

St. Mary's Parish

November 3, 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, November 2 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Patricia Lomanto by Fred Lomanto
Sunday, November 3 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Stephen Chute by His Wife & Family
 10:30 AM Noreen Weimer by Carole Foote
Wednesday, November 6
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, November 7
 7:00 AM Kathleen Wilkinson (5th) by Ann
Friday, November 8
 7:00 AM Bernedetto & Anna LaFaro by Their Family
Saturday, November 9
 8:00 AM Francis Doughty by His Wife
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mrs. Ruth M. Scarlata
 by Joe & Shawn Latella
Sunday, November 10 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM M/M James L. Burns, Jr. by Their Family
 10:30 AM Eileen Barnett by Kathy Foote

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 11-9
 Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$4,849.00
 Holy Day.....35.00
 Faith Formation.....155.00
 School Assessment.....40.00
 Memorial Fund.....111.00
 Fuel/Flowers.....65.00
 Diocesan Collections.....69.00
 Country Pantry.....45.00

Second Collection This Weekend

The annual Seminary collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend.
 Next Weekend, the special appeal for the Archdiocese for Military Services will be taken up. Envelopes may be found with the bulletins. On your loose checks, please note Military Services.
 Thank you for your generosity!

The Country Pantry

Our Thanksgiving distribution is Tuesday, November 19, and we are anticipating an increase in the number of families needing our services. If you would like to help us in providing a Thanksgiving meal, you may do so by making a monetary donation to the Country Pantry. Cash or checks, made payable to St. Mary's Church with a memo "for Country Pantry", may be put in the collection basket. Thank you for helping us in our mission to provide nourishing foods for those who struggle to put food on the table. Any questions, contact Pantry coordinator Mary Zimble at 371-5789. God bless!

New Eucharistic Minister/Lector Training
 There will be a meeting Thursday, November 7, 6:30 PM, in the Church for anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Lector.
 If you have questions, please call Sister Johanne (853-1849) or Sue King (725-5631).

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (11/9)			
5:15 PM (11/9)	Taylor Arndt, Kaitlynn Schweitzer & Melina Korfonta	Pearl Gapp	Host - Colleen Kannianen & Bob McQueen Cup - Bob Scarlata, Jan Slawson, Elizabeth Tantillo & Barb Blatz
8:00 AM (11/10)	Alyson Burns, John & Hannah Slawson	Ron Roback	Host - Bob Burns & Mike Howard Cup - Chris Kielar, Jeanne Roback, Tina & Joe Lallier
10:30 AM (11/10)	Raine Boehlert, Abby Hyde & Lily Collins	John Burdick	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Karen Brewer, Anitz Fitzgerald, Carol Fobes & Mary Stuttard

Faith Formation

We are all "little," like Zacchaeus, trying to see Jesus from a distance, and often getting ourselves up into trees or into other difficult situations and needing Jesus to come by and call us back down to earth, back down to an honest relationship with him. "When you come down from there, and admit your need," says Jesus, "we'll talk, heart to heart."

Grades 1-8 meet on regular schedule
Grade 9 meets this Sunday, November 3rd.

TGIF

Our next meeting is this Sunday, November 3rd 5:30-7, come join the fun!

Many thanks to Clinton Tractor for providing pizza for the group at our last meeting; we truly appreciate your generosity.

St. Mary's Christmas Fair

Next weekend, November 9th & 10th, is our annual St. Mary's Christmas Fair. We hope you are planning on attending this great event. Please see the enclosed flyer for names of contacts for the various booths. As usual, volunteers are needed in order to make our fair a very successful one.

Won't you contact one of the persons listed on the flyer and donate an item for the Craft/Holiday table, Bakery/Candy table, Theme Basket raffle table or some items for our famous Attic Treasures. Maybe you can give an hour or two in helping at the Fair. The food is great so stop by and browse and visit with old and new friends. We hope to see everyone at the Fair next weekend. Thank you in advance for everyone's cooperation.



Scouting for Food

Scouts, Cubs, and Adult Leaders and Parents from Packs 9 & 44 and Troops 9 & 44 and members of other youth organizations will be helping the BSA project "Scouting for Food" on Saturday, November 9. They hope to obtain over 3000 bags of food (canned or boxed, no glass) from Clinton and Clark Mills (Kirkland). Door hangers with donation information will be distributed November 2. Bags of food should be put out before 9 AM on Saturday, November 9, in clear sight from the street. If they miss you, please drop off your donation at the Clinton United Methodist Church parking lot, before 6 PM on the 9th. Or for pick up, call 853-6300.

dear Padre

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Can laypeople give blessings?

Can a minister of holy Communion who visits hospitals bless a doctor? I was recently asked to do this. I didn't know how to say no, so I said a prayer over him even though I'm not ordained. Was that OK?

You did the right thing. The Church's *Book of Blessings* gives guidelines for a variety of blessings, some of which may be given by laypeople (see p. xxviii). For example, parents may bless their children. Baptized laypeople who carry out functions on behalf of the Church may also give blessings: Catechists may bless their students, and eucharistic ministers who visit the sick may bless them.

Laypeople may give various other blessings, including blessing the sick, food, a new home, seeds at planting time, and throats on the feast of St. Blaise. A layperson may distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, though the actual blessing of the ashes is reserved for the clergy. Also reserved for the ordained are blessings of liturgical vessels, parishioners entering ministry as readers, altar servers, ministers of holy Communion, or musicians. Blessings of the *cathedra* (the bishop's chair in the cathedral church) and the consecration of the sacred *chrism* are reserved for bishops.

If you're trained to minister in the hospital and are there with the approval of your pastor and the hospital's pastoral team, you can give blessings. The *Book of Blessings* has texts to guide your words.

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A Family Perspective

Jesus is saying to us what he said to Zacchaeus, "I must stay at your house today." Jesus set aside his intention "to pass through Jericho to another town." In families, we sometimes stop at the wrong places. It is wisdom to "pass through" annoying family situations so we can enjoy the goodness of each other.

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