

January 24, 2016

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, January 23 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Fred Lomanto by Terry & Johann Reilley
Sunday, January 24 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Rhayalene Perry by Ann Wilkinson
 10:30 AM Arcady Rubtsov by the Maier Family
Wednesday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas
 7:00 AM John & Jeanne Doepp
 by Jennifer & David Marcucci
Friday, January 29
 7:00 AM William Stricker by His Family
Saturday, January 30
 8:00 AM Suzanne Heintz by Hearts & Hands
 5:15 PM Caryl Galinski by Kris & Joe Slivonik
Sunday, January 31 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Lucille Falk by Bob Galinski
 10:30 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - (1/30)
 Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski
Counters - (1/31)
 Barb Martini, Catherine Miller & Gwen Lallier

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$4,259.00
Holy Day.....	5.00
Memorial Fund.....	5.00
Faith Formation.....	155.00
Fuel.....	107.00
Country Pantry.....	30.00

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

In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.

Country Pantry

We are continuing to collect hygiene supplies during the months of January and February. These include: toothpaste, tooth brushes, bar soap, shampoo, toilet tissue, kleenex, razors and shaving cream. Can you help us by donating some of these items?

Our annual **Soup'er Sunday** canned soup collection will be on **Super Bowl Sunday, February 7**. Soup is a staple for many of our clients during the cold, winter months, so please, when you are shopping in the next couple of weeks, pick up a can(s) of soup.

Thanks for supporting the Pantry. God bless!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (1/30)	Deanna & Rick Heintz		
5:15 PM (1/30)	Madeline Surace, Matt & Madison Steates	Jim Winkler	Host - Bob Scarlata & Rick Pascucci Cup - Pearl Gapp, Sue King, Mary Paul & Brianne Siepiola
8:00 AM (1/31)	Garrett, Tyler & Connor Frank	Bob Burns	Host - Kate Krumdieck & Evelyn Micciche Cup - Joe Ellis, Mike Howard, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (1/31)	Taylor Arndt, LeeAnn & Lauren Chesebro	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Karen Brewer, Carol Fobes, Maryalice Hogan & Joanne Joseph

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 this Sunday. 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.

For information, call 853-6196 or 794-1071.



2016/17 LeMoyné 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.

Application packets are available in the Parish Office and must be submitted by February 15.

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.

2-4, 7 PM - Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School Open House.

Good News!

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 / Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In the days of the exile in Babylon, the Jews were unable to practice their religion, to gather as a community, or to hear the words of the Torah, which had so guided them in their lives as a people of God. I have always been taken by the description of this reading of the Law in Nehemiah, which occurs shortly after their return from exile. As Ezra reads, the people weep, rejoicing because they were hearing God's words to them as though for the first time and were overjoyed because God had brought them back home. I can't say I have ever wept at the beauty and power of Scripture when it is read at Mass, nor have I seen others do so. When we have not been deprived of a treasure we sometimes take it for granted and fail to appreciate the gift that it is.

In the Gospel, Jesus reads the words of Isaiah and declares to those in the synagogue that the words have been fulfilled. The people's reaction, which we hear as Luke 4 continues (next week), simply is not the same. Throughout our own lives, we have reacted to the comfort and challenge of the Gospel in different ways at different times. Sometimes we may be touched by what we hear, but I wonder if we often do not allow God's word to affect us as much as it could. Maybe today we can really open ourselves to what the Lord has to say in the sacred stories. Maybe today we can recognize the true value of God's revelation, care, and call to us in the Bible.

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