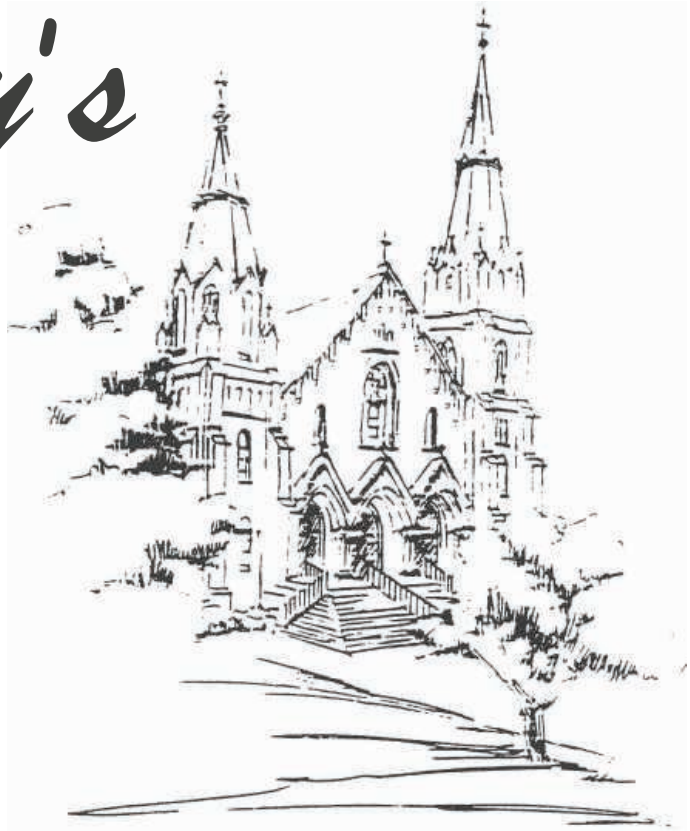


March 10, 2013

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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 9 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM O'B O'Brien by Ritz 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
Wednesday, March 13
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, March 14
 7:00 AM Betty Jane Handley & Benjamin
 Theodore Byland by Robert Handley
Friday, March 15
 7:00 AM Bob Cole (9th) by His Wife & Family
Saturday, March 16
 8:00 AM Leo J. Crane, Jr. by Jan Crane & Family
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - J. Irene Caister (2nd)
 by Her Family
Sunday, March 17 - 5th Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM Katie Cobb by Grotevant & Beard Families
 10:30 AM Joseph Yanchan, Jr. by His Wife & Family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED,
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Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 3-16
 Jan Rishel & Deb Prody

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$6,356.00
 Faith Formation.....5.00
 School Assessment.....6.00
 Memorial Fund.....266.00
 Diocesan Collections.....15.00
 Country Pantry.....40.00
 Easter.....87.00

Second Collection This Weekend

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

A Family Perspective

We may feel ashamed like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?

Stations of the Cross

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

The Faithful Revolution: Vatican II
 This Tuesday evening we continue with the fourth video titled "A World Transformed". 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 (3/16)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (3/16)	Fritz, Seamus & Betsy Gale	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Sue Kielar & Annette Foley Cup - Alex D'Acunto, Mary Paul, Karen Brewer & Barb Blatz
8:00 AM (3/17)	Gerrett, Tyler & Connor Frank	Pam Sprague	Host - Carole Byrne & Mike Howard Cup - Ed Kaido, Kate Chute, Tina & Joe Lallier
10:30 AM (3/17)	Raine Boehlert, Samantha Gaffney & Kate Sullivan	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Mary Stuttard & Michele Beach Cup - Maryalice Hogan, Anita Fitzgerald, Don & Jane Conniff

Faith Formation

Reconciliation is a key theme of this Lent. Here is a very simple prayer we can all use:

Jesus, during this Lenten season, help me to ask for forgiveness. Help me to forgive generously as God does. Help me to celebrate that I am God's child. I do not have to compare myself with others. My needs are being met as God Knows best, Amen.

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 pears.

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

TGIF - This 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, especially our 9th graders, are invited to join us.

The Country Pantry

This year, instead of Easter baskets, the Country Pantry will be collecting egg dyeing kits and bags or a box of Easter candy, including sugar-free candies, for each family. The Pantry will provide the eggs for the kids to color. If you notice on Mary's altar today we have butterflies and eggs. Each figure has the needed item written on the front. If you take a butterfly or egg, please return the requested item to church by **Sunday, March 24th**. If all the symbols have been taken and you wish to contribute, you may bring a box of candy or a bag of jelly beans or other Easter candies. We will have a basket at the altar to place your candy or egg dyeing kits in, beginning next Sunday. Thank you for helping us provide our families with some Easter treats. God bless the givers and receivers.

Penance Services

Our Parish Penance Service this year will be in conjunction with St. John's, New Hartford, and Church of the Annunciation, Clark Mills **here at St. Mary's** on Monday, March 18, at 6:30 PM. I hope you can join us to celebrate God's forgiveness.

Another area Penance Service will be held at St. Bernard's, Waterville, on March 24, at 4 PM.

Area Events

3/15 & 22, 4-6:30 PM - Haddock Dinner at Holy Family Church.

3/16, 8-1 PM - Kirkland Community Bloodmobile at the Clinton United Methodist Church. For appointment, call Jean at 853-2265. Walk-ins always welcome!

3/19, 5:30 PM - Public celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph - St. Joseph's Church, 702 Columbia St., Utica.

dear Padre

March 10, 2013

What is a spiritual director?

A Catholic friend of mine raves about her spiritual director. That sounds very New Agey to me, not like something a traditional Catholic would do. Should every Catholic have one?

A spiritual director helps us live according to the grace of God, in the light and strength of the Holy Spirit.

The idea is hardly New Age. Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582) considered it important to have one, but Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (1873–1897) didn't think it necessary, saying Jesus was enough guidance for her.

Spiritual directors aren't just for laypeople. Many priests and religious—and even spiritual directors—have them.

At times of confusion and crisis, having a spiritual director is a blessing. The sacrament of reconciliation can include spiritual direction. But a spiritual director needn't be a priest. And because you meet regularly and get to know each other, your spiritual director is in a better position than your pastor might be to suggest ways to help you discern where God is at work in your life and to help you figure out where God is calling you to grow.

As to whether every Catholic should have a spiritual director, that's a matter of individual preference. If you decide you want to try one, ask your pastor to recommend someone.

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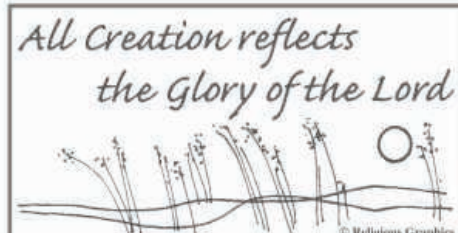
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