

December 10, 2017

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvin Street
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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

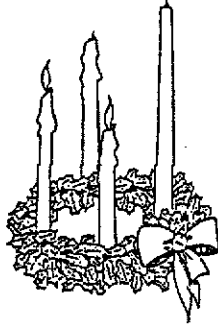
For a card of get well, support or cheer, call Peggy Jury at (315)853-4438 (peggyjury@gmail.com)

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, December 9 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Donald Vanderhoof
by Ken & Michelle Denison

Sunday, December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM John F. Glouse, Jr. by His Family
10:30 AM Bob Sheridan by His Family

Wednesday, December 13 - St. Lucy

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

7:00 AM William Geiser by the Balch Family

Friday, December 15

7:00 AM Michael Falk by His Family

Saturday, December 16

8:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Estate
5:15 PM Charlotte Heintz by Her Family

Sunday, December 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM John & Eleanor Calidonna by Their Family
10:30 AM Jeanie Janus by Eileen & Frank Danielski

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners (12-16)

Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski

Counters (12-17)

Bob McQueen, Jim & Karen Winkler

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$8,355.00
Memorial Fund.....	220.00
School Assessment.....	31.00
Faith Formation.....	70.00
Human Development.....	261.00
Christmas.....	290.00
Christmas Flowers.....	320.00
Cathedraticum.....	20.00

Second Collection This Weekend

The annual Cathedraticum collection (for the support of our bishop) will be taken up at masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued support!



The Light is On For you December 18, 4-7 PM

Fr. Croghan will be in the Church Reconciliation Room during the above times for anyone wishing to celebrate the sacrament before Christmas. He will also be available at the normal time EVERY Saturday from 4-4:45 PM.

There will also be a penance service this Sunday, December 10, 5 PM, at St. Bernard's Church, Waterville.

Country Pantry

Our Christmas distribution will be held Tuesday, December 12. Thanks to all of you who have donated blankets/fleece throws, towels and kid's gift cards. Our families are grateful for your generosity. Thank you for caring and sharing!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (12/16)	Madeline Surace, Madison & Matt Steates	Mike Debraggio	Host - Bill & Bonnie Waldron Cup - Anne Debraggio, Marybeth King, Rick & Carla Pascucci
8:00 AM (12/17)	Mitchell Peck, John & Hannah Slawson	Steve Clark	Host - Patty McComb & Jeanne Roback Cup - Bob Burns, Sally Glouse, Carole Byrne & Kate Krumdieck
10:30 AM (12/17)	Melina Korfonta, Elizabeth & Rebecah Bashant	John Burdick	Host - Maryalice Hogan & Joanne Joseph Cup - Rosemary Wadas, Jim Suchy, Karen Brewer & any available

Faith In Action

Let us prepare for Jesus' coming as John taught the people to prepare: with repentance for our sins, with welcoming hearts, with unselfish love, and with generosity for one another.

Please hold in prayer the 20 young ones who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week. May they always know the comfort of God's loving mercy.

Coffee and Conversation- Sunday December 17 following 8 AM mass. Take some time from the busy Christmas season to enjoy fellowship with other parishioners.....and the treats, of course!

All ages are invited (friends, too!) to a **Christmas Movie Medley**- a late afternoon of movie and snacks on Sunday **December 17, 4-6 PM** in the gym. We'll be showing old time favorites like *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and *Emmet Otter's Jug Band Christmas*. Bring a snack to share if you are able.

If you have been reading **The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything**, please contact Amy Bashant (amybashant@gmail.com) for a new reading/meeting schedule. We will still meet on **December 14 at 7 pm**, but note that we will only discuss chapters 1-6 (if we make it that far!) in addition to viewing some Advent materials by Martin. I look forward to hearing from you!

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. Our next gathering will be Sunday, December 17.

Christmas Eve Singers

Any young people, grades 5 and above, who would like to sing for the 5:15 PM Christmas Eve Mass, please call Valerie at 315-292-0368, or stop up to the choir loft after Mass. Instrumentalists are also welcome. I'm hoping to hear from you!

Theology Uncorked

For adults 40+, Theology Uncorked will be held Tuesday, December 12, 6:30-8 PM. Talk, Food, 1 glass Wine - free). Rev. Joseph Salerno, Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary & Our Lady of Lourdes Churches will be our guest speaker. For information call Deborah Sullivan (315)735-4429 X4. Sponsored by The Diocese of Syracuse McDevitt Evangelization Grant.

Area Events

12/ 15, 4-7 PM - Clinton VFW Fish Fry. \$10 - takeouts available.

Good News!

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2, Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8

Most of us are not good at waiting. We want things right away and would rather arrive just on time than stand around uselessly. Few things are as annoying as waiting in a doctor's office, a government office, or being stuck in traffic.

Yet waiting can also be an exciting and busy time, like a bride and groom preparing for their wedding. There is no time to waste, since the date is approaching and there is so much to do in order for everything to be prepared perfectly. Advent waiting should be more like this expectant waiting.

John the Baptist was sent to point toward Christ and invite the people to their wedding with God. The divine spouse was coming back to his beloved and sent the groom ahead to let everyone know he was coming.


Thus John preached preparation, conversion, and setting aside everything that would distract people from getting the heart ready for Jesus. Loving, active planning was as necessary for those who listened to John the Baptist as it is for us.

This means going up the mountain and into the desert. Set aside normal distractions and dedicate more time to think about Christ, preparing our hearts and minds for the big day of his arrival.

Advent isn't a nervous time of sitting around and hoping the line goes quickly. It is an active, engaged, and hopeful anticipation of one we eagerly await.

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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