

December 25, 2016

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street
Clinton, New York 13323



PARISH STAFF:

Rev. John P. Croghan – Pastor
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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 24 - Vigil of Christmas

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

Wednesday, December 28

7:00 AM NO MASS

Thursday, December 29

7:00 AM NO MASS

Friday, December 30

7:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, December 31

8:00 AM Mary Stuttard by Carole Byrne
 5:15 PM Helen & Jarslaw Zielczawa
 Maria Pavelock & Family

**Sunday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary,
 The Holy Mother of God**

8:00 AM Edward Heintz by His Family
 10:30 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners (1-31)

L. Calhoun

Counters (1-1)

Bob McQueen, Jim & Karen Winkler

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$6,929.00
Memorial Fund.....	145.00
School Assessment.....	52.00
Faith Formation.....	165.00
Christmas.....	760.00
Holy Day.....	10.00
Christmas Flowers.....	85.00
Cathedraticum.....	40.00

No Morning Masses

There are no morning Masses this Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, December 28, 29 & 30. Our Mass schedule will resume as usual with the 8 AM Mass on Saturday,

Parish Office Closures

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 26 and January 2 for the Holidays. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you ASAP.

A Family Perspective

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's. We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.



Country Pantry

From the homes of those served by the Country Pantry, to the homes of our friends at the St. Mary's community, we wish you a Blessed Merry Christmas. God bless us everyone!

Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (12/31)	Joseph, Dominic & Carina Pascucci	Jim Winkler	Host - Ann Wilkinson & Jan Slawson Cup - Barb Bohrer, Mary Lou Lauchert, Carla Pascucci & Brianne Siepiola
8:00 AM (1/1)	Ian Nessel, Rick & Deanna Heintz	Joe Ellis	Host - Joe & Tina Lallier Cup - Nan Labrecque, Joseph Ellis, Jeanne Roback & Mike Howard
10:30 AM (1/1)	Raine Boehlert, Lauren Chesebro & Taylor Arndt	John Burdick	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Jim Suchy, Maryalice Hogan, Joanne Joseph & TBA



A Blessing of the Christmas Child

*Travel safely,
and may you find your stable
with a manger and a child.
Listen carefully,
and hear the child cry to you
and take him to your heart.
Watch closely,
that shows you the road to travel.
And as you listen for the cry
And watch for the light on your journey
feel the presence of hope, peace and love
with the blessing of the Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.
within you, beside you and before you. Amen*

Merry Christmas from Fr. Croghan and
All the folks at St. Mary's.

Good News!

December 25, 2016

Christmas (A)

Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

This isn't a typical Christmas image, but stick with me! There is a renewed interest in genealogy as many seek to understand who and where they came from. These days, websites and genetic services make it easier than ever to track down our ancestry and examine our roots.

In tribal African art, one's ancestors have always been revered. In this piece from the Vatican Museums' missionary collection, we find the figure of a tribal leader, sculpted to resemble the trunk of an olive tree. The tree's veins are smaller individuals, each one united to another, representing the generations that have come before him and formed his bloodline. They are his "tree of life" that reaches back into the soil of history.

Judeo-Christian culture also values ancestors and highlights the roots of Jesus' heritage. The Messiah was to come from the line of David, which reaches back to Abraham, our father in faith. Behind each name there is a story, a family, God's action mingled with the person's hopes and failures. Each life flows and unites into one strong tree. And God watches over each and every one, preparing for the person of his Son. Today we celebrate the culmination of this plan. Jesus Christ, our Savior, is born today!

This protracted lineage invites us to look back and up: back on the events that have filled the tapestry of our personal and family history and up to see that God has brought us to know him and to accept his salvation. His providence works in and through it all.

For Reflection

Are you letting God work in you and your family so he can continue these blessings?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Faith In Action

Merry Christmas! Jesus came among us, as one of us, for our human eyes to see and love and welcome. Jesus came to be with us, to teach us about his Father, and to tell us about God's kingdom. What can we do to show Jesus that we love and welcome him? We can worship him. We can talk with him, telling him of our hopes and dreams. We can try to be people who bring his peace and light and joy everywhere we go.

Mark your calendar for the next **Saturday Supper-January 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.

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 presenters (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

The next gathering will be Saturday, January 7, at the Saturday Supper. See you there!

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City & Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____

Please check one:
 I am new in the parish & wish to register
 I am unsure if registered or not, please check
 I am previously registered and wish to receive envelopes.
 I moved to the above address.

