

# *St. Mary's Parish*

*13 Marvin Street, Clinton, New York 13323*

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*Elizabeth Wade*

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*Mary Williams*

*Brooke Wollin*



**Saturday, May 12 - Vigil Mass**

5:15 PM 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

**Wednesday, May 16**

7:00 AM John Tencza by Tino Pawloski

**Thursday, May 17 - The Ascension of the Lord**

7:00 AM Mary Rose Crane by Her Family

6:30 PM For the People of the Parish

**Friday, May 18 - St. John**

7:00 AM Marie Lafountain by M/M Jeffery Winters

**Saturday, May 19**

8:00 AM Irene Caister by the Jama Family

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Patricia Brewer  
by Rose Calidonna

**Sunday, May 20 - 7th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Deborah Carrier Prue by Kay Dawes

10:30 AM Ronald Pugliese by the Rosary Group

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

**Holy Day**

Thursday, May 17, is the Ascension of the Lord.  
Masses will be held at 7 AM and 6:30 PM.

# Good News!

Could there be any sweeter words in the English language than “I love you”? OK, perhaps “Would you like some free chocolate?” are a very close second (or for salt-loving types like my husband, “Hot buttered popcorn coming right up!”) But whether the words are between grandchild and grandparent, people falling in love, or friends after an argument, they are tender and powerful and can be life-changing.

How often, though, do we let ourselves hear God saying these words to us? We think of “I love you” as being exchanged most regularly between humans or from us to God. But do we remember, in an ongoing way, how much God loves us? We hear this clearly from John in our second reading and from Jesus in the Gospel. We’re told pointedly that any love we show comes first from the love God has for us.

Before we ever knew God, God loved us. Before we ever did anything meaningful, before we ever spoke a word, before we ever emerged from our mother’s womb, God loved us. God loved us simply because we existed and because we belonged to God. It can be a bit overwhelming to think about - perhaps that’s why we don’t always let ourselves remember this love.

But in today’s readings, Jesus firmly challenges us to “Remain in my love.” Remaining in God’s love means not ignoring the deep love God has for us. It means choosing actions each day that reflect that love rather than straying from it. It means trusting that even in our moments of feeling most unlovable, God truly loves and treasures us.

Hear those words from God today - *I love you* - and let their sweetness transform you.

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**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 5-19**

Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler

## Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
6:30 PM (5/17)	Samantha Gaffney, Kendell & Taylor Arndt	Sister Johanne	Host - Evelyn Micciche & Tim Lashinger Cup - Jim Winkler, Sue King, Sue Kielar & TBA
5:15 PM (5/19)	J.P. Wade, Marilyn Cirrincione & Kate Schlosser	Mike Debraggio	Host - Bob Scarlata & Colleen Kannainen Cup - Marybeth King, Anne Debraggio, Beth & Steve May
8:00 AM (5/20)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Cheyanne Eisenhut	Bob Burns	Host - Chris Kielar & Bob Burns Cup - Jeanne Roback, Evelyn Micciche, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (5/20)	Nathan Gale, Jacob & Jesse Dombrowski	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Carol Fobes & Ani Sojda Cup - Joanne Joseph, Phyllis Moore, Mary Stuttard & Anita Fitzgerald

**Happy Mother's Day!**

We wish our Mother's, Grandmothers' and "Special" Moms a very blessed Mother's Day!



**Faith Formation**

We had a lovely First Communion celebration yesterday! Our prayer for these young people should be that they forever feel the same excitement and enthusiasm about God's love for them as they are experiencing today.

**TGIA (Teens Gathered in Faith) Youth Group**

Our group met for the second time last Sunday and we are thrilled by the participation. Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 20, 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 this Sunday. Next session 5/27.

**The Country Pantry**

Happy Mother's Day to the mothers and grandmothers of St. Mary's from the families of the Country Pantry. May God shower you with many blessings for all that you do to help us in our struggle to feed our families. Enjoy your day!

**Parish Breakfast**

There will be a Parish Breakfast next Sunday, May 20, at the Clinton VFW, beginning at 9:15 AM. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend. Cut off date is Monday, May 14. Prices are \$7/adults and \$4/children under 12. Unfortunately, no tickets will be sold at the door. Get your tickets today and come and enjoy a great breakfast with your parish community.

**RCIA**

At our recent Easter Vigil, throughout the United States and here at St. Mary's, persons who desired to become Catholic came into full union with the Roman Catholic Church.



These persons were part of the RCIA program - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Another program will begin in the fall.

Please share this information if you know of someone who has spoken about their desire to become a Catholic.

If you have a question about this program, please contact Sister Johanne at 853-1849.

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection .....	\$8,413.00
Holy Day.....	62.00
Faith Formation.....	5.00
School Assessment .....	50.00
Country Pantry .....	75.00
Memorial Fund.....	211.00
Diocesan Collections.....	26.00

**HOPE Appeal**

You will receive a letter this week from Bishop Cunningham asking for your support of the HOPE Appeal. Please be generous with your pledge. We ask that all pledge forms and gifts be returned next weekend to the parish. You can also make a secure online gift or pledge at [www.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org). Your support helps many in our diocese.

**A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

**Safe Environment Program - Did you Know?**

Prevalence of Child Sexual Abuse. Child sexual abuse is a great deal more prevalent than many imagine. In fact, studies tell us that one in ten adult men and one in five adult women say that they were molested before the age of 18. That means that, directly or indirectly, child sexual abuse will touch most of us during our lifetime. And although we would like to believe that most accusations are false, the facts tell us that children rarely lie about being molested. In fact, they rarely tell anyone at all. An adult study about the prevalence of sexual abuse found that 42% of the men and 33% of the women who were victimized as children had never told anyone.

For more information, please call Nuala Collins, Victim Assistance Coordinator (470-1465 or [ncollins@syrdio.org](mailto:ncollins@syrdio.org)).

**Area Events**

- 5/17, 7-8:30 AM - Kirkland Community Prayer Breakfast Program in the Community Room, Lutheran Home.
- 5/17, 10-6 PM - Building Stones Fair Trade Shoppe open at Stone Presbyterian Church Thursdays of May.
- 5/19, 9-1 PM - Kirkland Women's Civic Group Annual Geranium sale at Savicki's Farm Market, Rt. 12, Clinton 5/25-27, St. Paul's Church, Whitesboro, Annual Spring Bazaar. Rides, Food Desserts, Prizes, etc.
- 6/4, St. Joseph Nursing Homs annual Golf Tournament at Skenandoa Golf Course. \$85/player includes lunch, dinner, greens fees and cart. Call 797-1230 by 5/30.



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