

February 12, 2017

# St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street  
Clinton, New York 13323



## PARISH STAFF:

*Rev. John P. Croghan* – Pastor  
*Carol Marshall* – Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper  
*Mary Lou Lauchert* –  
Director of Faith Formation  
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*Joseph Schick*  
Superintendent of St. Mary's Cemetery  
*Valerie Wright* – Director of Music/Organist  
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Lester LaBrecque - Chair  
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**Email:** [parishoffice@stmarys-clinton.com](mailto:parishoffice@stmarys-clinton.com)

## 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, February 11 - Vigil Mass**  
 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  
**Wednesday, February 15**  
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
**Thursday, February 16**  
 7:00 AM Karol Laska by His Family  
**Friday, February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**  
 7:00 AM Carl Agricola by Pat & Gil Palladino  
**Saturday, February 18**  
 8:00 AM Bill Hameline (3rd) by His Family  
 5:15 PM Walter & Elizabeth Stafanic by Their Family  
**Sunday, February 19 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM George Ellis & Esther Welch by Their Family  
 10:30 AM Lawrence Burns by His Wife Emko

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners (2-18)**

Laurie Calhoun

**Counters (2-19)**

Jim Winkler, Don & Jane Conniff

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection.....	\$7,509.00
Memorial Fund.....	205.00
Faith Formation.....	15.00
Fuel.....	87.00
Country Pantry.....	1,040.00
Diocesan Collections.....	20.00

**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@stmmarys-clinton.com).

**A Family Perspective**

To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.

**Country Pantry**

Thank you for your generous response to our Soup'er Sunday collection. We will continue to collect soups during the winter months as they are always a MM-MM good food. Canned fruits and vegetables are also needed at this time. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Pantry. Do you know of anyone who has recently suffered job loss, shortened working hours, illness, divorce or is in need of our services? If so, please contact Mary Zimmler, Pantry Coordinator at 272-5267. Thank you for caring and sharing. God bless!

<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
8:00 AM (2-18)	Rebecah Bashant & Lauren Chesebro		
5:15 PM (2/18)	Ella Stephens, Victoria Maier & Montana Decker	Pearl Gapp	Host - Elizabeth Tantillo & Barb Bohrer Cup - Barb Blatz, Tim Lashinger, Carla Pascucci & Annette Foley
8:00 AM (2-19)	Alicia Amuso, John & Hannah Slawson	Joe Ellis	Host - Ed Kaido & Jeanne Roback Cup - Joe Ellis, Carole Byrne, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (2-19)	Kate Schweitzer, Joseph & Lydia DeTraglia	John Burdick	Host - Karen Brewer & James Suchy Cup - Joanne Joseph, Carol Fobes, any available & any available

### Faith In Action

Have you ever heard someone justify wrong doing by saying, "Everybody's doing it"? Have you listened to the "wisdom" of commercials which aim to convince people they will be happier if only they purchase a certain product? Sometimes real wisdom is glaringly clear; other times we have to search out what true wisdom is in a given situation. And always, the Spirit of wisdom is there to guide us..

### Lenten Bible Study

*The Bible and the Sacraments* offers viewers a chance to understand where the sacraments come from, what they mean, and why they are considered the foundation of our Catholic faith. This **free online presentation** by Matthew Leonard is based on the work of Dr. Scott Hahn. Participants will view the study at home each week, then **gather together** for discussion (and coffee!) **Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM**, beginning March 5. For more details and to register visit <https://www.bibleandthesacraments.com>, or contact Amy Bashant ([amybashant@gmail.com](mailto:amybashant@gmail.com)). Childcare available upon request.

### Open Gym

Elementary age children (and younger siblings) are invited to play in the gym on Tuesday Feb. 21, 6:30-8 PM. Free-play and organized games. Parents are encouraged to participate, but are not required to stay.

Mark you calendar for the **March Saturday Supper**- St. Patrick's Celebration- **March 4th, 6 PM** in the parish center.

A new **sign-up** sheet has been posted for cooking at **Hope House the second Sunday of each month**. Please consider taking one Sunday afternoon **to volunteer** with fellow parishioners. It's a fun and rewarding opportunity to share God's mercy and compassion with those in need. All supplies provided. Contact Amy Bashant or Mary Lou Lauchert with questions.

### 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.

### Theology on Tap (TOT)

Young adults in their 20's & 30's are invited to Theology on Tap (TOT) Wednesday, February 15, 7 PM, at Saranac Brewery. Please join us for an evening of fascinating talks, fellowship, and food. David Kilpatrick, Associate Professor of Psychology at SUNY Cortland will be our speaker. TOT occurs the third Wednesday of each month, the event is FREE so be sure to invite a friend!

### Area Events

2-12, 1 PM - till gone - VFW Soup Sunday. Proceeds to benefit homeless veterans.

# Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

***Does suffering please God? I've heard we should "offer it up," but to me, God is never pleased with pain.***

Some think God sends suffering into our lives as retribution. In fact, God asks certain things—difficult things—of us so we can avoid suffering in our own lives, in the lives of others, and after death.

When a mother says, "Don't touch that! It's hot," and her child touches it anyway, the mother didn't cause the burn. She knows the consequences of that action and warns her children not to do it. If they disregard her, she doesn't stop loving them. In the same way, God tells us how to live so we can avoid being hurt, and God never stops loving us.

Some suffering is unavoidable no matter how well we love and obey God. This suffering is the hardest to accept. Some is the result of our humanity.

Many seek to assign blame; others want to know why things happen. The truth is, sometimes there is no why, no clear purpose. When there is, we don't feel it any less. We can only trust that God will turn it into something good.

God's power turned a "meaningless" crucifixion into the means of our salvation. This is what "offer it up" means: By turning toward and imitating Christ, we find new depths of faith and hope.

*Fr. Joe Nolen, CSSR*  
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### Thank You to Our Volunteers

A special "Thank You" goes out to Walt Jury and Rich & Julie Wagner for the help they provided to get the Sacristy painted. The work they did saved the parish a significant amount of money.

St. Mary's Volunteers are a group of parishioners who have various expertise in painting, masonry, carpentry, etc. and are willing to help with minor maintenance and/or repairs around the church (no 48' extension ladders or scaffolding). For members of the parish who would like to help, please contact Les LaBrecque at 853-8461 (or 335-4816) and leave your contact information. Many hands make light work!

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