

St. Mary's Parish

September 8, 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 September 7, - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM 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
Wednesday, September 11
 7:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions
Thursday, September 12 - Most Holy Name of Mary
 7:00 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl
Friday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Saturday, September 14
 8:00 AM Lawrence Collin Crane by Mike Crane
 5:15 PM - Vigil Thomas Moffitt by Rose Calidonna
Sunday, September 15 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Bob Sheridan (B'day) by His Family
 10:30 AM Joanne Eisenhut by Gail Lawton

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 9-14
 Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$6,122.00
 Holy Day.....5.00
 Faith Formation.....302.00
 School Assessment.....11.00
 Memorial Fund.....152.00
 Fuel.....31.00

Second Collection Next Weekend

The annual Catholic University of America collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity!

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel is clear: commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept a commitment such as marriage or parenting, we must plan carefully like the king in today's gospel. There are serious commitments which demand complete self-giving and are not for the faint hearted or selfish.

The Country Pantry

This month the Pantry needs include rice, instant mashed potatoes, cereal and crackers. Monetary donations are also welcomed. With these monies we are able to purchase frozen meat, vegetables, fruits and canned goods at reasonable prices from the Food Bank of Central NY located in Syracuse. Checks may be made payable to St. Mary's Church with a note designating the Country Pantry. We appreciate all that you do to assist us in providing nourishing foods for our friends and neighbors. God bless!

Baptized in Christ

We welcome Bella Mae Barker, daughter of Brian & Shannon, to our Catholic Faith Community.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (9/14)			
5:15 PM (9/14)	Kate Sullivan, Madison Steates & Madeline Surace	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Barb Bohrer & Bill Waldron Cup - Mary Paul, Sue Kielar, Barb Blatz & Annette Foley
8:00 AM (9/15)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Georgia Zoller	Bob Burns	Host - Mike Howard & Evelyn Micciche Cup - Pam Sprague, Chris Kielar, Ed Kaido & Joe Lallier
10:30 AM (9/15)	Samantha Gaffney, Raine Boehlert & Abby Hyde	Mike Cosgrove	Host - Carol Fobes & Michele Beach Cup - Karen Brewer, Maryalice Hogan, Anita Fitzgerald & Sister Johanne

Faith Formation

Today's reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us of our limitations as human beings. By ourselves, we cannot understand God and God's ways. We have enough trouble trying to figure out the world around us! But if we have the gift of God's spirit of wisdom, we can learn to walk in God's ways. We can grow in our knowledge of God's intentions for us.

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.

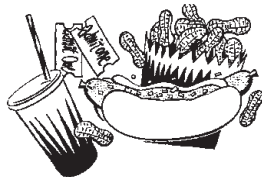
Volunteer teachers are needed on Monday morning and Wednesday evening. For more information please contact Mary Lou Lauchert at 525-4297. Thank you.

TGIF

The first meeting for the year will be Sunday, September 22, 5:30-7 PM. All high school students are welcome.

Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic will be held THIS Sunday, September 8th, at the Franklin Springs Legion on Route 12B from 12 noon to 4 PM. The cost is \$2 per plate which includes either a hot dog, ham-burger or sausage patty, plus all the salads, etc. Beer is \$1 and soda and water



will be available for a small fee. We will have a 50/50 raffle plus games for the children. Won't you stop by and socialize with your parish community sometime on Sunday? Hope to see you there!

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).

The Good News Center

For information on upcoming programs being conducted at the Good News Center, Utica, please call 735-6210 (andrea@thegoodnewscenter.org).

Area Events

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!

dear Padre

September 8, 2013

Are faith healers real?

My father is saving money to send my nephew, who has a chronic illness, to a faith healer he's seen on TV. What can I say to my father that will make him see this isn't a good idea?

The Catholic Church teaches that "those who dwell in heaven" regularly intercede with God on our behalf (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 956), and those intercessions include healings.

But living people with the power to instantly heal physical and mental ailments are rare. Some "healers" have accomplices who fake illness or disability and are then "cured" for the sole purpose of getting people to give the "healer" money. We should be very skeptical about these claims, because scam artists understand how easy it is to take advantage of people who are desperate for relief of pain or for the cure of a chronic or terminal illness.

One thing is certain: Healing ultimately comes from God. Anyone who claims he or she is the healer and not simply God's instrument is unquestionably a fraud.

Suggest to your dad that he talk to his priest before he sends any money to the "healer." The best way for him to help his grandson is to pray for him and donate any money he's saved to an organization that does research into the condition. That way, your father will be helping everyone with the condition—not just your nephew.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR
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