

May 26, 2013

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln 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

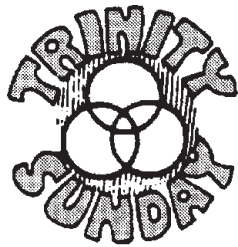
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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, May 25 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Margaret Madore by Barb Madore Shilluffo
Sunday, May 26 - The Most Holy Trinity
 8:00 AM John Spellman by His Family
 10:30 AM Meme by grandson, Cale Engle
Wednesday, May 29
 7:00 AM Mary Cole by Joan Cole
Thursday, May 30
 7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family
Friday, May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Saturday, June 1 - St. Justin
 8:00 AM Anne Gale by the Geruntino Family
 5:15 PM - Vigil Anita Daly by Pam Vona
Sunday, June 2 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
 8:00 AM Bob Sheridan by His Family
 10:30 AM Shirley Gibbons by Jane Gibbons

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 6/1
 Deb Gurdo & Jessica Beasock

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$4,642.00
 Holy Day.....19.00
 Faith Formation..... 10.00
 School Assessment.....56.00
 Memorial Fund.....135.00
 Country Pantry.....10.00

Annual HOPE Appeal

Remember to return your pledge card to the parish . You may place your completed pledge in the collection basket, or mail it to the parish office. Many thanks to all of you who are returning your pledge cards this weekend. You can also make a secure online gift or pledge at www.syrdio.org.

FYI - St. Mary's has been assessed \$31,970, a goal we must meet or pay the difference. We have received \$15,383 in pledges - only \$16,587 to go!

Parish Council



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.

A Family Perspective

The words of Jesus in today's gospel, "I have many things to say to you, but you cannot hear them now," could be said by any parent. It can be frustrating when our desire to guide is often misinterpreted or poorly received. We cannot program our children. We can only teach, lead and trust that the Spirit of truth will guide them.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (6/1)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (6/1)	Katie Sullivan, Kendall & Taylor Arndt	Karen Brewer	Host - Annette Foley & Marybeth King Cup - Jim Winkler, Sue King, Ron Newman & Bill Waldron
8:00 AM (6/2)	Georgia Zoller, Hannah & John Slawson	Bob Burns	Host - Fran & Gwen Lallier Cup - Anne Kearney, Jack McNamara, Evelyn Micciche & Carole Byrne
10:30 AM (6/2)	Samantha Gaffney, Raine Boehlert & Nate Gale	John Burdick	Host - Phyllis Moore & Mary Stuttard Cup - Peggy Schweitzer, Joanne Joseph, Maryalice Hogan & Carol Fobes

Faith Formation

How does our faith in Jesus change us? The letter to the Romans lists several ways. Through Jesus, we grow in harmony with God and receive the grace to live for God's reign. We have the virtue of hope, which is like a candle that is not blown out by the cold wind of hard times. And we have the Spirit living in our hearts, keeping God's love alive in us.

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!

The Country Pantry - Pantry Kid's Paks

It's that time again, summer vacation is quickly approaching! As you enter the church today you will notice the **Kid's Pak** bags on the stands near each entrance. The items in the bags will help parents satisfy those ravenous appetites during summer vacation when school lunches are not longer available. The list of needed items is on a sheet on the outside of each bag. Most of these items are available at Dollar Stores.

If you do not wish to fill a complete bag, we hope that you will be able to supply some needed items. Please place these items in a separate bag. We need canned spaghetti's, crackers, peanut butter, 4 or 6 pk of fruit cups (any kind), canisters of presweetened drink mix (leomonade or Kool aid), 4 pk of juice boxes (100% juice), boxes of granola or cereal bars, 4 pk of pudding cups, boxes of hot chocolate, snack size raisin pkgs.

The filled bags may be returned at anytime as we will be giving them out along with our regular monthly food supplement in June, July and August. Our first distribution date is June 25. We need about 150 bags each month in order to provide a bag for each child. **Kid's Pak** bags will be available all summer in the rack at the back of the church. We are most grateful for anything you can do to help parents feed their children this summer. Hunger never takes a vacation! Our kids will thank you!

Parish Coffee Hour

There will be a Parish Coffee Hour next Sunday, June 2, in the school gym following the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Won't you stop over and have a cup of coffee with your parish community. Bagels and donuts will also be available. We hope to see you next Sunday.

Ice Cream Social

There will be a Parish Ice Cream Social Sunday, June 16, following the 10:30 AM Mass in the school gym. We will have ice cream and all your favorite toppings so that you can make your own "sundae". Even if you go to a different Mass, please come back and join in the fun. This "free" event is always a big hit every year. We hope you can join us.

dear Padre

May 26, 2013

How can I explain the Trinity to a non-Catholic?

I was using a clover to explain the Trinity to my non-Catholic sister-in-law, and I wasn't successful. She says the leaves of a clover are separate, and sharing a stem doesn't mean they're one entity. How can I get her to understand?

Legend tells us Saint Patrick used a shamrock to speak about the God who is one and three, but that doesn't mean everyone will find clover imagery convincing.

It took hundreds of years, lots of argument, and multiple Church councils to refine the basic outline of orthodox Christian belief in the Trinitarian nature of God, so it's no great shock that you can't quickly break it down into convincing sound bites for a resistant in-law.

Perhaps you should concentrate on the way humans came to know the Trinitarian God, how we have encountered the God who is all at once Father, Son, and Spirit in the events of history and revelation. In sharing the way Christians have gradually come to understand what we do about the nature of the God who saves us, you can speak of how that understanding leads us to pray.

At our liturgies we have a distinct pattern of praying to the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit. There's more than a shamrock to discuss in all of that. And don't forget the creed we pray each Sunday. Discussions like yours are what the creed was made for.

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Deacon Formation Program

An Information Seminar is held twice each year for those men interested in the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program. Programs will be held Sunday, June 2, 4-5:30 PM at St. Mary's, Cortland and Sunday, September 22, 2-4:30 PM at Holy Cross, Dewitt.

For more information, contact Fr. Louis F. Aiello, Ciocesan Director Office of Deacon Formation - (315) 470-1479.

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