

September 20, 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, September 19 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Bob Sheridan by His Family
Sunday, September 20 - 25th Sunday Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Evert Vanderhof by Ken Denison
 10:30 AM Jake Carroll by Don, Jim & Dave Carroll
Wednesday, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietreicina
 7:00 AM NO MASS
Thursday, September 24
 7:00 AM Jan J. Karwowski by Tom & Barb Ryan
Friday, September 25
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Saturday, September 26
 8:00 AM Margaret Burns by Ann & Kevin Kearney
 5:15 PM - Frank Owens (11th) by His Family
Sunday, September 27 - 26th Sunday Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Jim & Esther Burns by Their Family
 10:30 AM Family of Georga A. Richter

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

Father Away Until Wednesday
 No Mass this Wednesday since Father will be attending the Clergy Conference. The parish office will be open as usual or leave a message and we'll get back to you ASAP.

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 9-26
 Sally Glouse & Sue King
Counters - 9-27
 Gabe Martini, Catherine Miller & Gwen Lallier

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$6,045.00
 School Assessment.....27.00
 Memorial Fund.....58.00
 Faith Formation.....297.00
 Diocesan Collection.....2.00
 Fuel.....20.00

Second Collection This Weekend

The annual collection for Catholic University of America will be taken up at masses this weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

HOPE Appeal 2015 - \$1,550.30 to go!

Thank you to those who have returned their pledge. If you haven't had a chance, **please** return your pledge card ASAP or sooner. Your completed pledge may be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office or for a secure online gift or pledge - www.syrдио.org.

A Family Perspective

Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question, "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another. Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

Country Pantry

With increasing demand on our resources, we are in short supply of some necessary staples. We can use cereal, tuna fish, canned stews and peanut butter. By sharing what we have, we can help our friends and neighbors in the Clinton-Clark Mills-Westmoreland area who are struggling to provide nourishing food for their families. Thank you for helping us in our mission to feed the hungry. We couldn't do it without your support. God bless!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (9/26)	Dominic, Joseph & Carina Pascucci	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Tim Lashinger & Jan Slawson Cup - Marybeth King, Ron Newman, MaryLou Lauchert & Anne Debraggio
8:00 AM (9/27)	Alicia Amuso, Daniel & Nick Frank	Ron Roback	Host - Mike Howard & Jeanne Roback Cup - Bob Burns, Carole Byrne, Sister Ruth & Ann Kearney
10:30 AM (9/27)	Nate Gale, Ian Nessel & Adam Schneider	John Burdick	Host - Peggy Schweitzer & Maryalice Hogan Cup - Mary Stuttard, Melinda Leising, Anita Fitzgerald & Carol Fobes

Faith Formation

James encourages Christians to show by their actions that they have "wisdom from above." The wise do not act out of jealousy or selfish striving after their own way. They are peace loving, gentle, forgiving, and kind.

Fall Scripture Study

"Introduction to the Bible" will run seven weeks and begin on Wednesday, 9/30, at 6:30 pm (Saturday morning also possible). For newcomers and experienced Bible students alike, participants will become comfortable finding their way around the Bible, develop a better understanding of its themes and writing styles, and gain clear insights about Catholic use and interpretation of the Bible. Questions? Registration? Contact Amy Bashant 853-4537. For a course syllabus see:

www.littlerockscripture.org/Products/1716/Introduction-to-the-BibleStudy-Set

Rosary Army and Dress a Girl

...around the world mission programs at St. Mary's will be meeting the third Tuesday (note change of date) of every month at 6:30 pm in the parish center. Everyone is welcome (children w/adult). The rosary group will continue with knotted & beaded rosaries. The dress makers will be sewing simple pillowcase dresses. Please contact Amy for more information 853-4537.

Christmas Fair Meeting

There will be a meeting Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 PM, in the Parish Center. All are welcome to bring their ideas and suggestions for this year's Christmas Fair which will be held November 7/8. We hope to see some new faces as well as our normal group of volunteers.

Pie Sale

Mark your calendars - St. Mary's Hearts and Hands will hold their annual Pie Sale October 3/4 after all Masses in the Parish Center. If you wish to donate a pie, please bring it to the Parish Center Saturday, October 3 at 4 PM. Thank you all in advance for your cooperation.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to remind our parish community that lap blankets, & shawls made in love and prayer are available for those in need of comfort free of charge. Call Barbara Bohrer at 853-6016.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at Mary Paul's home September 21, at 7 PM. All parishioners are welcome to share in our ministry. Material and instructions are available to all. For information call Barbara Bohrer at 853-6016.

Area Events

9-20, noon until gone - VFW BBQ Chicken Dinner. \$10

dear Padre

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Why do we call priests "father?"

Matthew 23:9 says, "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven." So why do we call priests "father?" And should we not be calling our male parents "father?"

When we look at the larger context of this passage, we find Jesus teaching his disciples about the virtue of humility, the importance of practicing what they preach, and not doing things just for show. When it comes to titles, we must remember that they do serve a legitimate function for distinguishing roles, showing respect, and fostering good manners. Jesus' point is not that we shouldn't call our own fathers or priests by the title "father," but that we should realize that God has definite primacy in the role of father because he is our heavenly Father. In fact, our earthly fathers, whether biological, familial, or spiritual, exercise their role in imitation of the Father's love. Their authority is something they have only because God has given it to them, not by their own right.

As God's own children, we were all given as a gift to those who minister to us with parental care. Using "father" in association with priests recognizes their role and function as spiritual leaders and fathers in the Church. By no means does this detract from God's role and primacy. Consider the priests' role as an extension of God's love and care for us, as we are all God's instruments in the world.

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