

May 17 2015

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street
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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

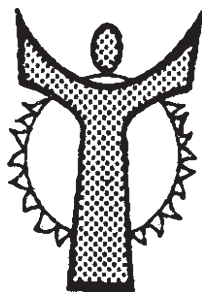
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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 16 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Jeanne Jones by Carl

Sunday, May 17 - 7th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Eve Plescia Bottoni by Pat & Tom McCraith

10:30 AM William Stricker by Mary Stricker & Family

Wednesday, May 20 - St. Barnardine of Siena

7:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions

Thursday, May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia

7:00 AM Albert & Alberta Moore by Their Family

Saturday, May 23

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Hameline Family

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Special Intention of
Nancy McQueen by Dr. Mark Slavin

Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Ormond Ewers by Joan Pinkey

10:30 AM Laura Atkinson by Her Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 5-23

Laurie Calhoun

Counters - 5-24

Evelyn Micciche, Bill & Linda McComb

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$7,06700
School Assessment.....	45.00
Memorial Fund.....	131.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	20.00

HOPE Appeal 2015

Remember to return your pledge card to the parish today. You may place your completed pledge in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. Many thanks to all of you who are returning your pledge cards this weekend. You can also make a secure online gift or pledge at www.syrдио.org.

St. Mary's has been assessed a goal of \$34,5467.45, a "goal" we must reach or pay the difference.

A Family Perspective

Jesus was worried about his disciples, and he turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spent trying to "guard and protect" our children, each day they become less dependent on us, and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.

Emergency Relief - Nepal Earthquake

Your donation for the work of Catholic Relief Services in Nepal is greatly appreciated. Please put your check or cash in an envelope marked CRS-Nepal and drop it in the collection basket during May. Thank you!

Country Pantry

With the arrival of hot weather, our thoughts at the Pantry turn to summer vacation and kids who will no longer be receiving school lunches. During our summer distributions, we will be giving additional items to help moms satisfy those ravenous appetites. Our paks will include: individual pudding cups, peanut butter, Nutella or other nut-based spreads, canned deviled ham, cereal/granola bars and canisters of pre-sweetened lemonade or Koolaid. This will be an ongoing project all summer, and we ask that you consider donating some of these items for our kids. Hunger never takes a vacation! God bless!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (5-23)	Madeline Surace, Matt & Madison Steates	Jim Winkler	Host - Jan Slawson & Pearl Gapp Cup - Rick Pascucci, Sue King, Bill & Bonnie Waldron
8:00 AM (5-24)	John Slawson, Connor & Garrett Frank	Kate Chute	Host - Pam Sprague & Evelyn Micciche Cup - Bob Burns, Joseph Ellis, Mike Howard & Patty McComb
10:30 AM (5-24)	Lily Collins, Kate Schweitzer & Lauren Chesebro	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Melinda Leising & Carol Fobes Cup - Karen Brewer, Rebecca Collins, Peggy Schweitzer & Joanne Joseph

Faith Formation

What is the greatest proof of God's immense love for us? The second reading reminds us that God the Father sent his only Son to be the Savior of the world. And what is the greatest proof we can give of our love for God? By loving one another as God loves us, we are giving evidence that God is living in us. We all know from experience how difficult it can be to love others when they make life hard for us and act in unloving ways. But God's love in us makes it possible to respond with patience, forgiveness, and compassion.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Your children, ages 4-9, are invited to join in Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday.

Third Thursday Group

The Third Thursday Group will meet this Thursday, May 21 at **12 noon at 26 Marvin Street** (Sisters house). We will car pool to a members house on Indian Field Road for a communion service at 12:15 PM. DO NOT bring lunch, it will be provided along with beverage and dessert. All adults are welcome. For information, call Janet at 853-5109.

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

5/22, 6-11PM, 5/23, 11-10 PM, & 5-24, 12-8 PM - St. Paul's Church, Whitesboro Spring Bazaar
5/31, noon-till sold out - Chicken BBQ Notre Dame Elementary School/Church Parking Lot
8-8-15, 6 AM - Bus leaves for St. John's Men's Club trip to Yankee Stadium as the Yanks take on the Toronto Blue Jays. \$120/person. For information, call Bob Corr at 725-5883.

dear Padre

May 17, 2015

Why does God give grace to those who don't deserve it?

Our priest says we can't earn God's grace, that God just gives it to us. That is so unfair. I've put in many hard, deliberate hours being generous, considerate, and understanding. The undeserving and unworthy are just that, yet God continues to give to them. Why?

Grace is a theological word that describes God's giving us a share in his own divine life. It's a gift of his abundant love. Or, as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "Grace is a participation in the life of God....It depends entirely on God's gratuitous initiative....It surpasses the power of human intellect and will" (1997-1998).

If you've already put in many hours of hard work being good, you're already living the effects of grace operating in you.

As for those you consider "undeserving" or "unworthy," the Lord is generous and loving to all. He excludes no one. Even calling a sinner to repentance is God's grace, but the sinner needs to accept the grace being offered.

St. Augustine knew that even the *preparation* of a person to receive God's grace is God's grace. Quoted in the *Catechism*, he said, "Indeed we also work, but we are only collaborating with God who works, for his mercy has gone before us...[W]ithout him we can do nothing" (2001).

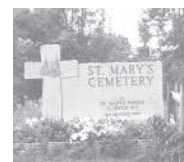
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St. Mary's Cemetery

Due to increased costs, lot prices will increase July 1, 2015, from the present \$700 to \$800 per grave. Please call Superintendent Joe Schick at 794-0154 to purchase your lot now and save.

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