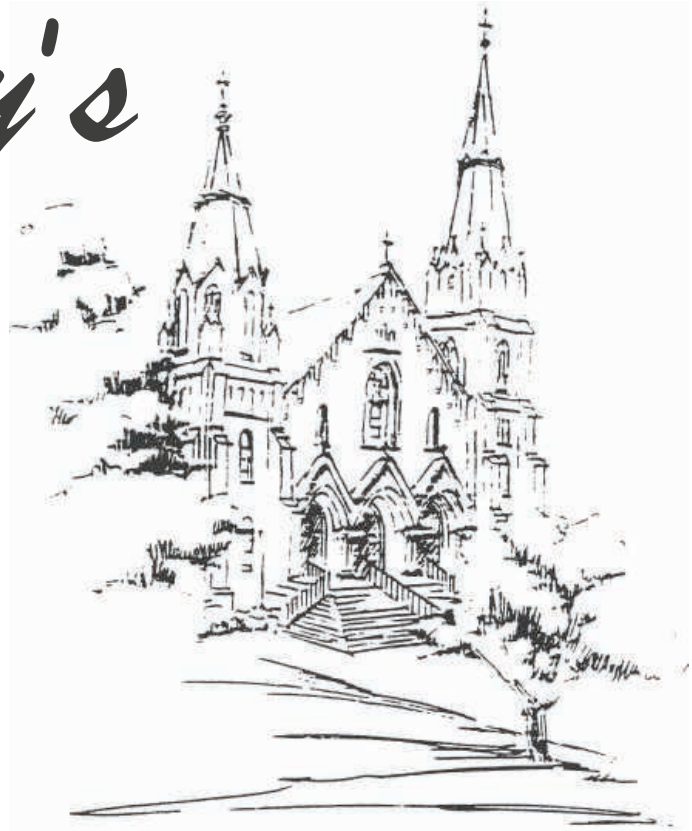


April 21, 2013

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

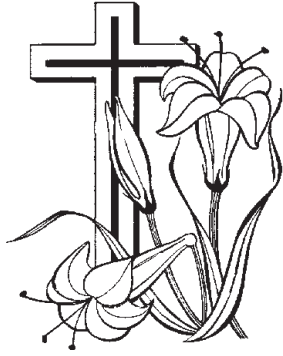
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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, April 20 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Fred Bolan by His Family
Sunday, April 21 - 4th Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM Dorothy Ronning Hinde by Her Daughters
 10:30 AM Bob Sheridan (21st) by His Family
Wednesday, April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist
 7:00 AM Edward Handley by Robert Handley
Friday, April 26
 7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family
Saturday, April 27
 8:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass O'B O'Brien
 by Kevin & Laura Griffin
Sunday, April 28 - 5th Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM Edward Buckley by Theresa Cardinal
 10:30 AM Mary Harrigan by Her Family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED,
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 OF OUR PARISH**

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 4/27
 Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$5,669.00
 Easter.....80.00
 Faith Formation.....5.00
 School Assessment.....58.00
 Memorial Fund.....280.00
 Fuel.....132.00
 Rice Bowl.....110.00
 Catholic Sun.....25.00

Second Collection Next Weekend

The annual Home Missions Appeal collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Many thanks for your continued generosity!

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

New Altar Server Training

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server here at St. Mary's Church, please come for new servers training on Monday, April 29,

6 PM, in the Church.

New Altar Servers must be going into the 4th grade or above in the fall of September 2013 to be trained.

For information, please call Mrs. Carm Foster at 853-8513.



Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (4/27)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (4/27)	Madison Steates, Melina Korfonta & Kate Sullivan	Mike Debraggio	Host - Jim Winkler & Ann Wiilkinson Cup - Anne Debraggio, Pearl Gapp, Ron Newman & Sue Kielar
8:00 AM (4/28)	John Slawson, Nate Gale & Joseph Pascucci	Steve Clark	Host - Joe & Tina Lallier Cup - Carole Byrne, Kate Chute, Mike Howard & Ed Kaido
10:30 AM (4/28)	Abby Hyde, LeeAnn Chesebro & Jacob Dombrowski	Marylalice Hogan	Host - Phyllis Moore & Anita Fitzgerald Cup - Mary Stuttard, Joanne Joseph, Michele Beach & Maryalice Hogan

Faith Formation

9th Grade has a final meeting for the year this Sunday. This is the last week of classes for grades 1-8.



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the tireless volunteers serving as teachers in our program: Kristen Sullivan, Jodi Frank, Katie Schlosser, Susan Yaworsky, Mrs. Amuso, Mary Heintz, Anne Debraggio, Amanda Boehlert, Addie Zoller, Shaelyn Winkler, Meg Hughes, Elizabeth Tantillo, Carla Pascucci, Melissa Drejza, Anna Berney, Tom Hullar, Pam Sprague, Dave Schulz, Maura Moore, Maureen Hughes, Courtney Zoller, Shawn Ingalls, Gabe Martini, Kathy Williams, Erik Schlosser, Dick Hunt, Matthew Bashant, Kim Labayewski, Mike and Lisa Jeffery. You are appreciated more than words can say!

Bake Sale

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands will be having a bake sale next weekend, April 27/28 after all Masses in the school gym. Won't you stop by before or after Mass to purchase a homemade baked goodie? If you would like to donate a baked item, please bring it to the school after 4 PM on Saturday, April 27. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

The Country Pantry

Our monthly food distribution this month is Tuesday, April 23.

We are in need of peanut butter, mashed potatoes, crackers and rice. If you can provide any of these we would be most appreciative.

Don't forget to save us your brown paper and plastic grocery bags. We use several hundred of these each month. Thanks for all you do, we couldn't continue in our mission of feeding those in need if it weren't for your continuing support. God bless!

From the Office of Child & Youth Protection

We are all God's children, with intrinsic value and the gift of human dignity received at birth. As members of the body of Christ, we are all called to protect every human life from abuse.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. As part of this annual observation we are asked to help build and maintain safe environments within the Church and our communities. For more information on diocesan training, policies and protocols relating to safe environments, contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection Safe Environment Coordinator, Jackie Farrell, at 470-1421.

Good News!

April 21, 2013

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Acts 13:14, 43-52 / Rv 7:9, 14b-17 / Jn 10:27-30

One of the first things parents of a newborn learn is how incredibly strong their baby's grip is. Our daughter, like most newborns, clenched onto her father's and my fingers immediately after birth—and she wouldn't let go! We called it her death grip. Yes, it's a reflex, but it's one that reaches into your soul. You realize quickly what a hold this person has on you—physically and emotionally.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus speaks in the Gospel about not letting anyone take his flock out of his hand. His hold on us is even tighter than a newborn's, but it's certainly not a death grip. Quite the opposite—it's a life grip. No matter how far we scatter or how wide a path we walk, Jesus always has us in his hands. He offers us life abundant here on earth and life eternal in heaven.

Parents of newborns have such an emotional response to their child's grip because they've spent so much time with this child—feeling her movements *in utero*, seeing his picture in ultrasounds, preparing their lives for this new being. There's an intimate connection.

Sheep respond loyally to their shepherd's voice because they spend so much time together in the fields. The same must be true for our relationship with our Good Shepherd. Unless we're committed to spending significant time with him, we can't expect to benefit from his life grip. *He* always holds *us*, but we need to offer him that same devoted attention and intimacy.

Where can we find more time in our week to behold—and be held by—our God?

Janel Esker

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