

September 4, 2016

# St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street  
Clinton, New York 13323



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## PARISH STAFF:

*Rev. John P. Croghan* – Pastor  
*Carol Marshall* – Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper  
*Mary Lou Lauchert* –  
Director of Faith Formation  
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## Phone Numbers:

Parish Office ..... 853-2935  
(Office Hours: 10-3 PM, Monday - Friday)  
Faith Formation Center.. 853-6196 or 853-7631  
Parish Center ..... 853-6196  
Cemetery Superintendent ..... 794-0154  
Music Director ..... 292-0368

## 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, September 3 - Vigil Mass**  
 5:15 PM Marjorie Kervin by the O'Brien Family  
**Sunday, September 4 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM Caryl Galinski by Irene Hummel  
 10:30 AM Lucille Falk (1st) by Mary Bierworth & Sandra Trasatti  
**Wednesday, September 7**  
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
**Thursday, September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 7:00 AM John Siedsma by Hearts & Hands  
**Friday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver**  
 7:00 AM - Ann Techmanski by Chris & Guy Palmiere  
**Saturday, September 10**  
 8:00 AM Robert Haight, Jr. by His Family  
 5:15 PM Charles O'Leary by Ann & Kevin Kearney  
**Sunday, September 11 - 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM John S. Glouse, Jr. by Sally & Family  
 10:30 AM Chris Stuttard (2nd) by His Family

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners (9/10)**  
 Deb & Jessica Gurdo  
**Counters (9/11)**  
 Evelyn Micciche, Bill & Linda McComb

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,036.00
Memorial Fund.....	105.00
School Assessment.....	5.00
Faith Formation.....	250.00
Country Pantry.....	30.00
HOPE Appeal.....	40.00

**HOPE Appeal 2016**

**We're almost there!** Please return your pledge card ASAP (*envelopes are available in church or just write a check to HOPE Appeal and drop it in the collection - we'll take care of the rest*). You can also make a secure online gift or pledge at [www.syrдио.org](http://www.syrдио.org).

St. Mary's has been assessed a goal of \$34,372.41. To date we have received pledges/gifts of \$34,135.42 - only \$236.99 to go! Thanks so much to you who have returned your pledges!

**Parish Office Closed Monday**  
 The Parish Office will be closed this Monday for the Labor Day Holiday. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you ASAP.

**Country Pantry Benefit**

On Saturday, September 17, a Pancake Breakfast will be held at Lutheran Care, Martin Luther Community Room, 110 Utica Road, 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Cost is \$5 per person, children under 5 are free. All proceeds will benefit the Country Pantry. The event is sponsored by Sodexo, the food service of the Lutheran and Presbyterian Homes, and supported by the Kiwanis Club of Clinton. Several gift baskets will also be raffled. Come and start your day with a delicious breakfast and help support the Country Pantry.

<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (9/10)	Dom, Joseph & Carina Pascucci	Pearl Gapp	Host - Mary Lou Lauchert & Marybeth King Cup - Mary Paul, Barb Blatz, Annette Foley & Rick Pascucci
8:00 AM (9/11)	Alicia Amuso, John & Hannah Slawson	Kate Krumdieck	Host - Julie Wagner & Mike Howard Cup - Patty McComb, Pam Sprague, Ann Kearney & Ed Kaido
10:30 AM (9/11)	Victoria Maier, Lydia & Joseph DeTraglia	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Karen Brewer & Maryalice Hogan Cup - Joanne Joseph, Jim Suchy, Anita Fitzgerald & any available

### Faith Formation

Do you choose Jesus each day in your life? We can not serve Jesus part time. This would be like a builder who has no idea how much it will cost to complete a tower or a king who goes to battle with no idea how many troops his enemy has. By choosing to follow Jesus and continuing to learn about him and his teachings we make life better for ourselves and for those in our life whom we love.

Classes begin the week of September 12. Please return your child's registration form as soon as possible. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade contact Mary Lou Lauchert at [mlauchert@roadrunner.com](mailto:mlauchert@roadrunner.com) or 853-7631 to register. There is a need for catechists, please consider sharing your faith in this most rewarding way.

It's time for a **BBQ!** **Sept. 17** following the 5:15 PM mass. Hamburgers, hot dogs, corn and potatoes; please bring a salad or dessert if you are able. Volunteers needed for grilling and set-up; contact Amy if you can help (853-4537).

### \*Sept. 11 Volunteers Needed\*

We are still sending teams to **Hope House** the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please consider this volunteer opportunity and sign up on the bulletin board at the front entrance of the church or contact Amy Bashant or Mary Lou Lauchert.

### Hearts & Hands Meeting

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands will meet Tuesday, September 6, at 6:30 PM, in the Parish Center. We will continue to discuss the upcoming Christmas Fair as well as our fall events. If you wish to be on the Christmas Fair committee, please attend this meeting. We are always looking forward to new ideas.

### Annual Parish Picnic

After much discussion we have decided to take this year off and not put on the picnic. It is with heavy hearts that we do this, there are many fond memories but due to the amount of work that goes into it and the low attendance we feel it better to cancel. We will brain storm as to ideas in the spring to bring the parishioners together again. Hearts and Hands Committee.

### Area Events

9/10, 12-7 PM AND 9/11, 9-5 PM - Historic Old St. John's Church (corner of John and Bleecker Streets), St. Mary Theresa Charity Bazaar

9/11, noon - 4 PM - Holy Trinity/St. Stanislaus Parish Fall Festival & Polish Dinner.

9/24, 8-1 PM - Kirkland Community Bloodmobile at the Clinton United Methodist Church. To register call 853-2265 ([www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)). Walk-ins appreciated and needed to meet goal.

# Dear Padre

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

***My mother has appointed me to make health-care decisions on her behalf if and when she is unable to do so for herself. I have prayed and thought about this, and for many reasons I don't want to do this. I feel guilty and fear that by refusing I would show a lack of respect for her wishes. Do you have any advice?***

I will respond by making two points. First, you are free to decline your mother's request. You have no intrinsic or moral obligation to assume this responsibility. If you don't feel you could fulfill the duties of that role properly, tell your mother and ask her to choose someone else.

I would also like to point out that you may be making more out of this responsibility than is warranted. Your duties as a medical or health-care power of attorney are called upon only "if and when" your mother becomes incapacitated. If she hasn't already, your mother would fill out and sign an *advance directive* that indicates her intentions and preferences concerning the use of any extraordinary means of health care. You would not have to make independent decisions; you would only have to follow through on decisions she has already made. Finally, you would have your family and the medical team to guide you. All your mother asks is that you, rather than a stranger, oversee the implementation of her directives.

Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSsR  
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### A Family Perspective

Today's gospel is clear: commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept a commitment such as marriage or parenting, we must plan carefully like the king in today's gospel. These are serious commitments which demand complete self-giving and are not for the faint hearted or selfish.

### Disaster Relief - Louisiana

Archbishop Kurtz of the Archdiocese of Louisiana and President of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for an emergency collection to be taken to provide relief efforts to those who lives have been devastated by the worst flooding since Hurricane Katrina. Checks may be made out to St. Mary's marked "Disaster Relief - Louisiana" and we will forward to Catholic Charities USA who are on site providing much needed water, food, shelter and spiritual care for displaced families. Thank you!

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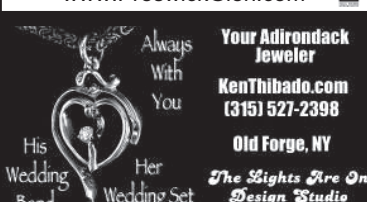
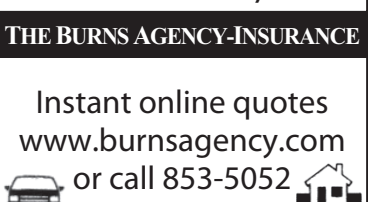


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