

December 27, 2015

St. Mary's Parish

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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 26 - Vigil 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
Wednesday, December 30

7:00 AM NO MASS
Thursday, December 31 - Vigil of the
Solemnity of Mary

5:15 PM Jane Boehlert by Kelli Handzel & Family
Friday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God

9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
Saturday, January 2

8:00 AM Caryl Galinski by Edward & Sheila Alli
 5:15 PM - Margaret Burns by the Stuttard Family
Sunday, January 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord
 8:00 AM Lucille Falk by Bob Harrigan & Family
 10:30 AM Ann Conley by Jack McNamara

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 1-2

Sally Glouse & Sue King

Counters - 1-3

Tim Lashinger, Mike & Anne Debraggio

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$7,417.00
Holy Days.....	351.00
School Assessment.....	47.00
Memorial Fund.....	535.00
Fuel.....	10.00
Christmas Flowers.....	65.00
Faith Formation.....	167.00

Mass Schedule for the Holy Day

Masses for the Holy Day - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God will be"

New Years Eve, December 31, 5:15 PM

And

New Years Day, January 2, 9:30 AM

Parish Office Closed January 1

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, January 1. Please leave a message and we'll get back to you ASAP

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

Country Pantry

Our families enjoyed a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings thanks to your generosity. The towels were a welcome gift and the kids were delighted to receive their gift cards. All this could not have happened without your caring and sharing. May the Christ Child shower you with his blessings!

Altar Servers Training

January 5, 6:30 PM more to come.....

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (12-31)	Raine Boehlert, Matt & Madison Steates	Jim Winkler	Host - Mary Paul & Bob McQueen Cup - Ann Wilkinson, TBA, TBA & TBA
9:30 AM (1-1)	Will Eisenhut, Joseph & Dominic Pascucci	TBA	Host - TBA & TBA Cup - TBA, TBA, TBA & TBA
5:15 PM (1-2)	Meline Korfonta, Kate Schweitzer & Montana Decker	Mike Debraggio	Host - Carla Pascucci & Marybell King Cup - Pearl Gapp, Annette Foley, Anne Debraggio & Elizabeth Tantillo
8:00 AM (1-3)	Garrett Frank, Hannah & John Slawson	Ron Roback	Host - Chris Kielar & Bob Burns Cup - Mike Howard, Patty McComb, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (1-3)	Raise Boehlert, LeeAnn & Lauren Chesebro	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Karen Brewer & Maryalice Hogan Cup - Peggy Schweitzer, Joanne Joseph, Don & Jane Conniff

Christmas Thank You!!!

Thank you to all who helped to make our Christmas Masses true celebrations of the Lord's birth. Thank you to the Lallier Family for once again setting up our manger. A special "thanks" to Valerie and the choir for the beautiful music and all the ministers who helped at the Masses. I would also like to thank all of you who sent cards, gifts and food to the rectory, your generosity is greatly appreciated.



I hope and pray that all of you have a healthy and very happy New Year.

Fr. Croghan

Good News!

December 27, 2015

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH (C)

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 /

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 / Lk 2:41-52

An old joke portrays an Irish couple with several children listening to the priest extolling the obedience of Jesus and the patience of Mary and Joseph and exhorting his congregation to be just like them. When the Mass was ended, the couple turned to each other and one muttered to the other, "Sure to heaven, they were patient—they and their one." The joke highlights one struggle for many parents: keeping patience while children learn the lessons of life. It's a job that may seem easier with one than with many.

Today, though, the Holy Family offers an example that applies to all families, whether large or small. Since Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph knew that one day he was going to have to follow his own path. They couldn't choose it for him; they could only prepare him as best they could. After they found him in the Temple and he told them, "I must be in my Father's house" (which can also be translated as "I must be about my Father's work"), they knew he was growing into adulthood and that his time was coming. However, Jesus returned with them because it was not yet time for him to leave, and he remains obedient to them as he always is to his heavenly Father.

All of us who are parents know that we cannot dictate what our children can or should be. We can only help them discern what God has called them to be. In the meantime, we give them the best foundation we can give by praying with them, talking to them, and modeling our own response to God's call.

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Faith Formation

May all families, no matter what shape they take, feel God's blessings as we begin 2016!

Classes resume Monday, January 4, 2016

Wish your fellow parishioners a **Happy New Year** over a cup of coffee and a bagel on **January 3**, following the 10:30 AM mass (bring along your extra Christmas cookies to share!)

Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in beginning a **Faith in Action** volunteer program at St. Mary's. There will be a **meeting on January 3 at noon** to share ideas, experiences, and common desire to serve our community! Our first opportunity will be to prepare and serve dinner at Hope House on January 10. Contact Amy for more info (853-4537, amybashant@gmail.com)

The **Rosary Army** is in need of more volunteers! If you are interested in learning about this group and how to make knotted or beaded rosaries for our missions, please stop by the parish center between **1-2 pm on January 3**.

Thank You!

Sister Ruth would like to thank each and everyone for their generosity in regard to the Christmas bags for our shut-ins. Also, to our young people who made ornaments and signed cards for them. You provided "Merry" Christmas for them. May you be blessed and have a Happy New Year.

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