

June 17, 2016

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvin 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, July 16 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM James & Mary Kearney by Their Family

Sunday, July 17 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Robert Haight by Stephen & Beverly Vangura

10:30 AM Charles Morgan, Sr. Family
by Elizabeth Morgan

Wednesday, July 20 - St. Apollinaris

7:00 AM NO MASS

Thursday, July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi

7:00 AM NO MASS

Friday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

7:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, July 23

8:00 AM NO MASS

5:15 PM Frank & Stella Calidonna by Their Family

Sunday, July 24 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Estate

10:30 AM Richard J. Ellis by Carl & Annette Fiore

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners (7/23)

Deb & Jessica Gurdo

Counters (7/24)

Peggy Schweitzer, Don & Jane Conniff

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$6,277.00
Holy Day.....	5.00
Memorial Fund.....	2,181.00
Faith Formation.....	17.00
Fuel.....	20.00
School Assessment.....	109.00

HOPE Appeal 2016

Please return your pledge card ASAP. You can also make a secure online gift or pledge at www.syrdio.org.

St. Mary's has been assessed a goal of \$34,372.41. To date we have received pledges/gifts of \$31,435.42 - only \$2,936.99 to go! Many thanks to all of you who have returned your pledges.

Mission Coop and Second Collection

Next weekend, as part of our annual Missionary Coop Appeal, please welcome Fr. Zhang (Joseph) Chunziang, A.A., Augustinians of the Assumption Assumptionists. Any work which fosters the extension of the Kingdom falls within the spirit of their charism. In practice this has been realized in apostolates of education at the secondary and college levels, pilgrimages, ecumenism, parish ministry, missions and journalist. Bayard Press publishes in the US "Catholic Digest" and "Living with Christ." Proceeds of this Mission Appeal are applied to the needs of their brothers in Mexico, East Africa and the Philippines.



Country Pantry

We are continuing our collection for food for the Kid's Paks. We can use small jars of jam or jelly, individual juice boxes, chicken noodle soup, pre-sweetened drink mixes and kid-friendly cereal. Hunger never takes a vacation. Let's help feed those ravenous appetites. God bless!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (7/23)	Taylor Arndt & Samantha Gaffney	Mike Debraggio	Host - Anne Debraggio & Jan Slawson Cup - Ann Wilkinson, Annette Foley, Bob McQueen & Mary Lou Lauchert
8:00 AM (7/24)	Ian Nessel & Alicia Amuso	Bob Burns	Host - Joe & Tina Lallier Cup - Kate Krumdieck, Jeanne Roback, Chris Kielar & Bob Burns
10:30 AM (7/24)	Adam Schneider & Caleb Stanco	Rebecca Collins	Host - Karen Brewer & Carol Fobes Cup - Anyone Available

Father Going on Vacation

Father will be away on vacation July 18 - 30. Please note, there are no week-day or Saturday morning masses while he's away.

The Parish Office will be open as usual, Monday - Friday, 10-3 PM. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you



dear Padre

July 17, 2016

Is there a way to measure our relationship with God?

If I love according to the Lord's command (Leviticus 19:18), what feelings should I experience? Is there an "emotional yardstick" for evaluating my relationship with God?

No, there is no yardstick to measure the kind of love Jesus commanded. Although honest, devout, and charitable actions can make us feel good, true love often takes real effort and forces us to forget ourselves. Experience demonstrates that loving others is sometimes easy, but it may also involve real sacrifice. The Gospel calls this unconditional love *agape*.

Agape is distinct from romantic love (*eros*) and from familial affection and friendship (*philia*), both of which expect the other to respond. Christian love is more a decision to be generous and selfless and less a good intention or positive feeling.

Jesus is the perfect illustration of *agape*. In his suffering and death, Jesus willingly endured betrayal, ridicule, rejection, and physical pain out of love for the Father and for us. At the Last Supper, knowing what would happen, he told his disciples to feel good:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you....Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid....If you loved me, you would rejoice..." (John 14:27-28). This was a difficult, perhaps impossible, challenge—even Mary experienced sorrow in her Son's life (see Luke 2:35). And so we cannot equate our emotions with God's peace, for it "surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

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Faith Formation

By using the examples of a Samaritan last week and a woman this week Jesus is making a statement. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.



Registration forms have been mailed for the 2016-17 school year. **Catechist needed!** Would you consider sharing your love of Christ with the youngest members of our parish? If you have a first grader or are new to the parish please contact Mary Lou Lauchert at faithformation@http://stmarys-clinton.com or 853-7631 to register or for more information.

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, July 24. The next gathering will be Sunday, August 14.

Third Thursday Group

The Third Thursday Group will meet this Thursday, July 21, 12 noon, at Alteri's Restaurant, 7 College Street. Your choice from the menu. All adults are welcome.

A Family Perspective

Cell phones, emails, faxes, texts and voice mails can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "You are anxious about many things" robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is QUANTITY time.

Baptized in Christ

We welcome Alexandra Jeanne & James Lewis Farrell, children of Jacob & Regina, to our Catholic Faith Community.



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