

November 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, November 22 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Helen Balon (8th) by Pat Balon

Sunday, November 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

8:00 AM Paul Kannainen by Colleen

10:30 AM Susan Knodel by Barb Madore Chilluffo

Wednesday, November 26

7:00 AM Nora Reynolds by Patrick

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day

9:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, November 28

8:00 AM Frank Stalzer by the Hingos Family

Saturday, November 29

8:00 AM Lucy Burns by Johanna Barnes

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Albert Savicki (1st)

by His Family

Sunday, November 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Jerry LaLonde by the Secular Franciscan Order

10:30 AM Joe Maxwell (13th) by Jackie & Family

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

Office Closed November 27 & 28

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please leave a message and we'll get back to you ASAP.

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 11-29

Jan Rishel & Deb Prody

Counters - 11-30

Annette Foley, Ed Kaido & Kernan Kennedy

Collection for

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,033.00
School Assessment.....	41.00
Memorial Fund.....	56.00
Faith Formation.....	50.00
Country Pantry.....	80.00
Fuel/Flowers.....	25.00
Human Development.....	824.00
Seminary.....	25.00
Holy Days.....	28.00

The Country Pantry

As we prepare for our own Thanksgiving celebration this Thursday, be assured that by your generous contributions of money and food, you have helped our families and individuals to enjoy a traditional holiday dinner. The volunteers and recipients thank you for caring and sharing. May God bestow his blessings on us all.

Country Pantry Blanket Drive

We are continuing to collect blankets to be given at our Christmas distribution on December 16. Please bring in your blankets by Sunday, December 14. We can use all sizes, including handmade knitted and crocheted blankets. Our goal is to give a new blanket to each family, which at the present time is about 240 families. Please consider helping us in this worthy project. God bless!

A Family Perspective

Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers, and welcome strangers and even estranged relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly, for we make Christ present in what we do. Family life is Beatitude life.

Hospitalized or in Nursing Home

If you have a loved one in the hospital or residing in a nursing facility, please let Sister Ruth know (853-1849) and she would be happy to visit them.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
9:30 AM (11/27)	Carina Pascucci, Madison Steates & Madeline Surace	Pam Sprague	Host - Sue King & Barb Blatz Sup - Jim Winkler, Carole Byrne, Sue Kielar & Ann Wilkinson
5:15 PM (11/29)	Raine Boehlert, Lauren & Lee Ann Chesebro	Bill Waldron	Host - Jim Winkler & Brianne Siepiola Cup - Bob Scarlata, Ron Newman, Elizabeth Tantillo & Ann Wilkinson
8:00 AM (11/30)	Daniel, Nick & Tyler Frank	Kate Chute	Host - Bob Burns & Evelyn Micciche Cup - Kate Chute, Pam Sprague, Tina & Joe Lallier
10:30 AM (11/30)	Jesse Dombrowski, Adam Schneider & Caleb Stanco	Mike Cosgrove	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Karen Brewer, Carol Fobes, Maryalice Hogan & Joanne Joseph



On Thanksgiving Day, the 7 AM Mass will be replaced with a **Mass at 9:30 AM**. Hopefully this will allow more of you to join us in a Eucharistic Prayer of Thanksgiving. As in the past, a collection will be taken up at this Mass for the Country Pantry.

Please note, morning **Mass on Friday will be at 8 AM**.

Faith Formation

How lucky we are to have Jesus tell us that when we do for others, we do to him. We will be judged on our works of mercy and justice. Take a moment to think about these works that the gospel mentions. Ask Christ to reign and rule in your heart and in the whole world.

Grades 6-8 - Middle School Social on Friday, December 5th from 6:30-8PM in the parish center (gym). Bring a friend for some fun, snacks & fellowship!

No classes for the Wednesday session on Wednesday, November 26th

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Your children, ages 4-9, are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday. The gathering will be Sunday, November 30, at the 10:30 AM Mass.

Calling All Basketball Players

We are forming youth teams for grades 3-6. For more information, please call 853-4743.

World Marriage Day Celebration

The 29th Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated February 8, 2015, 2:30 PM, at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass and witness the renewal of marriage vows of all couples in attendance. Contact St. Mary's Office by **December 12** to register.

New Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Needed

If you are interested in "proclaiming" God's Word or distributing the Eucharistic at our weekend Masses, please call Sister Ruth (853-1849) or Sue King (725-5631).

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

We would like to get our program underway. If you know anyone who may be interested in learning about our Catholic Faith, please welcome them to attend an initial class. OR, if you did not received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation or Confirmation earlier on, we would love to help you do this. There are some registration papers in the back of church or call Sister Ruth at 853-1849.

dear Padre

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Did Jesus exist before his earthly birth?

I want to know whether Jesus existed before his earthly birth. I realize nothing is impossible with God, but this certainly adds to the mystery.

Jesus explains his relationship with God the Father in John 14:10-11 when he asks Philip, "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.

The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me."

But how did Jesus exist before he was born of the Virgin Mary? Origen, one of the early Church Fathers said,

That there was never a time when he did not exist is to be taken with a certain allowance. For these very words 'when' and 'never' are terms of temporal significance, while whatever is said of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is to be understood as transcending all time, all ages, and all eternity" (*The Fundamental Doctrines*, 4:4:1).

Jesus was physically born into this world and Jesus is fully human, but he is also fully divine. We cannot equate Jesus' birth with our birth. Jesus transcends the limits of time and space.

So how did Jesus exist before his birth? We cannot know. Is that part of the mystery? It most certainly is.

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Christmas Bags for Shut-ins

Sister Ruth's ministry includes visiting our shut-ins. She would like to give Christmas Bags for the people she visits. The following items would be useful gifts to put in them: tooth brush, tooth paste, talcum powder, body wash, hand lotion, small Kleenex packages, pen, pencil, word-search book, a deck of playing cards, note pad or a monetary donation to purchase necessary items. Please put items in the basket in the church vestibule. Monetary donations may be dropped in the collection (with a notation). Thank you.

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