

May 3, 2015

# St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street  
Clinton, New York 13323



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## PARISH STAFF:

*Rev. John P. Croghan* – Pastor  
*Sister Ruth Dowd* – Parish Associate  
*Carol Marshall* – Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper  
*Mary Lou Lauchert* –  
Director of Faith Formation  
*Susan Cambridge* – Preschool Director  
*Joseph Schick*  
Superintendent of St. Mary's Cemetery  
*Valerie Wright* – Director of Music/Organist  
*Joseph Schick* - Custodian

## Parish Council Officers

Anna Berney- Chair  
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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  
Cemetery Superintendent ..... 794-0154  
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, May 2 - Vigil Mass**

5:15 PM Special Intentions of Nancy McQueen  
by Dr. Mark Slavin

**Sunday, May 3 - 5th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Jeanne Doepp by Barbara & Roger Cresswell  
10:30 AM Annita K. Brown by M/M Joseph Grenier

**Wednesday, May 6**

7:00 AM Dominic Serge by Tommy & Barb Ryan

**Thursday, May 7**

7:00 AM Jeanne & John Doepp by Dan & Vicki Z.

**Friday, May 8**

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

**Saturday, May 9**

8:00 AM - Kathleen Phillips by Her Family  
5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Clarence Schick  
by His Wife & Family

**Sunday, May 10 - 6th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Charlotte Heintz by Her Family  
10:30 AM Irene Caister by Her Family

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

**HOPE Appeal**

The Annual HOPE Appeal will kick off next weekend in our parish. The programs, services and ministries supported by the Annual HOPE Appeal help meet the needs of people in our diocese. Your financial support is needed

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 5/9**

Deb & Jessica Gurdo

**Counters - 5/10**

Gabe Martini, Catherine Miller & Gwen Lallier

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection.....	\$6,638.00
Easter.....	50.00
School Assessment.....	35.00
Memorial Fund.....	95.00
Faith Formation.....	140.00
Fuel.....	125.00
Home Missions.....	796.00

**Learn to Make A Rosary**

Please join us Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 PM, in the Parish Center to continue making rosaries to be distributed locally and to our military overseas. We will introduce participants of all ages to the art of making a knotted rosary. All supplies and instructions will be provided. For information, contact Amy Bashant (853-4537) or Peggy Schweitzer (853-2419). We hope you'll join us!

**Bake Sale This Weekend**

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands will be having a bake sale after ALL Masses this weekend in the Parish Center. Please stop by and purchase your favorite "goodie". Also, we will be serving coffee/tea after the Sunday morning Masses so you can socialize with your parish community. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Country Pantry**

Starting with our June distribution, we will again be distributing **Kid's Paks** to school-age children served by the Pantry. The bags, along with a list of needed items to be included, will be available here at church in mid-May. If you don't wish to fill a complete bag, please consider donating some of the needed foods listed on the bag. We have added some different foods this summer such as canned **Deviled Ham and Nutella** or other brands of chocolate nut spreads.

Our needs this month are individual pudding cups, granola and/or breakfast bars, chicken noodle soup and small boxes of crackers (1/2 boxes of crackers can be found at Dollar Stores).

Thanks for all you do to help our friends and neighbors. God bless!

**Liturgical Ministers**

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (5/9)	Nate Gale, Matt Steates & Adam Schneider	Mary Lou Lauchert	Host - Anne Debraggio & Bob Scarlata Cup - Marybeth King, Annette Foley, Elizabeth Tantillo & Barb Bohrer
8:00 AM (5/10)	Alicia Amuso, Hannah & John Slawson	Pam Sprague	Host - Bob Burns & Carole Byrne Cup - Mike Howard, Kate Chute, Patty McComb & Sister Ruth
10:30 AM (5/10)	Raine Boehlert, LeeAnn & Lauren Chesebro	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Rebecca Collins & Karen Brewer Cup - Melinda Leising, Maryalice Hogan, Carol Fobes & Joanne Joseph

## Faith Formation

Just as the vine grower is the source of life for the vine, the vine is the source of life for the branches. The vine is the source from which the branches receive their living water that gives them life and makes them bloom. If the living water was to be cut off from the branches, they would dry up, die and decay. Everything is interconnected. For this intricate mutuality to work and bear fruit it is important that all parts stay inter connected. We must abide in Jesus for him to abide in us.

36 precious young ones will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the very first time Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 Mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they receive this second sacrament of initiation.

## TGIF

Our next youth group meeting will be Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8 PM in the school

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Your children, ages 4-9, are invited to join in Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 5:15 PM Mass this Saturday. The next gathering is Sunday, May 10, at the 10:30 AM Mass.

## St. Mary's Hearts and Hands Meeting

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands will meet Monday, May 11, 6:30 PM, in the Parish Center. We will be discussing the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Breakfast Tray Ministry and planning other social events for the Parish. Please join us and share your ideas. Thank you!

## Parish Council Elections

Once again it is time to find new folks for two seats on the Parish Council. The Council is an advisory group to the Pastor. We meet every other month to discuss issues of importance to our parish. Each term runs for three years. If you have questions or are interested in running, please call Father at the rectory to put your name in for consideration. The selection will take place at the 10:30 AM Mass on June 21.



## Area Events

5-16, 8-1 PM - Bloodmobile, VFW, Franklin Ave., Clinton  
 5-17, 2 PM - St. Joseph/St. Patrick Church, Utica. Anwei Skinsnes Law, author & expert on Mother Marianne Cope, Molokai & Hansen's Disease expert will speak.  
 5/22, 6-11 PM, 23rd, 11-10 PM & 24th 12-8 PM, St. Paul's Church, Whitesboro, Spring Bazaar.  
 8-8, 6 AM - Bus leaves for St. John's Men's Club trip to Yankee Stadium for Yankee/Toronto Blue Jay's game. \$120/person. For information, call Bob Corr at 725-5883.

# dear Padre

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## Is it a sin to be mad at God?

My husband and I are divorcing. We have four children. Yesterday my eight-year-old said she's "mad at God for letting this happen." I told her it's a sin to be mad at God, but she says she doesn't care. What should I do?

**First of all**, your eight-year-old's world is being shaken to its core by your divorce. She's frightened, confused, and worried about what will happen. She's expressing her feelings and frustrations.

Don't tell her it's a sin to have angry thoughts and feelings about God. We're emotional human beings with strong passions and moods, and the Lord understands when we're distressed and troubled. Even Jesus had moments of anger—for example, when he drove the moneychangers out of the temple (Matthew 21:12).

Tell her God loves us and gives us freedom to choose. God isn't responsible for your divorce. Reassure your daughter that you love her no matter what, even when she's mad at God. Life after the divorce will be different, but not necessarily unhappy.

This is also an opportunity for her to learn that life isn't always the way we wish it would be.

God doesn't make bad things happen. Human beings aren't perfect, and God helps us survive and grow through difficult moments.

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## St. Mary's Cemetery

Due to increased costs of labor and particularly equipment, our cemetery has been forced to increase the price of a grave space for the first time in three years. Effective July 1, 2015, the price will go from the present \$700 to \$800 per grave. Our prices will still be hundreds of dollars below those of the larger cemeteries in Oneida County. The present price will apply through June 30, 2015.



Our monument cleaning services are still available at most reasonable prices. Please call Joe Schick, our Superintendent, at 794--0154 for a quote.



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