

August 14, 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

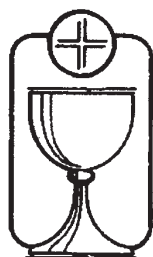
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

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 13 - Vigil Mass
 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
Wednesday, August 17
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, August 18
 7:00 AM Thomas Moffitt by His Family
Friday, August 19 - St. John Eudes
 7:00 AM Beverly Geiser by Her Family
Saturday, August 20
 8:00 AM Caryl Galinski by Terry & Barb Wright
 5:15 PM Rita & Leo Turcotte by the Gapp Family
Sunday, August 21 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Ann Conley by Annette & Don Foley
 10:30 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl

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

Assumption of Mary

Monday, August 15, is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year, since this falls on a Monday, it is NOT a Holyday of Obligation.

Altar-Rosary Cleaners (8-20)

Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler

Counters (8-21)

Evelyn Micciche, Ed Kaido & Kernan Kennedy

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$6,339.00
 Memorial Fund.....121.00
 School Assessment.....26.00
 Faith Formation.....406.00

HOPE Appeal 2016

We're almost there! 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 \$32,900.42 - only \$1,471.99 to go! Many thanks to you who have returned your pledge!

Second Collection This Weekend


The Back to School collection for the Country Pantry will be taken up at Masses this weekend. Thank you!

A Family Perspective

Today Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

Country Pantry

This weekend there will be a second collection for the benefit of the Back-to-School project at the Pantry. In addition to our last distribution of Kid's Paks, each child will receive basic school supplies needed to start the school year. Parents, who are struggling with purchasing new shoes and clothing, are grateful for the extra help. Thank you for your support of the Pantry. If it's more convenient, your donation may be placed in the collection next weekend. God bless!



Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (8-20)	Madison Steates & Madeline Surace	Jim Winkler	Host - Sue King & Barb Blatz Cup - Bob McQueen, Bob Scarlata, Jan Slawson & Tim Lashingier
8:00 AM ((8-21)	Will Eisenhut & Nate Gale	Kate Krumdieck	Host - Fran Lallier & Bob Burns Cup - Kate Krumdieck, Carole Byrne, Joe Ellis & Patty McComb
10:30 AM (8-21)	Joseph & Lydia DeTraglia	John Burdick	Host - Jim Suchy & Anita Fitzgerald Cup - Don & Jane Conniff, & any available

Upcoming Bible Study

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John by Dr. Ed Sri. Through readings, discussions and videos we will learn how Jesus' encounters with people like the Blessed Mother, the disciples, and the Samaritan Woman can lead us, as believers and disciples, to a deeper friendship with Christ. Eight sessions beginning Wednesday, August 31 (10 AM - 12 PM OR 6-8 PM), held at the Good News Center, Utica (participants are encouraged to carpool). Contact amyba-shant@gmail.com with questions or to register.

View a sample video from this study - biblestudy-forcatholics.com/discover-mysteries-johns-gospel/.

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, August 28.

Hearts and Hands

There will be a meeting Wednesday, August 17, 6:30 PM, in the Parish Center, to discuss upcoming events including preliminary discussions for the annual Parish Christmas Fair. We are open to new ideas, so please bring them with you. Everyone is more than welcomed to attend and bring a friend. We hope to see you there. Thank you!

Third Thursday Meeting

Third Thursday will meet this 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).

*A special thank you to the people
of St. Mary's Parish*

*I want to thank all of you,
not just for what you did,
which was wonderful,
but for the way you did it.*

*For the smiles and the warmth
and the caring you put into it.
You are ALL very special people.
Thanks for making me feel special too.*

Shalom

Sister Ruth Cecilia Dowd, CSJ

dear Padre

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The Gospel rises above crass political posturing

Who says the Church isn't political? Don't they endorse bills and candidates all the time?

I'm not sure that anyone has ever claimed that the Church is not political. As long as there are moral implications to political decisions, the Church will always give guidance to voters and politicians. I believe that the quality the Church is looking for is to be non-partisan. We cannot wed ourselves to party platforms or individual candidates. The Gospel rises above crass political posturing. Whenever the Gospel supports or corrects the politics of the day, we must be faithful to the teachings of Jesus and call all in power to account.

In fact it is supremely sad that some moral issues are even politically controversial. When the Church speaks up for the unborn or the poor, when we try to protect the environment or the freedom of religion, it is tragic that there is any political opposition at all.

The Church is a prophetic voice to our society and has been historically in many societies. The goal of influencing elections and supporting candidates is far too small for the disciples of Christ. Our hopes are to evangelize voters, leaders, and all people in Gospel values. As a priest I am not allowed to endorse candidates from the pulpit, but I am required by the Church to faithfully preach our values, even if they are political or unpopular.

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