

March 1, 2015

# St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street  
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*Rev. John P. Croghan* – Pastor  
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**Email:** [parishoffice@stmarys-clinton.com](mailto:parishoffice@stmarys-clinton.com)

## Phone Numbers:

Parish Office ..... 853-2935  
(Office Hours: 10-3 PM, Monday - Friday)  
Faith Formation Center.. 853-6196 or 853-7631  
Parish Center ..... 853-6196  
Sister Ruth Dowd ..... 853-1849  
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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, February 28 - Vigil Mass**  
 5:15 PM O'B O'Brien by His Family  
**Sunday, March 1 - 2nd Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 AM Daniel DeCotis by His Family  
 10:30 AM Arcady Rubtson by the Maier Family  
**Wednesday, March 4 - St. Casimir**  
 7:00 AM Mrs. Wauters by Her Oak Island Friends  
**Thursday, March 5**  
 7:00 AM Bernadine Fioravanti by Chris & Barbara Blatz  
**Friday, March 6**  
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
**Saturday, March 7**  
 8:00 AM Jerry LaLonde by Carole Byrne  
 5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Tom Moffitt by His Family  
**Sunday, March 8 - 3rd Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 AM Bounce Maxam by Hearts & Hands  
 10:30 AM Neil Lynch by Pat & Tom McCraith

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 3-7**  
 Jan Rishel & Deb Prody

**Counters - 3-8**  
 Evelyn Micciche, Bill & Linda McComb

**Collection for February 21/22**

Ordinary Collection.....	\$4,489.00
School Assessment.....	10.00
Memorial Fund.....	340.00
Faith Formation.....	20.00
Black & Native Americans.....	780.00
Eastern Europe.....	853.00

**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)

**A Family Perspective**

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

**Country Pantry**

Our needs this month include peanut butter, cereal, tuna fish and pasta. We appreciate all that you do to help our friends and neighbors who are struggling to put nourishing food on the table. Thank you for caring and sharing.

**Lenten Community Reflection**

Every Thursday during Lent, beginning this Thursday, February 26, 6-7:30 PM, Stone Presbyterian Church - Norton Room, the Clinton area churches will sponsor a Lenten Series. Each evening will begin with a supper of soup and bread. Following supper, a member of the clergy will speak on a Lenten topic. Our speaker this week is Rev. Dennis Dewey, Pastor of Stone Presbyterian Church. He will speak on "Jesus Never Wrote a Book: The Origin of Christian Faith in An Oral World (and What That Means for Faith in the Digital World): Please plan to join us!

<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
5:15 PM (3/7)	Madeline Surace, Madison & Matt Steates	Mike Debraggio	Host - Jan Slawson & Barb Bohrer Cup - Pearl Gapp, Elizabeth Tantillo, Carla Pascucci & MaryLou Lauchert
8:00 AM (3/8)	Connor, Garrett & Tyler Frank	Joseph Ellis	Host - Carole Byrne & Julie Wagner Cup - Chris Kielar, Bob Burns, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (3/8)	Adam Schneider, Caleb Stanco & Jesse Dombrowski	Duffy Burdick	Host - Melinda Leising, Joanne Joseph Cup - Maryalice Hogan & Peggy Schweitzer

### Faith Formation

With his amazed disciples looking on, Jesus is suddenly dressed in dazzling white and his face shines like the sun. He is speaking with the long-dead prophets Moses and Elijah. They are interrupted by a majestic voice from a cloud that says that Jesus is God's beloved Son. The bedazzled disciples are told to "Listen to him." What does the experience of the three disciples tell us about the process of coming to know and believe in Jesus? How can our friendship and trust in Jesus deepen this Lent?

### SATURDAY March 14<sup>TH</sup>

.....Mike and Lisa Jeffery have a fun day planned for interested students in **Grades 6-8 at Wonderworks @ Destiny USA**. Registration forms are available through Mary Lou Lauchert. Completed forms along with \$15.00 must be returned to the Faith Formation office before March 9th. A parent informational session will be held on Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the 6:30-8pm middle school gathering.

### Saturday Supper

All parishioners are welcome to join us for **Saturday Supper** on March 7 following the 5:15 mass as we celebrate an early St. Patrick's Day! Celtic music will be performed by the local group Craobh Dughan as we feast on roast beef; please bring a side dish to share.

### 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 next gathering will be **Saturday**, March 7, at the 5:15 PM Mass.

### Area Events

3/7, 7 PM - Cub Scout Ham Dinner at VFW  
3/14, 8-1 PM - Bloodmobile at CU Methodist Church.  
3/14, St. Patrick's Day Parade Food Drive to benefit Mother Marianne West Side Kitchen. Place your items in the wheelbarrows as they pass by.

### Good News Foundation

For information on upcoming programs and support groups at the Good News Foundation, please call 735-6210 ([www.TheGoodNewsCenter.org](http://www.TheGoodNewsCenter.org)).

*Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!*

## Questions Catholics Ask



### Where did Lent Come From? (Part 1 of 2)

The celebration of Lent is a long-established tradition in the church - and I use the word *celebration* deliberately. The prayers of the liturgy refer to Lent as "this joyful season." Though the character of the season is penitential, the intent of Lent is to prepare our dispositions for the greatest feast of the church year, the always-jubilant Easter. With all that to look forward to, Lent could hardly be a mournful time.

So where did Lent come from? Christianity embraces one key belief: the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. This central article of faith shapes everything we do as Christians, how we live and die, and certainly how we express our faith in worship. Easter is therefore the primary day of rejoicing. Every Sunday is considered a "little Easter," a commemoration of how Jesus triumphed over sin and death through the power of God for the sake of humanity's emancipation from those ancient twin evils that bound it. The entire church year spins on the axis of Easter faith.

In the first three centuries of the church Christians prepared for this mother-of-all-feasts by fasting between two days to a week depending on local custom. In Rome the "paschal fast" may have lasted as long as three weeks. This extended fast was linked to the preparation of new members for baptism at the Easter Vigil.

**Alice L. Camille**

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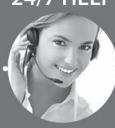


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