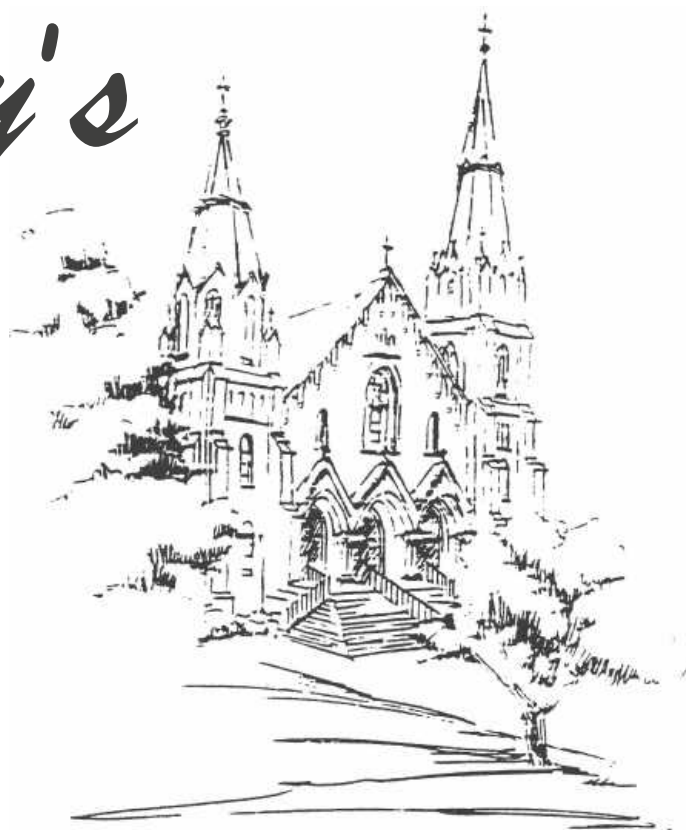


# St. Mary's Parish

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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**

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 19 - Vigil Mass**

5:15 PM 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

**Wednesday, May 23**

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

**Thursday, May 24**

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

**Friday, May 25 - Sts. Bede the Venerable and Gregory**

7:00 AM Timothy M. Hogan by Susan Hogan

**Saturday, May 26**

8:00 AM Marion Lafountain by daughter

Michele Engle & Family

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Kathleen Wilkinson by Ann

**Sunday, May 27 - Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 AM John Spellman by His Family

10:30 AM Mike & Betty Buckley by the May Family

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 5-26**

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# Good News!

It's intriguing what qualifies as power in our world. As I write this, debates are ongoing about the right to carry concealed weapons. Whether such a right keeps people safer is in question, but certainly it makes people feel more powerful. The 2012 presidential campaign is in full swing, months before anyone casts a vote. Our democratic process is, sadly, a messy and undignified process. And my husband and I are currently overwhelmed by the power of nature as water seeps (and sometimes pours) into our home. We thought our house was as powerful as Noah's ark, but it's proving far less mighty.

We certainly have the ability to wield power, but we often forget that ultimate power belongs to God. Our Ascension readings remind us that no human power can compare with "the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe" (Ephesians 1:16). As if Jesus' incarnation and his resurrection weren't enough of a display of God's power, now Jesus ascends to heaven to his glorified place with the Father. God's mighty actions make our guns, authority figures, and defenses seem weak by comparison.

Perhaps we forget God's great power because it's not as visible as our human displays of power. Yet God continues to work mighty deeds - we know of amazing miracles that can be ascribed only to God's power. But also, God's power works in us - the Church. We have to be open enough to let God work through us, and that can be a challenge.

But Jesus promised to be with us always. If we trust in his very real power moving through us, we'll be amazed at what can be accomplished in our friendships, families, neighborhoods - even in our world.

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Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (5/26)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (5/26)	Madison Steates, Betsy & Fritz Gale	Pearl Gapp	Host - Sue Kielar & Pearl Gapp Cup - Jan Slawson, Elizabeth Tantillo, Tim Lashinger & Ann Wilkinson
8:00 AM (5/27)	Georgia Zoller, Jack & Jane Hughes	Steve Clark	Host - Ed Kaido & Mike Howard Cup - Ann Kearney, Jack McNamara Tina & Joe Lallier
10:30 AM (5/27)	Gianna Spina, Samantha Gaffney & Giovanna Constantino	Karen Brewer	Host - Karen Brewer & Phyllis Moore Cup - Anita Fitzgerald, Michele Beach, Don & Jane Conniff

**Faith Formation**

Jesus wants us to follow him by being role models and support for our friends and family. We are asked to show, by our lives in Jesus, that life overcomes death and good is victorious over evil.

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

We will meet this Sunday, May 20, 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, May 27. Next session June 10.

**The Country Pantry - Pantry Kid's Paks**

It's that time again, summer vacation is quickly approaching! As you enter the church today, you will notice **Kid's Pak** bags on the stands near each entrance. The items in the bags will help parents satisfy those ravenous appetites during summer vacation when school lunches are no longer available. The list of needed items is on a sheet on the outside of each bag. Most of these items are available at dollar stores.

Filled bags may be returned anytime as we will be giving them out along with our regular monthly food supplement in June, July and August. Our first distribution date is June 26. We need 175 bags each month to provide a bag for each child. **Kid's Pak** bags will be available all summer in the rack at the back of the church. We are most grateful for anything you can do to help parents feed their children this summer. Hunger never takes a vacation! Our kids will thank you!

**Hearts and Hands Meeting**

The St. Mary's Hearts and Hands meeting will be held Tuesday, May 29th, 6:30 PM, in the school. Topics of discussion will be the upcoming June events. All parishioners are invited to attend.



**Third Thursday Group Meeting**

The Third Thursday Group will meet this Thursday, May 24, at 12:15 PM, for a Communion Service. Bring a bag lunch and come to the basement after the service for socializing. Dessert and beverage provided. All adults are welcome (husbands too!).

**A Family Perspective**

Jesus was worried about his disciples and he turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spent trying to "guard and protect" our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection .....	\$7,021.50
Holy Day.....	12.00
Faith Formation.....	5.00
School Assessment .....	61.00
Country Pantry .....	25.00
Memorial Fund.....	110.00
Diocesan Collections.....	46.00

**Oops!**


There was some confusion with the envelope company on dates for second collections. The Catholic Communication Campaign collection will be taken up the weekend of June 10, 2012 (2nd Sunday of June).

**HOPE Appeal**

Remember to return your pledge card to the parish today. You may place completed pledges in the collection basket mail to or drop off at the parish office. Many thanks to all of you who are returning your pledge cards this weekend. Extra envelopes are available next to the bulletins. You can also make a secure online gift or pledge at [www.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org).

**Parish Council Elections**

Once again it is time to find new folks for two seats on the Parish Council. The Council is an advisory group to the Pastor. We meet every other month to discuss issues of importance to our parish. Each term runs for three years. If you are interested in running, please call Carol at the rectory to put your name in for consideration. The selection will take place at the 10:30 AM Mass on June 17.



**Clinton Fire Departments 1st Annual Cruise In and Chicken BBQ**

Please join our community and support The Clinton Volunteer Fire Department at the 1st Annual Cruise In (10-3 PM) and Brooks Chicken BBQ (noon till gone), Sunday, June 10, 2012, in the Clinton Village Park. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

**Area Events**

5/25-27, St. Paul's Church, Whitesboro, Annual Spring Bazaar. Rides, Food Desserts, Prizes, etc.  
 6/1-3, Sisters of St. Joseph - "Come and See" Weekend. Contact Sr. Jeanne Marie Gocha at [jgocha@csjalbany.org](mailto:jgocha@csjalbany.org).  
 6/4, St. Joseph Nursing Home annual Golf Tournament at Skenandoa Golf Course. \$85/player includes lunch, dinner, greens fees and cart. Call 797-1230 by 5/30.  
 6/10, noon, Notre Dame Elementary School Golf Tournament at Twin Ponds (\$85). For tickets and information, call John Snyder (732-8661) or [www.notredameelem.org](http://www.notredameelem.org) (732-4374).

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