

January 17, 2016

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvin Street
Clinton, New York 13323



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Parish Center 853-6196
Sister Ruth Dowd 853-1849
Cemetery Superintendent 794-0154
Music Director 292-0368

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

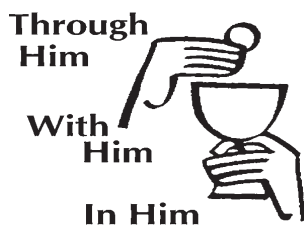
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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, January 16 - Vigil Mass
5:15 PM Fred Lomanto by Nancy Dombrowski & Princes

Sunday, January 17 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Conrad Byrne by His Wife

10:30 AM Timothy Hogan by Susan Hogan

Wednesday, January 20 - Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

Thursday, January 21 - St. Agnes

7:00 AM Rosemary Moran by Carol Marshall

Friday, January 22

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Saturday, February 23

8:00 AM Elizabeth "Libby" Chesebro
by the Hogan & Kaplan Families

5:15 PM - Fred Lomanto by Terry & Johann Reilley

Sunday, February 24 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Rhayalene Perry by Ann Wilkinson

10:30 AM Arcady Rubtsov by the Maier Family

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

Office Closed Monday

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible..

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - (1-23)

Laurie Calhoun

Counters - (1-24)

Evelyn Micciche, Ed Kaido & Kernan Kennedy

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$6,555.00
Holy Day.....	15.00
Christmas.....	415.00
School Assessment.....	71.00
Memorial Fund.....	142.00
Faith Formation.....	297.00

2015 Tax Statement

For a statement of your 2015 donations for tax purposes, please put a note on your envelope, drop a note in the collection basket, or call the rectory at 853-2935 (10-3 PM, Monday - Friday).

If you are receiving envelopes and don't use them, or if you don't receive envelopes and wish to, please drop a note in the collection basket or call the rectory.

A Family Perspective

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

Country Pantry

During the months of January and February we will be collecting hygiene items for the Pantry.

Some ideas: liquid hand soap, bar soap, dish soap, shampoo, kleenex toilet tissue, disposable razors and shaving cream.

Thanks for all you do to support our various needs. God bless!

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands Meeting

Our first meeting of the new year is Tuesday, January 26, 6:30 PM, in the Parish Center. We will begin to plan the first portion of social events for the year. We welcome everyone to attend with their ideas - new ideas, especially, are most welcomed. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 26th.

If the weather is inclement, please call Evelyn at 853-2190 to verify if the meeting is cancelled. An email will be sent to those on our roster. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (1/23)	Melina Korfonta, Kaitlynn Schweitzer & Montana Decker	Mike Debraggio	Host - Anne Debraggio & Barb Bohrer Cup - Elizabeth Tantillo, Marybeth King, Bob McQueen & Annette Foley
8:00 AM (1/24)	Ian Nessel, Hannah & John Slawson	Sister Ruth	Host - Bob Burns & Chris Kielar Cup - Ed Kaido, Carole Byrne, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (1/24)	Caleb Stanco, Adam Schneider & Jesse Dombrowski	John Burdick	Host - Melinda Leising & James Suchy Cup - Peggy Schweitzer, Joanne Joseph, Don & Jane Conniff

FAITH IN ACTION

During this year of mercy, we hope to provide extra opportunities for a deeper exploration of our faith.

Please join us as we study the Gospel of Luke through **The Good News of God's Mercy** by Kevin Perrotta. We will meet during the six weeks of Lent to explore the message of the book of Luke, which encourages us to welcome God's actions throughout our lives and, in turn, offer God's mercy to the world around us. Thursdays, 2/11-3/17. Materials provided.

We hope you have found the time to begin reading your copy of **Rediscover Jesus** by Matthew Kelly. We will be hosting an informal gathering to share thoughts and insights over a cup of coffee for interested readers.

The next **Saturday "Souper" Supper** will be **February 6** following the 5:15 PM mass which includes children's liturgy. A casual meal of soup, sandwiches and salad, followed by "game night" for kids and adults; bring your favorite game to share. Cost of admission is a can of soup, to be donated to the Country Pantry.

Hope House. We have committed to prepare a meal at the Hope House on the second Sunday of each month and we are looking for volunteers to help 3 or 4 times a year. A sign up sheet is located on the family bulletin board in the front vestibule.

For more information on any of these topics please contact Amy Bashant at (amybashant@gmail.com)

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Your children, ages 4-9, are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday January 24. The next gathering will be Sunday, January 31.

**St. Mary's Clinton Preschool
Open House**

St. Mary's Clinton Preschool will hold their Open House Thursday, January 28, 5-6:30 PM at the school located at 5 Prospect Street. Register for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Third Thursday Group**

The Third Thursday Group will meet this Thursday, January 21, 12:15 PM, at Sisters house, 26 Marvin Street. The meeting starts with a communion service. Bring a bag lunch as we retire to the dining room for lively conversation. Dessert and beverage provided. Come meet some new friends!

Area Events

1-31, 11-1:30 PM - Roast Pork Dinner Buffet at Church of the Annunciation Parish Hall, Clark Mills. \$10/adults, \$7/kids 6-12), 5 and under free. Take outs available.

dear Padre

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Parents aren't culpable for the actions of children

I'm terrified that the birth-control pill my son's girlfriend takes contains an abortion-inducing ingredient. He has asked me not to discuss his sex life, but am I committing a sin if I don't mention this related issue?

Children grow up and ultimately make and live with their own decisions, including those involving matters of faith and morals. Parents can (and should) advise and encourage them to live according to the truth that Christ revealed to us through the Church, but parents cannot force them to do anything and therefore are not culpable for their child's actions. This is why children past the age of reason need to confess their own sins.

Mention your concerns in a clear, straightforward manner; then don't dwell on them. You will have done your part, and pressing further may push your son away from the Church and, perhaps, yourself. What he needs now is the knowledge that you still love and care for him, and doing so while remaining faithful to our beliefs as Catholics speaks louder than any words you might say. Take the matter to prayer and trust that God will work within your son and his girlfriend in many ways.

It's never easy to challenge another's lifestyle, but we must never turn our back on others. As St. Augustine said, we should have "due love for the persons and hatred of the sin."

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2016/17 LeMoyne College CYO Scholarship

The CYO Scholarships will be conferred to 8 deserving students in the geographical Diocese of Syracuse who have demonstrated leadership abilities and performed outstanding service to their school, community and parish.

**Conversation & Catholic Theology
For Young Adults**

Young adults in their 20's & 30's are invited to Theology on Tap (TOT) Wednesday, January 20, 7 PM, at the Saranac Brewery. Fr. Ward will be speaking on the upcoming Year of Mercy. Please join us for an evening of fascinating talks, fellowship and food. TOT occurs the third Wednesday of each month, the event is FREE so be sure to invite a friend!

For more information, call Sarah Mess at 315-807-7694 (smess@syrдио.org).

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