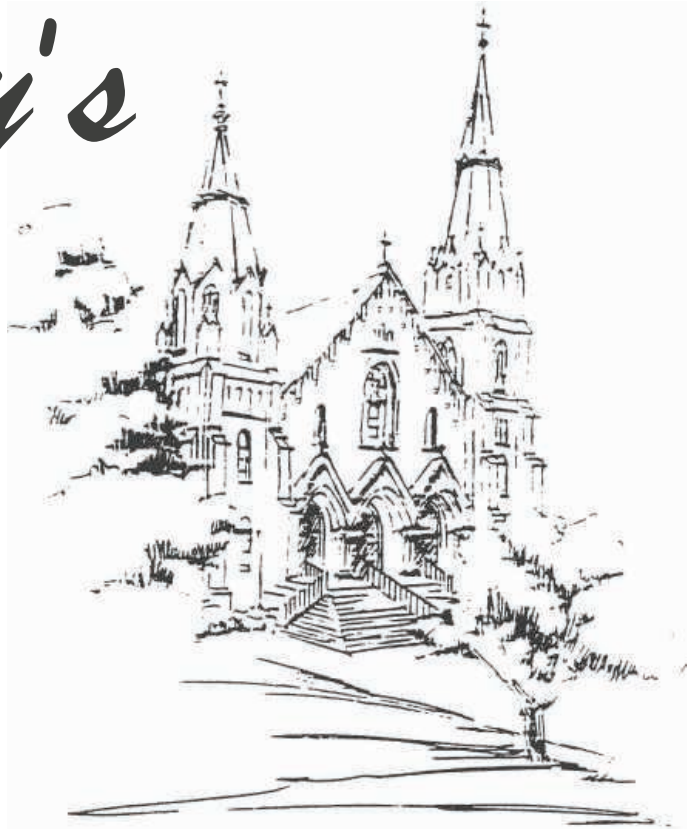


March 17, 2013

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, March 16 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM 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
Wednesday, March 20
 7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family
Thursday, March 21
 7:00 AM Anne Gale by Rosalind Berkowitz
Friday, March 22
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Saturday, March 23
 8:00 AM Catherine Croghan by Her Family
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass Eric Wiedmer by His Family
Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday
 8:00 AM Edward Buckley by Evie, Brooke & Lisa
 10:30 AM Varghose Pynadath by Judy & Ed Bentley

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED,
 HOSPITALIZED, SICK & SHUT-INS
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The Faithful Revolution: Vatican II

This Tuesday evening we continue with the final video titled "The Dynamics of Hope". 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!

Collection for Last Weekend

Collection for Last Weekend.....\$6,236.00
 Easter.....65.00
 Faith Formation.....5.00
 School Assessment.....48.00
 Memorial Fund.....610.00
 Diocesan Collections.....818.00

Rice Bowls

Rice Bowls may be returned to the containers at each end of the communion rail. Your contributions will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services. Thanks once again for your generosity!

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.

Stations of the Cross

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

On Good Friday, March 29, at 7 PM, students from Notre Dame High School will be with us to present the Living Stations of the Cross. At this service, students "pose" each of the stations while a reflective passage is read. This is a very powerful way of praying the Stations that the whole family might enjoy. Please join us.

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 3-23

Sally Glouse & Sue King

Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (3/23)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (3/23)	Madison Steates, Melina Korfonta & Taylor Arndt	Pearl Gapp & Jim Winkler	Host - Barb Bohrer & Sue King Cup - Anne Debraggio, Ann Wilkinson, Steve & Beth May
8:00 AM (3/24)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Dominic Pascucci	Steve Clark & Bob Burns	Host - Fran & Gwen Lallier Cup - Bob Burns, Carole Byrne, Pam Sprague & Evelyn Micciche
10:30 AM (3/24)	Abby Hyde, LeeAnn Chesebro & J.P. Wade	John Burdick & Maryalice Hogan	Host - Jane & Don Conniff Cup - Joanne Joseph, Peggy Schweitzer, Carol Fobes & Maryalice Hogan

Faith Formation

Our faith is based on a future hope. Sometimes the world around us ridicules this idea by emphasizing instant gratification and self importance. Let us be aware of God's Kingdom on earth as we recognize His love and presence in our life and affirm that we do have reason for hope.

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 fruit cocktail.

THINKING AHEAD - I am sad to be losing a few excellent teachers next year. If you have thought about volunteering your talent in this way, you are welcome to observe a class in the next few weeks. Just give me a call and we can make the arrangements (MaryLou - 853-7631).

9th Grade meets next Sunday, March 24th.

TGIF

TGIF will meet next Sunday, March 24th.

Third Thursday Group

The Third Thursday Group will meet this Thursday, March 21. We gather in church at 12:15 PM for a Communion Service. Following the service, come to the church basement with your bag lunch for socializing. Beverage and dessert provided.

New members, both male and female, are always welcome!

Lenten Reflection Booklets

Additional copies of this year's Lenten booklet, "Wisdom in the Waiting" by Father Joseph Sica may be obtained by contacting the publisher, Twenty-Third Publication at www.23rdpublications.com or calling 800-321-0411.

The Country Pantry

If you took an Easter egg or butterfly from Mary's Altar last weekend, those items are due back by next Sunday, March 24, for distribution on the following Tuesday. We have many diabetics, especially among our elderly clients, thus our need for sugar-free candy. If you didn't get an egg, you may donate a bag or box of regular or sugar-free candy. There are containers in the front of the altar to receive your gifts. Thank you for your support of our Easter project. May God's blessings be on us all.

Area Events

3/19, 5:30 PM - Public celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph - St. Joseph's Church, 702 Columbia St., Utica. Bring a canned offering for West Side Kitchen.
3/22, 4-6:30 PM - Haddock Dinner at Holy Family Church.

dear Padre

March 17, 2013

What is a Saint Joseph's Day Altar?

My friend's parish is having a Saint Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the Altar to Saint Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested, and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need.

Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of Saint Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage.

Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

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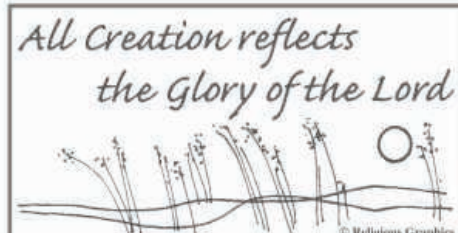
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