

March 4, 2018

# St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvin Street  
Clinton, New York 13323



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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](mailto: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, March 3 - Vigil Mass**  
 5:15 PM Marrienne Shelanskey by Hearts & Hands  
**Sunday, March 4 - 3rd Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 AM Kathryn Dawes by Hearts & Hands  
 10:30 AM James Debraggio by Mike & Ruth Cosgrove  
**Wednesday, March 7 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity**  
 7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Estate  
**Thursday, March 8 - St. John of God**  
 7:00 AM Margaret "Mickey" Bluff by Family & Friends  
**Friday, March 9 - St. Frances of Rome**  
 7:00 AM Emily Phillips by Her Family  
**Saturday, March 10**  
 8:00 AM Scott Owens by Hearts & Hands  
 5:15 PM Mary Louise Lewis by Linda & Jim Crowley  
**Sunday, March 11 - 4th Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 AM Suzanne Roback (30th) by the Roback Family  
 10:30 AM Irene Caister by Her Family

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

**Altar-Rosary Cleaners (3-10)**  
 Carole Byrne & Amy Franz  
**Counters (3-11)**  
 Gabe Martini, Catherine Miller & Gwen Lallier

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection.....	\$5,956.00
Memorial Fund.....	35.00
Faith Formation.....	60.00
Black & Native Americans.....	90.00
Eastern Europe.....	83.00

**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).

**Second Collection Next Weekend**

The annual collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken up at all masses next weekend. Many thanks for your generosity to this much needed appeal.

**Baptized in Christ**

We welcome Kenna Marie Morgan, daughter of Adam & Sarah, to our Catholic Faith Community.

**Country Pantry**

Last Tuesday was our February distribution and our families were grateful for the soup that you had so generously donated. We are now collecting canned pineapple and applesauce for our March/Easter distribution which will be on Tuesday, March 27. Thanks for all you do to help us in assisting needy families in the Clinton-Clark Mills-Westmoreland area. God bless!

<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
5:15 PM (3-10)	Joseph, Michael & Carina Pascucci	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Carla & Rick Pascucci Cup - Annette Foley, Tim Lashinger, Jan Slawson & Bob McQueen
8:00 AM (3-11)	Rick Heintz, John & Hannah Slawson	Ron Roback	Host - Pam Sprague & Julie Wagner Cup - Jeanne Roback, Carole Byrne, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (3-11)	Melina Korfonta, Elizabeth & Rebecah Bashant	John Burdick	Host - Karen Brewer & Melinda Leising Cup - Jim Suchy, Rosemary Wadas, Don & Jane Conniff

**Faith In Action**

Each one of us, through our baptism is a temple of the Holy Spirit. We were all brought into being and designed by God for a purpose, namely, making God present to others. Each one of us is a walking, living temple in which God is made present and available to others. What sort of trafficking goes on inside your temple?

This week the children in Faith Formation class will be collecting canned peaches to deliver to the Country Pantry.



**Lenten Activities This Week**  
3-7, 6-7:30 PM, at St. Mary's - Lenten Community Series - "I Am the Good Shepherd": Knowing God's Care and "I Am the True Vine" - Knowing God's Power with Janet Griffiths and Patsy Glista with Jeff McArn helping to provide food. Soup and bread followed by a segment of the video *The God We Can Know* and group discussion  
3-9, 7 PM - Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's.

**Community Blood Drive**

Our next Community Blood Drive will be held Saturday, March 10, 8-1 PM, at the Clinton United Methodist Church. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: clintonumc. Walk-ins are always appreciated and needed!

**Area Events**

3-17, 8:30 - 1 PM - Thea Bowman House St. Patrick's Parade Day Party, DeSales Center, 309 Genesee Street, Utica. Warm up with hot food and drinks for purchase, activities, Irish Dancers, etc.  
3-17 - Parade Food Drive at Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen. Non perishable food items collected during the parade. (Monetary donations also accepted).

# Good News!

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## Wisdom, Strength

A ceiling painting by Lauroti is found in the Constantine Room of the papal apartments. It is a symbolic celebration of the triumph of Christianity over paganism, set in a classical architectural space. The remains of a crushed Hermes lies broken in pieces on the floor, while a crucifix of Jesus Christ sits upon the pedestal.

It is fitting that the painting crowns the papal hall honoring Constantine, the first Roman emperor to leave paganism and be baptized a Christian. Constantine had four basilicas built in Rome -- including St. Peter's -- and gave Christians freedom of religion in the Roman Empire.

The message is clear. The Romans worshiped statues of gods who were mere human creations and projections. In the statue's place is not just another statue but a crucifix that reminds us of a reality, a historical event. God himself became human in Jesus Christ and showed his divine strength by emptying himself and being crushed by our sins in order to forgive and win back a rebellious humanity.

This show of godly power through weakness is foolishness to the Gentiles and inconceivable to the Jews. Yet this humility and love is the wisdom that confounds and the strength that saves.

Religion isn't a business or human invention for personal enthronement. Jesus overturns this idea like he overturns the moneychangers' tables. Worship of God is all about accepting his initiative and humbly responding in the obedience of faith and the purifying joy of love. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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