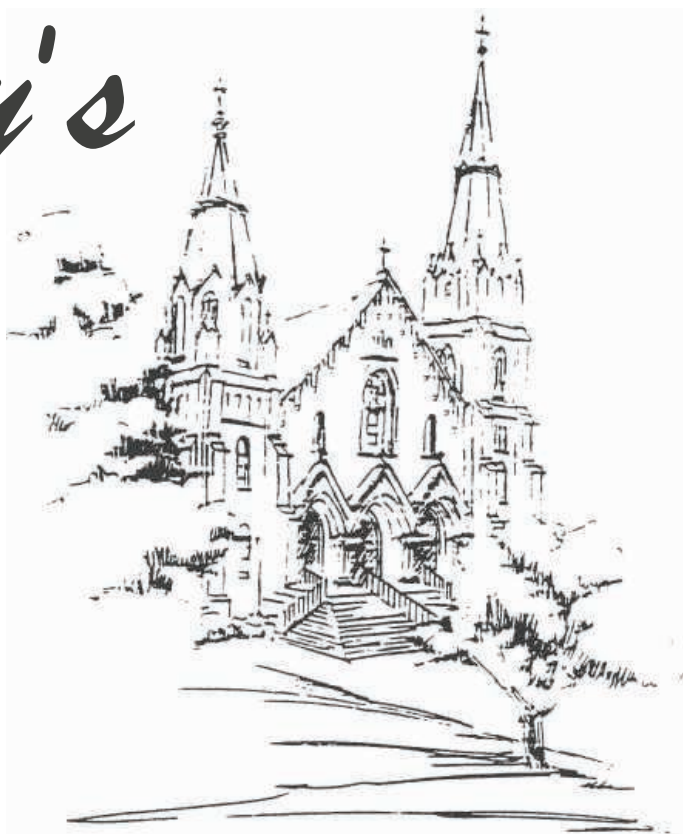


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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 25 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Linda Knepek 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

Wednesday, August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

Thursday, August 30
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, August 31
 7:00 AM Joan Hamlin by Don Hamlin

Saturday, September 1
 8:00 AM Anne Gale by Vincent Vangura
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - John Thomas
 by the Thomas McCraith Family

Sunday, September - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Anthony Veschusio by His Wife, Angela
 10:30 AM Leo J. Crane, Jr. by Ed & Dorothy Buckley

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 9-1
 Deb & Dee Gurdo

Good News!

August 26, 2012
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 / Jn 6:60-69

It's True Confession time: I'm a returner. I prefer to make decisions about clothes, shoes, and decor at home. Even though I thoroughly research quality, user reviews, and price, I usually still need to bring the item home. If it's not right, I readily return it—unused, of course. I'm ruthlessly teased about my compulsion by my husband, friends, and even my mother (from whom I inherited this trait, though she flatly denies it).

Today's first reading and Gospel are all about decision-making, but the choices they describe aren't easily undone with a return to the store. These choices are life-changing: Which god are you going to serve? Are you going to stay with Jesus, or leave?

Major decisions—changing jobs, marrying, beginning a family, pursuing medical treatment—involve a leap of faith in addition to studious research. Sure, you can explore a particular company, do thorough marriage preparation, or research a particular treatment. But we can never know with certainty how the job will suit us, how the marriage will evolve, or how this treatment will affect our body. The biggest decisions involve big trust and big faith.

It's no different in our choice about God. We shouldn't base our faith on what others have to say about God on the Internet, nor can we return our trust in the Lord at the customer-service counter. We have to decide here and now whether we're going to put our faith in the Lord. Peter claimed, "You have the words of eternal life." Not "the words of complete happiness" or "utter prosperity," but "eternal life."

Can we make that daily leap of faith in God?

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Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (9/1)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (9/1)	LeeAnn Chesebro, Abby Hyde & Connor Frank	Colleen Kanniainen	Host - Tim Lashinger & MaryLou Lauchert Cup—Bill Waldron, Alex D'Acunto, Steve & Beth May
8:00 AM (/2)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Kendell Arndt	Kate Chute	Host - Mike Howard & Pam Sprague Cup—Evelyn Micciche, Bob Burns, Gwen & Fran Lallier
10:30 AM (9/2)	Will Eisenhut, Jacob & Jesse Dombrowski	John Burdick	Host - Ani Sojda & Peggy Schweitzer Cup - Michele Beach, Joanne Joseph, Maryalice Hogan & Anita Fitzgerald

Faith Formation

Following Jesus' teachings are much easier when we have companions on the journey. Choosing friends that share our values ensures we will have the love and support we need.

Class assignments and handbooks were emailed home this week. Classes start the week of September 16. We have a need for a 1st grade teacher on Wednesday evenings, 7/8th grade teacher on Monday evening and 5th grade teacher for Monday mornings. If you would like more information about this rewarding mission, please contact Mary Lou Lauchert at 525-4297. New children entering our program should contact us at faithformation@stmarys-clinton.com for registration information.

TGIF (Teens Gathered in Faith) Youth Group

We're on facebook!!! Check us out at St. Mary's Parish TGIF. There will be a parent information night on September 16 at 6:30 PM in the school gym with regular meetings for the teens beginning in October.

The Country Pantry


Thank you, thank you for your generous response to our School Bells Collection last weekend. Because of your generosity, we will be able to purchase socks, underwear and basic school supplies for the children of the Pantry. These items will be distributed on Tuesday, August 28, along with the last of the Kid's Paks.

If your garden is overflowing with zucchini, tomatoes, or other vegetables, we can use it at our distribution on Tuesday. Please call Jeanne Roback (737-7650) for further information.

Thank you for all you have done this summer to provide our kids extra treats to brighten their vacation days. You have also made it possible to experience the excitement of the first day of school with new school supplies. Although to kids new socks and underwear aren't exciting, their moms are grateful for these necessary basics which put a strain on an already strained budget.

Parish Picnic

Mark your calendars! The Parish Picnic will be held Sunday, September 9, at the Franklin Springs Legion on Route 12B, from 12 noon to 4 PM. The cost of your plate will be \$2 which includes your choice of meat (hot dogs, hamburgers or sausage patties) a variety of salads and dessert. Beverages will be available as follows: Beer - \$1, and Soda, Coffee and Water - \$.50. Won't you make plans to join your parish community for this fun get together.



Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$5,682.95
Holy Day.....	584.00
Faith Formation.....	505.00
School Assessment.....	30.00
Country Pantry	1,402.05
Memorial Fund.....	54.00

HOPE Appeal

We did it! We achieved our goal of \$31,181 plus. Thank you to those who made their pledge. FYI, any amount over the amount of our goal will be split 50/50 with St. Mary's and HOPE Appeal.

Did You Know?

Can You Pass the "Blog Beware Quiz?"

Internet blogs and other social networking sites have recently exploded in popularity and in the news. The number of *MySpace.com* users is currently estimated at more than 67 million. The majority of activity on these and other youth-oriented Web sites is positive. However, we've all read stories of how those who would harm children use these sites to lure children and teens into inappropriate discussions. To combat this danger, www.netSMARTZ.org offers a wide range of Internet safety resources for parents and children. Start by taking the "Blog Beware" quiz. For kids, there's a related site: www.netSMARTZkids.org.

Area Events

- 8-29, 5-8 PM - Burger & Dog Night at the American Legion Post 232 Wednesdays thru September 5.
- 9-8, noon-7 PM and 9/9, 9-5 PM - Historic Old St. John's Annual Charity Bazaar.
- 9-15, 8-1 PM - Kirkland Community Sponsored Red Cross Bloodmobile, Clinton United Methodist Church. To schedule your appointment call J. Wainright (853-2265) or Rudge44@aol.com. Walk in donors appreciated and needed! Thank you!

Registration In Our Parish

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