

February 26, 2017

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street
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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, February 25 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Eric Bolan by His Family
Sunday, February 26 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Varghese Pynadath by His Family
 10:30 AM Albert Griffin (7th) by His Family
Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday
 7:00 AM Will Coleman (1st) by the Hooson Family
 6:30 PM Carol Burdick by Jim Owens
Thursday, March 2
 7:00 AM Bob Stricker (2nd) by His Family
Friday, March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Saturday, March 4
 8:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Estate
 5:15 PM Nancy Ellis by Stephen & Joanne Restison
Sunday, March 5 - 1st Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM Msgr. John R. Madden by Ann Wilkinson
 10:30 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners (3-4)
 Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler
Counters (3-5)
 Walt Jury, Pearl Gapp & Barbara Bohrer

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,691.00
Memorial Fund.....	60.00
School Assessment.....	33.00
Faith Formation.....	192.00
Fuel.....	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).

Collections

The annual collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe will be taken up on Ash Wednesday. Also, next Sunday is the annual Black and Native collection. Thank you for your generosity!

A Family Perspective

Because we believe we can control and create our own world, we attempt to juggle multiple agendas and we pay a price of neglecting those closest to us. Too late we reach the point of asking "Was it worth it?" We really can't serve two masters.

Country Pantry

Our needs for the Pantry this month include cereal, tuna fish, canned meats and pasta. Do you know of anyone needing our services, if so they may come to the Pantry on Tuesday, February 28, which is our distribution day this month. Our hours are 10:30 AM - 4 PM and we are located at the Church of the Annunciation in Clark Mills. Or you may call our coordinator Mary Zimbler at 315-272-5267. God Bless!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
6:30 PM (3-1) Ash Wednesday	Adam Schneider, Lydia & Joe DeTraglia	John Burdick	Host - Julie Wagner & Patty McComb Cup - Melinda Leising, Karen Brewer, Bob McQueen & Barb Bohrer
8:00 AM (3-4)	Elizabeth Bashant & Carina Pascucci		
5:15 PM (3-4)	Madeline Surace, Madison & Matthew Steates	Jim Winkler	Host - Carla Pascucci & Ann Wilkinson Cup - Annette Foley, Tim Lashinger, Barb Blatz & Bob McQueen
8:00 AM (3-5)	Ella Stephens, Victoria Maier & Kate Schweitzer	9th Grade Class	Host - Pam Sprague & Julie Wagner Cup - Ed Kaido, Carole Byrne, MaryLou Lauchert & Elizabeth Tantillo
10:30 AM (3-5)	Lauren Chesebro, Raine Boehlert & Taylor Arndt	Maryalice Hogan	Host - Karen Brewer & Melinda Leising Cup - Jim Suchy, Don & Jane Conniff & any available

Faith In Action

Don't worry; keep your priorities straight; remember worrying doesn't do any good; trust God. It might not be easy to hand over our worries to God, but it is worth working on!

Movie Shorts –for Adults - will return on **February 27** at 6:30 PM. Have an idea for a film or presentation you would like to share? Contact Amy Bashant.

March 4th -Saturday Supper- Roast Beef dinner. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Amy or Mary Lou so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

Lenten Bible Study - Please register online for *The Bible and the Sacraments at*

<https://www.bibleandthesacraments.com>, and contact Amy Bashant (amybashant@gmail.com) to confirm. We will watch the first video together on **Sunday 3/5 at 9:15 AM** in the parish center. Thereafter, participants will watch online at home, then gather together for discussion the following Sunday. *Childcare available upon prior request.*

Join Us! **Lenten meal** of soup, salad and bread on the following Fridays: **March 10, 24, and April 7 at 6 PM** in the parish center. Free will offering. If you would like to assist with any of these meals please contact Amy. **Stations of the Cross** will follow beginning at 7 PM in the church.

St. Mary's Sewing Ministry - Join us next week as we continue to make dresses for girls in developing countries: February 28, 9-12 AM and March 2, 7-9 PM. Helpers of all ages are welcome. Please contact Laura Grenier at 725-7516 for more information

Coffee Hour

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands will be having a Coffee Hour this Sunday after the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses in the Parish Center. Please stop in for a cup of coffee along with a bagel or donut and visit with your parish community. We hope to see you this Sunday after Mass.

Area Events

3-10, 5:30 PM, Church of the Annunciation, Clark Mills - 2 hour presentation on the "Seven Last Words of Jesus." Narrative and song "The Exodus", a Christian Contemporary singing group from the Eastern Region of the Diocese. Poor Man's supper in the Parish Hall following.

3-11, 8-1 PM - Clinton United Methodist Church - Community Blood Drive (1-800-RED CROSS) Walk-ins welcome!

3-20, 5:30 PM, St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church, Utica - Feast of St. Joseph procession to SJSP Parish Center and celebration of St. Joseph's Table.

Lent 2017

Ash Wednesday - Ashes will be distributed at St. Mary's during the 7 AM and 6:30 PM Masses. Fr. Croghan will also distribute ashes at a noon Mass in the Hamilton College Chapel. (Parking is very limited and in remote locations.)



Lenten Fast & Abstinence - Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and ALL Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. "The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing - as far as quantity and quality are concerned - approved local custom."

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday evening at 7 PM during Lent we will gather in Church for a time of prayer and meditation on the Stations of the Cross. This service is a great chance to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Please join us for this peaceful time of prayer.

Operation Rice Bowl - St. Mary's will again participate in this official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Proceeds benefit the poor both in our diocese and in the developing world. Material and information on this year's campaign can be found at the Church entrances.

Spiritual Reflection - Also at the entrances of the Church are booklets of daily reflections on the readings for Lent. This year our booklet *Refresh and Renew Your Life is* by Joseph Sica. Please feel free to pick one up for yourself or someone special.

Clinton Area Lenten Series

This year's ecumenical Lenten Series will be hosted at St. James Episcopal Church **Wednesday evenings** beginning with a **light soup and bread supper at 6 PM**. Then there will be a session shown from Mike Slaughter's video *Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus* followed by a discussion moderated by one of Clinton's clergy. The program will end before 7:30 PM. Please plan to make this fascinating series part of your Lenten experience.

March 8 - Session 1 - *Discovering the Rebel Jesus* (Rev. Janet Griffiths and Patsy Glista, AIM)

March 15 - Session 2 - *Revolutionary Lifestyle* (Rev. Jeff Hale)

March 22 - Session 3 - *The Most Important Question You Will Ever Have to Answer* (Scott Leonard, CLP)

March 29 - Session 4 - *Seeing Jesus Today* (Rev. John Croghan)

April 5 - Session 5 - *The Way of the Cross and Resurrection* (Karen Anderson and Rev. Jeff McArn)

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