

September 14, 2014

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street
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Parish Center 853-6196
Sister Ruth Dowd 853-1849
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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.



Saturday, September 13 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Jeanne Jones by Carl

Sunday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 8:00 AM Bob Sheridan by His Family
 10:30 AM Frances T. Zeh by Gladys Cichowski

Wednesday, September 17 - St. Robert Bellaemine
 7:00 AM NO MASS

Thursday, September 18
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, September 19 - St. Januarius
 7:00 AM Lucy Burnesby Johanna Barnes

Saturday, September 20
 8:00 AM Francis Doughty by Jane & Family
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass William Hameline by Hearts & Hands

Sunday, September 21 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Frank Owens (10th) by His Family
 10:30 AM Maya Lewis by Gail Hill

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 9-20
 Laurie Calhoun

Counters - 9-21
 Peggy Schweitzer, Don & Jane Conniff

Collection for

Ordinary Collection.....\$7,982.00
 Holy Day.....2.00
 School Assessment.....25.00
 Memorial Fund.....374.00
 Faith Formation.....210.00
 Country Pantry.....10.00

HOPE Appeal 2014

Your contribution supports numerous ministries throughout the diocese. Please remember it's not how much you give, but that everyone gives what they can.

FYI - St. Mary's has been assessed a goal of \$33,005.19, so far we have received \$32,271.19, leaving a balance of \$734 to meet our goal. Thank you!

Second Collection Next Weekend

The annual collection for Catholic University of America will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity!

A Family Perspective

When patience is worn thin, nerves are frayed and family members are grumbling, look upon a cross and recall the words "God so loved the world". Pray: "God, give me strength."

The Country Pantry

With the cooler weather and the rising cost of heating along with increased food and fuel prices, we expect even more families and individuals in need of our services. We ask for your help in providing some needed items including canned beef stew, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and macaroni and cheese.

Do you know of anyone in need of our assistance in feeding their families. If so, please contact Jeanne Roback at 737-7650 or Pantry coordinator, Mary Zimmler at 371-5789.

We also ask you to pray for our families, many of whom are facing many challenges because of job loss, illness or family situations. God's blessing be on us all.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (9/20)	Kate Schweitzer, LeeAnn & Lauren Chesebro	Mike Debraggio	Host - Jim Winkler & Jan Slawson Cup - Marybeth King, Ron Newman, Mary Lou Lauchert & Anne Debraggio
8:00 AM (9/21)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Georgia Zoller	Ron Roback	Host - Kate Chute & Jeanne Roback Cup - Bob Burns, Carole Byrne, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (9/21)	Lily Collins, Kate & Jack Sullivan	Karen Brewer	Host - Karen Brewer & Maryalice Hogan Cup - Mary Stuttard, Joanne Joseph, Anita Fitzgerald & Carol Fobes

Faith Formation

Classes begin this week! I am so grateful to the many volunteers who make this program what it is: Joan Babson, Audrey Bartels, Amy Bashant, Lisa Bohling, Laura Brehaut, Michaela Guinee, Cristin Heselton, Jane Hughes, Richard Hunt, Amanda Ingalls, Joe Jeffery, Mike and Lisa Jeffery, Gabe Martini, Gina Martini, Carla Pascucci, Jocelyn Schneider, Katie Schlosser, Dave Schulz, Brianna Sepiola, Tricia Spina, Jim and Miranda Steates, Kevin and Alicia Surace, Olivia Surgent, Elizabeth Tantillo, Evelyn Torsher, Susan Yaworsky, Courtney Zoller and Georgia Zoller. Without these generous catechists, our program would not be what it is. If you see any of these people, please express your gratitude as well.

I am still looking for a volunteer to teach 3rd Grade on Wednesday evening. If you would like more information or if you have a child in 1st grade or new to the program please contact Mary Lou Lauchert at faithformation@stmarys-clinton.com or at 525-4297.

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 PM, in the school. This meeting will focus on the upcoming Christmas Fair. We welcome your interest and new ideas. We want this year's fair to be successful and with everyone's help, we can do it!

Third Thursday Group Will Resume

The Third Thursday Group will resume meetings this Thursday, September 18. We meet at 26 Marvin Street (Sisters House) at 12:15 PM for a Communion Service. Bring a bag lunch and join the group in the dining room. Dessert and beverage provided. All adults are welcome.

Pastoral Planning

"Seeing Natural Bridges: A Collaborative Visioning Process" provided a context for the work of the PCA's in autumn 2013. The process asked the representatives in each PCA to meet four times to consider 1) the manner in which parishes collaborate with each other and to develop a joint plan for evangelization in their area; 2) to acknowledge the mutual need for a change in Mass schedules to reflect the capacity of churches and the number of people at weekend Masses. The second session also considered concrete, specific ways for building their own parish identity and the mutual identity of the parishes in the PCA. 3) The diminishing number of priests and the linking and clustering of parishes will require planning for the selection, training and placing of new types of parish staff members and leadership. PCAs were invited to envision what parish and cluster staff might look at in their area, and to prepare for collaborating now for the sake of the future. 4) Representatives enjoyed a hearty conversation about parish resources (spiritual, financial, volunteer, and personnel) and what steps that they might take to make the local vision possible. This conversation particularly sought to engage lay parish leaders in naming the future.

dear Padre

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What is the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. Is that what the Church teaches?

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life.

"It is love 'to the end' [see John 13:1] that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (*CCC* 614).

Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross. . . . By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin.

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Saturday Supper Series

The first Saturday of each month we will be hosting a potluck supper. For our first supper on October 4 we will provide chicken and ask everyone to bring a favorite side dish; consider something locally grown or made! Suppers will be held in the gym following the 5:15 PM Mass. All parishioners are welcome, even if you attend Mass at a different time during the weekend. Questions, contact Amy Bashant at (amybashant@gmail.com) 853-4537.

St. Mary's Harvest Festival

We hope you have marked your calendar for St. Mary's Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 20, 6 PM, in the school gym. Food, games, crafts, music and more! The event is free, but you are welcome to bring a salad/veggies/fruit or dessert to share. Bring any home grown veggies/fruits/jams to our "farm stand" with proceeds going to the Country Pantry! And the pie judging contest is open to all ages, so don't be shy, enter your pie! For more information or to volunteer, please see the sign posted in the front of church or contact Amy Bashant at (amybashant@gmail.com) or 853-4537.



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