

February 11, 2018

St. Mary's Parish

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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 – (315)853-5280, or Pat – (315)853-5229.

Sunshine

For a card of get well, support or cheer, call Peggy Jury at (315)853-4438 (peggyjury@gmail.com)

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 10 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Eric Bolan by His Family
Sunday, February 11 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Jerry LaLonde (4th) by His Family
 10:30 AM Mary Garcia by Minerva Garcia
Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday
 7:00 AM Welch & Kennedy Family
 6:30 PM Emily Phillips by Her Family
Thursday, February 15
 7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family
Friday, February 16
 7:00 AM Karol Laska by His Family
Saturday, February 17
 8:00 AM William McDowell by Mary & Greg Paul
 5:15 PM Donald Vanderhoof
 by Ken & Michelle Denison
Sunday, February 18 - 1st Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM Paul A. Martino by Stephen & Christa Vangura
 10:30 AM Albert Griffin by His Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners (2-17)
 Jan Rishel & Deb Prody

Counters (2-18)
 Walt Jury, Pearl Gapp & Barbara Bohrer

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$6,288.00
New Years.....	100.00
Memorial Fund.....	206.00
Faith Formation.....	67.00
Fuel.....	200.00
Country Pantry.....	170.00
Black & Native American.....	20.00

Special & Second Collections

The annual Church in Central & Eastern Europe collection will be taken up on Ash Wednesday. Next weekend the annual Black & Native American collection will be taken. Thank you for your continued generosity!

2017 Tax Statement

For a statement of your 2017 donations for tax purposes, please put a note on your envelope, drop a note in the collection basket, or call the rectory at 853-2935 (10 AM - 3 PM, Monday - Friday).

If you are receiving envelopes and don't use them, or if you don't receive envelopes and wish to, please drop a note in the collection basket or call the rectory.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Your children, grades K-4, are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday.

Country Pantry

Thank you for your generous response to our Soup'er Sunday soup can collection. Soup is a staple for our families during the cold weather. Forgot your soup, cans may be left anytime in the food box in the back of church. Our need is ongoing. Thanks for supporting our mission to help struggling individuals and families put nutritious food on their tables. God bless the givers and receivers.



Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
6:30 PM (2/14)	Madeline Surace, Matthew & Madison Steates	Kate Krumdieck	Host - Elizabeth Tantillo & Barb Bohrer Cup - Barb Blatz, Tim Lashinger, Carla Pascucci & Annette Foley
5:15 PM (2/17)	Bianca Siepiola, Clara Kelly & Ella Stephens	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Marybeth King & Jim Winkler Cup - Pearl Gapp, Bob McQueen, Tim Lashinger & Brianne Siepiola
8:00 AM (2/18)	Luke Shaw, John & Hannah Slawson	Pam Sprague	Host - Kate Krumdieck & Evelyn Micciche Cup - Bob Burns, Sally Glouse, Nan LaBrecque & Patty McComb
10:30 AM (2/18)	Stephanie O'Neil, Elizabeth & Rebecah Bashant	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Rosemary Wadas & Maryalice Hogan Cup - Karen Brewer, Carol Fobes, Jim Suchy & any available

Lent 2018

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.)

Lent 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 entitled *Finding Hope when Life Hurts* by Joseph Sica. Please feel free to pick one up for yourself or someone special.

Faith In Action

We sometimes find it easy to blame God or ask "why" when things are not going our way. Do we find it just as easy to praise and thank God when life is good to us?

This year, do something different for Lent. Join the **BEST LENT EVER**, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive an email with Inspirational Videos • Practical Tips • Encouraging Stories. To sign up visit www.DynamicCatholic.com/40Days

We are grateful for the generosity of this parish. Your participation made the Souper Bowl luncheon a success! If you donated soup or baked goods, helped to set-up/clean-up, served lunch, worked in the kitchen or enjoyed lunch and made a donation, we thank you! Over \$300 was raised for the Country Pantry.

It's here! **Valentine's Sweet Shoppe - after all masses this weekend!** Cookies - choose your own dozen from a selection of favorites (\$4/dozen). Fudge, chocolate covered strawberries, pretzels and other candies - \$6/lb. In the Parish Center. To benefit Hearts and Hands of St. Mary's.

Lenten Community Series

Every Wednesday during Lent, beginning February 21, 6-7:30 PM, at St. Mary's Parish Center, the Clinton area churches are sponsoring a Lenten Series. Each evening will begin with a supper of soup and bread followed by a segment of the video *The God We Can Know* by Rob Fuquay and group discussion.

February 21, "Knowing the Great "I Am"
Rev. John Croghan

February 28, "I Am the Bread of Life" Knowing God's Satisfaction and

"I Am the Light of the World"
Knowing God's Guidance.

Gary Cyr and Jean Skinner

March 7, "I Am the Good Shepherd"
Knowing God's Care and

"I am the True Vine" Knowing God's Power
Janet Griffiths and Patsy Glista

March 14, "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"
Knowing God's Way

Jeff Hale

March 21, "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" Knowing God's Possibilities
Scott Leonard

Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Why is church often packed on Ash Wednesday, even though it is not a holy day of obligation?

Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well—but it's standing-room only on Ash Wednesday. There's something undeniably elemental about the ugly smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. It is as if to say, "I'm Catholic and proud of it."

Ash Wednesday is unique because it signals the beginning of Lent, the Church's special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our baptismal commitment to be his people in the world. As we recall and celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

The symbols of Ash Wednesday touch us powerfully. When we hear, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return," we are reminded of our vulnerability and dependence on God. Despite our mechanisms of power, ultimately, like dust in the wind, we can be whisked away in an instant and brought to our knees.

At the same time, we are called to scale the spiritual heights to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel, affirming that we are a people with an enduring destiny and a sacred mission in the world. Together we get our ashes and turn back to the Lord.

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