

December 29, 2013

# St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street  
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*Rev. John P. Croghan* – Pastor  
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## Phone Numbers:

Parish Office ..... 853-2935  
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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**

No report due to early bulletin deadline.

**2013 Tax Statement**

For a statement of your 2013 donations for tax purposes, please put a note on your envelope, drop a note in the collection basket, or call the parish office at 853-2935, Monday - Friday, 10-3 PM., or e-mail us at parishoffice@stmarys-clinton.com.

**A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live "anyplace", live at HOME!

**The Country Pantry**

The families and volunteers at the Country Pantry wish you and your loved ones a healthy, happy and holy New Year!

**Mass Schedule for the Holy Day**

Masses for the Holy Day - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God will be:

**New Years Eve, December 31, 5:15 PM**

**And**

**New Year's Day, January 1, at 9:30 AM**

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 1-4**

Jan Rishel & Deb Prody

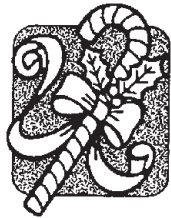
- Saturday, December 28 - Vigil Mass**  
5:15 PM Carol McCarthy by Fred Lomanto
- Sunday, December 29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
8:00 AM Bob Auert by Judy & Family  
10:30 AM Joyce Nester (25th) by the Nester Family
- Tuesday, December 31 - Vigil Mass**  
5:15 PM Stephen & Caroline Vangura by Their Family
- Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
- Thursday, January 2 - Sts Basiil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**  
7:00 AM Edward C. Heintz, Sr. (B'day) by His Family
- Friday, January 3**  
7:00 AM Ian M. Anderson by Joan Cole
- Saturday, January 4**  
8:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family  
5:15 PM - Vigil John Wilkinson (8th) by Ann
- Sunday, January 5 - The Epiphany of the Lord**  
8:00 AM Nancy Maxam by Roger & Barbara Cresswell  
10:30 AM George & Adelaide Richter by David & Gail

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

<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (12/31)	Carina, Joseph & Dominic Pascucci	Karen Brewer	Host - Mary Paul & Ann Wilkinson Cup - TBA, TBA, <u>TBA &amp; TBA</u>
9:30 AM (1/1)	Madison Steates, Madeline Surace & Katie Sullivan	Colleen Kannianen	Host - Sue King & TBA Cup - TBA, TBA, TBA & TBA
5:15 PM (1/4)	Samantha Gaffney, Taylor & Kendell Arndt	MaryLou Lauchert	Host - Tim Lashinger & Bob Scarlata Cup - Marybeth King, Jan Slawson, Elizabeth Tantillo & Karen Brewer
8:00 AM (1/5)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Georgia Zoller	Ron Roback	Host - Evelyn Micciche & Bob Burns Cup - Mike Howard, James Sultenfuss, Kate Chute & Jeanne Roback
10:30 AM (1/5)	Caleb Stanco, Adam Schneider & Jesse Dombrowski	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Joanne Joseph & Mary Stuttard Cup - Michele Beach, Carol Fobes, Don & Jane Conniff

**Christmas Thank You!!**

Thank you to all who helped to make our Christmas Masses true celebrations of the Lord's birth. A special "thanks!" to Valerie and the choir for the beautiful music and all of the ministers who helped at the Masses. I would also like to thank all of you who sent cards, gifts and food to the rectory. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



I hope and pray that all of you have a healthy and very happy New Year.

Fr. Croghan

**Faith Formation**

Families come in many sizes. There is the "little" family into which we were born. And there are many larger families we belong to like the parish, the community, the Church, and the human family itself. In all of these families we can find happiness by practicing the virtues listed in our second reading. These include compassion, gentleness, forgiveness, and patience.

Classes resume January 6<sup>th</sup>. Happy and safe New Year!

**TGIF**

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 12-3 PM when 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.

**Typhoon Thank You**

A note from Catholic Charities, Syracuse: The Diocese collected about \$131,000 which is being sent to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops to assist in the relief efforts in the Philippines.

It's amazing how the people in the Diocese of Syracuse respond when the need arises. Our prayers go out to the volunteers assisting in relief efforts and the individuals affected by this disaster. 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.

dear Padre

December 29, 2013

**Where do nonbiblical stories of the Holy Family come from?**

I've heard priests tell stories about Jesus' childhood, the Blessed Virgin, Saint Joseph, and Saint Ann that aren't in the Bible. Where do these stories come from?

A lot of things written around the time of the Gospels aren't part of the Bible. Many of the stories you hear, especially about the people you mention, come from those sources.

In the early days of the Church, people were eager to hear as much as they could about Jesus and his family; in response, many stories about Jesus' childhood or Saint Joseph and our Blessed Mother were collected in a variety of written accounts—some more reliable than others.

For example, many stories about the family of Mary and about Joseph appear in a work called the "Gospel of James" (not to be confused with the New Testament's Letter of James). The "Gospel of James" isn't revelation like Scripture; it's a collection of stories that were passed from generation to generation because they helped make important points about Christian life.

Everything we need for salvation is revealed in the Scriptures. Tidbits about Jesus, Mary, or Joseph from nonbiblical sources add color and flavor to our faith, but we must remember that they're not revealed by God.

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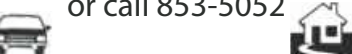


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