

October 25, 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 24 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM John Doepp by the Blatz Family
Sunday, October 25 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Stephen Conway (6th) by His Family
 10:30 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl
Wednesday, October 28 - Sts. Simon & Jude
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, October 29
 7:00 AM Caroline M. Vangura (B'day) by Her Family
Friday, October 30
 7:00 AM Agnes Reisner by Joan Cole & Family
Saturday, October 31
 8:00 AM Jeanne E. Jensen by Roy Dawes & Family
 5:15 PM - Joseph Yanchan (3rd) by Mary Ann & Family
Sunday, November 1 - All Saints
 8:00 AM Rhayalene Perry by Jim & Ann Marie Jenkins
 10:30 AM Don Carroll by His Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - (10-31)
 Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler
Counters - (11/1)
 Peggy Schweitzer, Don & Jane Conniff

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,258.50
School Assessment.....	43.00
Memorial Fund.....	50.00
Fuel.....	335.00
Faith Formation.....	118.00
World Mission Appeal.....	778.00
Seminary.....	10.00
Respect Life.....	200.00
Christmas Fair Raffle.....	820.00

Second Collection Next Weekend

The annual Seminary collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Thank you once again!

HOPE Appeal 2015 - \$1,065.30 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.

A Family Perspective

When Jesus asked the blind man "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? That then is your prayer.

Country Pantry

We are still in need of cans of soup, all kinds. We are also starting to collect items for our Thanksgiving distribution which will be November 17. Boxed mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes and stuffing are among the items needed.

Also on Sunday, November 8, the Masonic Lodge of Westmoreland will be sponsoring a chicken BBQ on the green in Westmoreland for the benefit of the Pantry to help defray the cost of turkeys. We thank them for their generous effort in our behalf. God bless the givers and receivers.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (10-31)	Melina Korfonta, Kate Schweitzer & Montana Decker	Pearl Gapp	Host - Bob McQueen & Ron Newman Cup - Rick Pascucci, Brianne Siepiola, Bob Scarlata & Elizabeth Tantillo
8:00 AM (11-1)	Will Eisenhut, John & Hannah Slawson	Sister Ruth	Host - Joseph Ellis & Patty McComb Cup - Julie Wagner, Pam Sprague, Ann Kearney & Carole Byrne
10:30 AM (11-1)	Jesse Dombrowski, Caleb Stanco & Adam Schneider	Duffy Burdick	Host - Melinda Leising & James Suchy Cup - Karen Brewer, Joanne Joseph, Maryalice Hogan & Carol Fobes

Faith Formation

We all suffer from blindness of one kind or another because we fail to see things as Jesus does. "I want to see" should be our daily prayer to him.

"Introduction to the Bible"

Little Rock Scripture study ongoing on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the school building through November 11th.

Rosary Army and Dress a Girl

...around the world mission programs at St. Mary's meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the school building. All parishioners invited-stop in any month to see what we are all about!



St. Mary's Christmas Fair

Our annual St. Mary's Christmas Fair will be held November 7 & 8 in the Parish Center. Since this is our biggest fundraiser, we need many hands to help make it very successful.

The final collection date for Attic Treasures is Saturday, October 31, 10-4 PM, in the Parish Center. **NO CLOTHING, outdated TV's, record players or computers will be accepted.** All household items must be in clean and usable condition. If you enjoy baking, making candy or possibly a crafter, we would love to have you donate something for our fair. We will also have raffle baskets and you and your family can have fun creating one and donating it. Teenagers are encouraged, if they need service house, to contact Evelyn *853-2190) to work at the fair along with adults who are also needed.

Helpers are also needed in the Kitchen. Please call Karen Winkler at 853-6355 to volunteer for either Saturday or Sunday. Thank you!

We hope that you have sent your raffle tickets to the Rectory or are planning to bring them to the fair. New this year will be "Early Bird" admission to Attic Treasures beginning at 8 AM on Saturday, November 7, at \$5 per person. You can get first choice on all the goodies that will be displayed plus keep warm in the Parish Center. If you have questions, please call Evelyn at 853-2190 or Peggy at 853-2419.

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.

dear Padre

October 25, 2015

May I come home?

I became a member of the Catholic Church in 1961 when I married a Catholic man. I divorced him and left the Church in 2007. Now I am a member of the United Methodist Church. Is it possible for me to rejoin the Catholic Church, and if so, what are the requirements? I miss "the church of my heart," the Catholic Church.

It certainly is possible for you to come back, and now is the time to do it. Simply return to your local parish and begin attending Mass regularly. Before you receive the Eucharist again, you should make an appointment to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. If you are not quite ready to do that, at least begin with coming to church regularly. Introduce yourself to the priest and tell him that you would like to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation because you have been away from the Church for a number of years. The priest might encourage you to come to confession at a regularly scheduled time or perhaps make an appointment so you can spend more time together. It is not necessary to go to classes or to rejoin the RCIA, but there may be some adult faith formation classes you could participate in. Again, your priest or parish could guide you.

That tug you are feeling is nothing less than the Holy Spirit. Welcome Home!

FR. PATRICK KEYES, CSSR
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Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold a meeting at Mary Paul's home, 8293 Kellogg Road, October 26, at 7 PM. All parishioners are welcome to share in our ministry. Material and instructions are available to all. For more information, call Barbara Bohrer (853-6016) or Mary Paul (737-7067). We hope to see you there.

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