

"To feed, care & connect"

The Mission Statement of Saint Mary's Parish



SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE "CITY OF THE HILLS"

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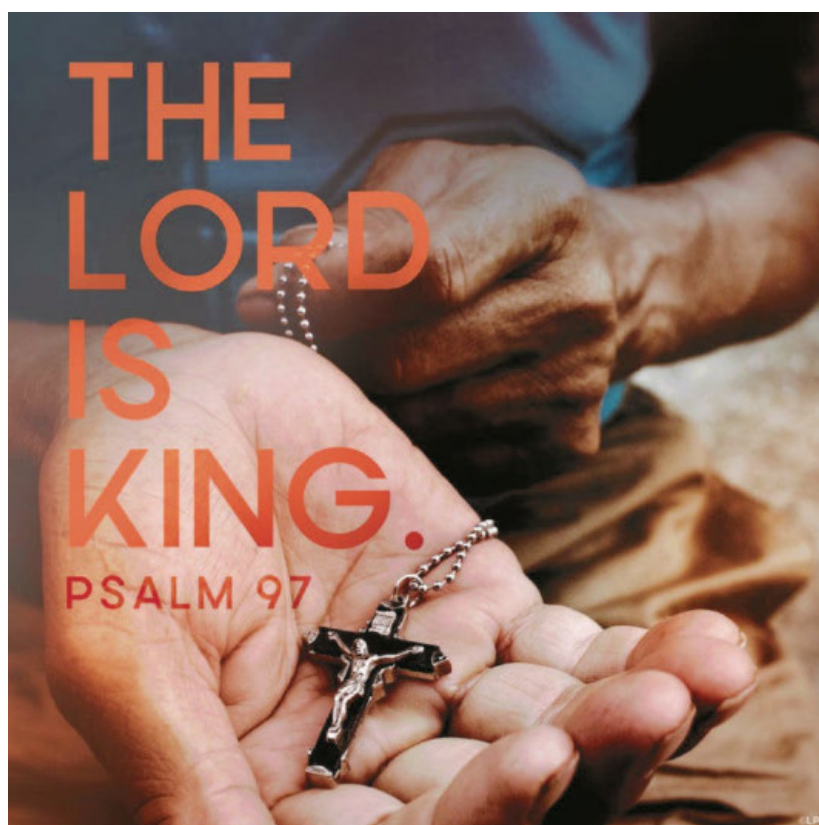
Welcome...

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



Receptions after Funeral Masses again being offered

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].

Come join us as we together celebrate our 46th year
Charismatic Renewal
The Solemnity of Pentecost
The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Sunday, 5 June 2022
4:30 pm Prayer and Praise
5:00 pm Mass begins
Presider: Rev. Martin Fisher
Location: 125 Eagle Street, Albany, NY



Bags that give back

Hannaford's Fight Hunger Bag Program

Reduce single-use plastic in the environment and give back to those in need in the local community, all while running routine weekly errands at the local Hannaford. **St. Mary's Food Pantry** has been selected by local Hannaford store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Fight Hunger Bag Program for the month of June!

The Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program is an easy way for shoppers to give back to the local community and the environment as part of the regular shopping routine. Every \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag sends a \$1 donation to a non-profit local to the Hannaford in which it was purchased.



We hope you'll support us by purchasing one – or two! - Fight Hunger Bags at our local Hannaford!"

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 participated in their First Reception of 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.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

God's Game of Telephone

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

At a parish council meeting, our pastor mentioned the need for deacons. It is something I am considering. How do I know if I have a vocation? What steps should I take next?

Answer:

Any and all gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the church are for the good of the community. As members of the Body of Christ, what one member does affects all. What the body does also affects each member. A vocation or call to ministry is tested and verified by the church. Through prayer, instruction, and service, a vocation is tested, and then acknowledged by the official call to orders or to service.

If you are considering becoming a deacon, the first step would be to talk to your pastor. He will be able to give you more specific information on the program in your diocese, what is expected of you, and how you apply. You might also begin to see a spiritual director, someone who can help you with your faith journey and vocation discernment. They do so by focusing on prayer, your relationship with God, and spiritual practices. Finally, you'll need to see the diocesan vocation director in charge of deacons to apply. Best wishes!



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!**

To Volunteer:

contact Marge Pietraface @ 607.432.1385 or
Mary Ann Hartman @ 607.226.1785

For General Questions:

contact John Korb @ 607.267.0527

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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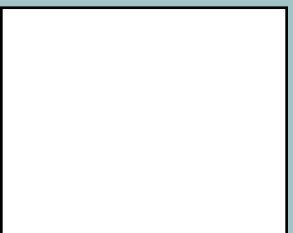
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