

March 22, 2015

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, March 21 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Donald Barrett by M/M Donald Foley

Sunday, March 22 - 5th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Shirley Kelly by Carol & Bernie Burns

10:30 AM Donald Moore by Carl & Jeanne Jones

Wednesday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 AM Baby Ben Mavretich by Barb & Tom Ryan

Thursday, March 26

7:00 AM George W. Creaser by Irene Murawski

Friday, March 27

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Saturday, March 28

8:00 AM Timothy J. Maxam by Steve Burns

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - John D. O'Brien
by Rose Calidonna

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM Nancy Maxam (2nd) by Her Family

10:30 AM Christopher Stuttard by Hearts & Hands

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

Living Stations of the Cross This Friday

Once again, this Friday, March 27, 7 PM, the students from Notre Dame High School will be with us to present the Living Stations of the Cross. At this service, students "pose" each of the stations while a reflective passage is read. This is a very powerful way of praying the Stations that the whole family might enjoy. Please join us!

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$6,061.00
School Assessment.....	80.00
Memorial Fund.....	140.00
Faith Formation.....	25.00
Catholic Sun.....	40.00
Country Pantry.....	50.00
Diocesan Collections.....	1,158.00
Fuel/Flowers.....	130.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be a Penance Service next Sunday, March 29, 3 PM, at St. Bernard's Church, Waterville.



Monday, March 31, 4-7 PM, confessions at St. Mary's Church in cooperation with Bishop Cunningham's "The Light Is On" offering the sacrament at most parishes within the Diocese.

Saturday, April 4, 10-11 AM at St. Mary's. Note: **NO AFTERNOON** confession that day.

Country Pantry

Our Easter distribution will be Tuesday, March 24. At this time we will be distributing Easter candy along with the \$15 Hannaford gift cards. However we continue to serve those who apply after our distribution day and those who are unable to pick up their groceries on the appointed day. If you still wish to make a contribution, you may mail the gifts cards to The Country Pantry, PO Box 76, Clinton, or place in the collection basket next week. Candy may also be left in the food box in the back of church. Thank you for caring and sharing with our friends and neighbors. Do you know of anyone who is in need of our services, if so please contact Mary Zimbler, Coordinator, at 371-5789.

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 3-28

Carole Byrne & Amy Franz

Counters - 3-29

Peggy Schweitzer, Don & Jane Conniff

Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (3/28)	Madeline Surace, Madison & Matthew Steates	Jim Winkler & Pearl Gapp	Host - Bob Scarlata & Tim Lashinger Cup - Ann Wilkinson, Beth May, Barb Bohrer & Jan Slawson
8:00 AM (3/29)	Ian Nessel, Nick & Daniel Frank	Bob Burns & Anna Berney	Host - Pam Sprague & Sister Ruth Cup - Jeanne Roback, Mike Howard, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (3/29)	Caleb Stanco, Jesse Dombrowski & Will Eisenhut	Mike Cosgrove & Maryalice Hogan	Host - Melinda Leising & Peggy Schweitzer Cup - Carol Fobes, James Suchy, Joanne Joseph & Anita Fitzgerald

Faith Formation

Jesus compares his life and ours with a grain of wheat. If the grain falls into the earth and dies, it then rises as a stalk of wheat that gives life by feeding others. Like the grain of wheat, we must be willing to lose our lives in order to gain eternal life.

Soup and Sandwich Supper

We hope you will consider joining us for **Soup and Sandwich Supper** to be held on Friday March 27th at 5:30 pm in the St. Mary's Parish Center. Living Stations of the Cross will follow the meal at 7 pm in the church.

Rosary Making

Adult & Child Volunteers needed . Learn to make a knotted military rosary on Tuesday, March 24, 6:30-7:30 PM in the parish center. Supplies provided. Completed rosaries will be sent to active military personnel in Afghanistan.

<http://rosaryarmy.newevangelizers.com/make-them>)

We also need help to make beaded rosaries for St. Vincent's Provincial House, a part of the Daughter's of Charity (www.daughtersofcharity.org.au). They will be distributed at their mission centers in Southern India. Full instructions and beads can be provided, although donations of materials are greatly appreciated. Thank you. Interested? Please contact Amy Bashant at 853-4537 or amybashant@gmail.com.

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. Our next gathering will be Sunday, April 12 at the 10:30 AM Mass.

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands Meeting

There will be a meeting Monday evening, March 23, 6:30 PM, in the Parish Center. This meeting will focus on planning spring and summer social events for the parish. Please join us and bring a friend, we would love to hear your ideas. Hope to see you Monday evening.

A Family Perspective

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

Lenten Community Reflection

Every Thursday during Lent, 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 Father John Croghan. Father will speak on "Biblical Encounters with God."

Questions Catholics ask



Why isn't the "Gloria" sung during Lent?

Along with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to get ready for Easter, the church also fasts from saying or singing the word *Alleluia* as well as singing the "Gloria." As one perceptive music minister put it: The church doesn't sing these great words during Lent for the same reason the church doesn't sing *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* - until we get there liturgically.

Just as the church refrains from the "Gloria" during Lent, it does the same during Advent, another great season of preparation for a greater mystery, the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. We don't sing Christmas carols during Lent (not in church, anyway!), so we don't sing the mother-of-all-carols, the song of the angels, until then. *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* is heaven's response to the glorious birth of Jesus. If the angels can wait until that holy night to sing it, I suppose the rest of us can, too.

The "Gloria" is an exalted hymn that is not to be replaced by any other of that time in the Mass, so say the norms of the Roman Missal. It adds a "celebratory character" to the Introductory Rites that is better expressed sung than in recitation, and increased in collaboration with a full choir - reminding us of its debut performance.

Alice L. Camille

Adapted from [http://vocationnetwork.org/blog/questions-catholics-ask/2012/03/why-isn't the Gloria sung during lent](http://vocationnetwork.org/blog/questions-catholics-ask/2012/03/why-isn-t-the-Gloria-sung-during-lent)

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