

December 20, 2015

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street
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Parish Center 853-6196
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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, December 19 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Christopher S. Stuttard by Jeanne & Carl Jones
Sunday, December 20 - 4th Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM John Glouse by His Family
 10:30 AM Benjamin Burdick (21st) by His Family
Wednesday, December 23 - St. John of Kanty
 7:00 AM Mary Harrigan by Her Family
Thursday, December 24 - Vigil of Christmas
 5:15 PM Tom Moffitt by His Family
 11:00 PM For the People of the Parish
Friday, December 25 - Christmas
 9:30 AM Caryl Galinski by Hearts & Hands
Saturday, December 26
 8:00 AM NO MASS
 5:15 PM Deceased of Stefanik Family by Their Family
Sunday, December 27 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 8:00 AM Bob Auert (10th) by Judy & Family
 10:30 AM Joseph Yanchan by Mary Ann & Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 12-26

Laurie Calhoun

Counters - 12-27

Jim Winkler, Dan Gale & Matt Bashant

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,162.00
Holy Day.....	747.00
Christmas.....	757.00
School Assessment.....	40.00
Memorial Fund.....	60.00
Fuel/Flowers.....	190.00
Faith Formation.....	249.00
Country Pantry.....	40.00
Cathedraticum.....	549.00

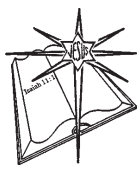
Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday & Friday, December 24/25 for the Christmas Holiday. Your messages will be answered ASAP.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24
 5:15 PM - Mass
 10:30 PM - Choir
 11:00 PM - Mass

Friday, December 25
 9:30 AM - Mass
(note: One Mass on Christmas Day)



Country Pantry

Our families were very pleased with their gifts of towels and the kids were happy to receive their gift cards at our Christmas distribution last Tuesday. Thank you for helping bring some sunshine into lives that need and deserve some.

We at the Pantry wish you Peace, Joy and Love during this wondrous holiday season. May the Christ Child shower you with His blessings. God bless us everyone!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (12-24)	Tyler, Connor & Garrett Frank	Annemarie Moffitt Teen readers	Host - Mary Paul & Sue King Cup - Ann Wilkinson, Melinda Leising, Rick Pascucci & TBA
11:00 PM (12-24)	LeeAnn Chesebro, Samantha Gaffney & John Slawson	Pearl Gapp	Host -Sister Ruth & Jim Winkler Cup - Annette Foley, TBA, TBA & TBA
9:30 AM (12-25)	Kate Schweitzer, Meline Korfonta & Caleb Stanco	Pam Sprague	Host - Carole Byrne & TBA Cup - TBA, TBA, TBA & TBA
5:15 PM (12-26)	Montana Decker, Carina & Joseph Pascucci	Mary Lou Lauchert	Host - Tim Lashinger & Ann Wilkinson Cup - Bob McQueen, Jan Slawson, Barb Bohrer & Barb Blatz
8:00 AM (12-27)	Alicia Amuso, Ian Nessel & Will Eisenhut	Joseph Ellis	Host - Ed Kaido & Julie Wagner Cup - Pam Sprague, Evelyn Micciche, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (12-27)	Jesse Dombrowski, Adam Schneider & Caleb Stanco	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Melinda Leising & James Suchy Cup - Karen Brewer, Peggy Schweitzer, Don & Jane Conniff



A Blessing of the Christmas Child

*Travel safely,
and may you find your stable
With a manger and a child.*

*Listen carefully,
and hear the child cry to you
and take him to your heart.*

*Watch closely,
that shows you the road to travel.*

*And as you listen for the cry
and watch for the light on your journey
feel the presence of hope, peace and love
with the blessing of the Father, Son
and Holy Spirit*

within you, beside you and before you. Amen

Merry Christmas from Fr. Croghan and
all the folks at St. Mary's

Good News!

December 20, 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Mi 5:1-4 / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45

Not long ago, I had the great opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Israel with a group of people. We began our journey each day in prayer. We visited many holy sites; we walked where Jesus walked. Each day our chaplain celebrated liturgy in one of the many churches that mark the location of significant stories in the Bible: where Jesus was born, where he died, where he celebrated his first miracle, at Cana. The prayer was profound, and the members of the group quickly became friends. We still greet each other with gladness and affection.

One of the more moving experiences was a visit to the Church of the Visitation. Located at the top of a small hill, the church welcomes visitors with a wide plaza and a wrought-iron entryway. Immediately to the right of the courtyard is a tall bronze statue of Mary and Elizabeth greeting each other. The figures are slender and visibly pregnant. The artist captured their joy with a slight arch in their backs, their arms beginning to ascend, and their heads lifted up as though laughing in delight. The statue made us smile.

I think about that statue now and believe this is how we should always greet the Lord—with delight, joy, and an understanding that we are pregnant with his grace and presence. We are called to reveal that presence to the whole world. In these last few days before Christmas, reflect on the ways you will show your joy in the Lord's coming.

Mary Katharine Deeley
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Penance Service

There will be a Penance Service at St. Bernard's Church, Waterville, at 3 PM this Sunday, December 20.

Faith Formation

We often think of God's will as something that is hard to do. What if "God's will" meant something that exactly fit the talents and abilities God gave you? Giving yourself—your time, talents, and love—is the greatest gift you can offer to God and others.

Saturday Suppers Return!!

Please join us for a Christmas celebration this week after 5:15 Mass for a pasta dinner.

"Rediscover Jesus"

The best time to rediscover Jesus is right now. Matthew Kelly's latest book explores some questions that we all ask ourselves in different ways: Who am I? Who is God? What am I here for? What matters most? What matters least? What are my unique talents and abilities? What will my contribution be?

We discover the answers to these questions most completely by encountering Jesus. He longs to help us discover deeply personal answers to our deeply personal questions.

Copies of this book will be available to any interested parishioner at the Christmas Masses as our gift to you.

A Family Perspective

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to my career." It is said "Christmas is for Children." It is more accurate to say "Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!"

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