

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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June 6, 2021

## MASS

Mass is now being celebrated  
at 9:00 am every Sunday

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### Bishop of the Diocese of Albany:

Edward B. Scharfenberger

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Fr. Robert Powhida

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Joe Grottoli

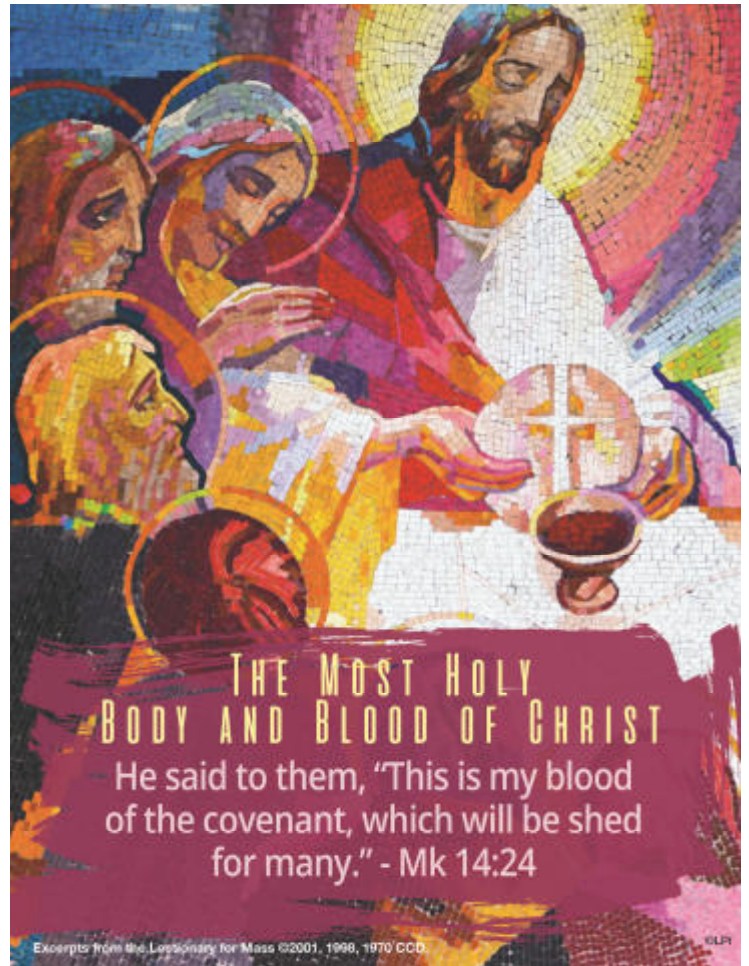
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*Blessed by the assurance of Heaven's*

*Love,*

*we, as the people of God,*

*witness to Christ's life-giving presence*

*in our*

*communities and the world,*

*through Word, the sacraments*

*and our service.*



**In your prayers...**

Alexandra Babcock, Alice Merold, Annabelle Andrews, Barbara Mazzucco, Betty Fringi, Bret Hilliker, Brian Crawford, Camille Cavagnaro, Carol & Terry Terrance, Carolyn Baker, Casimuro Maningas, Christopher Gauthier, Cynthia Holbrook, Dan Opulski, David Falk, David Schneider, Destiny Dundon, Don Montgomery, Dorothy Jurnak, Dorothy Robertson, Eric & Daniel Campbell, Francis Martindale, Helen Macura, Janice Tucker, Jeanne Tallone, Jessica Schmidt, Joanne Sedgewick, Joe Grottoli, John Beis, Jr., Judi Daigle, Kaiden Munro, Karen Moulder, Karigan Parker, Katrina Foster, Loralin Fioretti, Lori Warner, Madeline Losito, Marie Surdukowski, Marie Williams, Marilyn Boyle, Marvin Mondoux, Mary Ann Taylor, Mary Ellen Favro, Nancy Fish, Nelson Housman, Nick Parker, Nick Ward, Owen O'Brien, Rita Devine, Robert Gordon, Rodney Tarbell, Stephanie Nassar, Stephen Surdukowski, Sylvia Palumbo, Tom Caivana, William Mahlmann & Wyatt Illsley

**June 2021**



06/06– Peter Beyer  
06/13– Donna Lamb

06/20– Tom O'Brien  
06/27– Victoria Palmer

**Diocesan Appeal**

Every day throughout our diocese, faith filled individuals go out into their communities in the name of Jesus to love and to serve others in a variety of ways. Some minister to those who are homeless and hungry, to those who are ill or aging. There are teachers who nourish the minds and nurture the faith of our youth in Catholic schools and faith formation programs. There are men and women pursuing vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in service to the Lord and His people.

*Diocesan Appeal is now a year-long campaign that crosses calendar years. It began July 1, 2020 and ends June 30, 2021.*

You may send your donation to:

**Diocesan Appeal**  
**40 North Main Avenue**  
**Albany, NY 12203**

*Please make your donation or pledge!*

The Sunday Collection Summary for the week of May 30th was not available at the time of publication of this weeks bulletin.

**Mass Intentions 06-06-21**



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**SCRIPTURE**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, “the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist.” What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God’s sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God’s love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. “There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us.” Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God’s unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection



*Please read over these readings for next Sunday's Liturgy to familiarize yourself so hopefully when you hear them you will have a richer understanding of what is being said*

**READING I      Ezekiel 17:22-24**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel**

Thus says the Lord God:

I too will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it.

It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar.

Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs.

And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD,  
bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree,  
and make the withered tree bloom.

As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

**READING II      2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

**GOSPEL      Mark 4:2-6 34**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.

Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it?"

It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.

But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants

and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.

Without parables he did not speak to them,

but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

**The Obligation to Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days Reinstated**

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is being removed by Bishop Edward Scharfenberger beginning on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus, Sunday, June 6, 2021. From that time forward, "those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin." CCC #2181. The exceptions to this removal of the dispensation are for people who are sick or at risk and for those who care for them, and for people who suffer significant anxiety or fear of getting sick by being in a public setting.

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