

March 16, 2014

St. Mary's Parish

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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

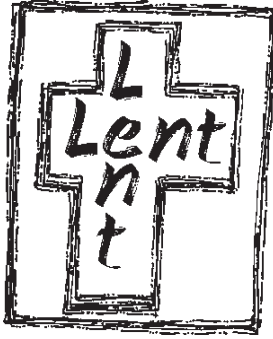
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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, March 15 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Joseph Yanchan by His Wife & Family

Sunday, March 16 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Jerry LaLonde by Bob & Caryl Galinski

10:30 AM Irene Caister (3rd) by Her Family

Wednesday, March 19 - St. Joseph

7:00 AM Bob Cole by His Wife Joan & Family

Thursday, March 20

7:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions

Friday, March 21

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Saturday, March 22

8:00 AM Catherine Croghan by Her Family

5:15 PM - Vigil Jeanne Jones by Carl

Sunday, March 23 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Robert Burns (6th) by His Family

10:30 AM Bud Bremer by Betsy Burns

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 3-22

Joyce & Denny Bojdak

Counters - 3/23

Walt Jury, Pearl Gapp & Barbara Bohrer

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$6,023.00
Easter.....	1.00
Faith Formation.....	10.00
School Assessment.....	20.00
Memorial Fund.....	26.00
Bequest.....	200.00
Flowers.....	66.00
Catholic Sun.....	65.00
Eastern Europe.....	1,001.00
Black & Native American.....	524.00
Country Pantry.....	10.00

A Family Perspective

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

The Country Pantry

We are still collecting bags of jelly beans and Easter candy, regular and sugar-free, for distribution on March 25. Also needed are spaghetti, cereal and tuna fish.

We have an abundance of plastic grocery bags until further notice. However, please continue to send in your brown paper grocery bags.

Thanks for all you do to help us assist individuals and families in our area who are in need of food. If you know of anyone in need of our help, please contact Mary Zimble at 371-5789.

Parish Coffee Hour Next Sunday

Please join us for our parish coffee hour next Sunday, March 23, following the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses, in the school gym. - Coffee and goodies!

Baptized in Christ

We welcome the following to our Catholic Family: Emme Providence Bono, daughter of Sam & Katie, Randall Anthony Carlson, son of Michael & Stephanie, and Serafina Elizabeth Givens, daughter of Austen & Rachel.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (3/22)	Joseph, Dominic & Carina Pascucci	Bill Waldron	Host - Ron Newman & Brianne Siepiola Cup - Anne Debraggio, Ann Wilkinson, Steve & Beth May
8:00 AM (3/23)	Nate Gale, John & Hannah Slawson	Pam Sprague	Host - Fran & Gwen Lallier Cup - Bob Burns, Carole Byrne, Pam Sprague & Evelyn Micciche
10:30 AM (3/23)	Samantha Gaffney, Raine Boehlert & Taylor Arndt	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Carol Fobes & Anita Fitzgerald Cup - Joanne Joseph, Jane Conniff, Peggy Schweitzer & Maryalice Hogan

Faith Formation

The second reading gives us a good Lenten reminder: God has saved us and called us to be holy. But to be holy we have to "hang in there" even when it is tough. Being a faithful disciple is a challenge and can carry a price. What will you do during Lent to meet that challenge?

Grades 1-8 meet on the normal schedule.

Grade 9 meets next Sunday, March 16

Lenten Outreach - We are once again collecting canned fruit and vegetables for the Country Pantry during lent. This week's fruit is applesauce. Next week we will collect pears.

TGIF

Plans are coming together for a group meeting to watch the movie Son of God—watch for an email from Mr. Jeffery with the details.

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. The next gathering will be March 30.

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands Meeting

There will be a meeting of Hearts and Hands Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 PM, in the school. We will be planning upcoming spring/early summer events for the parish. All men and women are invited to attend. We look forward to new ideas. Won't you plan to join us!

Things for Lent:

A History of Christianity in 5 1/2 Objects

The Clinton Area Ministerium invite you to join them on three Thursday evenings this Lent -
March 27, April 3 & April 10

at 6:00 p.m. for Lenten reflections
by Hamilton College Professor S. Brent Plate.

As he states ...

"A close look at Christian history reveals a deep-seated, perennial love for things. Objects large and small, valuable and worthless are there from the beginning of the tradition, creating memories and meanings for the Christians who pray and worship, love and share, make pilgrimage and make music. These presentations will encourage us to reexamine the Christian life of things, exploring stones, drums, bread, incense, and tattoos. Through the series we will hear the stories of Christian life by focusing on five specific objects and how people have used them."

Each evening will begin with a light Lenten supper of soup and bread at 6:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Center. Please plan to join us.

dear Padre

March 16, 2014

Where is the best place to pray?

I'm having trouble finding a good place to pray. I can't get to church every day. I have a noisy household, and I can't pray at work. Any ideas?

The best place to pray is in solitude. But solitude in this case doesn't mean an isolated place; it is, rather, a state of the heart.

Many Christians can enter into a state of solitude on a crowded train. I've talked with others who find solitude while sitting on a bench in a crowded shopping mall.

However, to cultivate this interior state that opens a Christian to heartfelt conversation with God, many of us need to physically shut out distractions. As Jesus advised, go into your room—your secret place—close the door, and pray there. For some people, this "secret place" is a church or chapel. Many people pray before or after Mass. Some churches have a special oratory or chapel for the Blessed Sacrament.

But, like you, many people find it difficult to go to a church or chapel every day, so some of them devote a special corner of their home to prayer. This prayer corner usually has a Bible, crucifix, statue, sacred picture, candle, or plant.

We can find solitude in the car, in a favorite nature spot, in the garden, or on a morning jog. Once you start looking for it, solitude isn't as difficult to find as you'd expect, because God is present in every place and in every moment—so wherever we can find solitude, he will be there.

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Third Thursday Meeting at Alteri's

Members are invited to gather at Alteri's Restaurant on College Street, Clinton, March 20, at Noon, for a dutch-treat farewell luncheon for Sister Johanne. For further information, call Janet Collmer at 853-5109.

Area Events

3/21, 4-6:30 PM (Fridays of Lent) - Haddock Dinner at Holy Family Church, Vernon.

Sisters of St. Joseph Ziti Dinner

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to visit St. Joseph's Provincial House, Latham, NY, on April 5, for their annual Ziti Dinner from 1:30-5:30 PM. Cost is \$10. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

A Chartered bus will be going to the event. For tickets and reservations, please call 337-8433 after 4 PM or call St. Peter's Rectory at 336-5072, 8-4 PM, Tuesdays or Wednesdays, ASAP.

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