

November 29, 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, November 28 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Ben & Mary Hillage by Their Family
Sunday, November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM Joseph Maxwell by His Family
 10:30 AM Robert Caister by His Family
Wednesday, December 2
 7:00 AM George P. Kelley by Chris & Barbara Blatz
Thursday, December 3 - St. Francis Xavier
 7:00 AM William Geiser by the Balch Family
Friday, December 4 - St. John Damascene
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Saturday, December 5
 8:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family
 5:15 PM - Eric Wiedmer by His Family
Sunday, December 6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM Joseph & Josephine Slivonik
 by Joe, Kris and Family
 10:30 AM Frank Santoli by His Family

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

Lectors Workbook

Lectors, please pick up your Lectors Workbook for the coming year in the sacristy.

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 12-5

Laurie Calhoun

Counters - 12-6

Gabe Martini, Catherine Miller & Gwen Lallier

Collection for Last Weekend

No report due to early bulletin transmission.

A Family Perspective

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

Country Pantry

Our Christmas distribution will be early - Tuesday, **December 15** - so we are asking you to please bring your Christmas gifts before that date.

We are collecting bath towels, hand towels, washcloths and dishtowels for our families and for the kids (towels aren't too exciting) we hope to give each child a **\$10 Gift Card** for a kid-friendly store such as Five Below, Walmart, K-Mark, Target.

Towels may be left at Mary's altar and the gift cards placed in an envelope marked Country Pantry and put in the regular Sunday collection.

Thanks for helping make Christmas a little brighter for our families.

Christmas Gifts For The Shut-Ins

Sister Ruth would be grateful if the following donations could be given for the people she visits in Nursing Homes and their own homes: Large print Word Search Books, Pencil, Pen, Small note book, small Kleenex packages, slipper socks, sugarless candy bar, comb and/or brush, or a tooth brush.



There will be a basket at the Front Entrance of church where you can leave your donation. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (12-5)	Madeline Surace, Matt & Madison Steates	Pearl Gapp	Host - Jan Slawson & Annette Foley Cup - Anne Debraggio, Barb Bohrer, Tim Lashinger & Marybeth King
8:00 AM (12-6)	Rick Heintz, Hannah & John Slawson	9th Grade Class	Host - Mike Howard & Jeanne Roback Cup - Chris Kielar, Joseph Ellis, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (12-6)	Adam Schneider, Caleb Stanco & Nick Frank	Duffy Burdick	Host - Maryalice Hogan & Joanne Joseph Cup - Peggy Schweitzer, James Suchy, Karen Brewer & Carol Fobes

Faith Formation

Advent, at its heart, is about getting ready to encounter Jesus at Christmas. Opening your heart to him. Getting to know him. Becoming a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, etc. Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (November 29) and continuing every day through December 23, Dynamic Catholic will email you simple yet powerful messages from Matthew Kelly, America's bestselling Catholic author, and other leading Catholic voices of our time that will help you encounter God's incredible mercy. An ideal response to Pope Francis' invitation to celebrate the **Year of Mercy**, Best Advent Ever: *Rediscover Mercy* can transform your life, relationships, work, and ability to genuinely embrace and experience life. Don't miss the opportunity to make this your best Advent ever. Sign up now at <http://dynamiccatholic.com/year-of-mercy/best-advent-ever>. It's simple, and the only cost is your commitment to live better each day this Advent. Are you ready?

Christmas gift making workshop

Children in K- 6th grade are invited on **December 6, 1-2:30 PM** for an afternoon of making presents for their family and friends. \$5/child, max \$12/family. Invite your friends! This is a drop-off activity. Please register by 12/3 to Amy Bashant 853-4537, amybashant@gmail.com. Adult and teen volunteers are still needed to help with this event!

"Faith in action is love and love in action is service"- Mother Teresa Many of us have found ways to share the love of God as individuals within our community. But think of the power in putting our *faith in action* as a united group of St. Mary's parishioners! If you have an interest in meeting once per month to volunteer locally or have contact information/ideas for places needing help, please contact Amy Bashant 853-4537, amybashant@verizon.net

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Your children, ages 4-9, are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children this Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass. Our next gathering is December 6.

Attention Basketball Players!

St. Mary's offers instruction and league play for boys and girls grades 1-6. Join a great tradition! Call or text Joe Gale at 725-8998.

Good News!

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 / Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

We begin this Church year as we left the last one—with a description of the signs that will come before Christ appears. But where Mark warns of the coming judgment for the enemies of God, Luke, with great subtlety, shifts the nuance so that people will hear the hope of salvation. "Stand erect and raise your head," he calls out. At the end of the Church year, we meditate on Christ's coming in glory to judge the living and the dead. In the beginning, we remember the Incarnation: God's emptying himself to become fully human and to come into the world. Both events are heralded by and will mean great change for us and for the world.

Change happens when God breaks into the world, regardless of the time. In account after account in the Bible, we watch as God visits people and changes their names (Abraham and Peter), their lives (Jeremiah, the apostles, the woman at the well), and heals their separation and brokenness (the blind man, the paralytic, and Lazarus). Also, sinners are punished (Dives and Jezebel) and landscapes are altered (Isaiah's vision of valleys lifted up and mountains laid low). This saving action continues throughout history, especially within the Church and among the saints.

Advent is a time to remember that Christ came to change the world and each of us. Have we allowed ourselves to be changed? Are we willing to be shaped by the hand of God, called by a different name, and given a place in Christ's mission? Let's hope so because, ready or not, here he comes.

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Area Events

12-5, 8-1 PM - Kirkland Community Bloodmobile at the VFW on Franklin Ave. For an appointment call 853-6300. Walk-ins are always welcomed.

12-5, 11-4 PM - Oneida County Habitat for Humanity Holiday Silent Auction & Habitat Home Tour, 1025 Steuben Street, Utica.

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