

December 22, 2013

St. Mary's Parish

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, December 21 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Mary & Ben Hillage 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

Tuesday, December 24 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Leila Adour by Her Family

11:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas

8:00 AM Robert "Chris" Ellis by St. Mary's Staff

10:30 AM Joseph Yanchan, Jr. by His Wife & Family

Saturday, December 28 - Vigil Mass

8:00 AM Mary & James Kearney

by Kevin & Ann Kearney

5:15 PM - Vigil Carol McCarthy by Fred Lomanto

Sunday, December 29 - The Holy Family

of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM Bob Auert by Judy & Family

10:30 AM Joyce Nester (25th) by the Nester Family

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

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$4,800.00
Holy Day.....	5.00
Faith Formation.....	394.00
School Assessment.....	62.00
Memorial Fund.....	10.00
Christmas Flowers.....	19.00
Diocesan Collections.....	5.00
Country Pantry.....	10.00

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24/25 for the Christmas Holiday. Your messages will be answered ASAP.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24

5:15 PM, Mass

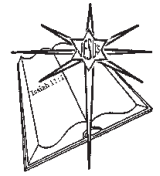
10:30 PM, Choir

11:00 PM, Mass

Wednesday, December 25

8:00 AM, Mass

10:30 AM, Mass



Penance Service

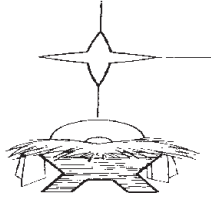
Sunday, December 22, 4 PM, at St. Bernard's Church, Waterville, NY.

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 12-28

Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler

Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (12/24)	Madison Steates, Madeline Surace & Samantha Gaffney	Annamarie Moffitt	Host - Mary Paul & Sue King Cup - Ann Wilkinson, Ron Newman, Julie Wagner & TBA
11:00 PM (12/24)	John Slawson, Joseph & Dominic Pascucci	Pearl Gapp	Host - Annette Foley & Jim Winkler Cup - Karen Brewer, TBA, Gwen & Fran Lallier
8:00 AM (12/25)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Georgia Zoller	TBA	Host - Carole Byrne & MaryLou Lauchert Cup - TBA, TBA, TBA, & TBA
10:30 AM (12/25)	Connor Frank, Jesse & Jacob Dombrowski	John Burdick	Host - Anita Fitzgerald & TBA Cup - TBA, TBA, TBA & TBA
5:15 PM (12/28)	Cheyenne Eisenhut, Meradith Thayer & Meline Korfonta	Colleen Kannianen	Host - Beth May & Bob McQueen Cup - Steve May, Pearl Gapp, Barb Bohrer & Barb Blatz
8:00 AM (12/29)	Tyler, Garrett & Daniel Frank	Pam Sprague	Host - Ed Kaido & Joe Lallier Cup - Carole Byrne, Bob Burns, Tina Lallier & Patty McComb
10:30 AM (12/29)	Kaitlyn Schweitzer, LeeAnn & Lauren Chesebro	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Michele Beach & Don Conniff Cup - Jane Conniff, Anita Fitzgerald, Carol Fobes & Maryalice Hogan



A Blessing of the Christmas Child

*Travel safely,
and may you find your stable
with a manger and a child.
Listen carefully,
and hear the child cry to you
and take him to your heart.
Watch closely,
that shows you the road to travel.
And as you listen for the cry
and watch for the light on your journey
feel the presence of hope, peace and love
with the blessing of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
within you, beside you and before you. Amen*

Merry Christmas from Fr. Croghan and
all the folks at St. Mary's

dear Padre

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Why are there two Christmas stories in the Bible?

I just found out there are two versions of the Christmas story in the Bible. How can that be? What's the difference?

One Christmas story is in Matthew, and the other is in Luke. They differ on some details—but at their hearts, the teaching is the same.

In both, Mary is a virgin engaged to Joseph but not yet living with him, and Jesus is conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. Both also have Jesus born in Bethlehem.

In Matthew, the angel announces Jesus' birth to Joseph; in Luke, Mary receives the announcement. Jesus is named by Joseph in Matthew and by Mary in Luke.

The biggest difference involves the Christmas visitors. Matthew's Magi were educated Gentiles from a pagan country. They worshiped Jesus and brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, showing us at the start of the Gospel that Jesus is King, Priest, and Savior. Luke is always partial to the poor, so he has shepherds rather than Magi witness to Christ.

The Christmas stories are different because the authors and their audiences were different. But there's no need to get lost in the details. Read both accounts, and allow God's grace to deepen your faith.

*Fr. John Murray, CSSR
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Faith Formation

Wishing all our parish families a very blessed Christmas season. May the knowledge that Jesus, Our Savior, came into this world just for you bring you peace and comfort.

We celebrate with Nolan and Sadie Holtz and Rico Lucio this week as they take another step in their faith journey and receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time this Saturday at 5:15 Mass. Also at 5:15 Mass, Matthew Steates will be awarded the Light of Christ medal from the Boy Scouts of America. Matthew, a 3rd grader, and his parents have been working to achieve this honor all year. Congratulations to these four wonderful children!

TGIF

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 12th, 12-3 PM as we go to the Rescue Mission for community outreach. All high school students are invited to join us. More information will follow. Contact Mike Jeffery or Mary Lou Lauchert.

The Country Pantry

Last Tuesday our pantry families received their regular monthly food supplement along with a ham and other special foods for their holiday dinner. Thank you for helping us to make this possible through your generous donations of food and money. May the Christ Child bestow his blessings on you and yours for your caring and sharing. God bless us everyone!

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, December 22. Next session January 5.

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.

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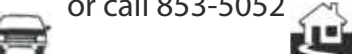


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