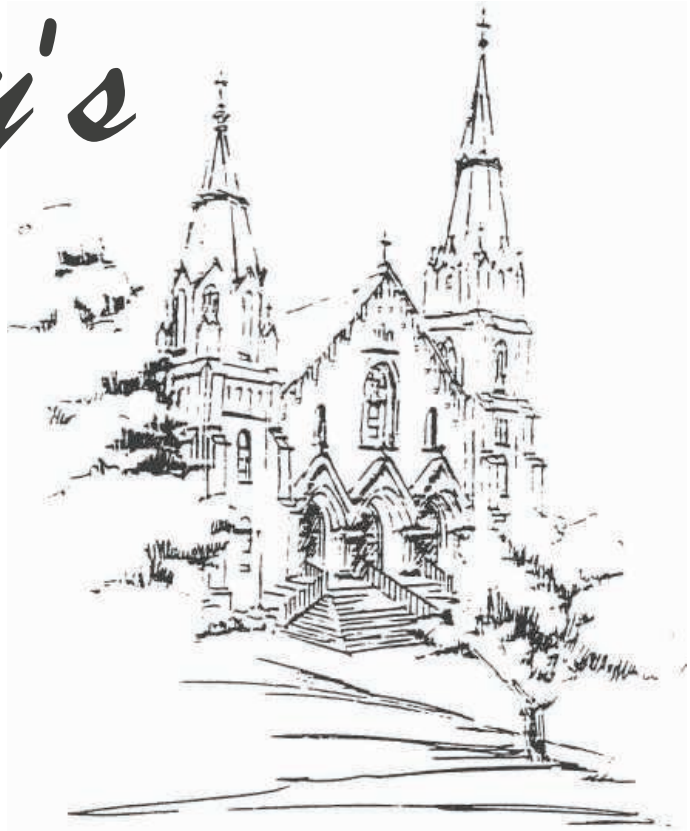


March 3, 2013

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, March 2 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Tom Moffitt by Pat Balon

Sunday, March 3 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Anne Gale by Dr. John & April Costello

10:30 AM Daniel Barrett by Don & Carla Barrett

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Thursday, March 7 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

7:00 AM Dave Richards by Cathy & Phil Fragale

Friday, March 8 - St. John of God

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

Saturday, March 9

8:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass O'B O'Brien by Rita Wolber

Sunday, March 10 - 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM M/M Fred Scerbo by Angela Veschusio

10:30 AM Tom Moffitt by Carl & Jean Jones

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED,
HOSPITALIZED, SICK & SHUT-INS
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Stations of the Cross

Please join us for Stations of the Cross Friday evenings of Lent at 7 PM.

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 3-9

Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,126.00
Faith Formation.....	253.00
School Assessment.....	54.00
Memorial Fund.....	25.00
Diocesan Collections.....	20.00

Second Collection Next Weekend

The annual collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Thank you for your support of this very necessary fund!

The Faithful Revolution: Vatican II

This Tuesday evening we continue with the third video titled "Human Dignity". Major Themes: Human Rights, Religious Freedom, Father Luis Olivares, The Sanctuary Movement, The Church in Latin America, Identification with the Poor, The Church in Poland, The Solidarity Movement, The Collapse of Communism, Pope John Paul II, The Church Universal, The Church in Africa, Making the Liturgy Come Alive, Interreligious Dialogue, Christian/Jewish Relations, and The Holocaust.

We will begin at 6:30 PM in the classroom wing of St. Mary's School. Each session starts with a meal of soup, bread, coffee, tea & dessert. Discussion will follow.

We look forward to having you join us!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (3/9)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (3/9)	J.P. Wade, Dominic & Joseph Pascucci	Mike Debraggio	Host - Jan Slawson & Barb Bohrer Cup - Pearl Gapp, Elizabeth Tantillo, Ron Newman & Mary Lou Lauchert
8:00 AM (3/10)	Georgia Zoller, Jane Hughes & Kendell Arndt	Anna Berney	Host - Pam Sprague & Evelyn Micciche Cup - Chris Kielar, Bob Burns, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (3/10)	Adam Schneider, Daniel & Nick Frank	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Carol Fobes & Phyllis Moore Cup - Maryalice Hogan, Michele Beach, Mary Stuttard & Joanne Joseph

Faith Formation

St. Paul reminds us that, wonderful as it is to belong to a community of faith, just "going along" and doing what the community does is not enough. Each of us must believe and act from the heart. Ask yourself: are my actions from the heart? Or do I act for other reasons - to please others, to be rewarded, to be noticed? What do you think would help you to act more often "from the heart"?

We are once again helping the Country Pantry stock their shelves during Lent; this year we are doing a canned fruit drive. The fruit of the week is peaches.

Normal class schedule for grades 1-8
9th Grade meets next Sunday, March 10th.

TGIF - Next Sunday, March 10th

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.

A Family Perspective

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families, there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the patient gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

The Country Pantry

This month the Pantry needs the following canned items: tuna fish, chili, beef stew and beans (all types). As always, we need large brown grocery bags and plastic grocery bags. We appreciate your contributions of any of these items. God bless!

Baptized in Christ

We welcome the following to our Catholic Faith:
Daniel Joseph Bialek, son of Ben & Tammy and Hadley Elizabeth LaCelle, daughter of Philip & Rachel.

Area Events

3/8, (and Fridays thru March 22), 4-6:30 PM - Haddock Dinner at Holy Family Church, Vernon
3/16, 8-1 PM - Kirkland Community Bloodmobile at the Clinton United Methodist Church. For a reservation, call Jean Wainright (853-2265, www.redcrossblood.org)
Walk-ins needed also.

Good News!

March 3, 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9

When our daughter was born, my husband and I bought a tree at an end-of-season sale to plant in her honor. It sat all winter looking quite dead. As warmer temperatures arrived in the spring, I anxiously watched for signs of budding, quite aware of the one-year guarantee on my sales receipt—if the tree didn't blossom within the first year, I could uproot it and return it for a full refund.

I'm not sure how I'd have responded if a gardener had begged me to keep the tree past the deadline. I'd lose my chance at a refund, and what would be the likelihood of the tree really "coming back to life" if it hadn't done anything within the first year? It would take a lot of trust in the gardener and in the tree's potential to give it another chance.

In today's Gospel, God is both owner and gardener. There comes a time for God's judgment on us, but God is also the one who continually offers graced opportunities to repent and change our behaviors. We also hear Jesus speak of the untimely deaths of innocent people in his community.

These stories remind us that our lives are fragile and we don't know when our time on earth will end. God expects us to always be prepared to meet him and his judgment.

Are we taking advantage of this Lent as a grace-filled opportunity to root out sin and prune our lives of unfruitful tendencies?

God expects much, and God graces us with much—it's up to us to do the growing.

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