

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

April 12, 2026



*For the sake of
His sorrowful Passion, have mercy
on us and on the whole world.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Father Daniel M. Caruso , Pastor

James Henck	Deacon
John Kopec	Deacon
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Lauralee Paye	Office Specialist
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St. Mary's Rectory Office hours :
M, W, Th, F 9am– 2pm



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.

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

Dear Parishioners,

We continue our celebration of Easter this weekend as we observe Divine Mercy Sunday. In the image of the Divine Mercy revealed to St. Faustina we find the words: "Jesus, I Trust in You." I would ask all of us to focus on those words not just today, but every day. So often we place our trust in ourselves, in others or in the promises of this world, and we are disappointed again and again. Yet it is Jesus, in His Passion, Death and Resurrection that reveals the fullness of God's Love and Mercy. Perhaps our lives are not what we would want them to be because we have failed to place our Trust in Him!

I was very moved again this year by the beauty of our Holy Week services and by the deep prayerfulness of our community and the willingness of so many to share their gifts with all of us. Thank you to Deacon Jim and Deacon John for their faithful ministry to our parish. Thank you to Kim Lane, Lauralee Paye, and Evelyn Micciche in our parish office for all of their hard work throughout the year. Many thanks to Bob Prody, our maintenance man, for keeping our Church so clean and beautiful. I am profoundly grateful to all of our liturgical ministers who contributed to our beautiful liturgies: Valerie Wright and our music ministry, the Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Altar Servers. Their dedication was truly inspiring!. Thank you to CindyLacelle for the beautiful job she did decorating the altar for Easter. Thank you to Cheryl Smith and the high school students who offered us such a powerful and moving Living Stations of the Cross. Thank you also to Victoria Cesarini and Amy Bashant and our First Sacraments students for participating in the Holy Thursday procession. A special thank you to Victoria for organizing the Easter Egg hunt. It was a beautiful gathering outside the Church on Holy Saturday — even the Easter Bunny came to visit! Thank you to all those who joined in the Vesper Service and Ice Cream Social on Easter Monday at St. Patrick/St. Anthony's, Finally, thank you to all of you, the faithful of St. Mary's parish, for your faithful witness and for the opportunity to serve you. In my homily for Easter, I talked about how we are called to give witness to Easter Joy in order to encourage and support each other in Faith. I try to do that for all of you in my ministry, but I realize each day that your witness is what gives me strength each day.

You all remain in my prayers as we continue to celebrate the Lord's victory over death; please keep me in your prayers.

In the Joy & Peace of the Resurrected Lord,
Fr. Dan



THE COUNTRY PANTRY

Did you know that the Country Pantry serves residents in the Clinton-Clark Mills-Westmoreland area? We can help those who are in need of nourishing food as well as referring clients to other social agencies, if needed. If you or anyone you know has a need for our services, please call 315-272-5267. Thanks to all the volunteers that make this organization so successful!

Sacrificial Giving 3/29/26 4/5/26

Thank you for your generosity!

	3/29/26	4/5/26
Ordinary Collection	3962	1644
Online Giving	1365	1520
Easter	895	7570
	Actual	Budget

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Question:
Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

Congratulations to St. Mary's Parish!
We did it!! Hope Appeal!!!!



Easter Blessing 2

Dear Lord,
Your redemption has been known in every age.
You have never stopped inviting us closer into your presence.
Fill us anew this Easter season,
bringing new hope, new life, and new light into our journey.

Everyday Stewardship

Due to the constant unchecked flow of data and information through the Internet, it can be hard to know when a story is real news or rubbish. It never ceases to amaze me when someone I know has bought into some crazy fake news story. Sometimes the story is just so unbelievable: celebrities who gained two hundred pounds in a month, women having babies who were never pregnant, or people actually being seen who are dead! Like Elvis!

The apostle Thomas found the news that Jesus was alive just too far-fetched to believe. But he didn't first hear the news on the Internet or read it standing in the grocery store checkout line. His friends told him. His fellow apostles told him they had actually seen the Lord with their own eyes. Their testimony was not enough. He needed proof.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us not only hope, but also a reason to be his disciples. We have not seen with our own eyes but, like Thomas, we have a community, the Church, that has relayed the truth to us. This same Jesus now calls us to go forth to spread the Gospel. More unbelievable than that, we have, through the gifts we have been given, a chance to change and even save lives. The day may come that you, moved by this news of the risen Lord, will be an agent of his love to the point where someone will tell the tale that you, a follower of Jesus, actually helped to change his or her life. Pretty unbelievable, right?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Mass Intentions

Sat	April 11th	5:30pm	Eugene Walker
	By:	Rita Demarest	
Sun	April 12th	9:00am	Laurie Madonia
	By:	Barbara Meelan & Don Darling	
Wed	April 15th	12:10pm	Laurie Madonia
	By:	Marianne & Joe Hickman	
Fri	April 17th	12:10pm	Deceased members of Denison & Kotary Family
	By:	Ken & Michelle Denison	
Sat	April 18th	5:30pm	Richard Robert Welchons
	By:	Kevin & Jane Zink	
Sun	April 19th	9:00am	Laurie Madonia
	By:	Kevin & Jane Zink	

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES -

Readings for the week of April 12 th 2026

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday: Easter Sunday
 Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
 Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
 Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Prepare for Next Sunday 4/19/2026

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

First Reading:	Acts 2: 14, 22-33
Psalm	16:1-2,5, 7-11
Second Reading:	1 Peter 1:17-21
Holy Gospel:	24:13-35

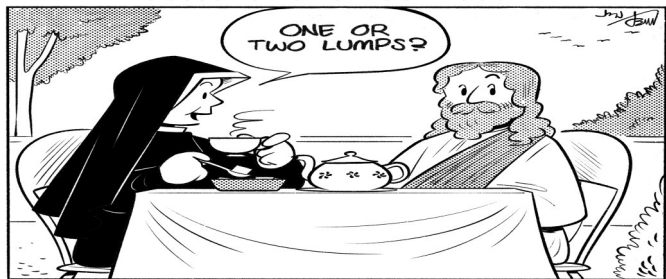
Liturgical Ministers

April 18 th	April 19 th
5:30pm	9:00am
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H Jim Winkler	Barb Bohrer
L Annemarie Spaven	Amy Bashant
C Barb Blatz	Shannon Peck

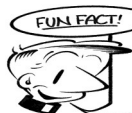
Altar Servers:
 Elaina Aliyah Elijah Jude Leising
 Bentley

If interested in becoming an alter server, please reach out to Elizabeth Bently by email thebentleys777@gmail.com

"Which saint would most likely join Jesus for afternoon tea?"



"St. Faus-TEA-na."



St. Faustina was a Polish religious sister who experienced extraordinary visions of Jesus, revealing His deep love through the "Divine Mercy" devotion.

FAIR TRADE SHOP, STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 8 SO. PARK ROW, CLINTON. Our regular hours are 10am to 4pm every Thursday and SECOND SATURDAYS.

Please stop by **The Artisans' Corner, 1 College Street** in the heart of Clinton. Our **175th Anniversary Cook Book** is presently on sale there for **\$15 cash or check only**. Please share with everyone! Thank you!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

John 20:19-31

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’” (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I’d want to sarcastically murmur, “Well, good for you.” I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: “I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?” My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.



St. Mary's Easter Egg Hunt
2026

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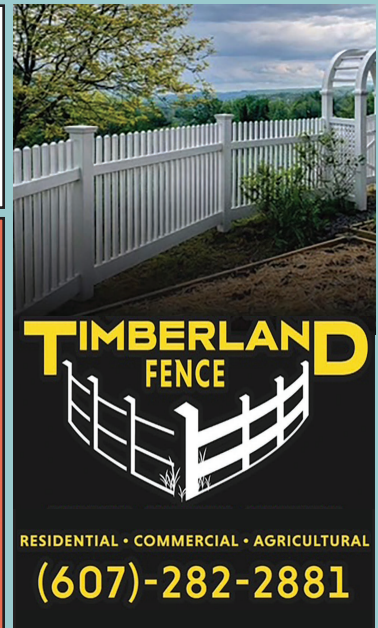
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