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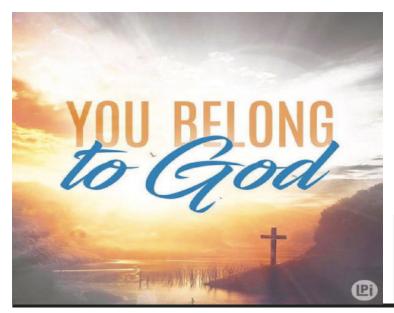
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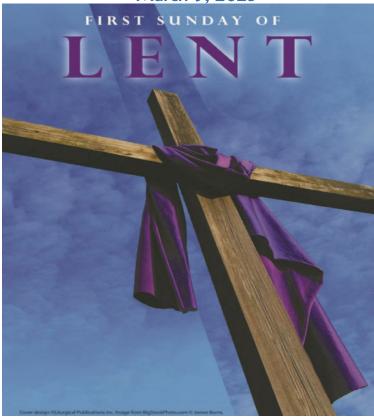
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March 9, 2025



Eucharistic Liturgies

Weekend Mass Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Sunday 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Following 5:30PM Mass or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

We joyfully welcome all into our Church Famil through this sacrament. Please call the rectory to make preparation meetings.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married are asked to schedule an appointment with the Parish Priest at least 6 months before the desired date. One of the parties being married and/or their parents must be registered members of St. Mary's

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please introduce yourself after mass. We invite you to become an active member of our parish community. Call 315-853-2935.



Bulletin Deadline is now Friday by 3pm.

The Parish Office will now be closed on Tuesdays, the bulletin will be printed earlier so please plan accordingly. This is to avoid delivery delays. Thank You.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we observe the First Sunday in Lent. Our Gospel reading is an account of Jesus' forty days in the desert and how he was tempted by the devil. I think many of us believe that if we are tempted to sin, then we have already sinned. That is not the case. Again, Jesus Himself was tempted. Sin isn't the temptation, it's giving into the temptation. Jesus did not give into the temptations; the same can not always be said about us.

Last week I encouraged all of us to embrace this holy season and to do more than just the bare minimum. We need to be aware from the start, however, that the devil is goin to do all in his power to stop us. It is not in his interest to have us drawn closer to Jesus. The evil one will be working extra hard during Lent to get between us and Jesus. He knows are weaknesses and he is not afraid to prey on them.

In our prayers we need to ask the Lord to help us to remain strong in the face of temptation. We also need to ask Him to help us to have hope in the face of our weakness; if we should fall, do not despair. Turn to the Lord and rejoice in His mercy and forgiveness.

You are all in my prayers during these holy days; please keep me in yours.

In Christ, Fr. Caruso

Clinton Area Ministerium Lenten Series

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at Stone Church

This year will explore a different spiritual practice each week. Spiritual practices are specific activities you do to deepen your relationships with the sacred and the world around you. Practices help you connect to God. They enable you to become actively engaged with your inner or "true" self — the depth of your being. And they expand the breadth of your experiences, encouraging you to relate in a particular way to other people and the whole creation, including animate and inanimate beings.

This year's ecumenical Lenten Series is being hosted at the Stone Presbyterian Church on **Tuesday evenings** beginning with a **light soup and bread supper at 6:00 p.m.** Then there is a session with moderated by one of Clinton's clergy. The program ends before 7:30 p.m. Each session stands alone so it's never too late to jump in!

- Mar 11 Session 1 "Breath Prayer" Mtr. Joanna Benskin
- Mar 18 Session 2 "Labyrinth" Pastor Scott Leonard
- Mar 25 Session 3 "Art Prayers" The Rev. Abel Roy
- Apr 1 Session 4 "Ignatian Contemplation" The Rev. Janet Griffiths
- Apr 8 –Session 5 "Holy Week Rituals" Fr. Dan Caruso

If interested in making soup, bread or dessert please contact: Evelyn Micciche @ 315-725-4404

Mass Intentions

Sat	urday	March 8,	5:30pm Biaggio Caruso
Sur	nday,	March 9,	9:00am Roger Moore
		By:	Betsy Burns
We	ednesday,	March 12,	12:10pm Ida DeYulio
Fri	day,	March 14,	12:10pm Joseph DeYulio
Sat	urday,	March 15,	5:30pm Barbara & Roger Cresswell
		By:	Children & Grandchildren
Sur	nday,	March 16,	9:00am Phil Lacelle
		By:	Wife & Family
We	ednesday,	March 19	12:10pm Joseph Allen Ferguson
		By:	Linda & Richard Ferguson
Frie	day,	March 21	12:10pm Lucy DelVecchio

Please call or email the office to add your special intentions. We have **several dates** open. We ask for a donation of \$15 or more.

Liturgical Ministers

<u>Ma</u>	rch 15, 5:30pm	March 16, 9:00am		
Host	Ann Wilkinson	Shannon Peck		
Host	Evelyn Micciche	Barb Bohrer		
Host	Steve Christiansen	Karen Brewer		
Lector	Jim Winkler	Joe Ellis		
Choir	Carla Pascucci	Kate Krumdieck		

Altar Servers : TBD TBD

Note: Any Child (4th grade & up) interested in signing up to be an Altar Server, email Elizabeth & Robert Bentley

Prepare for Next Sunday

A **good** prayer practice to get into is to reflect on the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday!

First Reading:	Deuteronomy 26: 4-1
Psalm	Psalm 91: 1—2, 10-15
Second Reading:	Romans 10: 8-13

The 16th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Utica, on March 15th, will be collecting non-perishable food donations to benefit the **Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen**. Please place goods in wheelbarrows as they pass by. Thank you in advance.

New! Quiet Worship Bags for children are now available for use during Mass and can be found hanging on hooks inside the main entrance of the church. Contents of each bag will change with the liturgical seasons. Please return the bags at the end of Mass. Also, look for Children's Missals for older kiddos to borrow during Mass and the Kids Bulletin, printed each week with activities to do at home.

Outreach Offered

If anyone in your family enters the hospital or nursing home & would like to be contacted by St. Mary's, please call the rectory at 315-853-2935. Please include the person's full name, the Hospital/Nursing Home (plus room, unit, etc.)

Homebound—We are seeking to update our list of Homebound parishioners. If you or a family member are not able to attend church on a regular bases and would like a visit from someone from the parish. Please call the rectory @ 315-853-2935with a name, phone number and address. Thank—you!

Prayer Line...If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call: Margaret – 315-853-5280, or Karen—315-853-6355. St. Mary's Clinton Preschool

Registration Open

for the **2025-2026** School Year

We are now accepting applications for **3-5** year olds

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<u>Called for More</u>

It is a project which will help the parish and the Diocese with its own strategic planning.

Participating in this study will enable the parish to have:

- * An objective assessment of the community landscape, parishioner needs & dynamics
- * A snapshot of our faith journey
- * A plan for growth over the next couple of years

It will also enable our Diocese to have:

- * Greater clarity on priest preferences and skills to match with parish needs.
- * Greater understanding of parish strengths, opportunities, and leadership needs.
- * Better data for future planning.

More details to follow in the coming weeks. Please keep this very important project in your prayers.

We are gathering emails now, please send an email to:

K.lane@syrdio.org—Include full name and account number so we can easily add to our data base so that the

Hope Appeal 2024
Goal \$31.70

Goal \$31,702 Received \$25,116

Balance due \$ 6,855 (corrected from last bulletin)

Please be sure to send in your tax deductible donations. The balance due: St. Mary's Parish is responsible for. Thanks for all that have already contributed.



Sacrificial Giving								
Thank you for your generosity!								
				3/2/2025				
Ordinary Collec-								
tion		\$	4,875					
Online Giving		\$	1,157					
Special (Capital)		\$	282					
Special (School)		\$	5					
Faith Formation		\$	5					
Fuel		\$	100					
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Mission-2nd		\$	5					
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3/2/25	\$ 217,913	\$	215,196					

Many people in our community are struggling to put food on the table during this harsh winter weather. We can help. If you need assistance in feeding yourself or your family, please call 315-272-5267.

We can't do this without your assistance. Non-perishable, shelf stable foods are always needed. Food items may be left in the box in the back of the church, Clinton Arena, Kirkland Town Library, Hunt Realty and a food box in the parking lot of Annunciation Church. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to The Country Panty, PO Box 76, Clinton.



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