

February 21 2016

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street
Clinton, New York 13323



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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, February 20 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Walter & Elizabeth Stefanik by Their Family
Sunday, February 21 - 2nd Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM George Ellis (24th) by His Family
 10:30 AM Albert Griffin by Betty & Family
Wednesday, February 24
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, February 25
 7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family
Friday, February 26
 7:00 AM Caryl Galinski by Tony & Barbara Lomanto
Saturday, February 27
 8:00 AM Rhayalene Perry by the Stuttard Family
 5:15 PM Stephen & Caroline Vangura by Their Family
Sunday, February 28 - 3rd Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM Donna Evans by Her Husband
 10:30 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl

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

This Week During Lent
 Thursday, 2/25, 6 PM - soup/bread dinner at Clinton Methodist Church. Session 2 - "A Revolution of Humanity" with Rev. John Croghan.
 Fridays of Lent, 7 PM - Stations of the Cross here at St. Mary's

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - (2/27)
 Deb & Jessica Gurdo
Counters - (2/28)
 Pat Balon, Bob & Linda Kurtyka

Collection for Last Weekend
 Ordinary Collection.....\$3,827.00
 Memorial Fund.....10.00
 School.....15.00
 Faith Formation.....15.00
 Eastern Europe.....843.00
 Black & Native American.....525.00

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
 Jesus "went up the mountain to pray" and he was "changed." Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

Country Pantry
 Our needs for the Pantry this month include cereal, tuna fish, peanut butter and spaghetti or other pastas.
 Thank you for your continuing support of the Pantry in our effort to assist those in our community who are struggling to feed themselves and their families. God Bless!

Good News Center
 For information on programs and support group meetings being held at the Good News Center, please call 735-6210 (www.thegoodnewscenter.org).

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (27)	Lydia Hepler & Montana Decker		
5:15 PM (2/27)	Madeline Surace, Matt & Madison Steates	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Carla Pascucci & Ann Wilkinson Cup - Annette Foley, Tim Lashinger, Barb Blatz & Bob McQueen
8:00 AM (2/28)	Ian Nessel, Daniel & Nick Frank	Bob Burns	Host - Pan Sprague & Julie Wagner Cup - Ed Kaido, Kate Krumdieck, Patty McComb & Mike Howard
10:30 AM (2/28)	Lydia DeTraglia, Kate Schweitzer & Melina Korfonta	Duffy Burdick	Host - Karen Brewer & Melinda Leising Cup - Maryslice Hogan, Joanne Joseph, James Suchy & Peggy Schweitzer

Faith In Action

There are three traditional ways to prepare to follow Jesus more closely during Lent: daily prayer, fasting, and sharing with the poor (almsgiving). If you are looking for opportunities, St. Mary's offers many! In classes we are learning the importance of prayer and will be collecting items for the Country Pantry, Refugee Center and Hope House.

Thank you to everyone who has signed-up to prepare meals at *Hope House* in the coming months. We will continue to need volunteers (teens/adults) as we have committed to the 2nd Sunday of each month; please sign-up on the sheet located in the front vestibule, where you will also find more info about this program.

Also in the front vestibule are many opportunities to serve at the *Presbyterian Homes*- activities like helping with onsite mass, hymn sings, bible studies, bingo, crafts; all are encouraged to help, especially families with children!

For more information on any of these topics, please contact Amy Bashant at amybashant@gmail.com or Mary Lou Lauchert at mlauchert@roadrunner.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, February 28.

Parish Coffee Hour

Come join us for the Parish Coffee Hour this Sunday, February 21, following the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses in the Parish Center. This is a great opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners and enjoy a cup of coffee along with bagels and donuts.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be having a meeting at Mary Paul's home, 8293 Kellogg Road, on February 29, at 7 PM. All parishioners are welcome to share in our ministry. Material and instructions are available to all. For more information, call Mary Paul at 737-7067 or Barbara Bohrer at 853-6016. We hope to see you there!

St. Mary's Cemetery

Christmas decorations will be removed on April 15. Please pick up any decorations you wish to keep by that date. Thank you.

Blood Drive

Saturday, March 12, 8-1 PM, Clinton United Methodist Church. Call 853-2265 for an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome. Thank you!

dear Padre

February 21, 2016

Can anyone practice contemplative prayer?

Is contemplative prayer just for monks and other religious people, or can anyone practice it?

Saint Teresa of Ávila, a great mystical saint and doctor of the Church, said, "Mental prayer is nothing else, in my opinion, but being on terms of friendship with God, frequently conversing in secret with Him who, we know, loves us" (*The Life of St. Teresa of Ávila*, chapter VIII). By no means is contemplative prayer reserved only for professional religious men and women. Rather, it's open to all people from all walks of life. While we each may have our own individual and/or family prayer habits and preferences, I can think of no better practice for this Lenten season.

Contemplative prayer differs from other forms of meditative prayer because of its intensity, but like all forms of prayer and meditation, in it we seek the person and presence of Jesus. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, "Contemplative prayer is the simple expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gaze of faith fixed on Jesus, an attentiveness to the Word of God, a silent love. It achieves real union with the prayer of Christ to the extent that it makes us share in his mystery" (CCC 2724).

If you need help getting started, approach your pastor, spiritual director, or another Catholic minister who is familiar with meditative prayer. He or she can guide you and/or direct you to the best resources available.

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