

March 30, 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

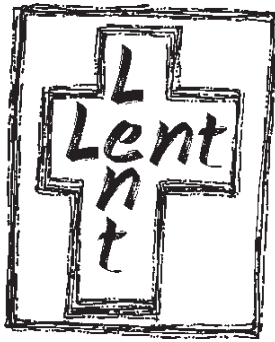
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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 29 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM 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

Wednesday, April 2

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

Thursday, April 3

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, April 4 - St. Isidore

7:00 AM Albert Moore by His Family

Saturday, April 5

8:00 AM John J. Croghan by His Family

5:15 PM - Vigil Jean Vicks by the Balch Family

Sunday, April 6 - 5th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Bob Sheridan (22nd) by His Family

10:30 AM Catherine Dawes by the Jama Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 4-5

Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler

Counters - 4-6

Annette Foley, Ed Kaido & Kernan Kennedy

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,284.21
Easter.....	135.00
Faith Formation.....	157.00
School Assessment.....	32.00
Memorial Fund.....	20.00
Fuel.....	10.00
Catholic Sun.....	60.00
Country Pantry.....	55.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	5.00
Votive.....	48.00

Second Collection This Weekend

The annual Catholic Relief Services collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

Reception for Sister Johanne Next Sunday
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!

Living Stations of the Cross

This Friday, April 4, at 7 PM, students from Notre Dame High School will be with us to present the Living Stations of the Cross. At this service, students "pose" each of the stations while a reflective passage is read. This is a very powerful way of praying the Stations that the whole family might enjoy. Please join us.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Celebrating God's forgiveness is a great way to prepare for Easter. The sacrament of reconciliation (aka: Confession) is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 4-4:45 PM here at St. Mary's. In addition to that, Bishop Cunningham has asked that all churches in the Diocese be open for confessions on Monday, April 14, 4-7 PM. Also, St. Bernard's Church, Waterville, will be holding their Lenten Penance Service at 4 PM on Sunday, April 13.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (4/5)	Carina Pascucci, Kate & Jack Sullivan	Joyce Bojdak	Host - MaryLou Lauchert & Barb Blatz Cup - Bob Scarlata, Mary Paul, Tim Lashinger & Karen Brewer
8:00 AM (4/6)	Connor, Tyler & Garrett Frank	Bob Burns	Host - Jeanne Roback & Patty McComb Cup - Pam Sprague, Julie Wagner, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (4/6)	Lily Collins, Kaitlyn Schweitzer & Lauren Chesebro	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Anita Fitzgerald, Carol Fobes, Maryalice Hogan & Joanne Joseph

Faith Formation

One of the meanings of Baptism is "enlightenment." At Baptism, we receive a lighted candle as a symbol of Christ's light in our lives. With Christ, we stand against the darkness. As we move forward to Easter during this Lenten season, the second reading reminds us of the courage we need to have as followers of Christ. The world is not an easy place to share the good news, but it needs to see the light of Christ's truth in us.

Grades 1-8 meet on the normal schedule.

Grade 9 meets next Sunday, April 6

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

TGIF

Thank you to Calidonnas for helping us install equipment for a volleyball net! We had a great set of games last Sunday. Our next meeting will be April 6th, 5:30-7 PM. Come join the fun!

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

A Family Perspective

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."

The Country Pantry

Thanks for your generous response to our appeal for jelly beans and Easter candy. These items were given out at our distribution last Tuesday.

Other foods that we can use are tuna fish, peanut butter, spaghetti and instant oatmeal packets. We appreciate your support. Thanks for caring and sharing.

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.

Good News!

March 30, 2014 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

1 Sm 10:1b, 8-7, 10-13a / Ep 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 9-9, 13-17, 34-38

"Do you see what I'm saying?"

The question came at the end of a difficult conversation about a hurtful remark I'd made. I hadn't intended to hurt—I was going for a cheap laugh in a group of people, and I got it. But, as my colleague made clear to me, the laugh came at the expense of her comfort and, to some extent, her dignity.

The very fact that she had to call it to my attention meant that I had not been paying attention. I didn't "see" her—I saw only myself scoring laugh points with the seven or eight people we were with. Let's face it: I was blind to her and to the effect of my words.

In today's Scripture, Samuel is chastised for his narrow vision because he believes a king must surely look like Elish, someone of stature and importance. He saw only what impressed him. He couldn't look into the heart as God did, so he didn't see as God did.

The Pharisees, too, are called to account for their own constricted sight, which couldn't accept that a man born blind might know the presence of God more surely than they ever could.

When we're convinced of our own righteousness and consider ourselves more important than anyone else, we become blind to others and to God. Today our prayers ask God for holy sight—the grace to see the world and all in it as God sees.

Many things can make us blind, but God can open the eyes of our heart if we simply come to him and ask him to help us see.

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