

September 28, 2014

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street
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Parish Center 853-6196
Sister Ruth Dowd 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

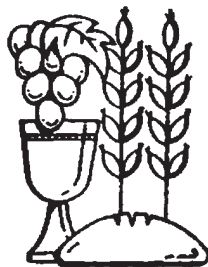
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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.



Saturday, September 27 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Susan Knodel by Joyce & Denny Bojdak
Sunday, September 28 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Francis Doughty by Jane & Family
 10:30 AM Carl Vilardo by Richard & Nancy Lennon
Wednesday, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus
 7:00 AM Bill Hameline by Mary Findley
Thursday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Friday, October 3
 7:00 AM Bill Woodruff by Tom & Barb Ryan
Saturday, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi
 8:00 AM Francis Doughty by His Family
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass Lottie & Frank Savicki
 by Joyce & Denny Bojdak
Sunday, October 5 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Jerry LaLonde by Carol & Bernie Burns
 10:30 AM Lucy A. Burns by the Vangura Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 10-4
 Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler

Counters - 10-5
 Pat Balon, Bob & Linda Kurtyka

Collection for

Ordinary Collection.....\$8,525.00
 School Assessment.....48.00
 Memorial Fund.....5.00
 Faith Formation.....820.00
 Catholic University of America.....669.00

Second Collection Next Weekend

The annual Respect Life collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity!

HOPE Appeal 2014

We're almost there! **Only \$134** needed to meet our assessed goal of \$33,005.19. So far we have received \$32,871.19. Please turn in your pledge ASAP. Many thanks to those of you who have supported HOPE Appeal!

St. Mary's Choir

St. Mary's Choir resumes singing next weekend and we'd love to start the season with some new members. Young singers and instrumentalists from grades 5 and up meet in the choir loft at 5 PM on Saturdays and sing/play for the 5:15 PM Mass. Adults and older teenagers meet at 9:30 AM on Sundays for rehearsal, and sing for the 10:30 AM Mass. Please stop up to the choir loft or call Valerie at 292-0368 for more information.

The Country Pantry

Our needs this month are cereal, peanut butter and canned fruits. Thanks for all you do to support our efforts to assist our friends and neighbors who need help feeding their families. Last month we served 210 families, which included over 800 individuals. This month's distribution will be on Tuesday, September 30. Thank you for caring and sharing. God bless!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (10/4)	Madison Steates, Madeline Surace & Melina Korfonta	Pearl Gapp	Host - Barb Blatz & Mary Paul Cup - Bob McQueen, Sue Kielar, Jim Winkler & Tim Lashinger
8:00 AM (10/5)	Connor Frank, John & Hannah Slawson	Kate Chute	Host - Fran & Gwen Lallier Cup - Pam Sprague, Evelyn Micciche, Bob Burns & Carole Byrne
10:30 AM (10/5)	Lauren Chesebro, Kate & Jack Sullivan	John Burdick	Host - Carol Fobes & Peggy Schweitzer Cup - Joanne Joseph, Anita Fitzgerald, Don & Jane Conniff

Faith Formation

How do you respond to the Lord's call to work in his vineyard? What care does the vineyard need today?

9th Grade meets this Sunday, Sept 28th 6:30-8 PM.

Parent meeting for these students with Father Croghan in the gym during this time.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Farewell to Summer event last Saturday. It was a huge success and a great time had by all!!

Saturday Supper Series

The 1st Saturday of each month there will be a pot-luck supper for all parishioners beginning October 4, following the 5:15 PM Mass, in the school gym. The main dish and drinks will be provided, please bring a small side dish to share. Please join us then check out the pie sale for dessert. For information, contact Amy Bashant at 853-4537 (amybashant@gmail.com)

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**, September 28. The next session will be **Saturday**, October 4, during the 5:15 PM Mass.

Hearts & Hands Pie Sale/Coffee Hour

There will be a pie sale next weekend October 4/5, in the gym after all Masses. If you wish to donate a pie, please bring it to the gym after 4 PM Saturday or before Masses on Sunday. There will also be a coffee hour on Sunday following the Masses. Thank you to our bakers and buyers!

Sister Ruth will be at our coffee hour to visit with all of us. Stop by and "Meet and Greet" her to our parish!

Pastoral Planning

Discerning and applying the lessons learned is a role that belongs to the Bishop. Among his senior advisors, we find the "College of Consultors." The Consultors are also members of the Diocesan Priests' (Presbyteral) Council. The Consultors are composed of the Diocesan and Regional Vicars and Chairman of the Priests' Council. They will meet with and assist the bishop by receiving the PCA recommendations that are channeled to them by the Vicar for Parishes and the Planning Office. This group discerns and deliberates recommendations to the Bishop for future action in each area.

Their work is enhanced by the knowledge of the six regional vicars who live and work in the area of the diocese entrusted to their leadership. The regional vicars have specialized knowledge that results from their daily contact with pastors and parishioners. The College will offer specific recommendations to the Bishop about how to incorporate the wisdom drawn from the process and to apply it. These recommendations will be shared with the other members of the Presbyteral Council, and the bishop reaches his prayerful decisions about how to best serve the people of the diocese.

dear Padre

September 28, 2014

Who can write a prayer?

My prayer-group leader is encouraging us to write our own prayers for our meetings. I don't think we're qualified to write prayers for other people to pray. Don't you need some formal religious training? Will our prayers count?

It's given to every human being to be able to pray. On the level of the spiritual life, prayer is as basic as breathing is to physical life. Everyone at every moment has the grace to say a prayer. Sometimes I ask people, "Do you pray?" At times they tell me they don't. Then I ask them, "Well, do you talk with God?" Of course they do, at least sometimes. That's praying.

When writing your prayers, I suggest you use this ancient definition as inspiration: *Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God.* I'm sure your prayers will be that in word and feeling, and they will "count."

When writing more formal prayers, it's nice to include the prayer elements the Church considers important: adoration of God, contrition and sorrow for sin, thanksgiving for life and for God's care of us in good times and bad, and petition for what we desperately need in our poverty.

And for you, a final word. Remember that, no matter how bad things may get, no matter how out of control, you always have the gift and power of saying a prayer. Especially in time of temptation—when things really go bad—ask Mary your Mother to pray with you.

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St. Mary's Prayerline

...is a group of parishioners who together form a chain of prayers for anyone (does not have to be a parishioner or Catholic) who has need of and requests extra prayers. At present 35 parishioners comprise the Prayerline. If you would like information about joining this group, call Margaret LaLonde (853-5280) or Pat Sheridan (853-5229) and they will "fill you in". Basically all that is required is a minimum amount of your time and a willingness to help those in need through prayer. As the members of the Prayerline have found, prayer is a powerful weapon.

Book Study - The Best Yes-making wise decisions in the midst of endless demands by Lysa Terkeurst.

Join us for a brief information session Monday, 9/29 or Wednesday, 10/1, 6:30 PM in the school. For information, call Amy Bashant at 853-4537.

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