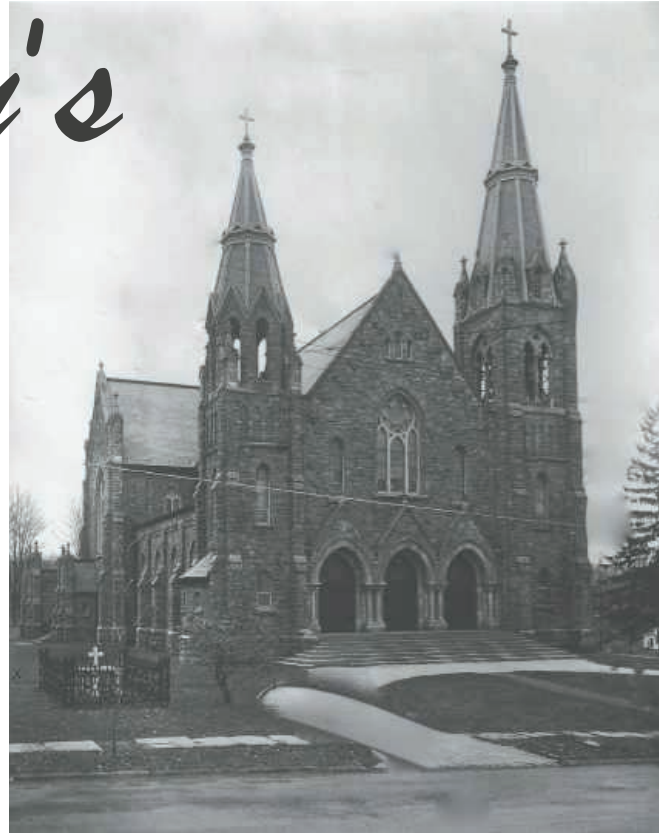


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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

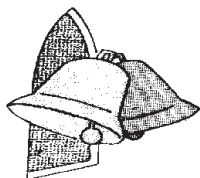
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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.



Collection for Last Weekend

No report due to an early bulletin deadline.

Saturday, December 29 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Ben & Mary Hillage by Their Family

Sunday, December 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM Bob Sheridan by His Family

10:30 AM Walter & Elizabeth Stefanek
by Cheryl Stefanik Schreppel

Monday, December 31 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Paul Kanniainen by His Wife Colleen

Tuesday, January 1 - Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

7:00 AM Edward C. Heintz by His Family

Thursday, January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions

Friday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 AM Hugh F. McKeegan by the Cosgrove Family

Saturday, January 5

8:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Jacob Mancine by Grammy
& Dziedcia Galinski

10:30 AM Clarence (Dobie) Gilleece by His Family

Mass Schedule for Holy Day

Masses for the Holy Day - Mary, the Holy Mother of God, will be New Year's Eve, December 31, 5:15 PM and New Year's Day, January 1, at 9:30 AM.



Christmas Thank You!!

Once again, I would like to say "THANKS" to all of you who made our Christmas celebration so wonderful. As usual, a special "thank you" is sent to Valerie and the Choir. The Lallier family for the manger set up and all of our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers who ministered at Masses. I would also like to thank all of you who sent cards, gifts and food to the Rectory. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

I hope and pray that all of you have a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Fr. Croghan

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 1-5

Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (12/31)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & J.P. Wade	Pearl Gapp	Host - Kate Chute & Sue Kielar Cup - Jim Winkler, Pearl Gapp, Ann Wilkinson & Evelyn Micciche
9:30 AM (1/1)	Connor, Tyler & Nick Frank	TBA	Host - TBA, TBA Cup - TBA, TBA, TBA, TBA
8:00 AM (1/5)	Adam Schneider & Ricky Heintz		
5:15 PM (1/5)	Cheyenne Eisenhut, Meradith Thayer & Will Eisenhut	TBA	Host - Sue Kine & Jim Winkler Cup - Bob Scarlata, Jan Slawson, <u>Anne Debraggio & Karen Brewer</u>
8:00 AM (1/6)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & John Slawson	Ron Roback	Host - Carole Byrne & Kate Chute Cup - Bob Burns, Pam Sprague, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (1/6)	Fritz, Betsy & Seamus Gale	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Anita Fitzgerald & Mary Stuttard Cup - Michele Beach, Peggy Schweitzer, Joanne Joseph & Maryalice Hogan

Faith Formation

As we think of resolutions for the coming new year, we should reflect on the following questions: In what ways do we need to "put on love"? How will you "be thankful"? How might your actions affect others around you?

May peace, health and happiness visit you in the new year!

Classes resume Monday, January 7, 2013.

TGIF

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 6, 6:30-8 PM. All high school students are invited and welcome!

The Country Pantry

May the New Year bring you and yours the promises of good health and happiness. May your hearts be filled with peace. Happy New Year!

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?"

2012 Tax Statement

For a statement of your 2012 donations for tax purposes, please put a note on your envelope, drop a note in the collection basket, or call the parish office at 853-2935, Monday - Friday, 10-3 PM. (parishoffice@stmarys-clinton.com)

Grief Support Group for Adult Parental Loss

Paul Butnoris will lead Our Adult Parental Loss Group offered to any adult who has lost a parent. It is designed to support and guide the participants through this difficult passage. The group meets once a week for six consecutive weeks beginning Saturday, January 5 through Saturday, February 9, 10-11:30 AM, in the Meditation Chapel located in the Martin Luther building of Lutheran Care.

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dear Padre

December 30, 2012

Did Jesus have siblings?

In Mark 6:3, someone says of Jesus, "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" I'm so confused. Why no mention of Joseph, and since when did Jesus have brothers and sisters?

Susan

Dear Susan,

In Mark 6:3, Jesus teaches in the synagogue at Nazareth. The astounded townspeople recall Jesus' origins and ask where he gained all this wisdom.

This is one of two times in Mark's Gospel where Jesus' mother is mentioned with no reference to Joseph. Because the people of Jesus' time would ordinarily identify a son in relation to his father, many Scripture scholars conclude that at this point, Joseph had died.

As for Jesus' "brothers" and "sisters," Mark 6:3 isn't the only place in the Bible that uses those terms. Others include Matthew 12:46 ("his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him") and John 2:12 ("He and... [his] brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum"). It was customary in Jesus' day to identify cousins as brothers and sisters; in a later chapter, Mark identifies James and Joses as having a different mother (15:40).

So Jesus had no brothers and sisters in the sense you're asking about. The Holy Family consisted only of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Fr. William Anderson
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