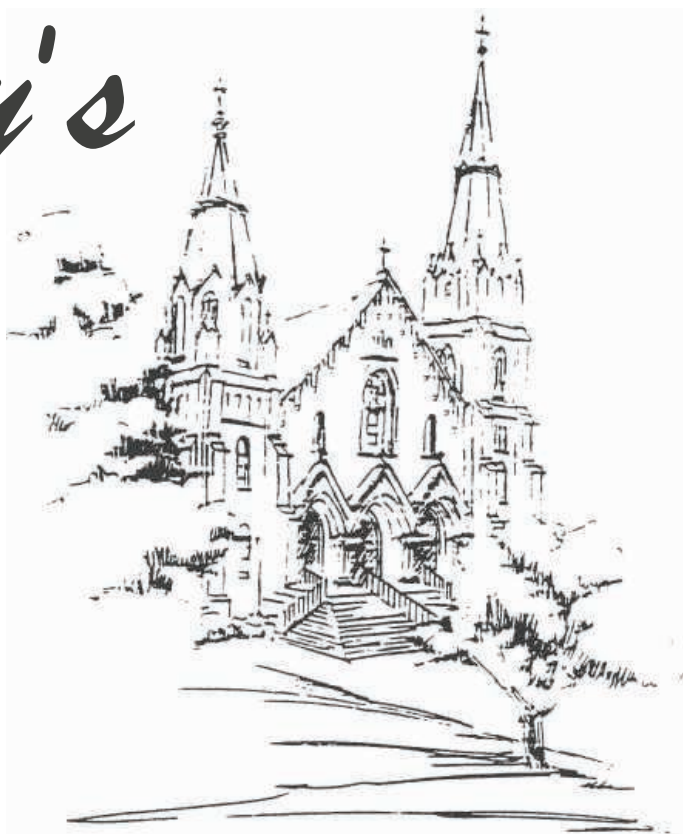


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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, August 18 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Francis Camarata by Kurt & Kerry Gradel
Sunday, August 19 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Leo Crane by the Family of John Doyle
 10:30 AM Marion Jenny (1st) by Her Family
Wednesday, August 22 - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima
 7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family
Friday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew
 7:00 AM Leo Crane by Matthew & Kyle Crane
Saturday, August 25 - Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz
 8:00 AM Anne Gale by Mary & Will Waldron
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Linda Kneпка
 by Doris & Floyd Slye
Sunday, August 26 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Antonio A. Artessa
 by M/M Edwin McTiernan
 10:30 AM Guy Fanfarillo (B'day)
 by Brenda Heintz & Sally Sloane

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

Altar Server Training

St. Mary's Church will be holding a New Server Training session Monday, August 20. Training will start at 6:30 PM and run about 45 minutes. Students in grades 4-8 are welcome.

Anyone interested in being a server should call Carm Foster at 853-8513.

dear Padre

August 19, 2012

Is it wrong to fear death?

My brother is in hospice. He told me last night that he feels guilty because he's afraid to die. He thinks he should be looking forward to death because he'll be out of pain and with Jesus. He's received the anointing of the sick and is confident in his faith, but he can't shake this fear. What should I say to him?

Mary Lee

Dear Mary Lee,

Tell your brother that it's natural to be afraid to do something we've never done even when we're certain the outcome will be good, so he needn't feel guilty about his fear of dying. He should also ask his priest to come by to talk with him about his feelings.

Jesus dealt with our confusion in the face of suffering and death by giving us a lovely image. He pointed to ordinary birds and said that not one falls to the ground without God's knowing. Then he said, "You are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31). The words are comforting. But note: The sparrows do fall and die.

Your brother is dearer to God than many sparrows, for he is his child, a brother to Jesus Christ. In your brother's pain and fear, he can pray to his Father as Jesus on the cross did: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

Your brother won't be lonely as an echo when he departs this world for the next. The Father knows. And he is there, as he was with Jesus his Son. Your brother is his son, too, and you his daughter. *The Father knows.*

John Hamrogue, CSSR
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Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 8-25
 Sandy & Marilyn Cirrincioni

Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (8/25)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (8/25)	Ricky Heintz, Jacob & Jesse Dombrowski	Mary Lou Lauchert	Host - Jan Slawson & Bob Scarlata Cup - Barb Blatz, Pearl Gapp, Sue King & Barb Bohrer
8:00 AM (8/26)	Connor, Nick & Garrett Frank	Bob Burns	Host - Joe & Tina Lallier Cup - Ann Kearney, Chris Kielar, Carole Byrne & Sister Johanne
10:30 AM (8/26)	Samantha Gaffney, Taylor & Kendell Arndt	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Maryalice Hogan, Carol Fobes, Peggy Schweitzer & Anita Fitzgerald

Faith Formation

There is a difference between being knowledgeable and being wise. Education along with prayer, reflection and practicing gratitude help us on our way to obtaining wisdom.

Classes start the week of September 16th. There are only a few spaces left on Monday evening. If you are new to the parish or have a 1st Grader entering our program, please contact us at faithformation@stmarys-clinton.com for registration information. We still have a need for one teacher at each of the three sessions. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents with the children of our parish family.

TGIF (Teens Gathered in Faith) Youth Group

Our High School Group is taking the month of August off. We will soon have a schedule ready for the fall. Watch for updates!

The Country Pantry

Our second collection this weekend will be our annual School Bells collection for the benefit of the children of our Country Pantry families. Since budgets are already strained there is often little money for new school clothes or supplies. We try to ease this burden by providing new socks and underwear and basic school supplies to each school age child. We want our kids to feel the excitement of having something new on the first day of school.



We also wish to remind you that if you have not returned your Kid's Pak, they are due next Sunday. Both the Kid's Paks and the school supply items will be distributed at our regular monthly food distribution on Tuesday, August 28th.

We are most grateful for all you have done this summer in providing those extra treats included in the Kid's Paks. You have helped spread a little sunshine into lives of kids who need and deserve it. Our kids and their parents, along with all of the volunteers at the Pantry, say thank you and God bless!

A Family Perspective

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of eating his flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable for children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$5,858.00
Holy Day.....	45.00
Faith Formation.....	310.00
School Assessment	62.00
Country Pantry	25.00
Memorial Fund.....	93.00
Diocesan Collections.....	10.00

HOPE Appeal

Thanks to parishioners who have made a pledge to the annual HOPE Appeal we have received \$29,845 in pledges towards our assessed goal of \$31,181 - only \$1,336 to go!

Please make your pledge ASAP. Completed pledges may be placed in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off at the parish office. You can make a secure online gift or pledge at www.syrdio.org. Thank you!

Did You Know? Resources to help keep kids safe

The Web site of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children offers dozens of well-produced informational brochures covering a broad range of child safety topics. Go to www.ncmec.org and click on "Resources for Parents & Guardians" to find these brochures and other helpful information about child safety.

To Honor Mother Marianne Cope

St. Joseph-St. Patrick Church, home parish of Mother Marianne, invites you to join them in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and procession Saturday, September 15, in honor of the canonization of Saint Marianne Cope. The Mass will be held at 10 AM, with the unveiling of a statue and first order relic of the new saint followed by a procession up Columbia Street to the site of her childhood home on Schuyler Street.

Area Events

- 8/22, 5-8 PM - Burger & Dog Night at American Legion Post 232
- 8/25, 10-7 PM - at Stone Presbyterian Church - pulled pork sandwiches, pie, drinks, crafts, 3 PM Storytellers and 4:30-7 PM - historical tours of the church.

Registration In Our Parish

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