registration forms early to guarantee your spot in our fun filled camp! Camp Nazareth offers residential camping for children ages 9-15. Swimming, boating, ropes course, sports, arts & crafts, and camp fires make lasting memories for your child. Weekly fee for room, board and supervised activities is \$315. For information and registration forms call 724-2158 ext. 263 or www.campnaz.org.

Safe Environment Program - Did You Know?

Reporting suspected abuse takes courage. When any adult in the faith community has reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused, he or she has a moral (and often a legal) responsibility to report those suspicions to civil authorities. Reporting suspected abuse takes courage. However, adults who take a stand for children and make the call are often responsible for saving a child from terrible torment.

For more information on how to report suspected abuse of a minor, please call Nuala Collins, Victim Assistance Coordinator (470-1465) (ncollins@syrdio.org).

Area Events

- 5/10, 10-6 PM - Building Stones Fair Trade Shoppe at the Stone Presbyterian Church (All Thursdays of May)
- 5/12, 8-1 PM - Kirkland Community Bloodmobile at the Clinton VFW. If you would like to make an appointment, call Jean Wainright (853-2265). Walk-ins are always welcome and needed.
- 5/17, 7-8:30 AM - Clinton Kiwanis Kirkland Community Prayer Breakfast Program in the Community Room of the Lutheran Home. \$8 at the door. Information, call Bill Rudge at 853-6300.
- 5/25-27, St. Paul's, Whitesboro, Annual Spring Bazaar. Friday, 6-11 PM, Saturday, 11-11 PM, Sunday 12-9 PM. Rides, Food, Games, \$\$ and more.

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