

St. Mary's Parish

August 4, 2013

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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, August 3 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Margaret Stanley by Parish Council
Sunday, August 4 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Anthony Veschusio by Angela
 10:30 AM Laura Atkinson by Her Family
Wednesday, August 7 - Sts. Sixtus II & Cajetan
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, August 8 - St. Dominic
 7:00 AM James Brierley by Carole Byrne
Friday, August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
 7:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions
Saturday, August 10
 8:00 AM Anne Gale by Margaret Burns
 5:15 PM - Vigil Linda Knepka by Her Mom
Sunday, August 11 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl
 10:30 AM Bette Clifford by Don & Carla Barrett

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 8-10
 Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$4,398.00
 Faith Formation.....735.00
 School Assessment.....10.00
 Memorial Fund.....10.00
 Fuel.....470.00
 Mission CoOp.....1,261.00

Annual HOPE Appeal

If you haven't made your pledge yet, please do so ASAP. Pledges may be put in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. You can also make a secure online gift or pledge at www.syrdio.org. Thank you to those who have already made their pledge!

FYI - St. Mary's has been assessed \$31,970, a goal we must meet or pay the difference. We have received \$31,455 in pledges - only \$515 to go!

The Country Pantry

If you haven't already done so, please return your filled **Kid's Pak** by Sunday, August 25th as our last distribution of Kid's Paks is on Tuesday, August 27th. Thank you to all who have responded to our appeal. Our kids are grateful!

Do you know of anyone who needs help in feeding their family, if so please contact Mary Zimbler, Country Pantry Coordinator at 371-5789 or Jeanne Roback at 737-7650. God bless!

A Family Perspective

Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff that we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool", meant for us?

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (8/10)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (8/10)	Samantha Gaffney, Kendell & Taylor Arndt	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Elizabeth Tantillo & Bob McQueen Cup - Tim Lashinger, Beth & Steve May & Mary Lou Lauchert
8:00 AM (8/11)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Georgia Zoller	Kate Chute	Host - Ann Kearney & Carole Byrne Cup - Jeanne Roback, Evelyn Micciche, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (8/11)	Katie Sullivan, Melina Korfonta & Caleb Stanco	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Anita Fitzgerald, Joanne Joseph, Karen Brewer & Peggy Schweitzer

Faith Formation

Concern about money sometimes prevents people from focusing on the reign of God. Of course, we do not work just for money. Every job is an opportunity to love God and others. How do you love God and others in your work? If your work is being a student, how do you love God and others while you are at school?

Registration letters for Faith Formation classes have been mailed. Classes begin the week of Sept. 16th. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering 1st grade please contact Mary Lou Lauchert at faithformation@stmarys-clinton.com or at 525-4297.

Our program is truly blessed to have a core of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers; however every year, due to work commitments or "retirement", I am in need of filling a few teaching positions in the program. Would you please consider volunteering in this highly rewarding field? For more information please contact Mary Lou Lauchert at 525-4297. Thank you.

School Bells Collection

It's that time again and school bells will soon be ringing in a new school year. For most of us, back to school time brings back fond memories (remember the smell of a box of new crayons and freshly sharpened pencils) and those pristine unmarked notebooks? But for the children of our Country Pantry families, there is usually little or no money left in the family budget for new school clothes or supplies. Our annual "School Bells" project provides basic school supplies and of course, the required (Mom says!) new socks and underwear, for school aged children. These items will be given out at our August 27 regular monthly food distribution.



Your help is needed to make this possible. Our second collection on the weekend of **August 17/18** will be used to fund this worthy project. All money collected will be used to directly benefit our children, so that they may feel the excitement of having something new on the first day of school. Our families thank you for your continued generosity.

Third Thursday Schedule Change

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Third Thursday Group will meet the **Fourth** Thursday in August and September. Watch for details.

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands Meeting

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 PM, in the school. We will discuss the parish picnic and begin preliminary discussions for the Christmas Fair. If you are interested in lending a hand at the picnic and/or the Christmas Fair, please try attend this meeting. Lots of hands are needed to make these events successful. Please mark your calendars for August 14, at 6:30 PM. Thank you.



dear Padre

August 4, 2013

Why doesn't the Church share its wealth with the poor?

The Catholic Church is always preaching about feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. If we really meant it, wouldn't we sell our churches and art and give the money to the poor?

It's true that the Church, both in Rome and in many parishes throughout the world, has many material assets, but they're always meant to be used for the poor and the preaching of the gospel.

I was once the pastor in a parish that had no church building—we held Mass in a school gym. We considered putting up a temporary metal-frame building, but instead we decided to raise money to build a proper church building—a place of beauty where the sacraments could be celebrated with dignity—that would be there for our children and our children's children. It takes a lot of money to feed the hungry, run shelters, and care for the sick, but it also takes a lot of money to build and maintain churches.

It's important to question the right use of resources because the Church is made up of people—people who sometimes make mistakes or abuse privileges. But I think that on reflection you'll realize that, in general, the Church's many material assets *are* being used to care for the needy by providing dignified places for them to celebrate the sacraments.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
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