

May 12, 2013

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street
Clinton, New York 13323



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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, May 11 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Thomas Moffitt by Elizabeth Hanley
Sunday, May 12 - 7th Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM Charlotte Heintz (18th) by Her Family
 10:30 AM Virginia (Jinny) Page
 by her sister, Nancy
Wednesday, May 15 - St. Isidore
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, May 16
 7:00 AM Harvey & Cornelia Yando
 by the Heintz Family
Friday, May 17
 7:00 AM Mary Rose Crane by Her Family
Saturday, May 18
 8:00 AM Anne Gale by the Villanti & Reilly Families
 5:15 PM - Vigil James L. Burns, Sr. (65th)
 by Bernie & Carol Burns
Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday
 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Magee Family
 by Their Family
 10:30 AM Leslie Beckman (17th) by His Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 5/18
 Sally Glouse & Sue King

Collection for Last Weekend

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| Ordinary Collection..... | \$6,349.00 |
| Holy Day..... | 37.00 |
| Faith Formation..... | 15.00 |
| School Assessment..... | 16.00 |
| Memorial Fund..... | 239.00 |
| Fuel..... | 110.00 |
| Home Missions..... | 10.00 |
| Country Pantry..... | 30.00 |

Annual HOPE Appeal


You will receive a letter this week from Bishop Cunningham asking for your support of the HOPE Appeal. Please be generous with your pledge. We ask that all pledge forms and gifts be returned next weekend to the parish. You can also make a secure online gift or pledge at www.syrdio.org. Your support helps many in our diocese.

FYI - St. Mary's has been assessed \$31,970 (+\$789), a goal we must reach or pay the difference.

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel, Jesus speaks of unity, not uniformity. With uniformity, everything must be the same. Unity requires recognition and reconciliation of differences. How do you reconcile differences in your home? Do you listen respectfully or do you try to manipulate or impose your opinion? The seeds of unity and division are in every family. What we sow, we reap. What is your family harvest?

Happy Mother's Day
 We wish our Mothers, Grandmothers,
 and "Special" Moms a very Happy
 Mother's Day. Bless You!



| Liturgical Ministers | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------|---|
| Time | Altar Servers | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 8:00 AM (5/18) | NO SERVERS | | |
| 5:15 PM (5/18) | Madison Steates, Katie Sullivan & Samantha Gaffney | Mary Lou Lauchert | Host - Bob Scarlata & Colleen Kannainen Cup - Marybeth King, Karen Brewer, Beth & Steve May |
| 8:00 AM (5/19) | John Slawson, Dominic & Joseph Pascucci | Dave Welchons | Host - Ed Kaido & Bob Burns Cup - Jeanne Roback, Evelyn Micciche, Fran & Gwen Lallier |
| 10:30 AM (5/19) | Jesse Dombrowski, Ricky Heintz & Adam Schneider | Maryalice Hogan | Host - Carol Fobes & Peggy Schweitzer Cup - Joanne Joseph, Phyllis Moore, Mary Stuttard & Anita Fitzgerald |

Faith Formation

Saturday was a very special day for 41 young members of our parish family. Try to think back to the thrill you felt on the day you first received the Eucharist. Please keep these children in your prayers so that excitement will stay with them as they continue to grow in God's love.

May you always feel as close to Jesus as you do today.

May you always count on

Him to gently guide you on your way.

May you always trust in God

to answer every single prayer.

*May you always feel Him blessing you with tender,
loving care.*

TGIF

Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 2nd, 5:30-7 PM. This is our teen group, gathering for fun, food and faith for all high school students. Those entering 9th grade next year are welcome to join us!

Parish Council Elections

Once again it is time to find new folks for two seats on the Parish Council. The Council is an advisory group to the Pastor. We meet every other month to discuss issues of importance to our parish. Each term runs for three years. If you are interested in running, please call Carol at the rectory to put your name in for consideration. The selection will take place at the 10:30 AM Mass on June 16th.



Third Thursday Group

The Third Thursday meeting will be held May 16. We gather in church at 12:15 PM for a Communion Service. Bring a bag lunch and come to the basement after the service for socializing. Dessert and beverage provided. All adults welcome.

The Country Pantry

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers and special women in our lives from the folks at the Country Pantry.

If you missed the Letter Carrier's Food Drive on Saturday, you can leave your items here in our food box. All items will be delivered to the Country Pantry, serving the Clinton-Clark Mills-Westmoreland area.

This month we can also use individual juice boxes, dry drink mixes in canisters, such as Kool Aid (any flavor) or Lemonade canned pasta and small boxes of raisins. Thank you for your continuing support.

Good News!

May 12, 2013

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 or

Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 / Lk 24:46-53 or

Acts 7:55-60 / Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Jn 17:20-26

I wouldn't have done well at the Ascension.

Sure, I'd have followed Jesus and listened intently. But instead of bowing in homage, I would have waved my hand urgently, asking, "What do you *mean* 'it is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established?'" I really need to know *when* the Spirit will be sent. I have a very busy schedule, so a more specific time would be particularly helpful, Jesus, sir."

I can imagine Jesus simply shaking his head, unsure of what to do with this particularly challenging follower.

For those of us who like to plan and schedule our lives in precise detail, the Ascension presents some challenges. He promises the Spirit will come—but he doesn't say when, how, or what that will mean. It's an in-between space, and I'm not a big fan of those.

We often have these in-between moments—waiting for a diagnosis, looking for a new job, seeking healing in a relationship. They don't fit into our calendars, and we can't predict exactly when the hoped-for result will come. But we're asked, as were the disciples, to trust that even if it feels as though he's absent, Jesus is with us—and he does fulfill his promises. He sent the Spirit as promised, and he promises us life in abundance.

Luke's Gospel reports that the disciples returned from the Ascension "with great joy" as they awaited the Spirit. Instead of feeling anxious in our own in-between moments, can we learn from the disciples'? Can we live with joy as we put our full trust in Jesus?

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Area Events

5/18, 9-1 PM - Kirkland Women's Civic Group 29th Annual Geranium Sale, Savicki's Farm Market

5/22m 4:30-8 PM - Benefit for Angel Naw, Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School. Chicken Riggies/Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner (\$12, under 10 - \$5)

5/23, 7-8:30 AM - 17th Annual Kirkland Community Prayer Breakfast in the Community Room, Lutheran Care Campus. \$10. Call Clinton Kiwanis Club Secretary at 235-7104 for reservations.

5/3 - St. Joseph Nursing Home Annual Golf Tournament - call Kathy Poupart at 797-1230.

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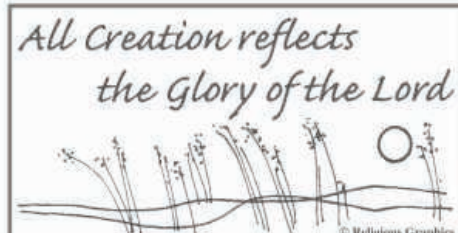
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