

St. Mary's Parish
 13 Marwin Street
 Clinton, New York 13323

February 1, 2026



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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Eucharistic Liturgies

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation **

Confessions will be offered **Thursday** 4:30pm –5:30pm

Sacrament of Baptism

We joyfully welcome all into our Church Family through this sacrament. Parents are asked to call **Victoria@ 315-527-7247** to make arrangements to attend 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

Sunshine

For a card of get well, support or cheer, call Peggy Jury at (315)922-7007

New Parishioners

We welcome new Parishioners! Please contact us @ 315-853-2935 so we can share all we have to offer.

Father Daniel M. Caruso , Pastor

James Henck	Deacon
John Kopec	Deacon
Kim Lane	Parish Business Admin.
Evelyn Micciche	Cemetery Specialist
Lauralee Paye	Office Specialist
Cheryl Smith	Faith Formation
Victoria Cesarini	Faith Formation
Terry Howard	Preschool Director
Valerie Wright	Director of Music/Organist
Robert Prody	Facilities Manager

Parish Office	315-853-2935
Parish Fax	315-853-1097
Faith Formation Center	315-853-6196 or 315-527-7247
Music Director	315-292-0368
Pre-School	315-853-6196

School web page: stmarysclintonpreschool.org
Preschool email. stmarysclintonpreschool@gmail.com

St. Mary's Web Page: stmarys-clinton.com
St. Mary's Church Email: stmarysclinton@syrdio.org
St. Mary's Rectory Office hours :
 M, W, Th, F 9am– 2pm

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

Bulletin Deadlines will be Friday by 12noon please. Please let me know if there is something you would like to see in the bulletin, I am open to suggestions. 315-853-2925



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 1, 2026
 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Matthew 5:1-12a

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad" (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

— **Father John Muir**

Mark Your Calendar—

Father Dan's Open House!
February 15, 2026

between 1:30pm– 3:30pm

Stop by anytime to say hello, share some fellowship, and enjoy a neighborly afternoon together. We'd love to see you there. The whole family is invited.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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Mass Intentions

Sat Jan 31st	5:30pm	Joseph Spinella
By:		Family
Sun Feb 1st	9:00am	All Parishioners
Wed Feb 4th	12:10pm	All Parishioners
Fri Feb 6th	12:10pm	Mark Demarest
By:		Rita Demarest
Sat Feb 7th	5:30pm	Joseph & Grace Caruso
By:		Family
Sun Jan 25th	9:00am	Jerome Lalonde
By:		Family

Liturgical Ministers

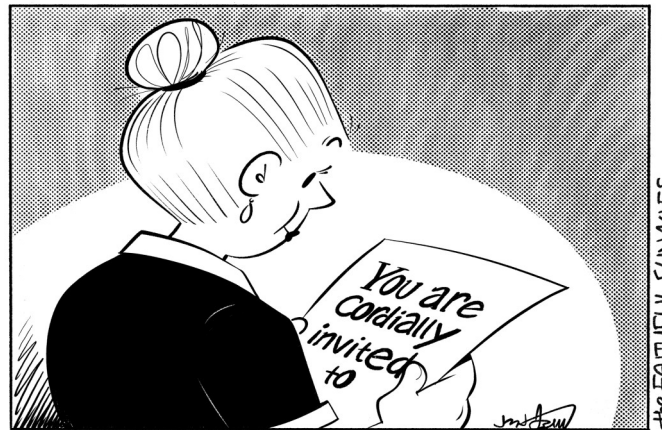
Feb 7th	Feb 8th
5:30pm	9:00am
H Ann Wilkinson	Shannon Peck
H Barb Blatz	Joe Ellis
L Jim Winkler	Karen Brewer
C Sue King	Kim Lane
Altar Servers:	
Eli Siepiola	TBD

Prepare for Next Sunday

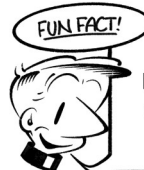
A good prayer practice to get into is to reflect on Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

First Reading:	Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalm	Psalm 112:4-9
Second Reading:	1 Cor 2:1-5
Holy Gospel:	Matthew 5:13-16

"What do you call the lettering on an invitation to a baby's first Sacrament?"



"The Baptismal font."



Inside of every Catholic church, there is a Baptismal font. The Baptismal font is typically a pedestal that holds holy water in it, and it's used for the Sacrament of Baptism.

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THE COUNTRY PANTRY

Our number of clients is increasing and we are in need of self stable, non-perishable foods, especially canned meats, peanut butter, tuna fish. Monetary donations are always welcome. Our mailing address is The Country Pantry PO Box 76, Clinton 13323 Did you know that the Country Pantry serves residents in the Clinton-Clark Mills-Westmoreland area? Please call 315-272-5267 if you know of someone in need. God bless!

“Souper Bowl” Fundraiser to benefit the Country Pantry will be February 7th & 8th. Best chili in Town and delicious soups. \$15 includes a quart (serves 2) bread and dessert. Please contact amybashant@gmail.com if interested in cooking, baking and ordering! Pick up at school gym after each mass. Hope to see you all there! **1 week to go!! Let’s make this fundraiser the best ever.**

St. Mary’s Christmas Fair 2026– Interest Check– 2nd Notice

We’re exploring the idea of bringing back St. Mary’s most successful and beloved fundraiser. Before we move forward, we’d like to see who is interested in helping revive this tradition. If you are willing to participate, volunteer, or help with the planning please let the office know. 315-853-2935 or email stmarysclinton@syrdio.org. If we have a strong presence we will set up a meeting to begin organizing.

Sacrificial Giving	1/18/26	1/25/26
Thank you for your generosity!		
	1/18/26	1/25/26
Ordinary Collection	\$13,682	\$3415
Online Giving	\$1130	\$1275
Diocese Offerings	\$7,000	
	Actual	Budget
Year to date 1/18/26	\$183,450	\$193,289
Year to date 1/25/26	\$187,565	\$199,647

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: Who were the very first people to visit Jesus after he was born?

Answer: Two local shepherds who were told about Jesus by an angel.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Bless Us, Lord Jesus,

You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way. **Amen.**

Ash Wednesday February 18, 2026

7:00am St. Mary’s Mass
 9:00am St. Patrick’s/St. Anthony’s Mass
 12:10pm St. Mary’s Mass
 5:30pm St. Patrick’s/St. Anthony’s
 Distribution of Ashes
 5:30pm St. Mary’s Mass
 Looking ahead for those who plan well in advance :)



Need a Contribution Record from 2025?

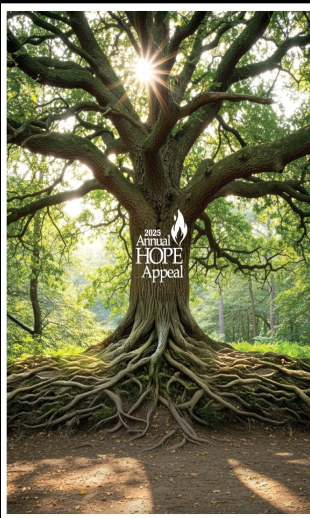
You can get one by either:

1) Sending us (via mail or the collection basket) a self-addressed stamped envelope, labeling the envelope: CONTRIBUTION RECORD, or

2) Email us at stmarysclinton@syrdio.org. In the subject line of the email, please write CONTRIBUTION RECORD and please include your full name and current address.

As soon as we see the request, we’ll start getting your contribution records out.

Thanks for your patience in advance.



Our parish dollar goal:

\$31,702

Our parish participation year to date:

\$24,691 thru 1/25/26. If we don’t meet our goal we have to pay, if over we get to keep. **\$7,011 to go!**



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