

March 8, 2015

# St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street  
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## Phone Numbers:

Parish Office ..... 853-2935  
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Parish Center ..... 853-6196  
Sister Ruth Dowd ..... 853-1849  
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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

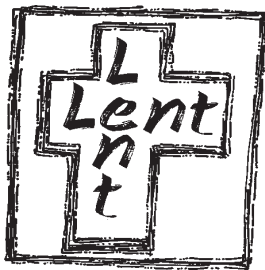
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

## 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, March 7 - Vigil Mass**

5:15 PM Tom Moffitt by His Family

**Sunday, March 8 - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM Timothy "Bounce" Maxam by Hearts & Hands

10:30 AM Neil Lynch by Pat & Tom McCraith

**Wednesday, March 11**

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

**Thursday, March 12**

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

**Friday, March 13**

7:00 AM Special Intentions of the Doyle Family  
by Sue & John King

**Saturday, March 14**

8:00 AM Bill Hameline by Vincent Vangura & Family

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Jeanne Jones by Carl

**Sunday, March 15 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM Timothy J. Maxam by Chris & Alanna Burns

10:30 AM Irene Caister (4th) by Her Family

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

**Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent**

Please join us for Stations of the Cross, 7 PM, on the Fridays of Lent.

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 3-14**

Deb & Jessica Gurdo

**Counters - 3-15**

Jim Winkler, Dan Gale & Matt Bashant

**Collection for**

Ordinary Collection.....	7,471.83
Holy Days.....	90.00
School Assessment.....	48.00
Memorial Fund.....	217.00
Faith Formation.....	135.00
Fuel/Flowers.....	62.00
Country Pantry.....	95.00
Black & Native Americans.....	25.00

**Second Collection Next Weekend**

The annual collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity to this worthwhile cause.

**A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple, it doesn't say He was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.

**Country Pantry**

Even though the weather doesn't reflect it, Spring, along with Easter, is coming! At the Pantry we are preparing for our Easter distribution which will be held on Tuesday, March 24.

We will be collecting boxes of Easter candy, including sugar free, which may be left in the food box in the back of church. In addition to their regular monthly food supplement, we wish to give each family a \$15 gift card to Hannaford's so that they may purchase a ham or meat of their choice. If you wish to contribute a gift card, please purchase the card in the amount of \$15, insert it in an envelope marked Country Pantry and place it in the Sunday collection basket. Cards may also be mailed to the Country Pantry, PO Box 76, Clinton.

**Since distribution will be Tuesday, March 24, cards and candy must be in by Sunday, March 21.** Thank you for caring and helping to bring a little sunshine into lives that deserve and need some. God bless!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (3/14)	Samantha Gaffney, Lily Collins & Nate Gale	Mary Lou Lauchert	Host - Beth May & Annette Foley Cup - Steve May, Mary Paul, Bob McQueen & Barb Blatz
8:00 AM (3/15)	Alicia Amuso, Hannah & John Slawson	Ron Roback	Host - Joseph Ellis & Mike Howard Cup - Ed Kaido, Kate Chute, Jeanne Roback & Patty McComb
10:30 AM (3/15)	Raine Boehlert, Lee Ann & Lauren Chesebro	Rebecca Collins	Host - James Suchy & Joanne Joseph Cup - Karen Brewer, Anita Fitzgerald, Don & Jane Conniff

**Faith Formation**

The first three commandments guide us in our relationship with God and our duties towards him. The remaining commandments guide our relationships with others and our responsibilities towards them. During Lent we review God's moral law and decide once again to be faithful to it.

This Sunday is Girl Scout Sunday. We are recognizing nine girls who have earned the "My Promise, My Faith" pin: Ella and Clara Kelly, Madison and Lauren Rey, Elizabeth and Rebecah Bashant, Avery Smith, Bianca Siepiola and Lily Collins.

Also being recognized is Matthew Steates who has earned the Cub Scouts Parvuli Dei (Children of God) Award.

**Soup and Sandwich Supper**

We hope you will consider joining us for **Soup and Sandwich Supper** to be held on Friday March 13, and March 27th at 5:30 pm in the 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**

Book discussion groups continue to meet on Wednesday evenings (6:30-7:30) and Saturday mornings (8:30-9:30) for our parish read, **Rediscover Catholicism** by Matthew Kelly. Please consider joining us in the school - room 101.

**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. Our next gathering will be Sunday, March 15, at the 10:30 AM Mass.

**Third Thursday Group**

The Third Thursday Group will meet THIS Thursday, March 12 (the Second Thursday). Come to Sister Ruth's home at 26 Marvin Street at 12:15 PM for a communion service. Bring a bag lunch and stay for lunch and a social hour. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Come and bring a friend - all adults are welcome!

**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 Patsy Glista, from the Lutheran Home. She will speak on "Building Your Faith Preparedness Kit". Please plan to join us!

**Questions Catholics Ask**



**Where did Lent come from? (Part 2 of 2)**

In the first three centuries of the church Christians prepared for Easter 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.

By the fourth century a full 40-day period of preparation was observed, imitating the 40-day fast of Jesus in the desert before undertaking his great mission. Fasting and prayer were natural components of the season because that's how Jesus prepared himself. Almsgiving was added to the practices of Lent as it, too, was a traditional way of making sacrifice to God in the wake of sinfulness. Following a calendar of feasts and seasons dependent on one's faith is an idea rooted in Judaism. A liturgical calendar allowed Israel to practice gratitude and thanks, repentance and conversion, each in accord with the natural seasons, rains, and harvests. A cycle of liturgy also provided a way to instruct new generations about the faith in ritual and storytelling.

Easter, the Christian Passover, was fixed by the Council of Nicaea in 325 to coincide with the first full moon after the vernal equinox. That makes Lent the annual "springtime" of faith, quite literally, as the word Lent means "spring."

Alice L. Camille

Adapted from <http://vocationnetwork.org/blog/questions-catholics-ask/2012/02/where-did-lent-come-from>

**Area Events**

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.

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