

November 15, 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, November 14 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Dennis Haight by His Family
Sunday, November 15 - 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Bethany Somich by Her Family
 10:30 AM Martin Hogan by Judy
Wednesday, November 18 - Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & Paul and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, November 19
 7:00 AM John O'Brien by Richard Kennedy
Friday, November 20
 7:00 AM Walter Wadas, Sr. by Mary
Saturday, November 21
 8:00 AM Don Barrett by Bob & Caryl Galinski
 5:15 PM - Helen Balon (9th) by Her Family
Sunday, November 22 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 8:00 AM Bob Sheridan by His Family
 10:30 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 11-21
 Deb & Jessica Gurdo
Counters - 11-22
 Bob McQueen, Jim & Karen Winkler

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,879.00
School Assessment.....	41.00
Memorial Fund.....	69.00
Holy Day.....	5.00
Country Pantry.....	150.00
Faith Formation.....	35.00
Christmas Fair.....	8,824.90

Second Collection This Weekend

The annual collection for Human Development will be taken up at masses this weekend. Many thanks for your continued support of these Diocesan collections.

Country Pantry - Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 17, will be our distribution day for Thanksgiving. Our clients will be given all the "fixins" for a Thanksgiving dinner which will include a gift certificate to Hannaford's for the meat of their choice.

Thank you to those who supported the Chicken BBQ held by the Masonic Lodge in Westmoreland with all proceeds donated to the Pantry. Thanks also to those who continue to donate items such as boxed mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes and stuffing mix to complete the dinner.

We are blessed to have the support of our wonderful community to help us in our mission to feed the hungry.

Country Pantry Christmas Gifts

Starting to think about Christmas? This year at the Pantry we will be collecting bath towels, hand towels & washcloths for our families. For the kids, we would like to give each child a \$10 gift card from a kid-friendly store: Five Below, Walmart, Target, etc.

Gift cards may be put in an envelope marked Country Pantry and placed in the regular Sunday collection. Towels may be left on Mary's altar. Last year's blanket drive was a welcome gift to our struggling families and we hope that this year the towels and kid's gift cards will help bring joy to our friends and neighbors served by the Pantry.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (11-21)	Melina Korfonta, Kate Schweitzer & Carina Pascucci	Mike Debraggio	Host - Pearl Gapp & Ann Wilikinson Cup - Anne Debraggio, Rick Pascucci, Mary Lou Lauchert & Barb Bohrer
8:00 AM (11-22)	Ian Nessel, John & Hannah Slawson	Anna Berney	Host - Bob Burns & Mike Howard Cup - Joseph Ellis, Pam Sprague, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (11-22)	Raine Boehlert, Lauren & Lee Ann Chesebro	Karen Brewer	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Peggy Schweitzer, James Suchy, Karen Brewer & Melinda Leising

Faith Formation

For the past month we have heard lesson after lesson in the Gospel of what it means to be a true follower of Jesus. When we make a conscience effort to weave these lessons into our lives they become habit and our focus becomes living in the Kingdom of God here on earth as virtuous people, not sitting and waiting for Jesus' return.

Continental Breakfast November 22

We hope you will join your fellow parishioners in a meal of Thanksgiving at a continental breakfast served on November 22, from 9 - 10:30 AM in the Parish Center. Please contact Amy Bashant 853-4537 if you would like to provide a warm dish.

Christmas Gift Making Workshop December 6

Once again we will be hosting our children's Christmas gift making workshop on December 6, 1-3 PM. We are in need of adults and teens willing to lead a simple craft station. If you have an idea to offer or just want to volunteer that day, please contact Amy Bashant 853-4537. We also appreciate donations of craft supplies!

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Your children, ages 4-9, are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 5:15 PM Mass next Saturday, November 21.

Third Thursday Group

The Third Thursday Group will meet this Thursday, November 19, at 12:15 PM. We gather at 26 Marvin Street (Sisters house) for a communion service followed by a bring-your-own lunch and social. Dessert and beverage will be provided. All adults welcome - bring a friend!



Christmas Fair Thank You

We wish to thank all the chair persons and workers who helped with the Christmas Fair this year. Also, thanks to everyone who donated items for The Bakery, Craft Booth, Attic Treasure, Jewelry and Basket Raffles. We particularly want to thank all the members of our parish who came and purchased something from the fair and/or had lunch at St. Mary's Café. This year's fair was very successful and we thank all of you for supporting the Fair.

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners: \$500 - Lauren DesJardins, \$100 each to Rostia McGuire, Ardele Tuckerman, Peggy Schweitzer, Betty Griffin and Jim Carroll. The Quilt was won by Barbara Hassis, the Painting by Corey Conley and the Stanley Gift Certificate by R.W. Cresswell, 32" Color Flat Screen TV won by Theresa Reese and the IPAD by Marytheresa Balutis. See everyone next year!

Good News!

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14, 18 / Mk 13:24-32

I used to work with someone who was very patient with those he met and rarely expressed anger in public. But as I got to know him better, I began to recognize the small signs he gave off when he was irritated. His lips tightened. He would start drumming his fingers or moving his foot when seated. When that happened, we all knew to leave him alone as he worked out what he wanted to do. We also could act as sounding boards, helping him see different ways of looking at things. I thought this "sign-seeing" only went one way until one day he so accurately described what I do when I start feeling stressed out that it made me laugh. I thought I hid my stress very well, and I probably did to those who didn't work with me every day.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus talks about the signs that will precede the coming of the Son of Man. He quotes the prophet Daniel, and the signs are disturbing: the sun will darken and the stars will fall. Such apocalyptic images (referring to the end times) are often found in times of persecution. This passage was written close to the destruction of the Temple by the Romans and attempts to encourage the reader to remain faithful in what seem like end times because Christ will come again.

Of course, not everyone has faith or finds hope in what they see. The question posed to us—to all—is this: "Have we been with Christ long enough to know and see the signs that he will come again, or do we need to pay closer attention to him?"

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The Parish Volunteers have essentially wrapped up the summer and fall projects for the year. The many hours put in by the volunteers working on the Church, Rectory, Sister Ruth's house and the Parish Center took some pressure off the Parish Custodian and also saves us a great deal of money. Special thanks go to Walt Jury, Bill Davis, Clyde Smith, Julie & Rich Wagner, Kevin Kearney, Bill Waldron, Dan Fitzgerald, Mike Howard and Les LaBrecque for all their work!

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