

October 4, 2015

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvin 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, October 3 - Vigil Mass
 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
Wednesday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, October 8
 7:00 AM Jack O'Brien by Carl Jones
Friday, October 9 - St. Denis
 7:00 AM Marilyn Zoller by Steve & Irene Gilles
Saturday, October 10
 8:00 AM John O'Brien by Richard Kennedy
 5:15 PM - Special Intentions of Bob & Joan Hutchinson
 on Their 65th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, October 11 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Ed & Betty Bentley by Their Family
 10:30 AM Anne Gale by Her Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 10-10
 Carole Byrne & Amy Franz
Counters - 10/11
 Evelyn Micciche, Bill & Linda McComb

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$6,200.00
School Assessment.....	53.00
Memorial Fund.....	35.00
Fuel.....	20.00
Country Pantry.....	50.00
Faith Formation.....	122.00
Respect Life.....	41.00
Catholic University.....	81.00

Second Collection This Weekend

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

HOPE Appeal 2015 - \$1,250.30 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.syrdio.org. Our deadline is October 31!

A Family Perspective

In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages married couples to throw away the marriage rule book. Rules are for those with "hardened hearts." Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love - a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.

Country Pantry

Among our needs this month are chunky, ready-to-eat soups, tuna fish, spaghetti and other pasta and cereals. Please remember in prayer those individuals and families served by the Pantry who are struggling with health issues, unemployment and family situations. Thank you for your care and concern in support of our ministry to alleviate hunger among our friends and neighbors in the Clinton-Clark Mills-Westmoreland area. God bless!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (10/10)	Carina Pascucci, Lily Collins & Lauren Chesebro	Jim Winkler	Host - Barb Blatz & Mary Paul Cup - Annette Foley, Sue King, Steve & Beth May
8:00 AM (10/11)	Will Eisenhut, John & Hannah Slawson	Bob Burns	Host - Pam Sprague & Julie Wagner Cup - Joseph Ellis, Patty McComb, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (10/11)	Jesse Dombrowski, Caleb Stanco & Adam Schneider	Karen Brewer	Host - Mary Stuttard & Jim Suchy Cup - Carol Fobes, Anita Fitzgerald, Don & Jane Conniff

Faith Formation

The humble person does not look down on others or try to raise himself to a prominent position. Jesus made himself lower than the angels by taking on our human nature. He then made himself subject to suffering and death in order to gain our salvation. Jesus tasted death for all of us so that we can share in his glory with God the Father. He is pleased to call us his brothers and sisters. In return, at every Eucharist, we thank him for lifting us up with him.

Still Time To Join Our Fall Scripture Study!

"Introduction to the Bible" on Wednesdays 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 at 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 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 & Hands will hold a pie sale this weekend after ALL Masses in the Parish Center. Please use the school entrance. We thank you in advance for your generous donation of pies and your purchases.

We hope you will stop by the Parish Center for cider and donuts following the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses this weekend.



St. Mary's Choir

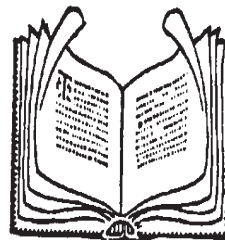
Any member of the parish with a desire to sing is invited to join the choir, a fun-loving, close and dedicated group of all ages. Come discover this family within the family of our spiritual community. And remember, he or she who sings, prays twice.

Please stop up to the choir loft 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.

Questions Catholics Ask



The Creation Story: Literally True??

Reading a story literally isn't the same as believing it happened in a certain moment of history. Story is a narrative that seeks to tell us something. For ancient storytellers, truth remains true whether it occurred in history or not. The Genesis writers were arrangers of stories already in Israel's oral tradition of which spoke of certain truths - which believers can take quite literally, namely:

1. God is the ultimate source of everything and therefore alone is to be worshipped.
2. The sad history of humanity is that we steadily refuse to worship God alone.
3. God's word is an event: When God speaks, things happen.
4. Humanity is given the task of naming and sharing in dominion over reality.
5. God creates the world by establishing order out of confusion. God calls this original order "good" and "right".
6. Sin contradicts the divine will. It's the choice we make against this order.
7. Our freedom to choose is the basis of our relationship with God and lifts us above all other creatures.
8. Our choice against God's will leads to the alienation from God that is the burden of sin until God fully restores our relationship.

Alice L. Camille

Adapted from vocationnetworking.org/blog/questions_catholics_ask/2011/12/do-catholics_take_the_biblical_creation_story_literally

Year of Consecrated Life

Sr. Dorothy Maxwell will be speaking at the Masses on October 10 and 11. She is a Blauvelt Dominican who was baptized and confirmed here at St. Mary's and will speak about her experience of religious life as the church continues to observe The Year of Consecrated Life.

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