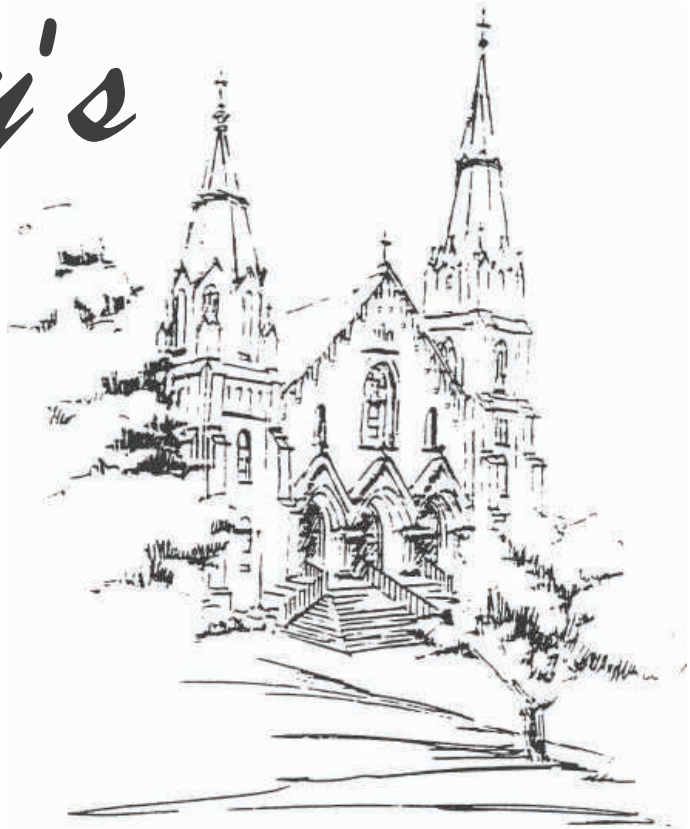


March 24, 2013

# St. Mary's Parish

**13 Marvin Street  
Clinton, New York 13323**



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*Rev. John P. Croghan* – Pastor  
*Sister Johanne McCarthy, CSJ* – Parish Associate  
*Carol Marshall* – Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper  
*Mary Lou Lauchert* –  
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*Susan Cambridge* – Preschool Director  
*Chris Ellis* –  
    Superintendent of St. Mary's Cemetery  
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## Phone Numbers:

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Parish Center .....853-6196  
Sister Johanne McCarthy.....853-1849  
Cemetery Superintendent .....939-3058  
Music Director .....292-0368

## 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 23 - Vigil Mass**

5:15 PM Eric Wiedmer by His Family

**Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:00 AM Edward Buckley by Evie, Brooke & Lisa

10:30 AM Varghese Pynadath by Judy & Ed Bentley

**Wednesday, March 27**

7:00 AM Jane Ellen Hogan by Susan Hogan

**Thursday, March 28 - Holy Thursday**

7:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**Friday, March 29 - Good Friday**

2:00 PM Passion of the Lord & Veneration of the Cross & Communion

**Saturday, March 30 Vigil Mass**

8:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00 AM John J. Croghan by His Family

10:30 AM Joseph Yanchan, Jr. by His Wife & Family

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 3-30**

Dee & Deb Gurdo

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection.....	\$4,782.00
Faith Formation.....	10.00
School Assessment.....	53.00
Memorial Fund.....	343.00
Diocesan Collections.....	42.45
Easter.....	135.00
Flowers.....	243.00

**Good Friday Collection**

The annual Holy Land collection will be taken up on Good Friday. Thank you for your generosity!

**Holy Week Schedule**

Holy Thursday, March 28, 7 PM -  
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 29, 2 PM -  
The Passion of the Lord,  
Veneration of the Cross & Communion

Living Stations of the Cross, 7 PM

Holy Saturday, March 30  
Easter Vigil Mass **8:00 PM**

Easter Sunday, March 31  
Easter Masses 8 & 10:30 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Confession Times at St. Mary's  
Monday, March 25, 5:30 - 7 PM  
Saturday, March 30, 10-11 AM  
(no afternoon confession on March 30)

<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
7:00 PM (3/28)	LeeAnn Chesebro, Abby Hyde & Cheyanne Eisenhut	Mary Lou Lauchert	Host - Annette Foley & Sue King Cup - Marybeth King, Bob Scarlata, Mary Lou Lauchert & Pearl Gapp
2:00 PM (3/29)	NO SERVERS NEEDED	Sister Johanne & Maryalice Hogan	Host - Sister Johanne & Maryalice Hogan Cup - Jeanne Roback & Sue Kielar
8:00 PM (3/30)	Georgia Zoller, Jane Hughes & Will Eisenhut	Jim Winkler & Sister Johanne	Host - Ron Newman & Tim Lashinger Cup - Sue Kielar, Jim Winkler, Bob McQueen & Jan Slawson
8:00 AM (3/31)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & John Slawson	Dave Welchons	Host - Chris Kielar & Ed Kaido Cup - Jeanne Roback, Mike Howard, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (3/31)	Ricky Heintz, Jacob & Jesse Dombrowski	John Burdick	Host - Anita Fitzgerald & Michele Beach Cup - Carol Fobes, Joanne Joseph, Don & Jane Conniff

**Faith Formation**

Jesus prayed always. Because of this it was a natural thing for him to do at the time of his death. A criminal and soldier, strangers to Jesus, witnessed the power of his relationship with God the Father in such a way that it instantly changed their lives. God is eager to have the same kind of relationship with us that was given in Jesus' example.

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 applesauce.

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!

9<sup>th</sup> Grade meets this Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

**TGIF- This Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**

**The Country Pantry**

Thank you for your generous response to our Easter candy appeal. We will be distributing the candy and the egg coloring kits on Tuesday along with our regular monthly food distribution. Our families appreciate your thoughtfulness in helping to bring a little sunshine into their lives. God bless!

**Thank You!**

Many thanks to St. Mary's Hearts and Hands for hosting this years Lenten Series. Thank you also to those who attended and participated in the discussions. A special thanks to our wonderful cooks who made the homemade soups, breads and desserts.

**A Family Perspective**

Today, Jesus tells us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today, you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

**Lutheran Care's Helping Hands**

Do you know someone who could use a Helping Hand? Lutheran Care Helping Hands Companions can come to your home to help with housekeeping, laundry and cooking, while offering companionship. We provide transportation and run errands. For those caring for a loved one, we offer the respite you need. Serving individuals in Oneida and Herkimer counties, 24/7 with insured, bonded, and compassionate staff. For more information call Kathy Leslie at (315)235-7196.

**Good News!**

**March 24, 2013**

**Palm Sunday (C)**

Lk 19:28-40 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Being empty is rarely considered a good quality. People who see a glass as half-empty are labeled pessimists. No one gets excited about an empty bank account. And an empty cookie jar is a veritable tragedy. Our culture values fullness—full of friends, full of money, full of food.

Empty just isn't something we strive to be. Yet in today's reading, *empty* is a key word used by Saint Paul to describe Jesus. Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance." The Greek word in this text for *emptying* is *kenosis*.

We continue to see this kenotic Savior in the Palm Sunday Gospels—first as Mass begins and then in the reading of the Passion. Jesus moves from being lauded as a king during his entry into Jerusalem to pouring himself out on the cross just a few days later. He is left without anything to cling to, any fullness to claim—he's empty, which isn't someone or something we'd normally value. But of course, it's in his emptiness that God can do the work of resurrection and new life.

During this upcoming Holy Week, we might be busy about many things—preparing for family visits, shopping for the Easter ham, picking out the perfect Easter dress or suit for our child. Life can be full, and that's very good. But make some room in your life during this holiest of weeks for *kenosis*—for emptiness—and for remembering our empty Savior and all he did for us.

With Jesus as our model, how might we empty ourselves for the sake of others?

Janel Esker

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