

January 22, 2017

# St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street  
Clinton, New York 13323



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**Phone Numbers:**

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(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 21 - Vigil Mass**  
 5:15 PM O.B. O'Brien by Betty & Family  
**Sunday, January 22 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM Helen Zawislan by Karl Novak  
 10:30 AM Rosemary McNamara by Her Family  
**Wednesday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul**  
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
**Thursday, January 26 - Sts. Timothy & Titus**  
 7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Estate  
**Friday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici**  
 7:00 AM Pat Dugan by St. Mary's Prayer Line  
**Saturday, January 28**  
 8:00 AM Will Coleman by Bob & Carrie Novak  
 5:15 PM Edward Heintz by His Family  
**Sunday, January 29 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM Richard Ellis by Jean O'Shea  
 10:30 AM Joseph Yanchan by His Wife & Family

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners (1-28)**

Sally Glouse & Sue King

**Counters (1-29)**

Evelyn Micciche, Bill & Linda McComb

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection.....\$5,413.00  
 Memorial Fund.....130.00  
 School Assessment.....21.00  
 Faith Formation.....89.00  
 Country Pantry.....10.00  
 Holy Days.....12.00  
 Fuel.....90.00

**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**

When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately", but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

**Country Pantry**

It's that time again - Sunday, February 5th, all America will be celebrating Super Bowl Sunday. Here at St. Mary's we also celebrate **Soup'er Bowl Sunday**. Some of us will be entertaining at home or attending parties, but for about 275 families here in the Clinton-Clark Mills-Westmoreland area it will be a struggle to provide a nourishing meal for their family. You can help by contributing cans of soup, ready-to-eat and chunky, to our pantry. Monetary donations are also accepted. You may place your check or cash in an envelope marked Country Pantry and put it in the regular collection.

There will be special boxes along the altar rail and in the back of church on Soup'er Sunday in which you may leave your canned goods.

Help us celebrate our mm-mm good **Soup'er Bowl** here at St. Mary's where our families are the winners!

<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
8:00 AM (1-28)	Elizabeth Bashant & Bianca Siepiola		
5:15 PM (1-28)	Ella Stephens, Kate Schweitzer & Victoria Maier	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Anne Debraggio & Barb Blatz Cup - Mary Lou Lauchert, Carla Pascucci, Jan Slawson & Tim Lashinger
8:00 AM (1-29)	Ian Nessel, Rick & Deanna Heintz	Bob Burns	Host - Fran Lallier & Nan Labrecque Cup - Kate Krumdieck, Evelyn Micciche, Joe Ellis & Patty McComb
10:30 AM (1-29)	Montana Decker, Joseph & Lydia DeTraglia	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Jim Suchy & Joanne Joseph Cup - Maryalice Hogan, Don & Jane Conniff & any available

**Faith In Action**

"To repent" means that we take a complete change of direction in our lives. Jesus knew what repentance, or change of direction, meant because he had just made a big change in his own life. After John was put in jail, Jesus knew that preparing God's people for the kingdom was now completely up to him. So he chose a new place to live and began his public life and mission.

**Monday Movie Shorts- Adult Faith Formation**— join us on **January 23, 6:30 PM**, for another short DVD presentation by Matthew Kelly. Our first gathering was small, but we were lead to a thought provoking discussion. All are welcome to these weekly discussions.

**Open Gym for elementary students- Friday January 27, 6-8 PM.** Burn off some steam shooting baskets, playing wiffleball, kickball or any number of great games. Open to all parishioners and their friends. Children 2nd grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult. FREE!

It's been great to see so many new faces at the suppers, thank you! The next supper will be **February 4: "Souper-Bowl" Saturday** following 5:15 PM mass. Soup, salad and sandwiches. We will provide the sandwiches; bring a salad or dessert if you can. Have a great soup you'd like to share? Please let Amy know. We will also be playing games that night, so bring your favorite!

# Dear Padre

JANUARY 22, 2017

**1 Corinthians 10:13 states, "God...will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out...." My brother committed suicide, and I wonder why he wasn't "able to bear it." Please help me to understand.**

The death of a family member is never easy to deal with. I pray for your peace and your brother's eternal rest.

We can't be sure what your brother was thinking when he ended his life, but we can be certain God was with him. God remains faithful to his covenant and will never disappoint the hope and trust of his children. Does this mean your brother failed to trust in God? We don't know that. Only God and your brother know the extent of his condition and suffering.

When we recall Jesus' lament from the cross—"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Psalm 22:2)—we see that in his darkest moment, his Father was with him. In the same way, God was present in the worst of your brother's trials. Why he was nevertheless unable to bear them is a question we may never have the answer to on this side of heaven. It's important to remember that the Church has great compassion for those who commit suicide. To leave your brother in God's merciful hands is to act with the conviction of our faith.

*Fr. Paul Borowski, CSSR  
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**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 29.

**St. Mary's Preschool Open House**

St. Mary's Clinton Preschool at 5 Prospect Street, Clinton, will be having an Open House Tuesday, February 7, 5:30-7 PM. Three and four year-old classes are available. Full and half days offered. Before and after care is available. For more information, call 853-6196 or 794-1071.

**2017-2018 LeMoyne College CYO Scholarship**

LeMoyne College and the Catholic Youth Organizations have worked together to offer eight \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000/year).

These scholarships to LeMoyne will be conferred to eight deserving students in the geographical Diocese of Syracuse who have demonstrated leadership abilities and performed outstanding service to their school, community and parish.

Applications are available at the Parish Office and must be returned to the Regional Chairperson no later than February 1, 2017.

**Notre Dame Open Houses**

Junior/Senior High (Grades 7-12), February 2, 7 PM  
Elementary School (PreK-Gr. 6), February 12, 10 AM  
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