

November 27, 2016

St. Mary's Parish

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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.



Collection for Last Weekend

No report due to an early bulletin deadline.

Advent Begins

Please help yourself to the Advent Meditation booklets which are available at the entrances of the Church. This years edition is titled *Prepare His Way*.



Hope & Healing, Justice & Peace for Advent, by Pope Francis, St. Mother Teresa & Fr. Henri J. M. Nouwen, and contains daily reflections to help us prayerfully walk through this season of preparation.

Saturday, November 26 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Ben & Mary Hillage by Their Family

Sunday, November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Patricia Gilbert by Bill Falk & Family

10:30 AM Joe Maxwell by Jacquie & Family

Wednesday, November 30 - St. Andrews

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 1

7:00 AM Robert Caister by His Family

Friday, December 2

7:00 AM - Florence Rizzo by Joseph & Tricia Spina

Saturday, December 3

8:00 AM William Geiser by the Balch Family

5:15 PM Eric Wiedmer (14th) by His Family

Sunday, December 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Sarah Beaver by Judy & Ed Bentley

10:30 AM Joe Maxwell by Jacquie & Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners (12/3)

Jan Rishel & Deb Prody

Counters (12/4)

Pat Balon, Bob & Linda Kurtyka

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus advises: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family. Resist being "fearful"; fear cripples! Instead "pray for the strength" to be courageous.

Country Pantry

Our Christmas distribution is Tuesday, December 13. We are collecting fleece throw blankets, kitchen towels and pot holders, \$5 and \$10 gift cards to any kid-friendly store (Dollar General, WalMart, Five Below, Hobby Lobby, etc.) Gift cards may be put in the collection basket. Blankets and towels can be placed at Mary's altar. **Sunday, December 11** is the last day for contributions. Thanks for supporting our many requests for items to benefit the clients of the Country Pantry. Your donations help bring a little sunshine into lives that need and deserve it. Thanks for caring and sharing.

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (12/2)	Madeline Surace, Madison & Matt Steates	Pearl Gapp	Host - Jim Winkler & Brianne Siepiola Cup - Ann Wilkinson, Bob Scarlata, Sue King & Barb Bohrer
8:00 AM (12/3)	Alicia Amuso, John & Hannah Slawson	9th Grade Class	Host - Ann Kearney & Chris Kielar Cup - Nan LaBrecque, Elizabeth Tantillo, Tina & Joe Lallier
10:30 AM (12/3)	Melina Korfonta, Joseph & Lydia DeTraglia	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Anita Fitzgerald & Carol Fobes Cup - Maryalice Hogan, Melinda Leising, Don & Jane Conniff
6:30 PM (12/8)	Madeline Surace, Madison & Matt Steates	Pam Sprague	Host - Julie Wagner & Barb Blatz Cup - Sue King, Nan LaBrecque, Carla Pascucci & Marybeth King

What Do Advent-wreath Candles Signify?

Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations.

Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent. The vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, and we light a purple candle on the first and second Sundays of Advent.

On the third Sunday, the Church celebrates *Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday*, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4-5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy, and on the Advent wreath we light the rose candle to reflect the action in the liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families add a fifth candle to their Advent practices by placing a white candle in the center of the wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our Lord, whose birth brings light and life to our world.

Faith In Action

Advent is the time to open our hearts and invite the Lord to come more fully into our lives and lead us on. It is a core belief of our faith that the Lord never abandons His people. As we pray this Advent, let us ask to be ready to welcome a new arrival of the Lord in our hearts.

Last reminder! The children's **gift making workshop** will be next Sunday, **12/4, from 2-4 PM** in the gym. This afternoon of crafting gifts is a drop-off event; \$5/child. Please register by Wednesday, 12/1- amybaschant@gmail.com or 853-4537. **Adult and teen volunteers are needed** for this event- and New gift ideas are welcomed! Please contact Amy asap if you can help.

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, January 31.

Community Blood Drive

Saturday, December 3, 8-1 PM, Schillings Burns Young VFW, Franklin Ave., Clinton. To schedule an appointment to donate call 1-800-#E CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org. Sponsor code: Clinton VFW.



Homily Stories

The secret to staying awake

My mother never had difficulty staying awake - she would wait up for every family member until they were home safe in their beds. When the rest of us struggled to stay up past 10:30 to watch the *ate Show*, she could easily make it to the *ate, Late Show*. She would be waking us up to watch live events from overseas, like royal weddings and rock concerts. Or she's stay up all night just to make sure we wouldn't miss a bus back to school, a train to our first job, or a plane to some long-awaited adventure.

I didn't really appreciate my mother's secret to staying awake until recently. It wasn't like mom danced around the living room or drank pots of coffee to stay awake (although she was known to engage in both of those activities from time to time). But recently I read somewhere that sleep experts advise engaging in lively conversations to get your mind moving when you're getting drowsy. Conversation - that was mom's secret during her late night vigils - conversations with God. Mon, was a world-class prey-er. She would say the rosary nightly and a Hail Mary or Our Father whenever she had the chance. She shared everything with God - her hopes and dreams for the family and her greatest concerns. While the rest of the household slumbered, she kept watch with her best friend and was ever ready at the appointed hour.

Patrice J. Tuohy

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