

February 5, 2017

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvin Street
Clinton, New York 13323



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(Office Hours: 10-3 PM, Monday - Friday)
Faith Formation Center.. 853-6196 or 853-7631
Parish Center 853-6196
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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.



Saturday, February 4 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Stephen & Caroline Vangura by Their Family
Sunday, February 5 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Jerry LaLonde (3rd) by His Family
 10:30 AM Robert Caister by His Family
Wednesday, February 8 - Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita
 7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Estate
Thursday, February 9
 7:00 AM Will Coleman by Elizabeth Hanley
Friday, February 10 - St. Scholastica
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Saturday, February 11
 8:00 AM Esther Welch by Bill & Mary Welch
 5:15 PM Dennis Carney by Gertrude Hingos
Sunday, February 12 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Charles E. Danyew by Joe Kowalczyk
 10:30 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners (2-11)

Carole Byrne & Amy Franz

Counters (2-12)

Pat Balon, Bob & Linda Kurtyka

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$4,830.00
Memorial Fund.....	5.00
School Assessment.....	15.00
Faith Formation.....	20.00
Fuel.....	100.00
Country Pantry.....	120.00
Holy Days.....	240.00
Diocesan Collections.....	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 challenges us to be a "light" to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their "good deeds."

Country Pantry

Today, in the USA, we celebrate Super Bowl Sunday, but here at St. Mary's, we have our own SOUP'ER BOWL SUNDAY. We are collecting cans of soup for our families of the Country Pantry. Forgot your soup? You can bring it anytime and leave it in the food box in the back of the Church. Our need for canned and non-perishable food is on-going. In our SOUP'ER BOWL, our families are the winners. Enjoy your day!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (2-11)	Mitchell Peck & Matthew Steates		
5:15 PM (2-11)	Michael, Carina & Dominic Pascucci	Mike Debraggio	Host - Bob Scarlata & Rick Pascucci Cup - Pearl Gapp, Anne Debraggio, Jan Slawson & Brianne Siepiola
8:00 AM (2-12)	Ian Nessel, Rick & Deanna Heintz	Kate Krumdieck	Host - Kate Krumdieck & Evelyn Micciche Cup - Fran Lallier, Mike Howard, Pam Sprague & Nan Labrecque
10:30 AM (2-12)	Raine Boehlert, Lauren Chesebro & Taylor Arndt	Duffy Burdick	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Karen Brewer, Carol Fobes, Maryalice Hogan & any available

Faith In Action

If we hope to receive God's mercy for ourselves, we must extend mercy to those who need it most. The first reading spells out some works of mercy we are to do: share our food with the hungry; shelter the homeless and oppressed; clothe the naked; take care of the suffering; remove all forms of oppression; stop judging others unjustly.

Monday Movie Shorts- Join us on **February 6** as we continue with a series of short presentations by Rob Bell- great for teen audiences, too! (visit NOOMA YouTube for more information).

NEW! Book group for 3rd-5th graders! The **Chime Travelers** series features fun-filled, time-travel adventures with a Catholic message that takes kids to long-ago times and faraway lands. Children are asked to read the first book, *The Secret of the Shamrock* and then join us for discussion and pizza on March 13, 5:15-6:15 PM. Please contact Mrs.Lauchert to register and obtain a book (\$7).

Presbyterian Home looking for volunteers to help residents attend their Sunday service. Please check the bulletin board in the front vestibule for more information.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Your children, ages 4-9, are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children at the Saturday Supper this Saturday, February 4. The next gathering will be Sunday, February 12.

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.



Area Events

- 2-12, 10 AM - Notre Dame Elementary School (Prek-6) Open House (315-724-5118 for information)
- 2-23, 1 PM till gone - VFW Soup Sunday - Proceeds to benefit Homeless Veterans.
- 3-20, 5:30 PM - Feast of St. Joseph at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church, Utica.

Good News!

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 58:7-10, 1 Cor 2:1-5, Mt 5:13-16

Saint Paul says he came to the Corinthians in weakness and that he didn't use eloquent or persuasive words; rather he evangelized them in humility and with signs of the power of God. He doesn't claim to be a powerful or influential preacher. He was a humble and convinced apostle; thus, it was the power of God at work in him.

This doesn't mean he didn't make the best case possible for the faith. On the contrary, we are all called to profess and witness to the truth and to develop and use all our gifts and talents. Paul is simply stating that what is most important is that we remain open to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within us and maintain our confidence in God and not in our own qualities or abilities.

If we are humble servants of the truth, then God's power will be shown. Isaiah prophesies that if we live charity in a real way—offering food to hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked—then our light will shine strongest. Not only that, but our own personal wounds, whatever they are, will be healed. Truly, loving others is the best way to heal our own soul.

Isaiah proclaims further that if we live this way, God will have our backs. In biblical terms, "the glory of the Lord shall be [our] rear guard." The Lord will be a soldier who walks behind us, covers our blind spots, curtails our weaknesses, and protects and defends us. If God is for us, who can be against us? Let your light shine!

For Reflection

How do I live out God's love at home? In my workplace? In public? How can my light shine even brighter this week?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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