

January 4, 2015

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street
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Parish Center 853-6196
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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, January 3 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Edward Heintz by His Family
Sunday, January 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord
 8:00 AM John Glouse by Michael & Terry Howard
 10:30 AM Robert & Irene Caister by Their Family
Wednesday, January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort
 7:00 AM Jack Reynolds by Patrick
Thursday, January 8
 7:00 AM Tom Moffitt by His Family
Friday, January 9
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Saturday, January 10
 8:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - John Wilkinson by Ann
Sunday, January 11 - The Baptism of the Lord
 8:00 AM Jacob Mancini by His Family
 10:30 AM Maria Vedeshkina by Rose Maier

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 1-10
 Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler
Counters - 1-11
 Pat Balon, Bob & Linda Kurtyka

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$ 4,725.50
 Christmas.....12,227.00
 Holy Days.....18.00
 School.....37.00
 Capital Improvements.....150.00
 Country Pantry.....20.00
 Faith Formation.....20.00
 Diocesan Collections.....15.00

2014 Tax Statement

For a statement of your 2014 donations for tax purposes, please put a note on your envelope, drop a note in the collection basket, or call the parish office at 853-2935, Monday - Friday, 10-3 PM (parishoffice@stmarys-clinton.com.)

A Family Perspective

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

The Country Pantry

As we celebrate the New Year we thank you for your faithful support of the Pantry during the past year. Our need is ongoing and we couldn't continue our work without generous supporters like you. Please continue to support our families not only by your generous donations of money and food but by remembering in your prayers those who are ill, elderly, disabled or in difficult family situations. Also families and individuals who are struggling to make ends meet after suffering job loss or reduced working hours and those whose unemployment has ended. We pray that 2015 will present opportunities to improve the quality of life for those served by the Pantry. May God bestow His blessings on you and yours for your caring and sharing.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (1/10)	Madeline Surace, Madison Steates & Melina Korfonta	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Ron Newman & Marybeth King Cup - Annette Foley, Brianne Siepiola, Bob Scarlata & Mary Paul
8:00 AM (1/11)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Georgia Zoller	Kate Chute	Host - Chris Kielar & Jeanne Roback Cup - Patty McComb, Bob Burns, Sister Ruth & Ed Kaido
10:30 AM (1/11)	Lily Collins, Kate & Jack Sullivan	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Karen Brewer, Carol Fobes, Maryalice Hogan & Peggy Schweitzer

Faith Formation

On our faith journeys, we, too, have to remain alert for the signs through which Jesus reveals his presence to us. His "stars" are all around us; in the beauty of creation, in the Church, in the arts and sciences, in the uniqueness of each person. How will you be alert to the "stars" around you? How can you let Jesus shine through you?

Classes resume this week on our normal schedule. The next 9th grade class is Sunday, January 11th 6:30-8 PM

TGIF for Grades 6-8 meeting Friday, January 9th from 6:30-8PM @ The parish center. Bring a friend for some fun, snacks & Fellowship! All TGIF activities begin in the youth room located on the first floor of the parish center. **Questions?** Contact Mike or Lisa Jeffery @ 853-4412

Saturday Supper This Weekend

We will be serving pizza. Please stop over and join us for a meal and maybe as a contestant in your favorite board game!

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Your children, ages 4-9, are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 5:15 PM Mass this **Saturday**. The next session will be held **Sunday**, January 11, at the 10:30 AM Mass.

LeMoyne College CYO Scholarship

For many years, LeMoyne College and the Catholic Youth Organizations have worked together to offer eight \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000/year) to eight deserving students in the geographical Diocese of Syracuse. These scholarships will be awarded to prospective LeMoyne students who have demonstrated leadership abilities and have performed outstanding service to their school, community and parish.

Completed application packets (available in the parish office) must be returned to the regional chairperson no later than February 2, 2015.

St. Mary's Choir

Any member of the parish with a desire to sing is invited to join St. Mary's Choir, a fun-loving, close, and dedicated group of all ages. Come discover this family within the family of our spiritual community. And remember, he or she who sings, prays twice!



Good News!

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Mary Chapin Carpenter's wonderful Christmas carol "Come Darkness, Come Light" calls all people, regardless of their situation or where they are in their faith, to come see the Christ Child. All are welcome to see that love has come to earth and to bring whatever they have to the Child who waits for them in a manger.

Whenever I hear this song, I'm moved to tears by its simplicity. For reasons of which I'm not entirely sure, I'm reminded of the beginning section of John's Gospel, which lays out so beautifully the coming of Christ to earth. "Through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race," John narrates; later he tells us, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

What is our response? Do we come as the song invites us? Do we hold back, afraid that it's too late for us? Do we listen to the siren songs of other gods, who whisper that they have the key to our happiness?

Today's readings are an invitation to know ourselves as children of God, to know the hope of his call to us, and to know that this light cannot be overcome by any darkness the world has to offer.

The rush of the holidays is behind us, and a new year has begun. We have a little breathing space. In our liturgical calendar, though, the Christmas season is still with us.

There is still time to come, by whatever means we're able, and give our lives over to Christ.

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