

February 28, 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

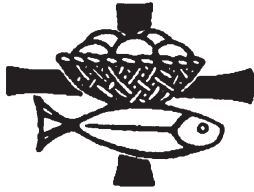
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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 27 - Vigil Mass
 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
Wednesday, March 2
 7:00 AM Charlie Danyew by Tom & Barb Ryan
Thursday, March 3 - St. Katherine Drexel
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Friday, March 4 - St. Casimir
 7:00 AM F. Erwin Dowd by Sister Ruth
Saturday, March 5
 8:00 AM William Burns by Hearts & Hands
 5:15 PM Fred Lomanto by the Vangura Family
Sunday, March 6 - 4th Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM Albert Hamel by the Harrigan Family
 10:30 AM Joshua Zbyniewski
 by Aunt Kerry & Uncle Kurt

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

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,876.00
Holy Day.....	5.00
Memorial Fund.....	110.00
School.....	78.00
Faith Formation.....	164.00
Country Pantry.....	30.00
Black & Native Americans.....	61.00
Eastern Europe.....	12.00

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.

Country Pantry

Although we are only halfway thru the Lenten season, at the Pantry we are starting to plan for our Easter distribution. In addition to our regular food supplement, we will be giving \$10 gift cards to Hannaford's for purchase of meat of their choice. We will also be including Easter candy. We ask if you would contribute a box or bag of candy for this distribution. Among the candies we can use are jelly beans, bags of Easter candies, Easter novelties (bunnies, marshmallow eggs, etc.) and boxes of chocolates. We have several diabetics so sugar-free candy is also needed. Items may be left in the food box in the back of the church or in a basket to be placed in front of Mary's altar. Candy needs to be in by Sunday, March 13, for distribution on Tuesday, March 15, the week before Easter. Thank you for helping us bring some joy into the lives of those who need and deserve it. God bless!

This Week During Lent

Thursday, 3/3, 6 PM - soup/bread dinner at Clinton Methodist Church. Session 3 - "The Power of Forgiveness" with Scott Leonard, CLP
 Fridays of Lent, 7 PM - Stations of the Cross here at St. Mary's

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - (3/5)

Carole Byrne & Amy Franz

Counters - (3/6)

Peggy Schweitzer, Don & Jane Conniff

New Ministers Schedules

All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers be sure to check your e-mail for the new ministers schedules.



Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (3/5)	Ella Stephens & Melina Korfonta		
5:15 PM (3/5)	Taylor Arndt, Samantha Gaffney & Lily Collins	Mike Debraggio	Host - Mary Lou Lauchert & Anne Debraggio Cup - Elizabeth Tantillo, Mary Paul, Jan Slawson & Pearl Gapp
8:00 AM (3/6)	Will Eisenhut, Rick & Deanna Heintz	9th Grade Class	Host - Patty McComb & Sister Ruth Cup - Evelyn Micciche, Chris Kielar, Fran Lallier & Joseph Ellis
10:30 AM (3/6)	Raine Boehlert, Joe DeTraglia & Lauren Chesebro	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Karen Brewer, Melinda Leising, Carol Fobes & James Suchy

Faith In Action

The parable of the fig tree reminds us that God is patient. He is willing to help us, as the man was willing to give the tree extra help so that it would grow. How do you need God to help you in order to change your life for the better?

Saturday Supper

Please join us Saturday, March 5, at 6:15 PM, in the parish hall as we gather for a delicious dinner of sliced beef. Bring a dish to pass if you can or just come to enjoy great fellowship with friendly folks.

Hope House

Thank you to everyone who has signed-up to prepare meals 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. We will have a special collection the weekend of March 12th & 13th to help financially support this cause.

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.

Questions Catholics Ask



Why different church buildings?

“Where you stand is holy ground,” God tells Moses, a place where Moses encounters the presence of God. While Christ is present wherever people gather in his name, building or no, for millennia human beings have constructed temples to worship God and bring God’s presence closer.

The Roman Catholic Church puts its houses of worship into different categories based on their status. Your basic church takes its cue from the Greek origins of the word *assembly* and the phrase “belonging to the Lord.” If a building is consecrated to assemble the faithful for worship and therefore a “house of God,” then it’s a church. A cathedral, by contrast, is the particular church in which the bishop presides over worship and over the diocese at large.

Basilicas were originally official buildings of the Roman Empire; the Greek word means “king’s hall.” When Christians acquired these buildings, they were appropriated for Christ the King. These historical structures include four major basilicas in Rome as well as more than 1,550 minor basilicas - 65 in the US - which have historical significance for a particular region and encircle the globe. Chapels serve more specific populations: airports, prisons, hospitals, schools, convents, and religious houses. Some churches have a small chapel attached for daily use.

Alice L. Camille with Joel Shorn

Adapted from www.vocationnetwork.org/blog/questions_catholics_ask/2010/03/what-the_difference_between_chapels_churches_cathedrals_and_basilicas

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.

A Family Perspective

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don’t live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don’t cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

Area Events

3/12, 8-1 PM - Kirkland Community Bloodmobile at the Clinton United Methodist Church. Call 853-2265 for an appointment. Walk-ins appreciated and needed!
3/12 - Food Drive at St. Patrick’s Day Parade.
3/12, 8:30 - 1:30 PM - St. Patrick’s Parade Day Party hosted by Thea Bowman House, at the DeSales Center, 309 Genesee St., Utica. Hot food, beverages and baked goods available as well as activities for the kids.

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