

## **July Announcements**

- On July 1, Msgr. Jim Lang, the diocesan episcopal vicar for parishes, will become the temporary administrator of St. Mary's. The intention is that Monsignor will serve until the new leadership of St. Mary's is designated. In his diocesan role, Msgr. Jim is responsible for pastoral planning, a number of elements of parish and diocesan life, the diocesan office of Campus Ministry, and the diocesan relationship to Scouting. He is an ordination classmate of Father John Croghan! He is looking forward to getting to know us. During his service as our administrator he plans on being present on Wednesdays, weekends, and as needed.
- A **letter** from Bishop Lucia regarding Covid guidelines can be found in the Seasonal Resources section of this website
- Bishop Lucia has discontinued the dispensation from Holy Mass. If you are unable to return to mass in person, we encourage you to use the Diocean resources for viewing mass from home.  
<https://www.syracusediocese.org/offices/communications/virtual-masses>
- **Our flower gardens need your help now!** Thank you to those who have helped during the month of June. As the heat continues through the summer months, our flowers need YOUR attention. Please sign up for a week of watering and weeding on the list posted in the main entrance of the church. Your efforts will be appreciated by everyone admiring the blooms. If you have any questions please call Terry Howard at 315 527-7395. Thank you, in advance, for your help.
- **St. Mary's Clinton Preschool,**

**Help Wanted:** St. Mary's Preschool is looking for an energetic person who loves working with 3 to 5 year old children for the Aftercare program beginning in September 2021. Hours are 2:30PM to 5:30PM, Monday to Friday during the school year. Interested people please call 315 853-6196 or 315 527-7395.

**Donations requested:** St. Mary's Clinton Preschool, housed at the Parish Center, is very active these days. A summer preschool program will be starting in July and an additional classroom will be opening in the Fall. We are currently looking for toys (new or gently used) to keep the minds of these 3 to 5 year-old children busy. Our wish list includes: sidewalk chalk, bubbles, floor puzzles, 100-200 piece table puzzles, small bottles of Elmer's glue, playdoh, magnet tiles, water sprinklers, water toys and paint and coloring books. Any donations are much appreciated and can be dropped off at the Main entrance of the school. Please call Terry Howard at 315 527-7595 for drop-off details.

- St. Mary's will be participating in the community wide **Rise Against Hunger** program on October 2, 2021. St. Mary's has pledged \$1500; we appreciate your support of this event. Make checks payable St. Mary's with RAH in the note section and place them in the regular collection during mass. Donations can be made online at <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/ClintonUMC>
- Our need at the Pantry for nutritious food is ongoing. In addition to kidfriendly foods for our Kid's Paks, we are also in need of shelf stable food items: canned soups, pasta sauces, boxed dinners, canned fruit, canned meat and tuna are among the most needed items. Monetary donations are

used to purchase boxes of frozen meat from the Food Bank of CNY, fresh vegetables, egg and milk gift cards from local stores. Our mailing address is The Country Pantry, PO Box 76, Clinton. Hunger never takes a vacation, so please think of the Pantry during these summer months when kids are home. Thank you for all you do in helping us provide assistance to those who are in need. Stay safe, enjoy your summer. God bless!

- In an effort to continue providing avenues of communication in our parish, we are collecting email addresses. Please submit your current email address with your name and any other pertinent contact information to [st.maryclintoninfo@gmail.com](mailto:st.maryclintoninfo@gmail.com) Thank you. Please continue to use the [parishoffice@stmarys-clinton.com](mailto:parishoffice@stmarys-clinton.com) email for all other communication.