

January 8, 2017

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street
Clinton, New York 13323



PARISH STAFF:

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Director of Faith Formation
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Superintendent of St. Mary's Cemetery
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Web Page: www.stmarys-clinton.com

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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, January 7 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM John Siedsma by His Family
Sunday, January 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord
 8:00 AM Helen Zawislan by Jane Bolan
 10:30 AM Edward Janus by His Family
Wednesday, January 11
 7:00 AM Pat Dugan by Hearts & Hands
Thursday, January 12
 7:00 AM Bill Stricker (5th) by His Family
Friday, January 13 - St. Hilary
 7:00 AM Tom Moffitt by His Family
Saturday, January 14
 8:00 AM Patricia Haight by Her Family
 5:15 PM Mary Stuttard by Hearts & Hands
Sunday, January 15 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Alfonso DeCotis
 by Roger & Barbara Cresswell
 10:30 AM Timothy Dunn by Pat & Tom McCraith

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners (1-14)
 Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler
Counters (1-15)
 Gabe Martini, Catherine Miller & Gwen Lallier

Collection for Last Weekend

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| Ordinary Collection..... | \$4,750.00 |
| Holy Day..... | 869.00 |
| Christmas..... | 2,303.00 |
| Memorial Fund..... | 292.00 |
| School Assessment..... | 11.00 |
| Faith Formation..... | 30.00 |
| Fuel..... | 10.00 |
| Christmas Flowers..... | 100.00 |
| Country Pantry..... | 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).

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

| Liturgical Ministers | | | |
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| Time | Altar Servers | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 8:00 AM (1-14) | Rebecah Bashant & Hannah Slawson | | |
| 5:15 PM (1-14) | Madeline Surace, Madison & Matt Steates | Pearl Gapp | Host - Carla Pascucci & Marybeth King Cup - Pearl Gapp, Annette Foley, Mary Paul & Jim Winkler |
| 8:00 AM (1-15) | Ian Nessel, Rick & Deanna Heintz | Pam Sprague | Host - Kate Krumdieck & Bob Burns Cup - Mike Howard, Patty McComb, Joe & Tina Lallier |
| 10:30 AM (1-15) | Adam Schneider, Caleb Stanco & Jesse Dombrowski | Maryalice Hogan | Host - Karen Brewer & Maryalice Hogan Cup - Jim Suchy, Joanne Joseph, Any available & Any available |



An Epiphany Blessing

Star child,
 wanted and welcomed by the humble,
 hated and hounded by power-seekers;
 refuge and refugees,
 we love you!

Apple of God's eye,
 cherished and chosen by kingdom-travelers,
 rejected and ridiculed by the earth-bound:
 sacred and scarred,
 we honor you!

Light of the world,
 tended and treasured by the pure in heart,
 shadowed and shunned by the deceitful:
 peerless and pierced,
 we exalt you!

Good News!

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The Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

An amazing thing happens in today's Gospel: Representatives from the farthest ends of the earth follow a heavenly light and end in the humble cave of Bethlehem. The Wise Men first consult with King Herod, Galilee's civil authority. He checks with the high priest and rabbis to determine when and where the Messiah is to be born. The Jewish leadership is able to read the Scriptures and give Herod and the Wise Men all the information they need. Yet only the Eastern travelers go to adore the Lord. The priest and lawyers lack faith to see in those Scriptures a fulfillment of their hopes, while King Herod is blinded to Christ's salvific mission and moved by a will to power, as the killing of the Innocents will make clear. They all have ears to hear and eyes to see but few pay heed to the signs of the times.

The Wise Men from the East, merely following their study of the stars and asking help from others, travel months in search of Jesus. Raphael shows the moment when they finally find what they have been looking for. The band of travelers—complete with horses, guards, and royalty—arrives at a broken-down stall. One of the Wise Men kneels, removes his crown, and offers Jesus his treasure. This small gesture shows an internal attitude that Herod and the chief priests were missing: the humility to lay aside power, wealth, and status to bend the knee before the king born in their midst.

For Reflection

Am I willing to humbly accept Jesus for who he is: the Son of God? From what must I detach myself in order to accept Jesus more fully?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Faith In Action

The astrologers, or magi, represent all the peoples of the world. They had to make an effort to find Jesus. Even after seeing the star, they had to be persistent and make a long journey before finding the Savior of the world.

All parishioners are invited to attend **Monday Movie Shorts** - our new series of one-hour DVD presentations beginning on **Jan. 9 at 6:30 PM** in the parish center. The first series, by Matthew Kelly- *Living Everyday with Passion and Purpose*, aims to "effortlessly elevate and energize people to pursue the highest values of the human spirit and become "the-best-version-of-themselves." Consider staying for the hour while your children attend faith formation! Next meeting 1/23. Questions or suggestions? Please contact amybashant@gmail.com

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 next Sunday, January 15. The next gathering will be Sunday, January 22.



Baptized in Christ

We welcome Nellie Rose Falk, daughter of Jason & Julianne, to our Catholic faith community.

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.

