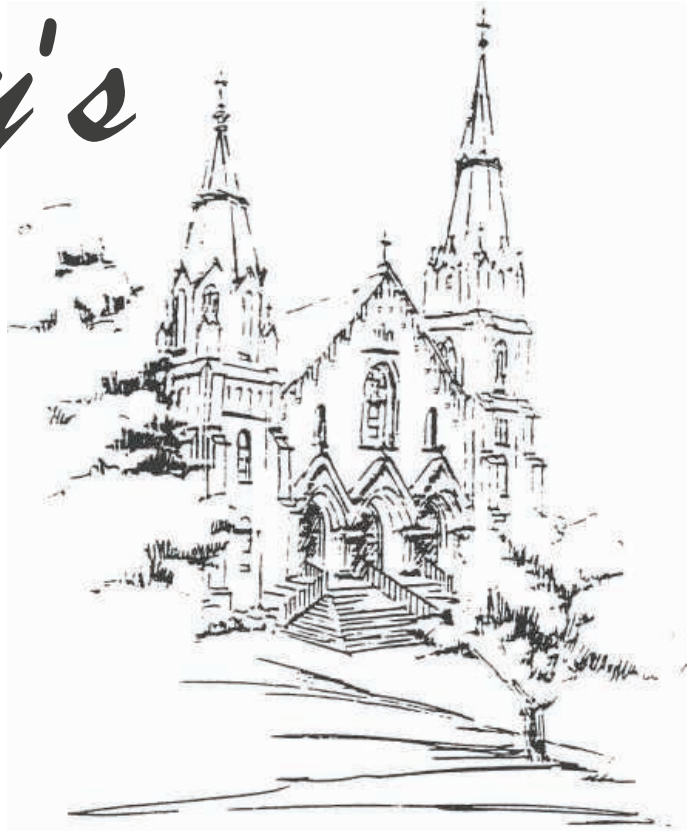


February 17, 2013

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

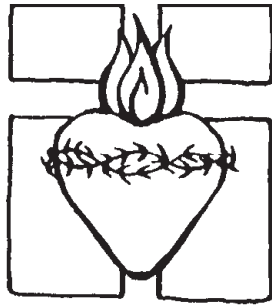
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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, February 16 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Eric Bolan by His Family

Sunday, February 17 - 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Anne Gale by Bill & Helen Owens

10:30 AM Albert Griffin (3rd) by His Family

Wednesday, February 20

7:00 AM William D. Palmer, Jr. by Burt Hool, Jr.

Thursday, February 21 - St. Peter Damian

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, February 22 - St. Peter the Apostle

7:00 AM Richard & Doris Handley by Robert Handley

Saturday, February 23

8:00 AM Meme by Grandson Cam Engle

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass Elizabeth & Walter Stefanik
by Their Family

Sunday, February 24 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

10:30 AM H. Blake Burdick by His Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 2-23

Joyce & Denny Bojdak

Collection for Last Weekend

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Ordinary Collection..... | \$5,428.50 |
| Faith Formation..... | 35.00 |
| School Assessment..... | 28.00 |
| Memorial Fund..... | 118.00 |
| Diocesan Collections..... | 10.00 |

Second Collection

The annual collection for Black and Native American Missions will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity!

The Country Pantry

The Pantry has been fortunate in being able to obtain cases of assorted frozen meats, either free or at very low cost, from the Food Bank of Central New York. This enables us to provide each family one or two packages of meat along with their regular monthly food supplement. Some of these items are USDA which means they are free to us. However, in order to be eligible for the free items, we must also buy other canned foods from the Food Bank at the same time. Your monetary donations help us to purchase these products for our families. If you wish to contribute, your check may be made payable to St. Mary's Church and placed in an envelope marked for the Country Pantry, then placed in the regular collection. We thank you for your support of the Pantry. There are many members of our community who are struggling to provide their families with adequate nourishing food and your support helps us to accomplish this. God bless you for caring and sharing.

| Liturgical Ministers | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Time | Altar Servers | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 8:00 AM (2/23) | NO SERVERS | | |
| 5:15 PM (2/23) | Nate Gale, Kendell & Taylor Arndt | Joyce Bojdak | Host - Mary Lou Lauchert & Beth May Cup - Colleen Kanninen, Steve May, Ron Newman & Sue Kielar |
| 8:00 AM (2/24) | Georgia Zoller, Jane Hughes & Joseph Pascucci | Steve Clark | Host - Chris Kielar & Pam Sprague Cup - Bob Burns, Evelyn Micciche, Fran & Gwen Lallier |
| 10:30 AM (2/24) | J.P. Wade, Jacob & Jesse Dombrowski | Maryalice Hogan | Host - Mary Stuttard & Michele Beach Cup - Maryalice Hogan, Joanne Joseph, Don & Jane Conniff |

Faith Formation

Just as Moses wanted the people to express their faith, Paul calls on the Christians of Rome to "confess with their lips that Jesus is Lord." He reminds them and us that we must truly believe that Jesus rose from the dead if we hope to be saved. Through Jesus, God's great mercy embraces us and makes us "justified" or right with God.

No classes this week due to the February school break. 9th Grade will meet next Sunday, February 24th

TGIF-Next Sunday, February 24th

Reminder that our group now gathers at 5:30 PM for an hour of recreation, with discussion following. Light supper will be provided. All high school students are invited to join us.

Third Thursday Group

The Third Thursday Group will meet this Thursday, February 21. We gather in church at 12:15 PM for a Communion Service. Bring a bag lunch and come downstairs after the service for socializing. Dessert and beverage provided. New adults are always welcome.

The Faithful Revolution: Vatican II

This Tuesday evening we begin our Lenten Series with the first video entitled "Genius of the Heart". It will deal with the themes of change and tradition, the world of the '60's, and the changes in the church.

We will begin at 6:30 PM in the classroom wing of St. Mary's School. Each session starts with a meal of hearty soup, bread, coffee, tea & dessert. While eating, a DVD presentation on the documents of Vatican II will be presented. Discussion will follow.

We look forward to having you join us. Our next session will be Tuesday, February 26.

Hearts and Hands Meeting

There will be a meeting of St. Mary's Hearts and Hands this Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 PM, in the school. We will continue to discuss social events for the parish. Please join us and bring a friend and share your ideas. We hope to see you there!

A Family Perspective

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in to the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life into which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps, there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships calling for your attention? Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with the guidance of the Spirit. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful..."

dear Padre

February 17, 2013

Are Lenten Sundays part of Lent?

If the six Sundays of Lent are mini-Easters and thus excluded from the forty-six days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, on those Sundays are we excused from the fast or penance we chose for Lent? Also, I thought we weren't supposed to have celebrations, including dances and weddings, during Lent. Has that changed?

Minus the Sundays, Lent is exactly forty days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. That number is precious because Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days.

During Lent we're urged to three holy matters—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday oblige us to fast *and* abstain from eating meat; the other Fridays of Lent oblige us only to abstain from eating meat (no fasting).

You're correct about Sundays: We're free to give ourselves a break from the penance or sacrifice we're making for Lent. Freedom and spontaneity are an important feature of Christian living.

Weddings aren't forbidden during Lent, but I share your unease about dances during Lent, especially as parish events. Lent is the penitential season of the Church year, a season of prayer and reflection. True religion should form people to a sense of seasons and hours—of when to celebrate and when to tone things down for reflection and penance.

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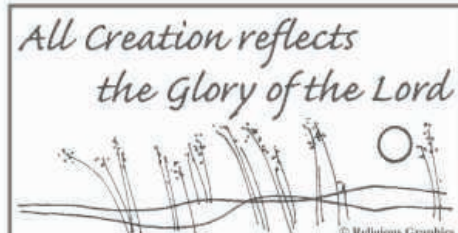
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