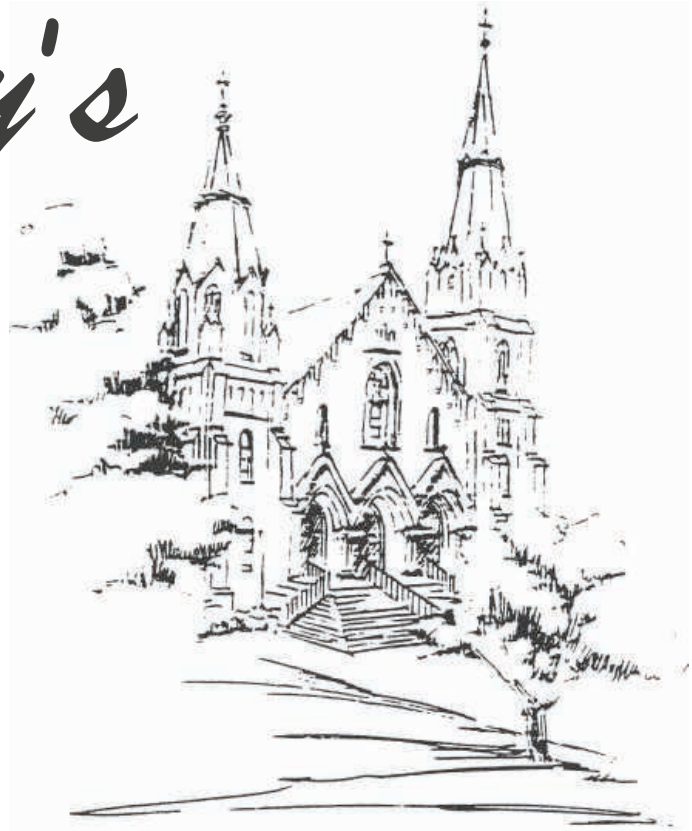


December 2, 2012

# St. Mary's Parish

**13 Marvin Street  
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## **Phone Numbers:**

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Sister Johanne McCarthy.....853-1849  
Cemetery Superintendent .....939-3058  
Music Director .....292-0368

## **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, December 1 - Vigil Mass**

5:15 PM 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 Jacquie & Family

**Wednesday, December 5**

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

**Thursday, December 6 - St. Nicholas**

7:00 AM Leo J. Crane, Jr. by June Scoones

**Friday, December 7 - St. Ambrose**

7:00 AM Meme by Grandson, Cam Engle

6:30 PM - Vigil Mass - Don Hamlin

by Carol & Bernie Burns

**Saturday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception**

8:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Eric Wiedmer (10th)

by His Family

**Sunday, December 9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Edward Kaido, Sr. by His Family

10:30 AM Linda Knepka by M/M Jerome Mack, Sr.

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 12-8**

Dee & Deb Gurdo

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,306.00
Faith Formation.....	152.00
School Assessment.....	11.00
Memorial Fund.....	80.00
Diocesan Collections.....	22.00
Holy Days.....	2.00
Fuel/Flowers.....	153.00
Thanksgiving/Country Pantry.....	808.00

**Second Collection Next Weekend**

The annual Cathedral collection, for the support of our Bishop, will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Many thanks for your generosity!

**A Family Perspective**

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

**Advent Begins**

Please help yourself to the Advent Meditation booklets which are available at the entrances of the Church. This year's edition is titled *New King for a New Kingdom*, by Fr. Robert Barron and contains daily reflections to help us prayerfully walk through this season of preparation.



**Holy Day - Immaculate Conception**

Saturday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be Friday, December 7, 6:30 PM and Saturday, December 8, 8 AM.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
6:30 PM (12/7)	J.P. Wade, Dominic & Joseph Pascucci	Sister Johanne	Host - Jim Winkler & Sue Kielar Cup - Sue King, Carole Byrne, Evelyn Micciche & Tim Lashinger
8:00 AM (12/8)	Hannah Slawson & Jane Hughes		
5:15 PM (12/8)	Connor, Tyler & Garrett Frank	Mary Lou Lauchert	Host - Karen Brewer & Jim Winkler Cup - Anne Debraggio, Barb Bohrer, Tim Lashinger & Marybeth King
8:00 AM (12/9)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & John Slawson	Anna Berney	Host - Pam Sprague & Ann Kearney Cup - Chris Kielar, Ed Kaido, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (12/9)	Samantha Gaffney, Lee Ann Chesebro & Raine Boehlert	John Burdick	Host - Maryalice Hogan & Carol Fobes Cup - Mary Stuttard, Anita Fitzgerald, Don & Jane Conniff

## Faith Formation

A virtue is something practiced until it becomes a good habit. Hope is a virtue. The first candle on the Advent wreath represents hope. As we light this candle it is a reminder that our hope comes from God.

42 young ones celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this new path on the faith journey.

Regular classes Monday and Wednesday  
for grades 1-8

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

## TGIF (Teens Gathered in Faith) Youth Group

We will be meeting this 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.

### Fun Facts

The three altars, the pulpit and the altar rail are made from imported Italian white Carara marble. Our oil paintings were imported from Europe by Benziger Brothers.

## Liturgy of the Word for Children

Your children, grades K-8, are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday, December 9. Next session 12-23.

## The Country Pantry

If you took a Christmas Star from Mary's altar, your gift is due today. If you were unable to return it by the deadline, please bring it in next weekend as we need to be certain all gifts have been accounted for before our **December 18th** distribution. Gifts not returned must be purchased by the Pantry.

We are also in need of volunteers to help carry Hannaford gift boxes up the Pantry stairs. There are six stairs and many of our clients find it difficult to negotiate the stairs. Because this month we will be giving Christmas gifts along with the regular food distribution and the Hannaford boxes, we need additional volunteers to help carry bags and boxes to the client's cars. Boxes are not heavy but bulky and the stairs are steep and narrow. We would appreciate any help you can give on **Tuesday, December 18**. We can use someone from 10-2 PM and 2-4 PM. Usually the morning hours are our busiest time. You may call Jeanne Roback at 737-7650 for further information.

We appreciate all that you do to make the holidays a little brighter for those who are in need. God bless the givers and receivers.

# Good News!

December 2, 2012

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

This may be the beginning of Christian Advent, but secular "Advent" began before Halloween, when stores hung Christmas decorations and encouraged us with irresistible deals. Secular Advent is bright, cheery, and vibrant, while Christian Advent is more serious and reflective—dark colors, quiet music, and some somber readings, including today's Gospel.

Today we hear more about the end time. The season of Advent isn't only about Jesus' coming at Christmas—it's also about his coming at the end of time. The descriptions of the end-time signs are dramatic and frightening. However, Jesus claims that at the exact time these terrifying things are happening, our redemption is near. The moment things look the worst is also the moment salvation and hope are closest.

That may seem hard to believe when you're living with terror or fear. But look at Mary, who found herself an unwed mother in a culture that sometimes executed such women. She must have felt terrified, but hope and redemption entered the world through her pregnancy and Jesus' birth.

When Jesus died on the cross, all hope seemed lost, but through his suffering came life for the world. God draws nearest when we experience moments of hopelessness and despair—it's in our brokenness that God brings salvation.

Secular Advent declares everything to be happy and joyful, but sadness, anxiety, and fear don't instantly disappear just because the holly and wreaths are out. Jesus reminds us to stay awake for God's healing actions *precisely* when we feel most hopeless or anxious.

God moves in unexpected ways and will be found where we least expect—in our most broken places.

Janel Esker

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## Area Events

12/7-9, rescheduled Trinity Institute's conference Radical Christianity with Sr. Joan Chittister & Fr. Richard Rohr in the Nolte Auditorium at LutheranCare.

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.

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