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The Mission Statement of Saint Mary's Parish



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Welcome...

From wherever you have traveled or have been led on your spiritual journey, we, the Catholic community of Oneonta, are glad that you are among us. We invite you make yourself at home and consider joining in our Christian way of life, worship and service.

Students of Hartwick and SUNY Oneonta, welcome! We encourage you to participate and volunteer in all liturgical and service ministries while you are among us

We are home to...

- ◆ Saint Mary's Newman Catholic Community
 - ◆ Knights of Columbus – Council 4989
 - ◆ Boy Scouts of America – Troop 23



6TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

"Peace I leave with you."
- Jn 14:27a



Receptions again being offered after Funeral Masses

Christian hospitality reflects the generosity of Sarah and Abraham to the three strangers who approached their tent [Genesis 18:1 - 15] and the hospitality that Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany offered to Jesus and his disciples [Luke 10:38 - 42].

In this light, Saint Mary's Parish will again begin to offer families, if they desire, the possibility of a reception after the Funeral Mass of their deceased. This ministry had been suspended due to the pandemic. We feel at this time we can begin to move forward. Service teams have been rejuvenated and are ready to go.

At the death of a parishioner, a Liaison will contact a family member to offer this form of hospitality. Though donations are accepted, there is no fee for this reception.



Our hope is to ease the anxiety of a grieving family at a very stressful time in the spiritual journey as scripture teaches: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" [Hebrews 13:2].

Leatherstocking Vicariate Synod Listening Session

NEW DATE: Monday, May 23, 2022

6:30 pm

St. Mary's Parish Center—Oneonta

The Diocese of Albany is excited to announce the beginning phase in the worldwide "Synod on Synodality" initiated by Pope Francis. The diocese will coordinate regional listening sessions, at which everyone is encouraged to share their opinions on what they are looking for from today's Church. The listening sessions will be guided by a facilitator utilizing universal questions and provide the opportunity for small group breakout sessions. Bishop Scharfenberger will be in attendance, lead the opening prayer, and spend time listening to the faithful.

Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.—Mark 10:14

St. Mary's community celebrates with our young people who have recently received their First Holy Communion:

Michael Cosgrove

Joseph Jaramillo

Vivian Microni

Graham Nordenhold

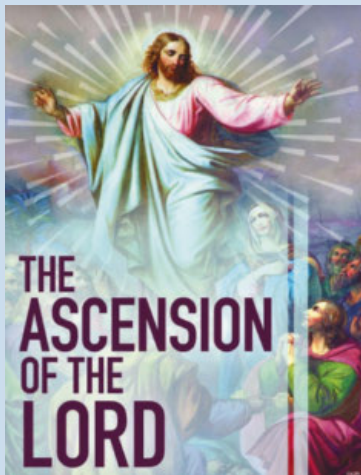
Sophia Stephens

Ava Whipple

James Williamson

Matthew Woytack

We also Celebrate with **Joseph Jaramillo**, who was received into the church through the sacrament of Confirmation.



Join us in celebration of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 12:10 pm.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities.' (Acts 15:28)



PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!
(Ps 67)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.
(Rev 21:10)



GOSPEL

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."
(Jn 14:26)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

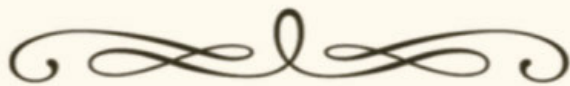
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jesus tells his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: *"May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us."*

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God's presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God's presence and promise. The elegance of God's Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God's life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death.

MASST INTENTIONS



SATURDAY **21 May 2022**
5:00 pm Pro Populo

SUNDAY **22 May 2022**
10:30 am Mary Antonucci
 By Family
 Carl Lusins
 By Vic & Kathy Williams

MONDAY **23 May 2022**
8:30 AM Valerie Neuer

THURSDAY **26 May 2022**
12:10 pm Pro Populo

FRIDAY **27 May 2022**
10:30 am Ronald Marsh

SATURDAY **28 May 2022**
5:00 pm Rosemary Collins
 By The Tarricone Family

SUNDAY **29 May 2022**
10:30 am Hagan Knauth
 By Steve Baldwin
 Veronica Marino



Are You Grieving?

"I sat with my anger long enough...until she told me her real name was Grief".

Saint Mary's Consolation Group meets on the **THIRD THURSDAY** of each month at 10:00 am, in the rectory. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, job, life situation, pet, the freedom to travel or anything else important in your life, please join us.

All are welcome—Bring a friend!



*Prayer corner.....*We ask that you remember in your prayers, the following persons who are ill:

**Michelle Lee,
Kathleen Genzardi, Anna Spencer,
Marlies Kneis, Norrie Beken,
Ana Vendemmia, Sharon Wilsey O'Donnell,
Linda Burch, and Alberto Marcos**

We also ask your prayers for the men and women of our parish and community who are serving in the military, all priests of the Albany Catholic Diocese, and who have died from our families and parish.
(Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks, and then removed unless notified by family-thank you)

Pastoral Staff

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Faith Formation Coordinator
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Stewardship Report

Our total Parish Budget for the year.....**\$605,673.00**
 Less projected Other Income.....**\$253,673.00**
(this includes investment income, grants, other donations)
 Amount needed from collections (annually)....**\$352,000.00**
 Needed from the collection weekly..... **\$6,769.23**

Collection for May 14-15, 2022.....\$5,360.00

Electronic Giving May 9-15, 2022.....\$640.00



Peace and Justice Annual Rummage Sale!

June 10th 9 to 11:30 AM
June 10th Half price -- Noon to 2 PM
June 11th 8 to 11 AM -- \$2 bag sale

Donations welcomed
Saturday June 4th - 4 PM to 6:00 PM
Sunday June 5th - 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Drop off times at food pantry door

Drop off times at the front door: June 6 through 8
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9 AM to Noon
Please be sure all items are clean and not moldy.
Masks must be worn inside the building.
Thursday pricing items ---- 8:30 AM until finished.

We need volunteers to help make the
rummage sale successful!

Contact Marge Pietraface @ 607 – 432 - 1385
or Mary Ann Hartman @ 607–226 –1785
to volunteer.
Contact John Korb @ 607 – 267 – 0527
for general questions.

Donation guidelines:

- No large furniture, sewing machines, TVs, computers, including accessories, monitors and printers
- No picture frames or photo albums
- No baskets of any form
- No Christmas and other holiday decorations
- No Sporting equipment
- No 8 track tapes, VHS tapes or cassettes
- No encyclopedias or dated reference books, Other books should be copyrighted after 2000.



Camp Breakaway

Catholic Summer Camp

Camp Breakaway is the premiere Catholic Summer Camp experience for young people entering grades 6-12 (Fall 2022). Youth participate in prayer experiences, swimming, boating, Archery, ropes course, small groups and much more.

**June 26
to
July 1**

For more information on Camp Breakaway, please visit www.pyramidlife.org.

STEP UP MENS CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Albany is hosting the
Step Up Men's Conference on
Saturday, 20 August 2022
from 9 AM to 5 PM at the

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville

The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives so as to grow in our relationship with Christ and establish a plan to bring this energy back to our families and parish families.

The event will include presentations from Fr. Donald Calloway and Fr. Roger Landry, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, and the Eucharist.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes lunch; College age and younger men are FREE.

For more information and to register:
<https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>

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