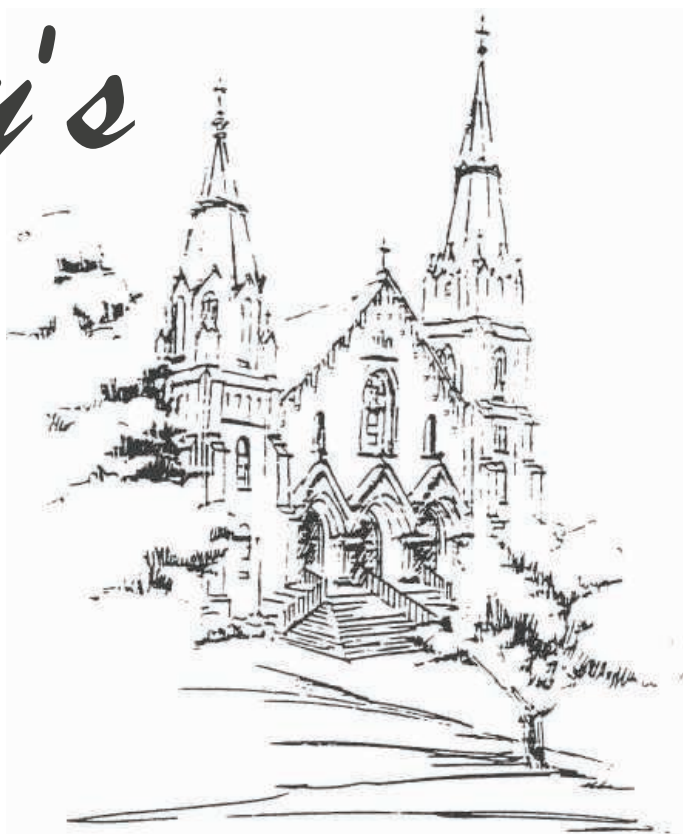


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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

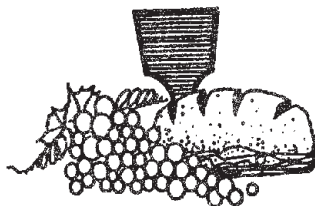
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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, September 8 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Patricia Haight by Carol Vangura

Sunday, September 9 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Katherine Handley Crane by Her Family

10:30 AM Joseph Nappo by wife Anne & Children

Wednesday, September 12 - The Most Holy

Name of Mary

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

Thursday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 AM Mary Jane Melie by Annette & Don Foley

Saturday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 AM Lawrence Collins Crane by His Family

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Linda Knepka

by Debbie & Ray Drooms

Sunday, September 16 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Leo J. Crane, Jr. by the Krasniak Family

10:30 AM Donald Farley by the Kowalczyk Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 9-15

Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski

dear Padre

September 9, 2012

Do Muslims worship the same God we do?

A friend told me the Church teaches that Muslims worship the God of Abraham just as Christians and Jews do. I find this difficult to believe—Christians turn the other cheek, but all you hear about Islam is violence. How can we possibly worship the same God?

Joan

Dear Joan,

Paragraph 16 of the Second Vatican Council's 1964 document Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*) says Muslims "acknowledge the Creator" and are included in "the plan of salvation." We differ in that we believe Christ is God, whereas Muslims believe Christ was merely a prophet. (To read this document, go to vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/. Under *Lumen Gentium* [second on the list], click on English.)

You're correct that followers of Jesus have a serious call to be peacemakers. It was because of their belief in Jesus, the ultimate man of peace, that the early Christian martyrs were able to forgive the persecutors who were about to take their lives and that Pope John Paul II was able to forgive the man who tried to assassinate him. But Islam is not a religion that advocates violence, and the vast majority of the world's 1.5 billion Muslims are not violent.

When you're reading headlines, it's important to remember that throughout history the reputations of many large groups—including the Catholic Church—have been seriously damaged by the actions of a small minority who do things that violate the group's beliefs.

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Liturgical Ministers

| Time | Altar Servers | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
|-----------------|--|---------------|--|
| 8:00 AM (9/15) | NO SERVERS | | |
| 5:15 PM (9/15) | Tyler, Garrett & Nick Frank | Pearl Gapp | Host - Barb Bohrer & Bill Waldron Cup - Beth May, Annette Foley, Steve & Beth May |
| 8:00 AM (9/16) | Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Nathan Gale | Ron Roback | Host - Mike Howard & Jack McNamara Cup - Pam Sprague, Chris Kielar, Ed Kaido & Jeanne Roback |
| 10:30 AM (9/16) | New Server, Jesse & Jacob Dombrowski | Mike Cosgrove | Host - Carol Fobes & Michele Beach Cup - Karen Brewer, Maryalice Hogan, Peggy Schweitzer & Sister Johanne |

Faith Formation

We are ready for our new year to begin. Participants should have received an email confirming the day and time of their class. All grades 1-10 begin the week of September 16th. Thank you to volunteers who have stepped forward! We could still use a teacher on Monday morning and helpers on both Monday and Wednesday evenings, 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@stmmarys-clinton.com for registration information.

TGIF (Teens Gathered in Faith) Youth Group

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

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, September 16. Next session 9/30.

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands Meeting

There will be a meeting this coming Tuesday, September 11, at 6:30 PM in the school. The main focus of the meeting will be the beginning preparations for the Christmas Fair. If you would like to attend and give us some new ideas, we would love to have you. Everyone is invited and please bring a friend. See you Tuesday!

The Country Pantry

We are experiencing an increase in the number of families served by the pantry caused by job loss, shortened working hours and the soaring cost of food and fuel. Last month 156 families were served. Parents are finding it increasingly difficult to provide nourishing meals for their families. We are all feeling the effects of the economy but let us share with those who are struggling to put food on the table. We ask your help by donating canned and non-perishable food items or by monetary contributions. With your monies we are able to purchase food from the Food Bank of Central New York, located in Syracuse, at reduced prices.

Our most needed items are peanut butter, tuna fish, spaghetti and spaghetti sauces. Consider picking up one or more of these items when you are grocery shopping. May God bless you for your generosity.

A Family Perspective

Because the deaf man in today's gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children ("Oh dad, not that again"), in parents ("It is just a stage"), and in spouses ("Are you listening?"). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness.

Collection for Last Weekend

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| Ordinary Collection | \$5,613.30 |
| Holy Day..... | 8.00 |
| Faith Formation..... | 230.00 |
| School Assessment | 40.00 |
| Country Pantry | 20.00 |
| Memorial Fund..... | 182.00 |
| Diocesan Collections..... | 70 |

Second Collection Next Weekend

The annual collection for Catholic University of America will be taken up at masses next weekend (9/16). Many thanks for your continued generosity!

Parish Picnic

St. Mary's Annual Parish Picnic will be held this Sunday, September 9th, at the Franklin Springs American 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 dog, hamburger or sausage patty) along with a variety of salads and dessert. Beverages are also available: Beer \$1, and soda, coffee and water 50 cents. We hope to see everyone at the picnic. We will also have a 50/50 raffle. Thank you.



Rite of Inquiry for RCIA

On Thursdays, September 13, 20 and 27, the Rite of Inquiry for the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) for our Parish, will be held at 6:30 PM at the school.

What is RCIA?

The RCIA is first and foremost a process of conversion. This is true because the RCIA is for and about people: people on the move, people being remade in the image of Christ, people being reborn in the Spirit, people on a journey toward faith and people whose faith journey cannot be programmed because programs as such do not cause conversion: only God bring about conversion.

RCIA is an invitation to "come and see." In no way do we wish to negate what you already believe, nor uproot you for a religious tradition in which you are comfortable and at peace. We are simply saying that if you have questions in your heart about the Roman Catholic Church, we would like to offer you a place in our life as a parish, to seek, to question and to understand us a little more. This is meant to be an opening of our door to say you are most welcome in our home and in our life as a parish community to see who we are.

If you know someone who fits the above, please pass this information along to them. It is only necessary to be at one of the Thursday meetings.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Sister Johanne McCarthy at 853-1949.

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