

March 23, 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 22 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM 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

Wednesday, March 26

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Thursday, March 27

7:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions

Friday, March 28

7:00 AM Richard B. Spencer by Hearts & Hands

Saturday, March 29

8:00 AM Dorothy Buckley by Ed & Nancy Crane

5:15 PM - Vigil Eric Wiedmer by His Family

Sunday, March 30 - 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Dan DeCotis by Chris & Barb Blatz

10:30 AM Jane Ellen Hogan by Her Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 3-29

Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski

Counters - 3-30

Gabe Martini, Catherine Miller & Gwen Lallier

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,786.00
Easter.....	550.00
Faith Formation.....	102.00
Memorial Fund.....	40.00
Flowers.....	30.00
Catholic Sun.....	166.00
Black & Native Americans.....	21.00
Eastern Europe Churches.....	15.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	10.00
HOPE Appeal Parish Sharing.....	557.50

Second Collection Next Weekend

The annual collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Thank you for your generous donations to this worthy cause.

A Family Perspective

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than material things. They need the "living water" only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst."

Reception for Sister Johanne

Save the date - **Sunday, April 6** following the 10:30 AM Mass in the school gym there will be a farewell reception for Sister Johanne. Please join us to thank her and wish her well in her retirement. All are welcome!

The Country Pantry

Our next distribution is on Tuesday, March 25. At that time we will be giving out items for Easter dinner along with bags of Easter candy.

Our needs at this time are cereal, instant oatmeal packets, peanut butter and spaghetti.

Thank you for helping us to assist our friends and neighbors in their effort to provide nourishing foods for their families. Do you know of anyone who can use our assistance? If so, please call Jeanne Roback at 737-7650 or Mary Zimble at 371-5789. God bless!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (3/29)	Madison Steates, Madeline Surace & Melina Korfonta	Dave Welchons	Host - Sue King & Tim Lashinger Cup - Sue Kielar, Jim Winkler, Barb Bohrer & Jan Slawson
8:00 AM (3/30)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Georgia Zoller	Anna Berney	Host - Chris Kielar & Bob Burns Cup - Jeanne Roback, Mike Howard, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (3/30)	Caleb Stanco, Nicholas & Daniel Frank	John Burdick	Host - Maryalice Hogan & Joanne Joseph Cup - Carol Fobes, Anita Fitzgerald, Don & Jane Conniff

Faith Formation

God's love for the Israelites was made visible in the desert by water flowing from a rock. But God's love was made even more visible for all people at all times through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Like a river that never dries up, the love of God is "poured out in our hearts."

Grades 1-8 meet on the normal schedule.

Grade 9 meets this Sunday, March 23

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

TGIF

Watch for emails from Mr. Jeffery for future activities. If you would like to get on his mailing list please contact him or Mary Lou Lauchert.

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, March 30. Our next gathering will be April 13.

Parish Coffee Hour This Sunday

There will be a Parish Coffee Hour this Sunday, March 23, following the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Everyone is invited to join your parish community in having a cup of coffee, much on a goodie and socialize with one another. Won't you plan to join us! We hope to see you there.



St. Mary's Hearts and Hands Meeting 3/26

There will be a meeting of St. Mary's Hearts and Hands this coming Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 PM, in the school. All adults (men & women) are cordially invited to join us. We will be planning upcoming spring/early summer parish events. We look forward to seeing you this Wednesday.

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.

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 23, 2014

Does it matter whether I go to Mass?

I know Mass is supposed to bring me closer to God, but I feel much closer to God when I take a walk along the beach. Wouldn't God rather I do the thing that makes me feel closest to him?

The beach can calm the soul and lead to praise of God, but this is not the worship God asks of us. This worship, ever since the days of Moses and Pharaoh, has been the keeping of a Sabbath Day in a gathering of a whole people, a community.

So in the Book of Exodus, God gives this message to Pharaoh: "Let my people go, that they may hold a feast for me in the wilderness" (5:1).

For Catholics, weekly Mass celebrates our deepest nature and calling as the people of the God of the Bible. Worship is for God first of all and above all. Find this attitude in yourself, and you will find more in the Mass than you ever dreamed possible. You will find what every human heart is seeking: the Love we can give ourselves to, what Jesus teaches as the first and greatest commandment.

Jesus also teaches that the second greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. This is what we often find difficult about weekly Mass: all those people! But staying with them and praying with them, crying babies and all, is the worship God asks of your heart.

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Area Events

3/28, 4-6:30 PM (Fridays of Lent) - Haddock Dinner at Holy Family Church, Vernon.

3/29, 9-1 PM - Notre Dame NJROTC Unit garage sale in school cafeteria.

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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