

December 18, 2016

# St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street  
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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, December 17 - Vigil Mass**  
 5:15 PM John & Eleanor Calidonna by Their Family  
**Sunday, December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 AM Joseph & Josephine Slivonik  
 by Joe, Kris & Family  
 10:30 AM Chris Stuttard by His Family  
**Wednesday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius**  
 7:00 AM Will Coleman  
 by Warren Evans & Steve Vangura  
**Thursday, December 22**  
 7:00 AM Pat Dugan by Pat Sheridan  
**Friday, December 23 - St. John of Kanty**  
 7:00 AM Edward Duffy by Robert Nolan  
**Saturday, December 24**  
 8:00 AM Emily Phillips by Hearts & Hands  
 5:15 PM Savanna Crane  
 by Barbara McKnight & Richard O'Kraski  
 11:00 PM For the People of the Parish  
**Sunday, December 25 - Christmas**  
 8:00 AM Bob Auert by His Family  
 10:30 AM Carol Burdick & son Ben by Their Family

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners (12/24)**

Carole Byrne & Amy Franz

**Counters (12/25)**

Walt Jury, Pearl Gapp & Barbara Bohrer


**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,485.00
Memorial Fund.....	130.00
School Assessment.....	32.00
Faith Formation.....	247.00
Fuel.....	20.00
Holy Days.....	608.00
Christmas.....	110.00
Christmas Flowers.....	35.00
Diocesan Collections.....	596.00

**A Family Perspective**

The child born to Joseph and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is EMMANUEL, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's continuing presence in our lives.

**The Light is On For you December 19, 4-7 PM**  
 Fr. Croghan will be in the Church Reconciliation Room during the above times for anyone wishing to celebrate the sacrament before Christmas. He will also be available 10-11 AM December 24. *(No afternoon confessions.)* There will also be a penance service this Sunday, December 18, 3 PM, at St. Bernard's Church, Waterville.



**Country Pantry**

Last Tuesday was our Christmas distribution. Families received their regular monthly food supplement along with special holiday foods, Hannaford Helping Hands food boxes, gifts and for the kids, gift cards. This was a wonderful day for our families. We thank all of you who have contributed in any way to making this possible. Thank you for helping us spread a little cheer into families who need some sunshine in their lives. May the infant Savior bestow his blessings on you for your kindness. God bless!

<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (12/24)	Madeline Surace, Madison & Matt Steates	Annemarie Moffitt Teen readers	Host - Mary Paul & Sue King Cup - Ann Wilkinson, Brianna Siepiola, Rick & Carla Pascucci
11:00 PM (12/24)	Lauren Chesebro, Raine Boehlert & Taylor Arndt	Pearl Gapp	Host - Annette Foley & Jim Winkler Cup - TBA, TBA, TBA & TBA
8:00 AM (12/25)	Deanna Heintz, John & Hannah Slawson	Pam Sprague	Host - Nan Labrecque & Carole Byrne Cup - TBA, TBA, TBA & TBA
10:30 AM (12/25)	Adam Schneider, Caleb Stanco & Jesse Dombrowski	Duffy Burdick	Host - Jim Suchy & TBA Cup - TBA, TBA, TBA & TBA

**A Christmas Prayer**

Help us remember that the jerk who cut us off in traf- fic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious mo- ments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disin- terested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his appre- hension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imag- ine in our worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the old couple walking an- noyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love.

It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not just to those who are close to us, but to all humanity.

Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love. Amen.

**Faith In Action**

"I have a plan. Do you trust me?"--God

Thank you to all the volunteers and children that made our 3rd annual gift making workshop a success! Mark your calendar for the next **Saturday Supper- Janu- ary 7-** following the 5:15 PM mass. All are welcome as we celebrate the New Year together! Please bring a salad/vegetable or dessert to share.

We hope you will join us for **coffee, cocoa, cookies and conversation-** this Sunday, **December 18** after the 10:30 AM mass- in the parish center. Take a few minutes to share holiday greetings with your fellow parishioners. Did I mention the cookies? See you then.

Coming in January: **Monday Shorts-** 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the parish center. Each week we will view a short video spanning a variety of thoughtful topics and present- ers (Matthew Kelly, Rob Bell, Ed Sri and others). This is a drop in event; no registration is needed. More details to follow.

**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 Sun- day. The next gathering will be Saturday, January 7, at the Saturday Supper.

**Dear Padre**

DECEMBER 18, 2016

**Why is St. Joseph called "the Worker?" Shouldn't he be honored primarily as the father of Jesus?**

Devotion to St. Joseph has developed along an in- teresting path. It was not until the eighth century that Joseph, underneath the title "Spouse of Mary," was even publicly acknowledged—except perhaps as an afterthought or silent participant in the Christmas story. The Church has always acknowledged that Jo- seph's relationship with Jesus was unique, but there was, and continues to be, reluctance to call him the father of Jesus. We understand the father of Jesus is not Joseph but rather God the Father.

A consensus about Joseph's role in the plan of salvation seems to be in place by the early four- teenth century. In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Jo- seph the patron of the universal Church. By the ear- ly twentieth century, worldwide devotion had found a home at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.

The title of "the Worker" was used most often by Pope Pius XI in his references to Joseph as the pa- tron of the Church's battle against atheistic commu- nism. Pope Pius XII established the May 1 feast in 1955 to emphasize the Catholic teaching concern- ing the dignity of labor.

Saint Joseph could be summarized best as a man who did the best he could when God's will became clear. This image and model seems the best and most helpful for deepening our understanding of and devotion to him.

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