

February 15, 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

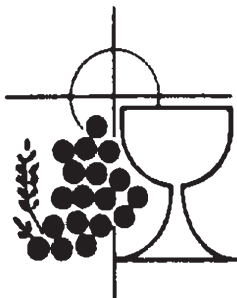
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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, February 14 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Hugh McKeegan by the Debraggio Family
Sunday, February 15 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Beverly Alteri by Judy & Ed Bentley
 10:30 AM Annita K. Brown by the Kopytowski
 & Murphy Families
Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 6:30 PM Eleanor Stockbridge by St. Mary's Prayer Line
Thursday, February 19
 7:00 AM Deborah M. Lennon by Carl Jones
Friday, February 20
 7:00 AM Bill Hameline by M/M Donald Romanelli
Saturday, February 21
 8:00 AM George Ellis (23rd) by His Family
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Eric Bolan by His Family
Sunday, February 22 - 1st Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Sheridan Family
 10:30 AM Albert Griffin (5th) by His Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 2-21
 Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski
Counters - 2-22
 Gabe Martini, Catherine Miller & Gwen Lallier

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$5,458.00
 School Assessment.....43.00
 Memorial Fund.....67.00
 Faith Formation.....11.00
 Fuel.....80.00
 Country Pantry.....15.00

Second Collections

The Ash Wednesday collection will be taken up for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.
 Next weekend, the annual Black and Native American collection will be taken up at all Masses.
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

2014 Tax Statement

Please call the parish office at 853-2935 to request a copy of your 2014 church donations. You may drop a note in the collection or make a note on your envelope. (parishoffice@stmarys-clinton.com)

Country Pantry

Our needs this month for the Pantry are: canned tuna, peanut butter, applesauce, canned peaches and chili.
 Also, please remember to save us your brown paper grocery bags. We use several hundred of these each month to pack our client's groceries. Thank you for your continuing support of our efforts to help our friends and neighbors who are in need. Do you know of anyone who has need of our services? If so, please contact coordinator Malry Zimbler at 371-5789. God bless.

Office Closed Monday - Presidents Day

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday for the Presidents Day Holiday. In case of emergency, please leave a message and we'll get back to you ASAP.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
6:30 PM (2/18)	Connor Frank, Joseph & Dominic Pascucci	Sister Ruth	Host - Barb Blatz & Carole Byrne Cup - Barb Bohrer, Elizabeth Tantillo, Ron Newman & Kate Chute
5:15 PM (2/21)	Madison Steates, Madeline Surace & Melina Korfonta	Jim Winkler	Host - Mary Lou Lauchert & Anne Debraggio Cup - Colleen Kannainen, Steve May, Ron Newman & Pearl Gapp
8:00 AM (2/22)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Garrett Frank	Kate Chute	Host - Patty McComb & Sister Ruth Cup - Evelyn Micciche, Chris Kielar, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (2/22)	Samantha Gaffney, Lee Ann & Lauren Chesebro	Karen Brewer	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Karen Brewer, Peggy Schweitzer, Maryalice Hogan & Joanne Joseph

Faith Formation

When you feel especially blessed by God, what do you do about it? How do you share your feelings about your experiences of God's love and his healing power? There are many great online reflection series for Lent. I thought I would share two very good, easy to use options: Living Lent Daily at Loyola Press: <http://www.loyolapress.com/living-lent-daily.htm>
The Best Lent Ever at Dynamic Catholic <http://www.dynamiccatholic.com>.

Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers

We hope you will consider joining us for Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers to be held on Friday, February 27, March 13 and 27th at 5:30 PM in St. Mary's Parish Center. Stations of the Cross will follow the meal at 7 PM in the church. We welcome all members of our Clinton community to join this opportunity for reflection during this significant season in our Christian lives.

Rediscover Catholicism

.....by Matthew Kelly is the current title for our parish book study. **There will be no discussion groups held this week.** Groups will resume meeting either on Wednesday, February 25, 6:30-7:30 PM or Saturday, February 28, 8:30-9:30 AM in the school for anyone interested in enhancing their reading experience. Please feel free to stop in. More information about this title can be found at <http://dynamiccatholic.com/rediscover-catholicism>.

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, February 15. The next gathering will be Sunday, February 22, at 10:30 AM Mass.

Parish Coffee Hour

There will be a Parish Coffee next Sunday, February 22, following the 8 AM & 10:30 AM Masses in the Parish Center. Please plan to join your church community for a cup of coffee and some socializing. Bagels and donuts/pastries will also be available. We hope to see you there.

A Family Perspective

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when he said, "I do will it." Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.

All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either.



Lent 2015

Ash Wednesday - Ashes will be distributed at St. Mary's during the 7 AM and 6:30 PM Masses. Fr. Croghan will also distribute ashes at a noon Mass in the Hamilton College Chapel. (Parking is very limited and in remote locations.)

Lenten Fast & Abstinence - Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and ALL Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. "The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing - as far as quantity and quality are concerned - approved local custom.

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday evening at 7 PM during Lent we will gather in Church for a time of prayer and meditation on the Stations of the Cross. This service is a great chance to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Please join us for this peaceful time of prayer.

Operation Rice Bowl - St. Mary's will again participate in this official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Proceeds benefit the poor both in our diocese and in the developing world. Material and information on this year's campaign can be found at the Church entrances.

Spiritual Reflection - Also at the entrances of the Church are booklets of daily reflections on the readings for Lent. Please feel free to pick one up for yourself or someone special.

Lenten Community Reflection

Every Thursday during Lent, beginning February 26, 6-7:30 PM, Stone Presbyterian Church - Norton Room., the Clinton area Churches are sponsoring a Lenten series. Each evening we will begin with a supper of soup and bread. Following supper, a member of the clergy will speak on a Lenten topic. Please join us. Look for more information in next week's bulletin.

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