

August 7, 2016

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvin Street
Clinton, New York 13323



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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, August 6 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Ann Techmanski by Marion Carroll

Sunday, August 7 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joan Hutchison by Rosemary Nicholson

10:30 AM Frank Novak by His Family

Wednesday, August 10 - St. Lawrence

7:00 AM Leslie Kathe by Tommy & Barb Ryan

Thursday, August 11 - St. Claire

7:00 AM Richard Ellis by Jean O'Shea

Friday, August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Saturday, August 13

8:00 AM Rev. David Looney by His Family

5:15 PM Jeanne DesJardins by Pat & Tom McCraith

Sunday, August 14 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Harold G. Albert, Jr. by Mary Jopson

10:30 AM Carol Burdick by Annette & Don Foley

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners (8/13)

Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski

Counters (8/14)

Bob McQueen, Jim & Karen Winkler

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,239.00
Memorial Fund.....	32.00
Faith Formation.....	320.00
Fuel.....	79.00
Peter's Pence.....	50.00

HOPE Appeal 2016

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

St. Mary's has been assessed a goal of \$34,372.41. To date we have received pledges/gifts of \$31,750.42 - only \$2,621.99 to go! Many thanks to you who have returned your pledge!

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel a servant WAITED for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in waiting we are connected.

Country Pantry

With summer winding down, we start to think of the beginning of the school year. At the Pantry we try to supply kids with some basic school supplies to start the year. This helps lighten the burden on parents who are struggling to provide new clothes and shoes for September.

Next weekend, August 13/14, there will be a second collection to help defray the cost of purchasing these school supplies. These will be given out at our regular monthly distribution, which will be held on Tuesday, August 23, along with the last distribution of our Kid's Paks. So far this summer, we have distributed nearly 400 Kid's Paks and expect to give out another 200 this month. Your donations of money and foods have helped to make this possible. Thank you for your generous support of our programs to assist parents in providing extra food and basic school supplies for our kids. God bless the givers and receivers!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM			
5:15 PM (8/13)	Taylor Arndt & Samantha Gaffney	Mary Lou Lauchert	Host - Anne Debraggio & Brianne Siepiola Cup - Pearl Gapp, Mary Lou Lauchert, Bill & Bonnie Waldron
8:00 AM (8/14)	Rick & Deanna Heintz	Pam Sprague	Host - Ann Kearney & Chris Kielar Cup - Pam Sprague, Julie Wagner, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (8/14)	Caleb Stanco & Jesse Dombrowski	Karen Brewer	Host - Maryalice Hogan & Carol Fobes Cup - Joanne Joseph, Jim Suchy, Karen Brewer & any available

Faith Formation

In the road of life which we follow, there are many uncertainties and distractions. We don't know where the road will take us; we don't know when it will end. But one thing is certain. At the end of life's journey; our Lord will be there to meet us, to welcome us into the heavenly kingdom...IF we have prepared ourselves. Preparation cannot be a "sometime" thing, but living each moment of our life for Jesus. If we can do that, we will be prepared to greet our Master whenever comes.

Looking for a good **summer book** to focus your faith? Here are two titles to read at your leisure; then join us in September for a informal discussion. *New Designs: An anthology of Spiritual Vision* by Joan Chittister and *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Edward Boyle.

Catechist needed!

.....Wednesdays 2:45-3:45 (after school) for middle school option. Please contact Mary Lou Lauchert at faith-formation@stmarys-clinton.com or 853-7631 for more information.

Hearts and Hands

Calling all Crafters: We are looking for new crafts to be sold at the Christmas Fair in November. Bring your ideas (try Pinterest!) or helping hands to a planning meeting on Monday Aug. 8 at 7 pm in the parish center or email 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, August 14. The next gathering will be Sunday, August 28.

Hearts and Hands Meeting

Hearts and Hands will meet Wednesday, August 17, 6:30 PM, in the Parish Center to plan this year's Christmas Fair. If you are interested in helping to organize the fair, please join us. We hope to see some new faces and share ideas.

Third Thursday Meeting

Third Thursday will meet Thursday, August 18, **1 PM, at McDonalds** on Meadow Street for a delicious McDonalds lunch. Come enjoy the fun and some lively conversation. All adults are welcome (men & women).

dear Padre

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The Church on evolution

Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?

Genesis Chapter 1 contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven days? Perhaps God spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth—"all things visible and invisible"; and all of creation is good (Nicene Creed). Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (CCC 283).

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Reception for Sr. Ruth

In appreciation for all she's done, please join us for a farewell reception for Sr. Ruth this Sunday, August 7, following the 10:30 AM Mass, in the Parish Center.

If you would like to send a card, her new address effective August 15 will be:

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