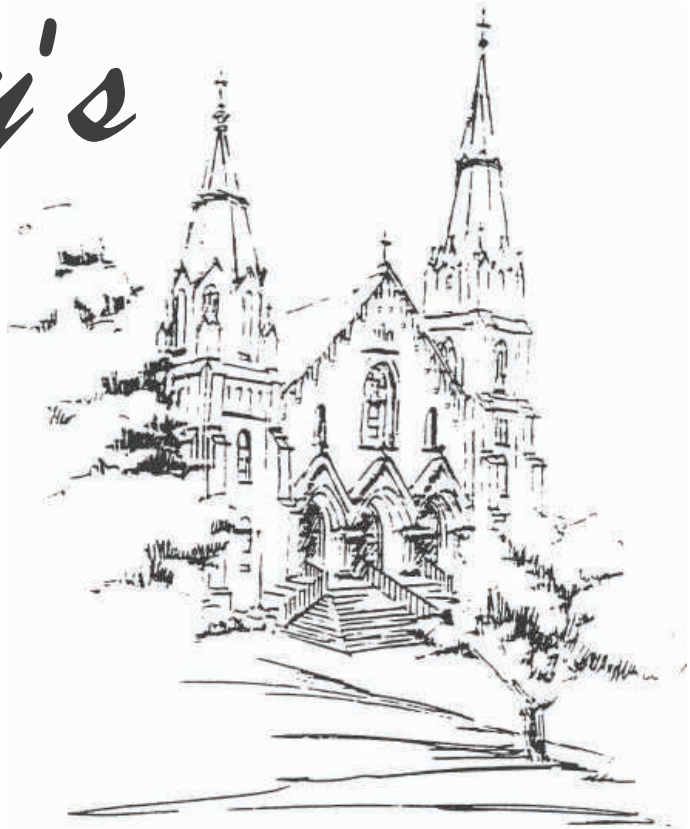


January 27, 2013

St. Mary's Parish

**13 Marvin Street
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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, January 26 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Linda Knepka by Cookie & Diane Cook
Sunday, January 27 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Edward C. Heintz (23rd) by His Family
 10:30 AM Robert A. Handley, Sr. by Dorothy Tallini
Wednesday, January 30
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, January 31 - St. John Bosco
 7:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions
Friday, February 1
 7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family
Saturday, February 2
 8:00 AM Eileen Barnett by Carol Foote
 5:15 PM - Arlene Lomanto (8th)
 by Fred Lomanto & Family
Sunday, February 3 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Margaret Buckley Schultz
 by the McHarris Family
 10:30 AM Theresa Battaglini by Sara Ziezenitz

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Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$5,624.00
 Faith Formation.....85.00
 School Assessment.....14.00
 Memorial Fund.....5.00
 Fuel.....138.00

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.

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.

The Country Pantry
 It's that time again - next Sunday, February 3rd all America will be celebrating Super Bowl Sunday. Here at St. Mary's we also celebrate our **SOUP'ER BOWL SUNDAY**. Some of us will be entertaining at home or attending parties, but for 170 families here in the Clinton-Clark Mills-Westmoreland area it will be a struggle to put a nourishing meal on the table. You can help these families by contributing cans of **chunky** or **ready to eat soups** to our pantry. There will be special boxes along the altar rail and in the back of church next Sunday in which you may leave your canned goods. Monetary donations are also accepted. You may place your cash or check in an envelope marked Country Pantry and place it in the collection.
 Help us celebrate our MM-MM good **SOUP'ER BOWL** here at St. Mary's where our families are the winners. Thank you for caring and sharing. God bless!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (2/2)			
5:15 PM (2/2)	Lee Ann Chesebro, Dominic & Joseph Pascucci	Pearl Gapp	Host - Bob Scarlata & Beth May Cup - Jim Winkler, Steve May, Mary Paul & Jan Slawson
8:00 AM (2/3)	Georgia Zoller, Jane Hughes & Kendell Arndt	Steve Clark	Host - Ed Kaido & Carole Byrne Cup - Pam Sprague, Kate Chute, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (2/3)	Rick Heint, Jacob & Jesse Dombrowski	John Burdick	Host - Joanne Joseph & Mary Stuttard Cup - Peggy Schweitzer, Maryalice Hogan, Don & Jane Conniff

Faith Formation

It is very true to say that God accepts us completely as we are. It is also very true that God invites us to grow. As we grow and change, we take on more responsibility for ourselves and we can do more for others. God helps us with this by giving us the Scriptures, the Eucharist, our parents, families, teachers and friends. How is God asking you to grow and change?

Classes resume to normal schedule this week.
9th Grade will meet this Sunday, January 27.

TGIF (Teens Gathered in Faith) Youth Group

Our teens continue to gather in faith for small group discussion, refreshments and recreation. As we begin to make plans for the Lenten season, we would like to extend a heartfelt invitation for all curious high school students to come see what we are about. Our next meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, January 27, 6:30-8 PM, in the school gym.

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.

Compassionate Friends of Mohawk Valley

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Mohawk Valley is a chartered chapter of The Compassionate Friends/USA, a national non-profit; self-help organization dedicated to helping families grieve the death of a child of any age and of any cause. For more information, contact Dave Roberts (315)269-0524 (TCF Mohawk Valley@groups.facebook.com).

History of St. Mary's Parish Church

Additional copies of "The History of St. Mary's Parish Church, Clinton, New York 1913-2013" are available in the pamphlet rack at the front entrance of the church.

We thank John Burdick for compiling this booklet, and several donors who supplied pictures and information for this 100th anniversary edition of our History. Nice job!

St. Mary's Mighty Minute - Three Hail Mary's

A tradition at St. Mary's which began in November 1974, is to pray three Hail Mary's following the closing hymn. They can be for any intention you may have - or - traditionally, for yourself, everyone in the parish and the next person to meet the Blessed Lord face to face in their death.



Good News!

January 27, 2013

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

What if today's Gospel scene played out in your church this weekend? A man—someone you've never seen lector—steps to the ambo and reads from the Old Testament. He's a compelling speaker—you feel like you've never heard this passage before, even though it's certainly been read hundreds of times. He seems to give it new voice. And then, after finishing the proclamation, the man declares that he is the fulfillment of what was just read. The reading he proclaimed was about him.

It's Jesus, right in front of you—but would you recognize him? Would you have heard that reading anew, or were you thinking about where to go for Sunday brunch, or wondering how long the priest's homily would be, or worrying about the coming work week? Would you have missed Jesus present in the proclamation of the Word?

Today's first reading from Nehemiah describes a similarly rapt audience—engaged and focused as they listen to the proclamation of God's Word. They praise and thank God for the powerful words that leave many of them in tears. Does this scene resemble our weekly gatherings and our experience of God's Word? I'm not so sure.

It's far too easy to take the Word of God for granted. We've grown up with the Scriptures, we hear them every week at Mass—we might even have a Bible somewhere. But do we truly make God's Word a meaningful part of our lives?

How attentive are we to the proclamation at Mass? Do we take time during the week to read a passage or two on our own? Jesus is the Word of God made flesh—and he tells us today that he came to bring glad tidings, freedom, and Good News.

Are we listening?

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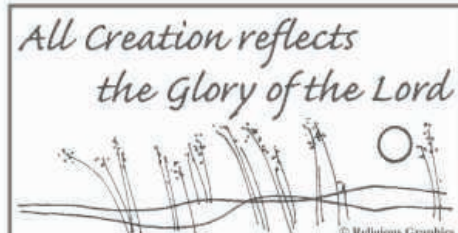
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