

January 1, 2017

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street
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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

Ordinary Collection.....	\$ 1,550.00
Christmas.....	17,205.00
Holy Day.....	10.00
Memorial Fund.....	20.00
School Assessment.....	35.00
Faith Formation.....	35.00
Diocesan Collection.....	10.00

2016 Tax Statement

For a statement of your 2016 donations for tax purposes, please put a note on your envelope, drop a note in the collection basket, or call the parish office at 853-2935 Monday - Friday, 10-3 PM (parishoffice@stmarys-clinton.com).

Parish Office Closed January 2

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 2. Please leave a message and we'll get back to you ASAP.

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live "anyplace," live at HOME!

Country Pantry

May the new year bring you and yours the promise of good health and happiness. May your heart be filled with peace. Happy New Year!

Saturday, December 31 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Helen & Jarslaw Zielczawa
by Maria Pavelock & Family

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

8:00 AM Edward Heintz by His Family
10:30 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl
Wednesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, January 5 - St. John Neuman

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Estate
Friday, January 6 - St. Andre Bessette

7:00 AM John Wilkinson by Ann
Saturday, January 7
8:00 AM Roberta Baker by Ken & Michelle Denison

5:15 PM John Siedsma by His Family
Sunday, January 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Helen Zawislán by Jane Bolan
10:30 AM Edward Janus by His Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners (1-7)

Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski

Counters (1-8)

Evelyn Micciche, Ed Kaido & Kernan Kennedy

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (1/7)	Mitchell Peck & Michael Pascucci		
5:15 PM (1-7)	Kate Schweitzer, Ella Stephens & Victoria Maier	Mike Debraggio	Host - Tim Lashinger & Sue King Cup - Bob McQueen, Anne Debraggio, Bob Scarlata & Barb Blatz
8:00 AM (1-8)	Alicia Amuso, John & Hannah Slawson	9th Grade Class	Host - Ed Kaido & Julie Wagner Cup - Fran Lallier, Elizabeth Tantillo, Pam Sprague & Evelyn Micciche
10:30 AM (1-8)	Montana Decker, Joseph & Lydia DeTraglia	Rebecca Collins	Host - Melinda Leising & Carol Fobes Cup - Karen Brewer, Don & Jane Conniff & any available



Christmas Thank You!!!

Thanks you once again to all who helped make our Christmas Masses true celebration of the Lord's birth. Thank you to the Lallier Family for again setting up our manger. A special "thanks" to Valerie and the choir for the beautiful music and all the ministers who helped at the Masses. I would also like to thank all of you who sent cards, gifts and food to the rectory, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

I hope and pray that all of you have a healthy and very happy New Year.

Fr. Croghan

Good News!

January 1, 2017

Mary, the Holy Mother of God (A)

Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21

For the first four centuries following Jesus' ascension, Christians grappled with how to understand how his humanity and divinity commingled in his person. His humanity was evident to all who walked and talked with him. His divinity was also evident to his disciples because of the miracles he worked, not least his death and resurrection. In short, they knew he was fully human, and they knew he was fully God, but how could he be fully both at the same time?

The Council of Ephesus in 431 settled the issue definitively. The Church declared that in the one person of Christ there are two natures: one divine and one human. This same council also declared, as a natural consequence, that the holy virgin is the Mother of God (*Theotokos*), since she conceived and gave birth to the Word of God. So today's feast is one of the oldest, shared by all Christians from the earliest times.

When Mary said "yes" to the Incarnation and gave birth to the Savior, all of us could bask in his divine light. She is like the morning star that first breaks the horizon and mirrors the light of the sun that she both foretells and follows. In loving Mary, we truly honor her Son. God was the first to praise her through Gabriel—"Hail, favored one!"—and the one who blessed her beyond all other creatures. We are merely following his example.

For Reflection

Do I let God's face shine on me by spending time in prayer or before the Eucharist? How can I honor Mary today for her lifelong fidelity and grace?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Faith In Action

Happy New Year! We can all try to be like Mary, treasuring God's action in our lives and reflecting in our hearts. The Christmas season is a good time for this reflection and quiet pondering of God's action in our own lives.

Saturday Supper- January 7 following the 5:15 PM mass. It's Italian night- please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert. If you would like to bring a sauce or main dish, please contact Amy before 1/6. Thanks!

Everyone is welcome to the upcoming Monday movie shorts beginning on **January 9 at 6:30 PM** in the parish center. We will watch the first in a series of videos from Matthew Kelly *Living everyday with passion and purpose*. Perfect for parents dropping their children off for faith formation! Questions or suggestions? Please contact amybashant@gmail.com.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Your children, ages 4-9, are invited to join us at the Saturday Supper, January 7. Our next gathering of Liturgy of the Word for Children will be held January 15, at the 10:30 AM Mass.

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.

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