

December 8, 2013

# St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street  
Clinton, New York 13323



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Music Director ..... 292-0368

## 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

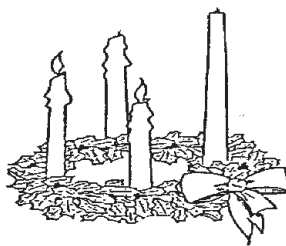
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

## 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.



**Collection for 12/1**

Ordinary Collection.....	\$7,110.50
Holy Day.....	17.00
Faith Formation.....	80.00
School Assessment.....	30.00
Memorial Fund.....	208.00
Fuel/Flowers.....	393.00
Diocesan Collections.....	77.00
Country Pantry (Thanksgiving).....	606.00

**Collection for 11/24**

Ordinary Collection.....	\$4,905.00
School.....	25.00
Memorial Fund.....	92.00
Country Pantry.....	70.00
Diocesan Collections.....	390.00
Disaster Relief .....	2,152.00

**A Family Perspective**

Like John the Baptist, every parent “prepares the way of the Lord” in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; “Do I help my children to know Jesus? Do I hinder?”

**The Country Pantry**

During the month of December we will be collecting hats and mittens/gloves, in all sizes from small children to adults.

We are in need of cans of applesauce, chick peas (garbanzo beans), yellow wax beans and small bottles of vegetable oil. Please continue to save us your plastic and brown paper grocery bags. We use several hundred of these each month.

Our Christmas distribution will be held Tuesday, December 17. Thank you for all you do to assist us in feeding our friends and neighbors in need. God bless!

**Saturday, December 7 - Vigil Mass**

5:15 PM Eric Wiedmer (11th) by His Family

**Sunday, December 8 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Edward Kaido by His Family

10:30 AM Susan Knoldel by Barb Madore Shilluffo

**Wednesday, December 11 - St. Damasus**

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

**Thursday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe**

7:00 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl

**Friday, December 13 - St. Lucy**

7:00 AM Charlotte Heintz (B'day) by Her Family

**Saturday, December 14**

8:00 AM Jeffrey O'Brien (4th) by His Family

5:15 PM - Vigil John & Eleanor Calidonna  
by Their Family

**Sunday, December 15 - 3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Lawrence & Ann Kearney

by Kevin & Ann Kearney

10:30 AM David & Ethel Timian by David & Gail

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 12-14**

Joyce & Denny Bojdak

<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
8:00 AM (12/14)			
5:15 PM (12/14)	Nathan Gale, Dominic & Joseph Pascucci	Karen Brewer	Host - Barb Blatz & Mary Paul Cup - Sue King, Bob McQueen, Bill Waldron & Pearl Gapp
8:00 AM (12/15)	Will Eisenhut, Nicholas & Danny Frank	Steve Clark	Host - Joe & Tina Lallier Cup - Ed Kaido, Bob Burns, Evelyn Micciche & Kate Chute
10:30 AM (12/15)	Jesse Dombrowski, Adam Schneider & Caleb Stanco	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Carol Fobes & Maryalice Hogan Cup - Joanne Joseph, Mary Stuttard, Michele Beach & Anita Fitzgerald

**THE LIGHTS ARE ON -  
Advent Reconciliation**



On Monday, December 16, from 4-7 PM, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church, Oxford Road, New Hartford. A number of local priests will be helping with confessions that night.

Father Croghan will also be here at St. Mary's from 6-7 PM that night for Confession and at the normal time on Saturdays from 4-4:45 PM **every** Saturday afternoon.

An Advent Penance Service will also be held at St. Bernard's Church, Waterville, on Sunday, December 22, at 4 PM.

Hope you take the time to give yourself the gift of God's forgiveness this Christmas.

**Faith Formation**

"Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you." When does Christ accept you? How does Christ accept you? How do you show acceptance of others? Acceptance of others does not mean we must agree with everything they do. When we accept and love others as Christ does, we accept and love their true selves, even if we cannot agree with all their decisions.

Please keep in prayer the 26 young ones who received God's love and mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Saturday.

**TGIF**

Last week we made pies to bring to New Horizons, a home for teenage girls. Elizabeth Tantillo has brought frozen pies from St. Mary's to these girls during the holiday season for over 10 years. It is a treat they look forward to and makes them feel special that someone is thinking and caring about them during this time of year. Our next meeting is Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30- 7 PM.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children**

Your children, grades K-5 are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday.

Next session will be held December 22.

# dear Padre

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## What is a Jesse tree?

My sister has a Jesse tree in her home every year. Is that OK, or are they supposed to be in churches only?

A **Jesse tree is a great way** to celebrate Advent. The tree takes its name from Jesus' ancestor Jesse, who is mentioned in Jesus' genealogy in the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel.

Jesse was King David's father. Long after King David's royal house had started to fall into trouble, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed that "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom" (11:1) and that "on that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the peoples—Him the nations will seek out; his dwelling shall be glorious" (11:10). Christians have long understood these verses as applying to Jesus, our long-promised Messiah, the Lord whose coming would be the fulfillment of all Old Testament prophesy.

Jesse trees can take all sorts of shapes and sizes, and they can be real trees, drawings, or banners. But no matter what, they are means for recalling the story of salvation and the promises of God fulfilled in Christ's coming.

Jesse trees can be set up at home or in a church. Typically a family or a parish community decorates their Jesse tree daily or weekly throughout Advent with lines from sacred Scripture or symbols of verses and stories that tell the tale of Jesus' ancestors and of God's preparation of his people for the coming of Christ.

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