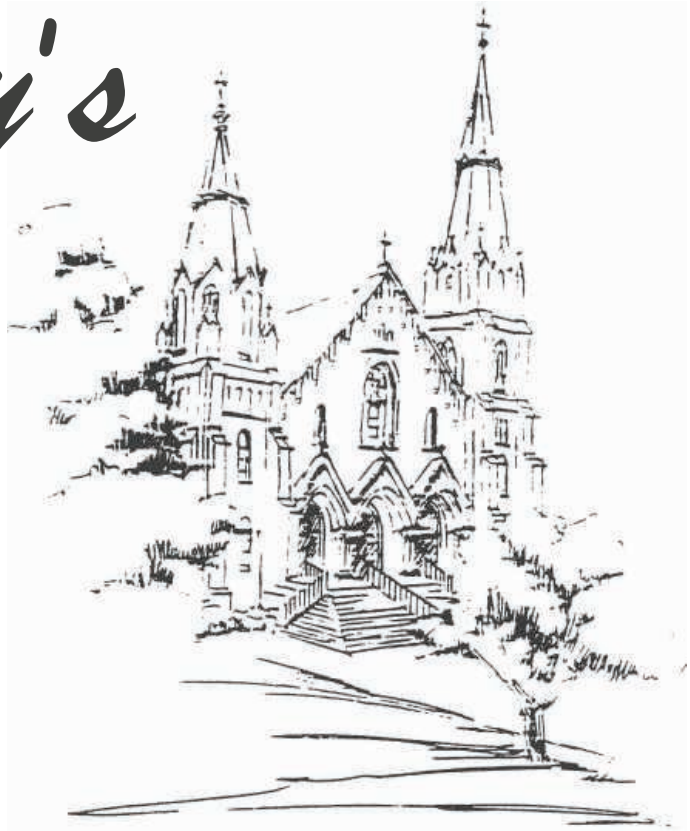


November 25, 2012

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, November 24 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Linda Knepka by M/M Jerome Mack, Sr.
Sunday, November 25 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 8:00 AM Michael Buckley by His Family
 10:30 AM Shirley Gibbons by Carl & Jean Jones Family
Wednesday, November 28
 7:00 AM Hugh McKeegan by Mike & Terry Howard
Thursday, November 29
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Friday, November 30 - St. Andrew
 7:00 AM Robert Caister by His Family
Saturday, December 1
 8:00 AM Joseph Yanchan, Jr. by Niki Ann Warren
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Rosemary Lewis by Helen Krupa
Sunday, December 2 - 1st Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM Anthony Veschusio by His Wife Angela
 10:30 AM Joseph Maxwell by Jacque & Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 12-1
 Sally Glouse & Sue King

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$6,309.00
 Faith Formation.....5.00
 School Assessment.....43.00
 Memorial Fund.....151.00
 Diocesan Collections.....938.00
 Christmas Flowers.....30.00
 Country Pantry.....1,110.00

A Family Perspective

When we are young, our parents “tell us about Jesus” and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate’s questions: “Are you the King?” Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

The Country Pantry

We had a wonderful response to recent community food drives. Our need is ongoing and we always have need of staples such as cereal, peanut butter, canned stew and chili. Thank you for your generosity. God bless!

Christmas Star Project

A reminder, if you took a Christmas Star from Mary’s Altar last weekend, the gift must be returned by Sunday, December 2. Any questions, please call Jeanne Roback at 737-7650.



HEAP and Food Stamp (SNAP) Clinic

Tuesday, November 27, the Country Pantry will be sponsoring a HEAP and Food Stamp signup at the Church of the Annunciation, Clark Mills. The clinic will be held from 9 to 1 PM. No appointment necessary, but specific documents are needed to apply. If you or anyone you know may have need of these services, please call Jeanne Roback at 737-7650 for information.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (12/1)	J.P. & Michael Wade		
5:15 PM (12/1)	J.P. Wade, Dominic & Joseph Pascucci	Jim Winkler	Host - Annette Foley & Colleen Kannainen Cup - Bob Scarlata, Ron Newman, Liz Tantillo & Ann Wilkinson
8:00 AM (12/2)	Jane Hughes, Georgia Zoller & Nathan Gale	Steve Clark	Host - Bob Burns & Evelyn Micciche Cup - Mike Howard, Carole Byrne, Tina & Joe Lallier
10:30 AM (12/2)	Ricky Heintz, Jesse & Jacob Dombrowski	Marylalice Hogan	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Michele Beach, Phyllis Moore, Peggy Schweitzer & Joanne Joseph

Faith Formation

Practice, practice, practice. In order to be good at anything - school work, sports, musical instruments - it takes practice. The same rule applies to life. To be ready to receive the gift God has promised, we can't wait to live the life He has asked us to live. We must start practicing today and every day to ensure His Kingdom comes.

42 young ones will be participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time Saturday, December 1, at 10:30 AM. Please keep them in your prayers as they experience God's loving embrace in this special way.

Regular classes resume Monday and Wednesday for Grades 1-8

9th Grade meets Sunday, December 2, 6:30-8 PM

TGIF (Teens Gathered in Faith) Youth Group

Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 2, 6:30-8 PM in the school. All high school students in grades 9-12 are invited and welcome! Recreation and refreshments are included - all for no cost. Please join us.

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 this Sunday. Next session 12/9.

Fun Facts

Our beautiful stained glass windows were made by the Tyrolese Art Glass Company in Innsbruck, Austria. In 1936, Miss Clara B. Moore, a loyal parishioner, completed a 31 page booklet that more than half of it concerns our windows.

Third Thursday Meeting November 29

All adults are invited to join us at noon in the church for a Communion Service followed by a bag lunch in the basement. Come join us for socializing, dessert and a beverage.

"Never Left Unaided"

A wonderful book written by Rev. Vincent Kelly about the history of St. Mary's Church is available at the Parish Office for \$20. Great Christmas idea!

Area Events

12/1, 8-1 PM - Kirkland Community Blo9odmobile at the Clinton VFW on Franklin Ave. For an appointment, call 853-6300 (Rudge44@aol.com)

12/7-9, rescheduled Trinity Institute's conference Radical Christianity with Sr. Joan Chittister & Fr. Richard Rohr at Clinton United Methodist Church

12/14, 9:30 - 4 pm - Bus trip to St. Marianne Cope Shrine, Syracuse. Leave from Holy Family Church, Vernon. For information, call Mary at 534-5699.

Good News!

**November 25, 2012
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Dn 7:13-14 / Rv 1:5-8 / Jn 18:33b-37

A few weeks ago, our country elected a president. Though at this writing I don't know the results, I'm certain that whether your candidate won or lost, you're relieved that the endless speeches, debates, and recorded phone calls are over. It's exhausting to hear people endlessly promote themselves, whether it's for student-council treasurer or leader of the free world. We all grow weary of the promises, the list of accomplishments, and the often-false humility.

In a timely contrast, today's readings invite us to reflect on Jesus' kingship. Jesus—the one in whom many candidates claim deep faith—is crowned our ultimate leader, our king, in heaven. Yet his kingly leadership is so different than that of our leaders. The Book of Revelation claims he is "the one who is and who was and who is to come." He's not in it only for four or eight years, after which he'll retire to a comfortable coastal bungalow. Jesus' kingship is everlasting—he'll never falter, fail, or retire.

Revelation also claims "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him." Unlike our presidential candidates, whose rhetoric divides the country, Jesus as king brings people together. And he certainly didn't know the basic rules of self-promotion—in today's Gospel, he refuses to claim the king title. Instead, he continually points to his Father and their intimate connection.

We're probably used to thinking of Jesus as our savior, our friend, our brother. But it's good to spend time this weekend pondering him as king. He's a profoundly different leader than any president, prime minister, or parliament.

And for this we can be deeply grateful.

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