

December 21, 2014

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street
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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, December 20 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Mary & Ben Hillage by Their Family

Sunday, December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Josephine & Joseph Slivonik

by Joe, Kris & Family

10:30 AM Benjamin Burdick (20th) by His Family

Wednesday, December 24 - Vigil of Christmas

5:15 PM - Lucas Hernandez by Carol Fobes & Family

11:00 PM - For the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas

9:30 AM Leila Adour by Her Family

Friday, December 26

7:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, December 27

8:00 AM NO MASS

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Michael Falk

by Joe & Cynthia Kowalczyk

Sunday, December 28 - The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM Bob Auert (9th) by Judy & Family

10:30 AM Joseph Yanchan by Mary Ann & Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 12-27

Laurie Calhoun

Counters - 12-28

Evelyn Micciche, Bill & Linda McComb

Collection for 12/14

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,982.00
School Assessment.....	30.00
Memorial Fund.....	100.00
Faith Formation.....	159.00
Immaculate Conception.....	562.00
Christmas.....	420.00
Christmas Flowers.....	68.00
Cathedraticum.....	531.00
Gift Bags (Sr. Ruth).....	20.00

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday & Thursday, December 24/25 for the Christmas Holiday. Your messages will be answered ASAP.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24

5:15 PM - Mass

10:30 PM - Choir

11:00 PM - Mass

Thursday, December 25

9:30 AM - Mass

(note: One Mass on Christmas Day)



The Country Pantry

Last Tuesday at our distribution our families received their monthly food supplement along with the Hannaford Helping Hands boxes, a gift care to Hannaford and the beautiful blankets provided by our local churches and the community. Thank you for helping make this possible. You have helped bring some cheer into homes that need a little brightness in their lives. May the Christ Child bestow his blessings on you and yours for your generosity. God bless us everyone!

Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (12/24)	Jesse Dombrowski, Hannah & John Slawson	Tyler Frank & LeeAnn Chesebro	Host - Mary Paul & Sue King Cup - Ann Wilikinson, TBA, TBA & TBA
11:00 PM (12-24)	Samantha Gaffney, Joseph & Dominic Pascucci	Pearl Gapp	Host - Annette Foley & Jim Winkler Cup - TBA, TBA, TBA & TBA
9:30 AM (12-25)	Raine Boehlert, Lee Ann & Lauren Chesebro	Pam Sprague	Host - Carole Byrne & Sue Kielar Cup - TBA, TBA, Bonnie & Bill Waldron
5:15 PM (12-27)	Kate Schweitzer, Madison Steates & Madeline Surace	Mike Debraggio	Host - Tim Lashinger & Bob McQueen Cup - Anne Debraggio, Jan Slawson, Barb Bohrer & Barb Blatz
8:00 AM (12-28)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Will Eisenhut	Anna Berney	Host - Ed Kaido & Patty McComb Cup - Carole Byrne, Bob Burns, Tina & Joe Lallier
10:30 AM (12-28)	Daniel Frank, Kate & Jack Sullivan	Mike Cosgrove	Host - Maryalice Hogan & Joanne Joseph Cup - Karen Brewer, Peggy Schweitzer, Don & Jane Conniff



A Blessing of the Christmas Child
 Travel safely,
 and may you find your stable
 with a manger and a child.
 Listen carefully,
 and hear the child cry to you
 and take him to your heart.
 Watch closely,
 that shows you the road to travel.
 And as you listen for the cry
 and watch for the light on your journey
 feel the presence of hope, peace and love
 with the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 within you, beside you and before you. Amen.

Merry Christmas from Fr. Croghan and
 All the folks at St. Mary's

Good News!

December 21, 2014
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38

In the whole of the New Testament, Mary appears only a handful of times. She is, of course, present at the birth of Jesus and at his death. She comes looking for her son in the temple when he's twelve and again when he's preaching. She lets him know that the time has come for his first miracle when he's in Cana.

She has more to say in this story of the annunciation than in any of the others, and in this one story we get more than a glimpse of the woman she would become in our memory—called on by millions, revered by all—an example of unparalleled obedience and openness to the movement of God in her life.

It strikes me that, along with being the mother of God (the Orthodox Church uses the word *theotokos*, which means "God-bearer"), Mary is our example of the best response to the presence of God. We let him in; we show God hospitality in our very being; we allow God to change our lives in ways we cannot even imagine yet.

The reality for most of us, though, is that in many times and places we *have* had the chance to welcome God in. Instead, we've shut God out because we thought something else was more important. Maybe it was power or wealth. Perhaps God was challenging us to move on a particular path, and we didn't want to.

Maybe our question for the week is, *what would happen if I do as God asks?*

With four days left before Christmas, let us practice saying yes to God—for in doing this, we honor the mother of us all.

Mary Katharine Deeley
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Penance Service

There will be a Penance Service at St. Bernard's Church, Waterville, at 3 PM this Sunday, December 21.

Faith Formation

Let us praise and thank God for the priceless gift of faith in Jesus Christ, "the mystery kept secret for long ages." Let us welcome Jesus with deep faith at his birth among us and at all his "comings" into our lives.

We would like to wish all parish families a very merry and blessed Christmas.

No classes this week or next. Classes will resume on January 5, 2015.

The next **Saturday Supper will be January 3**. We will have pizza; please bring a salad/vegetable/fruit or dessert to share. This will also be a game night, so please bring your favorite board/card game to play after we eat! All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

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, December 21. The next session will be held Sunday, December 28, at the 10:30 AM Mass.

A Family Perspective

Question: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

Answer: **HOLY!** Two lessons in today's gospel:
 1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." 2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

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