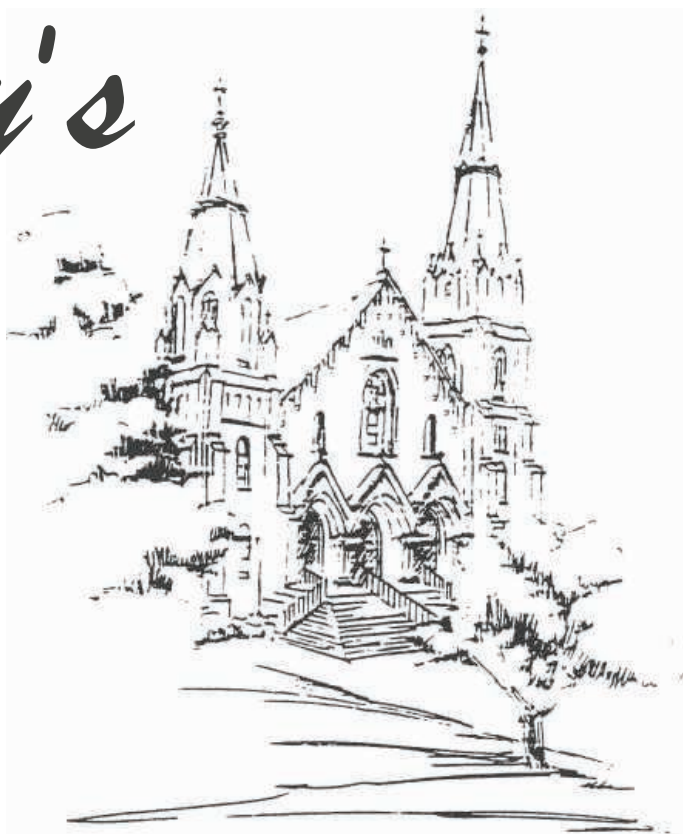


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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, November 3 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Patricia Haight by Steve Vangura
Sunday, November 4 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Maeve Dugan by Her Family
 10:30 AM Don Hamlin by Carm & Fred Foster
Wednesday, November 7
 7:00 AM Kathleen Wilkinson (4th) by Ann
Thursday, November 8
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Friday, November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
 7:00 AM Yolanda Nuccio by Joan Cole
Saturday, November 10
 8:00 AM James J. Walsh by His Family
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Jeremiah McCarthy
 by Richard & Nancy Lennon
Sunday, November 11 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM James L. Burns, Jr. by His Family
 10:30 AM Martin Hogan (22nd) by Judy

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED,
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Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 11-10
 Barb Kennard & Krinten Dombrowski

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,350.50
Holy Days.....	140.00
Fuel.....	25.00
Faith Formation.....	112.00
School Assessment.....	8.00
Memorial Fund.....	35.00
Diocesan Collections.....	110.00

Second Collection This Weekend

The annual Seminary collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend. Again, thank you for your continued generosity!

A Family Perspective

In a family, children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

The Country Pantry

Next Saturday, November 10, local Boy Scouts are conducting their annual Scouting for Food drive. All food collected will be given to the Country Pantry. Please NO GLASS JARS or expired items. Leave your items at your front door before 9 AM and they will be picked up. If you miss the pickup, items may be left in our food box in the front of the church.

We ask you to support this important food drive which helps us to assist our families in the Clinton-Clark Mills-Westmoreland area in providing nutritious meals for their family. God bless!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (11/10)	Melina Korfanta & Taylor Arndt		
5:15 PM (11/10)	Nick, Tyler & Garrett Frank	Colleen Kanniainen	Host - Sue King & Bob McQueen Cup - Bob Scarlata, Jan Slawson, Elizabeth Tantillo & Barb Blatz
8:00 AM (11/11)	John Slawson, Jenny Maxam & Madeline Krasniak	Ron Roback	Host - Bob Burns & Ann Kearney Cup - Mike Howard, Jeanne Roback, Tina & Joe Lallier
10:30 AM (11/11)	Samantha Gaffney, Lee Ann Chesebro & Raine Boehlert	John Burdick	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Karen Brewer, Anita Fitzgerald, Carol Fobes & Joanne Joseph

Faith Formation

When we pray the "Our Father" this links us all as brothers and sisters. As we teach the Ten Commandments this concept makes it much easier to explain the laws in very basic terms of love and respect God, ourselves and others.

Grade 9 meets this Sunday, November 4, 6:30-8 PM
All grades 1-8 resume our normal schedule this week.

TGIF (Teens Gathered in Faith) Youth Group

Our teens will meet this Sunday, November 4, from 6:30-8 PM, in the school. All high school students in grades 9-12 are invited and welcome! This is a great opportunity for teens to be with peers who are all experiencing the same challenges in life. Recreation and refreshments are included - all for no cost!

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, November 11. Next session 11/25.

Veterans Day Service

St. Mary's Cemetery will once again hold a Veterans Day Service at 10 AM, November 10 in the Cemetery. Please join us as we honor our Veterans.



Bells of St. Mary's Christmas Fair

The Bells of St. Mary's Christmas Fair will be held next weekend, November 10/11. We need many "elves" to help with the following: be a baker, craft maker, wood makers or put together a "theme" basket for our Basket Raffles. We have many parishioners and we look forward to receiving many wonderful items to see at our Fair. Have you sent in your raffle tickets either to the Rectory or dropped them in the collection basket? If you did not put your raffle tickets in the collection basket this weekend, then please bring them to the Fair. Also, as always, we need many volunteers to help during the Fair. If YOU can help in any way, please call Evelyn at 853-2190. Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin for lots more information. We thank everyone for their help and PLEASE COME TO THE FAIR.



Fun Facts

The current church cost \$91,101.74 to complete. The church was built of red Medina sandstone and is one of the most beautiful and distinctive in the Diocese.

Good News!

November 4, 2012

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6 / Heb 7:23-28 / Mk 12:28b-34

At the staff meetings of a religious institution I once worked for, we took turns leading an opening prayer. Many of us prepared prayers with detailed language, noting the day's feast or particular intentions drawn from the day's headlines. However, the only prayer I remember was led by a laywoman who began by saying, "God, we love you." I don't remember the rest of the prayer, but I've never forgotten her basic but profound beginning: "God, we love you."

We do a lot of asking God for things, we probably do plenty of complaining to God, and we do a good amount of thanking God. But how much time do we spend *loving* God?

Jesus upholds the centrality of loving God in his answer to the scribe in today's Gospel. Instead of naming one of the 613 commandments of the Judaic Law as the "first," he quotes the central Jewish prayer, the *Shema*, and its injunction to love God with our whole being. This, for Jesus, is the most essential commandment.

When was the last time you prayed, "God, I love you"? Loving God is different than loving a person you can actually see, touch, and hear—yet it's so fundamental to the spiritual life. Maybe, like couples who've been married a long time, we just assume God knows we love him. "We've been together so long, we don't even need to say it anymore."

But even long-married couples renew their marriage vows and fall in love all over again. God is always reaching out in love to us, and Jesus challenges us today to recommit ourselves to God.

Can we continue to fall in love with God?

Janel Esker

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Area Events

11/8 (and all Thursdays), 10-6:30 PM - Building Stones Fair Trade Shoppe at Stone Presbyterian Church.

11/9-11 - Trinity Institute National Theological Conference at Martin Community Home, Lutheran Home - *Christian Life: Equipping Ourselves for Social Change*, 9th - 7-8:30 PM, 10th - 9-5 PM and 11th - 2:30-5 PM.

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