

# 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, August 17 - Vigil Mass**

5:15 PM Thomas Moffitt by Rose Calidonna

**Sunday, August 18 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Esther Burns by Mike & Terry Howard

10:30 AM Howard Martin Handley by Robert Handley

**Wednesday, August 21 - St. Pius X**

7:00 AM Josepina Song by Morning Star

**Thursday, August 22 - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 AM John L. Monohan by Don & Annette Foley

**Friday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima**

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

**Saturday, August 24**

8:00 AM Anne Gale by Arlene & Bob Owens

5:15 PM - Vigil Patricia Lomanto by Nancy Dombrowski

**Sunday, August 25 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM O'B O'Brien by Sandy Gaetano

10:30 AM Joanne Eisenhut by Florence Capra

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 8-24**

Sally Glouse & Sue King

**Collection for Last Weekend**

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Ordinary Collection..... | \$5,322.00 |
| Holy Day.....            | 25.00      |
| Faith Formation.....     | 5.00       |
| School Assessment.....   | 47.00      |
| Memorial Fund.....       | 50.00      |

**Annual HOPE Appeal**

We did it! Thanks to generous parishioners who donated to this years HOPE Appeal - we have met our goal! Thank you!

**The Country Pantry**

Our second collection this weekend will be our annual **School Bells** collection for the benefit of the children of our Country Pantry families.

Since budgets are already strained, there is often little or no money for new school clothes or supplies. These monies help us provide basic school supplies and new socks and underwear for our kids, so that they may feel the excitement of having something new for the first day of school. These items will be given out along with our **Kid's Paks** at our regular monthly food distribution on Tuesday, August 27.

We thank you for your continued generosity to the Country Pantry. We could not accomplish all that we do to help our needs families without your continuing support. God bless the givers and receivers.

**A Family Perspective**

Today, Jesus warns us that his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society advocating individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the gospel values of respect, service, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

| <b>Liturgical Ministers</b> |   |               |  |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------|--|
| <b>Time</b>                 | <b>Altar Servers</b>                            | <b>Lector</b> | <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>   |
| 8:00 AM (8/24)              | NO SERVERS                                      |               |  |
| 5:15 PM (8/24)              | Cheyenne Eisenhut, Meradith Thayer & New Server | Jim Winkler   | Host - Jan Slawson & Bob Scarlata<br>Cup - Barb Blatz, Pearl Gapp, Sue King & Barb Bohrer            |
| 8:00 AM (8/25)              | Ricky Heintz, Hannah & John Slawson             | Ron Roback    | Host - Joe & Tina Lallier<br>Cup - Ann Kearney, Chris Kielar, Carole Byrne & Jeanne Roback           |
| 10:30 AM (8/25)             | Jesse Dombrowski, Adam Schneider & New Server   | Karen Brewer  | Host - Don & Jane Conniff<br>Cup - Maryalice Hogan, Carol Fobes, Peggy Schweitzer & Anita Fitzgerald |

**Faith Formation**

Think for a moment about the "cloud of witnesses" that surrounds us. These are the saints—not only the great saints that we have heard about, but the holy ones among our own families and friends, still living or gone from this world. They love us and want to help us. Name some of the "witnesses" you know. How can you be like them in your witness to Jesus in your life?

Our classes will begin September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mary Lou Lauchert at [faithformation@stmarys-clinton.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarys-clinton.com) or at 525-4297 for registration information.

Volunteers teachers needed for the following positions:

- Mondays 7:45-8:45 AM – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- Mondays 6:30-7:30 PM – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

For more information please contact Mary Lou Lauchert at 525-4297. Thank you.

**Third Thursday Group**

The Third Thursday Group will meet this Thursday, August 22, 12 noon, at Sister Johanne's residence, 26 Marvin Street, Clinton.

Sister Johanne starts with a communion service followed by a BYO (bring your own) bag lunch. Come enjoy lunch and social hour following the service. Dessert and beverage provided. Handicap accessible.

**St. Barnard's School of Theology and Ministry at Syracuse**

The course and audit offerings for St. Barnard's to be shared on the campus of LeMoyne College in Fall 2013 are: A202 - Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures with Professor/Father Brad Milunski will be offered Monday nights, 8/28, 9/8, 16, 23, 30, 10/24, 21, 28, November 28 & 25 and December 2, 6:30-10 PM.

C226 - Worship and Sacraments with Dr. Ella Johnson on the campus of LeMoyne College Wednesdays, 6-10 PM, 8/28, 9/11 & 25, 10.9 & 23, 11/2 & 20 and 12/11.

Students may participate in these courses for academic credit or as an audited course. Additional information will be found at [www.stbernards.edu](http://www.stbernards.edu) or call Christina Schmidt, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid ([admissions@stbernards.edu](mailto:admissions@stbernards.edu)) 595-271-3657 X289.

**Upcoming Events**

8/23, 24 & 25 - Our Lady of Lourdes/Notre Dame Elementary School Bazaar. Information 724-3155.  
9/7 & 8, Historic Old St. John's Church Bazaar.  
9/14, 8-1 PM - Kirkland Community Bloodmobile, Clinton United Methodist Church. New and past donors needed! For an appointment, call Jean Wainright (853-2265) or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Walkins welcome!

# Good News!

**August 18, 2013**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 / Heb 12:1-4 / Lk 12:49-53

**Though it's still technically summer** in most of the U.S., in late August I begin detecting the scent of autumn. I look forward to the brisk air, the crunching leaves, and locally produced apple cider.

What I anticipate most is the beginning of fireplace season. My husband builds excellent fires using a self-designed log arrangement, and his fire maintenance techniques are highly entertaining. He's a fire-fidgeter, always poking, adjusting, or replacing a log here or there to maximize flames and oxygen intake. And long after a fire appears dead, he tries to resurrect it to its former glory with bellows and Big Bad Wolf breathing.

Jesus speaks today about setting the earth on fire. I wonder what he'd say if he arrived in our homes, neighborhoods, or churches today. Would he see his followers on fire for his gospel? Or would he encounter mostly dying embers?

I imagine he might ask us to do some serious fire-fidgeting with our Christianity. We often fall into a laid-back Christianity, the requirements of which are simply being nice, talking about family values, and going to church on Sunday. But Jesus' teachings are extremely radical—turn the other cheek, love your enemies, give away your possessions, lay down your life. This isn't an easy-peasy set of beliefs. These are hard, demanding, life-altering, fire-igniting truths to live by.

Perhaps it's time to fidget with your Christian fire this week to see how fervently you live these truths. Ask Jesus to breathe the Holy Spirit on your fire to revive those dying embers so you can blaze again as a disciple of the Lord.

Janel Esker

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