

St. Mary's Parish

September 1, 2013

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, August 31 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Patricia Haight by Her Family
Sunday, September 1 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Sheridan Family
 10:30 AM Thomas Moffitt by Marge & Dick Burdick
Wednesday, September 4
 7:00 AM Pyoung Hyun Min by Morning Star
Thursday, September 5 - Bl. Teresa of Calutta
 7:00 AM Bob Cole by His Wife & Family
Friday, September 6
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Saturday, September 7
 8:00 AM Anne Gale by the Engle Family
 5:15 PM - Vigil Maeve Dugan by Her Family
Sunday, September 8 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Charles O'Leary by Ann & Kevin Kearney
 10:30 AM Ernest Stricker by His Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 9-7
 Deb Gurdo & Jessica Beasock

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,041.00
Holy Day.....	41.00
Faith Formation.....	701.00
School Assessment.....	35.00
Memorial Fund.....	137.00
Country Pantry.....	35.00

The Country Pantry


Summer vacation is over, the Kid's Paks have all been distributed and the kids received their school supplies and underwear. Thank you for helping make this possible. We wish them every success in the new school year.

This month at the Pantry we are in need of canned chicken, chili, beef stew and tuna. We appreciate your continuing support. God bless!

A Family Perspective

Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in today's gospel, "Those who humble themselves will be exalted." Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another.

Office Closed Monday for the Holiday
 The Parish office will be closed this Monday for the Labor Day Holiday. Please feel free to leave a message and someone will get back to you ASAP.



Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (9/7)			
5:15 PM (9/7)	Nate Gale, JP Wade & Tyler Frank	Mary Lou Lauchert	Host - Bob Scarlata & Tim Lashinger Cup - Ann Wilkinson, Bob McQueen, Sue King & Elizabeth Tantillo
8:00 AM (9/8)	Hannah Slawson, Lauren & LeeAnn Chesebro	Steve Clark	Host - Joe & Tina Lallier Cup - Jeanne Roback, Bob Burns, Kate Chute & Carole Byrne
10:30 AM (9/8)	Betsy, Seamus & Fritz Gale	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Mary Stuttard & Anita Fitzgerald Cup - Joanne Joseph, Phyllis Moore, Don & Jane Conniff

Faith Formation

The word humility comes from the word humus, meaning earth. Humble people have their "feet on the ground." They face reality. They know that their gifts and talents are real, and they take care to develop them and use them to help others. They also accept their limitations gracefully, and try to do their best anyway.

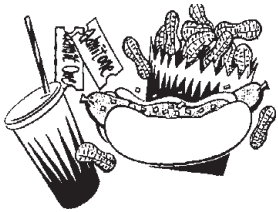
Our classes will begin September 16th. Monday evening classes for grades 2-8 are now full. Please contact Mary Lou Lauchert at faithformation@stmarys-clinton.com or at 525-4297 for registration information.

Volunteer teachers are needed on Monday morning and Wednesday evening. For more information please contact Mary Lou Lauchert at 525-4297. Thank you.

TGIF

The first meeting for the year will be Sunday, September 22, 5:30-7 PM. All high school students are welcome. Please join us for recreation and a light dinner before the 9th grade class begins at 6:30.

Parish Picnic
 St. Mary's Parish Picnic will be held next Sunday, September 8, 12 noon - 4 PM, at the American Legion on Route 12B, Franklin Springs. The cost of a plate is \$2 which will consist of your choice of a hot dog, hamburger or sausage patty plus all the salads, etc. Beer is \$1 and water and soda will be available for a small fee. There will be a 50/50 raffle and games for the children. Won't you join us for this fun event?



Permanent Diaconate Information Seminar

An Information Seminar about the Permanent Diaconate will be held Sunday, September 22, 2013, 2-4:30 PM, in Holy Cross Church, 4112 East Genesee Street, DeWitt, NY. For further information, please contact Fr. Louis F. Aiello, Diocesan Director, Office of the Permanent Diaconate, The Chancery, 240 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY 13202 (315-470-1479).

Area Events

9/7 & 8, Historic Old St. John's Church Bazaar.
 9/8, 12-4 PM - Holy Trinity Parish Festival & Polish Dinner, live entertainment, festival of baskets, kid's games.
 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. Walkins welcome!

Good News!

September 1, 2013
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
 Lk 14:1, 7-14

Yes, it's only Labor Day, but stores are already in full Halloween mode with plenty of costumes and candy on display. I grew up in St. Louis, where tradition requires costumed children to tell a joke at each door on Halloween before receiving the candy "treat." As children, we'd pore over joke books for a month to discern the highest-quality riddle to spring on the neighbors.

I now realize this tradition is unique to St. Louis (and Des Moines). In most locales you don't have to do *anything*—just say "trick or treat," and you get free, undeserved candy. What? Free candy for no work? The injustice! I tease that St. Louis has it right—you ought to have to *earn* your Snickers and Starbursts.

Thank goodness God doesn't follow St. Louis in his distribution of gifts. What if we were required to perform a song and dance of deservedness to receive God's abundant generosity? We're undeserving of God's extraordinary goodness, yet he showers us with his grace.

So we ought to hear, with humble hearts, the same challenge from today's gospel. We can be stingy with our money, our time, our patience—seeking first to determine whether the recipient is deserving, has done something for us lately, will use our gifts well.

What if God applied those same standards to us? Would we be worthy? I doubt it. Jesus challenges us to be generous—especially to those who are undeserving, cannot repay us, and seem unworthy of our love and time. We are those people in God's eyes, yet God gives without need of return.

What will we do?

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