

February 18, 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 17 - Vigil Mass

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

Wednesday, February 21 - St. Peter Damian

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Estate

Thursday, February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter The Apostle

7:00 AM Emily Phillips by Her Family

Friday, February 23 - St. Polycarp

7:00 AM Mary Evans by Samuel Tufo

Saturday, February 24

8:00 AM Jessie Gadziala by Hearts & Hands
5:15 PM Margaret Bluff by Friends & Family

Sunday, February 25 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Esther Delaney by Hearts & Hands
10:30 AM Varghese Pynadath by His Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners (2-24)

Sally Glouse & Sue King

Counters (2-25)

Bob McQueen, Jim & Karen Winkler

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$4,792.00
Memorial Fund.....	100.00
School Assessment.....	51.00
Faith Formation.....	5.00
Fuel.....	10.00
Eastern Europe.....	15.00
Black & Native.....	5.00

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).

January Financial Support

Total Support	\$33,429.00
Total Expense	\$49,804.83

Second Collection This Weekend

The annual Black & Native American collection will be taken up this weekend. Many thanks for your continued generosity!

Country Pantry

In addition to cans of soup, our needs for this month are canned pineapple and applesauce. Thanks for all you do in support of the Pantry. God bless!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (2-24)	Madeline Surace, Matthew & Madison Steates	Pearl Gapp	Host - Rick & Carla Pascucci Cup - MaryLou Lauchert, Barb Blatz, Elizabeth Tantillo & Bob Scarlata
8:00 AM (2-25)	Deanna Heintz, Ian & Julia Nessel	Ron Roback	Host - Chris Kielar & Jeanne Roback Cup - Mike Howard, Carole Byrne, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (2-25)	Luke Shaw, Mitchell Peck & Adam Schneider	Karen Brewer	Host - Joanne Joseph & Melinda Leising Cup - Maryalice Hogan, Joanne Joseph, Rosemary Wadas & any available

Faith In Action

Jesus stayed in the desert for forty days, praying and preparing himself for his mission. God has a mission for each of us. What can you do to learn what that mission might be? Lent can be for us like a new day dawning--just like the one Noah and his family experienced when the flood was over. It is a time for a fresh beginning and a renewal of our covenant to live as God's people.

During Lent the children in Faith Formation class will be collecting canned fruit to deliver to the Country Pantry.

Parish Office Closed Monday

St. Mary's Parish Office will be closed this Monday in observance of Presidents Day. Please leave a message and we'll get back to you ASAP.

Thank You from Hearts & Hands

Hearts and Hands wants to say a big thank you for helping us have a successful Valentine's Sweet Shoppe. We are so appreciative of the bakers, candy makers and our parish members. We raised just over \$450 which will go towards the financing of St. Mary's Christmas Fair. Again, thank you for your continued support and generosity!



*When you fast, see the fasting of others.
 If you want God to know that you are hungry,
 know that another is hungry.
 If you hope for mercy, show mercy.
 If you look for kindness, show kindness.
 If you want to receive, give.
 St. Peter Chrysologus*



Lenten Activities This Week

- 2-21, 6-7:30 PM, at St. Mary's - Lenten Community Series - "Knowing the Great "I Am"" (Fr. Croghan). Soup and bread followed by a segment of the video *The God We Can Know* and group discussion.
- 2-23, 5:30 PM, Church of the Annunciation, Clark Mills - presentation on the "Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary" with "The Exodus" contemporary singing group.
- 2-23, 7 PM, at St. Mary's - Stations of the Cross

Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Why won't the priest hear my confession right before Mass?

Theoretically, any time is a good time for penitents to reconcile and renew their relationship with the Lord! In practice, the priest's refusal to hear your confession immediately before presiding at Mass may be as much for your benefit as his. In his preoccupation with last-minute details of leading the assembly, he may think: "How can I be more attentive to this individual and to a worthy celebration of the sacrament of penance without delaying Mass?" He might also be reacting to a penitent's mechanical understanding of the sacrament that fosters a scrupulous practice of devotional confessions—that is, confessing only minor sins in preparation for Communion.

Anyone who is conscious of serious sin is not to "receive the body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess" (*Code of Canon Law*, 916). In this case, the person makes a sincere act of contrition, including a resolution to confess as soon as possible. "The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins—that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1395). Nevertheless, "the Eucharist strengthens our charity...and this living charity wipes away venial sins [and] the Eucharist preserves us from future mortal sins" (*CCC* 1394-95).

Catholics in a state of grace show respect for the dignity of the Eucharist, but trying to confess grave sins to a priest right before Mass may lessen the dignity given to one sacrament over another if the celebration of the sacrament of penance is rushed or the celebration of Mass begins late. —Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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