

December 15, 2013

# St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street  
Clinton, New York 13323



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*Rev. John P. Croghan* – Pastor  
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Superintendent of St. Mary's Cemetery  
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## Phone Numbers:

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Parish Center ..... 853-6196  
Sister Johanne McCarthy ..... 853-1849  
Cemetery Superintendent ..... 794-0154  
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 Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection.....	\$6,963.00
Holy Day.....	789.00
Christmas.....	35.00
Faith Formation.....	20.00
School Assessment.....	56.00
Memorial Fund.....	70.00
Christmas Flowers.....	160.00
Diocesan Collections.....	246.00
Country Pantry.....	80.00

**The Country Pantry**

On Tuesday, December 17, we will be distributing hams and other special foods for the holiday dinner, in addition to our regular monthly food supplement. Last month we served 214 families and our need is increasing. During December we are also collecting hats, mittens and gloves, all sizes from small children to adults.

Thank you for helping us to make it possible to assist those in need during this holiday season. God Bless!

**Saturday, December 14 - Vigil Mass**

5:15 PM 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

**Wednesday, December 18**

7:00 AM John Thomas Crane by Mike Crane

**Thursday, December 19**

7:00 AM Frances Zeh by Carol Lane & Family

**Friday, December 20**

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

**Saturday, December 21**

8:00 AM Francis Doughty by His Family

5:15 PM - Vigil Mary & Ben Hhillage by Their Family

**Sunday, December 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Joseph & Josephine Slivonik

by Joe & Kris Slivonik & Family

10:30 AM Benjamin Burdick (19th) by His Family

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 12-21**

Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski

**THE LIGHTS ARE ON -**

**Advent Reconciliation**

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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.

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<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (12/22)			
5:15 PM (12/22)	Madeline Surace, Madison Steates & Lily Collins	Jim Winkler	Host - Ron Newman & Karen Brewer Cup - Mary Lou Lauchert, Marybeth King, Bill & Bonnie Waldron
8:00 AM (12/23)	Carina Pascussi, Lauren & LeeAnn Chesebro	Kate Chute	Host - Chris Kielar & Pam Sprague Cup - Jeanne Roback, Mike Howard, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (12/23)	Taylor Arndt, Jack & Katie Sullivan	John Burdick	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Carol Fobes, Maryalice Hogan, Joanne Joseph & Mary Stuttard

## Faith Formation

Because John has opened people's hearts to the Savior's coming, Jesus says that John is the greatest of the prophets. We, too, can be like John when we share Jesus' mission of making God's kingdom come.

The third candle on the Advent wreath represents Joy. Let us be grateful people and spread our joy this week.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade class meets this Sunday 6:30-8 PM

## TGIF

Our next meeting is this Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7 PM. We will have a presentation by the Rescue Mission. All teens are invited and welcome; light dinner provided.

## 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 next Sunday, December 22.

The next session will be held January 5.

## Third Thursday Group

The Third Thursday meeting will be held December 19. We gather at 12:15 PM at Sister's residence at 26 Marvin Street, for a Communion Service. Bring a bag lunch and join us for a social hour (or so) at the dining room table. Coffee, tea and dessert provided. All adults are welcome - bring a friend.

**St. Mary's Clinton Preschool  
Christmas Show  
December 17, 2013 @ 6:30 PM  
In the gym.  
The children will entertain!  
All are welcome!**

## St. Mary's Clinton Preschool Service Project

The children are collecting hats and gloves for the Food Pantry as well as dog food/treats for the Freedom Guide Dogs. Any donations may be dropped off at the school. Thank you!

## LeMoyne College CYO Scholarship

For many years, LeMoyne College and the Catholic Youth Organizations have worked together to offer eight \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000/year) to eight deserving students in the geographical Diocese of Syracuse. These scholarships will be awarded to prospective LeMoyne students who have demonstrated leadership abilities and have performed outstanding service to their school, community and parish.

Completed application packets (available in the parish office) must be returned to the regional chairperson no later than February 1, 2014.

# Good News!

December 15, 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

**I'm not much of a gardener.** When our family was young, we planted vegetables to connect our children with the miracle of growing things. But the truth is, I kill houseplants regularly and the clay soil in our backyard made growing things a little harder than I was willing to tolerate. So I spent my time tending to children and other pursuits. When I look at the wonderful young women my children have become, I don't regret any of it—they're evidence of a garden well tended.

We all have gardens we cultivate in the soil we work and in the lives we lead. In today's readings, Isaiah and Jesus point to gardens of a different sort. Isaiah imagines God as the great gardener who brings flowers and trees out of arid sand and clay soil and then moves on to bring sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. What a glorious image of a promise made—where we all grow and are made whole.

Jesus doesn't answer John's disciples; he simply points them in the direction of the garden of Good News he's tended. He sends them to John with tales of what they've seen and heard in all its abundance, because John will know a garden when he hears about it and will rejoice in its growth.

Finally, James, laboring in the Lord's garden decades after the Lord's death, reminds us of the truth every farmer, landscaper, and household gardener knows so well: Making things grow—whether crops, flowers, faith, or people—takes patience.

What's growing in *your* garden this Advent?

Mary Katharine Deeley  
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## A Family Perspective

The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for direction. Are you the one?

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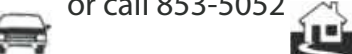


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