

September 27 2015

# St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvin Street  
Clinton, New York 13323



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## 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.



**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,578.00
School Assessment.....	32.00
Memorial Fund.....	30.00
Faith Formation.....	480.00
Catholic University of America.....	624.00

**Second Collection Next Weekend**

The annual Respect Life collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Thank you again for your continued generosity!

**HOPE Appeal 2015 - \$1,450.30 to go by 10/31!**  
 Thank you to those who have returned their pledge. If you haven't had a chance, **please** return your pledge card ASAP - **the deadline is October 31**. 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.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org).

**A Family Perspective**

The words in today's Gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits home. As parents we gain our "reward" when we bring water to a frightened child in the middle of the night, or Kool Aid to parched five-year olds, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."

**Country Pantry**

With an ever increasing demand on our services, we find ourselves in short supply of some necessary items. These items include: tuna fish, canned stews and chili, macaroni and cheese and chicken noodle soup. Can you help with any of these? By our sharing what we have, we will be able to help those who need assistance in feeding their families.

Thank you for your support in our mission to help those who are struggling to put nourishing food on the table. May God bless you and your family.

- Saturday, September 26 - Vigil Mass**  
5:15 PM Frank Owens (11th) by His Family
- Sunday, September 27 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM Jim & Esther Burns by Their Family  
10:30 AM Family of George A. Richter
- Wednesday, Wednesday, September 30 - St. Jerome**  
7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family
- Thursday, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus**  
7:00 AM William Stricker by Mary Stricker & Family
- Friday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels**  
7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
- Saturday, October 3**  
8:00 AM Virginia Moskal by Pat & Tom McCraith  
5:15 PM - Lucille Falk by Joe & Cynthia Kowalczyk
- Sunday, October 4 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM Lucille Falk by Anthony DeNigro  
10:30 AM Annita K. Brown by Shirley & Charles Niznik

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED,  
 HOSPITALIZED, SICK & SHUT-INS  
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**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 10-3**

Deb & Jessica Gurdo

**Counters - 10-4**

Pat Knapp, Barb & Pat Grimes

<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (10/3)	Montana Decker, Kate Schweitzer & Melina Korfonta	Bill Waldron	Host - Elizabeth Tantillo & Rick Pascucci Cup - Jim Winkler, Bob Scarlata, Bob McQueen & Brianne Siepiola
8:00 AM (10/4)	Garrett, Connor & Tyler Frank	Steve Clark	Host - Ed Kaido & Chris Kielar Cup - Kate Chute, Evelyn Micciche, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (10/4)	Samantha Gaffney, LeeAnn Chesebro & Raine Boehlert	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Peggy Schweitzer, Joanne Joseph, Karen Brewer & Maryalice Hogan

**Faith Formation**

Like Moses before him, Jesus wants God's healing power to be shared by as many as possible. Doing good is not to be restricted to an exclusive few. Giving good example to the "little ones" or those of simple faith will be rewarded.

**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](http://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 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.

**Pie Sale**

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands will be sponsoring a Pie Sale next weekend, October 3/4, in the Parish Center after ALL Masses. Please stop by and purchase your favorite pie. For those who wish to donate a pie, please bring it to the Parish Center on Saturday, October 3 after 4 PM. Reminder - the gym is still under construction so the pie sale will be held in the hallway of the school. Please use the school entrance. Thank you.

**Do You Love To Sing?**

St. Mary's Choir resumes singing next weekend and we'd love to start the season with some new members.

Young singers and instrumentalists from grade 5 and up meet in the choir loft at 5 PM on Saturdays and sing/play for the 5:15 PM Mass. Adults and older teenagers meet at 9:30 AM on Sundays for rehearsal and sing for the 10:30 AM Mass.

Please stop up to the choir loft or call Valerie at 292-0368 for more information.

**RCIA**

Our church welcomes new members through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic or completing their entrance into our church through Confirmation or Holy Eucharist, please call Sr. Ruth at 853-1849.

# Good News!

October 4, 2015

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

Gn 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

My mother was convinced that none of her children would get married. We were older when we were called to that vocation but, one by one, we did marry. I am happy to say that my husband and I continue to share this vocation three decades later, and we give our thanks to God. My sister was not as fortunate. After years of abuse, she divorced her husband. She did not make that decision lightly. She went into counseling, prayed, and talked. She considered her children, her husband, and herself. And she read and reread today's Gospel from Mark. In the end, her safety and the safety of her children was a major concern.

Jesus railed against the ease of divorce. A man had simply to hand his wife a piece of paper, and he could do so for any reason, including infertility and a failure to please him. But Jesus advances the woman's cause, refusing to allow her to be treated like a piece of property or disposed of at whim. He saw marriage as a sign of God's covenantal love and lifelong fidelity and exalts it as a sacrament. When both spouses commit themselves to each other and to their vocation, this grace is made manifest, and their bond is strengthened. But sin and human brokenness can interfere with God's plan, leaving separation or even divorce as the only option.

In the longer form of this reading, the people brought their children to Jesus, and he blessed them. Maybe we can do the same for those affected by abuse or divorce, so they too, at long last, can be healed.

**Mary Katharine Deeley**  
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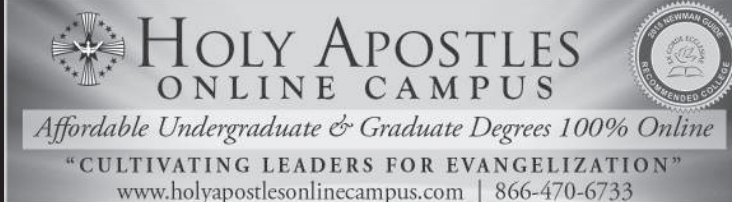
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