

Historic St. Mary's Church

Capitol Hill—Albany, New York



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

RECTORY HOURS AND CONTACT NUMBER:

Mon-Thurs : 8:30 am– 4:00 pm, Fri : 8:30 am– 1:00 pm
(518) 462-4254

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:00, 10:30am , 12:30 pm (EF Latin)

DAILY MASSES:

7:00 a.m., (Tuesday and Thursday in EF Latin)

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday and Thursday after 7:00 am Mass
Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

BAPTISMS:

Infant baptisms are scheduled on the first and third Sundays of the month after masses. Please call the Rectory for details and scheduling.

MARRIAGE:

Arrangements made 6-8 months in advance and prior to scheduling a reception. Please call the Rectory for details and scheduling.

www.hist-stmarys.org

Facebook: *Historic St. Mary's Church*

HISTORIC ST. MARY'S STAFF:

PASTOR:

Rev. Michael Flannery

WEEKEND ASSOCIATES:

Rev. John L Moyna
Rev. Julian Davies

DEACONS:

Walter Ayres
Aaron Tremblay

TRUSTEES:

Joanne Maloy, Mary Nash

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Holly Hayes (Holly.Hayes@rcda.org)

VOCALIST/SACRISTAN:

John Rodier (518-466-1405)

OUTREACH: Food Pantry, Next to New Shop

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sr. Mary Ellen Owens, RSM 518-462-4357

OUTREACH: Sick, hospitalized and homebound

Marion Zrelak– Call the Parish Office for Info.

BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Anthony Elacqua, James Elacqua



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, May 8

4:00PM † Carol McHenry by the Family
 † Rev. John J Hardiman by the Martino Family
 † Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe by Son's

SUNDAY, May 9

8:00AM † Edward Finnerty by the Emminger Family
 † Mary Torino by Danny Martino and Family
 10:30AM † Daniel Flahive by Jack & Karen Graber
 † James & Joan Ross by Joan McMahon
 † Henry Mazur by the Family
 † Raean Dinardi McElveen by the Dinardi Family
 12:30PM (Latin) † William Kelleher by Joan Kehoe & Peter Ranalli

MONDAY, May 10

7:00AM Nikolas Truesdell (living) Birthday) by the Family

TUESDAY, May 11

7:00AM (Latin) † Angela Nelligan by Peter Ranalli

WEDNESDAY, May 12

7:00AM † Mario Osorio (Living) by Susana & Antonio Hebert

THURSDAY, May 13

7:00AM(Latin) † Rev John Minkler

FRIDAY, May 14

7:00AM † Elmer Collins by the Family
 † Ann Maloy by the Family

SATURDAY, May 15

4:00PM † Mary Cello by her Nephews
 † Fred Field by Bob Wolfgang
 † Richard William Endres by Tom & Jane Cotrofeld

SUNDAY, May 16

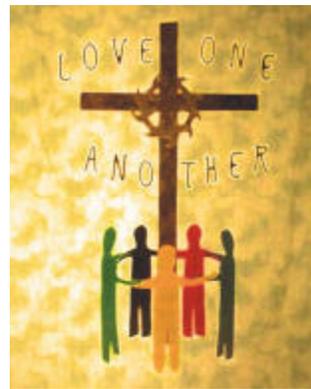
8:00AM † Pat Marciel by Danny Martino & Family
 10:30AM † William Galloway by Kathy Oliván
 † Rocco Russo, Sr by the Rappoccio Family
 † Mary Toby Long by Robert & Theresa Long
 † Henry Mazur by Jadwiga Pulkotycki
 12:30PM (Latin) † Maurice P Kelly by Rory & Bernie Flannery

THURSDAY EVENING HOLY HOUR

Beginning Thursday, May 20th, Father Flannery will preside over a holy hour every Thursday night from 6:30-7:30pm. The hour will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a brief reflection, recitation of the Rosary, silent adoration, and benediction. At the holy hour on May 20th we will pray especially for the five men being ordained deacons this year for the Diocese of Albany. Please join us!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop Scharfenberger will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation according to the Extraordinary Form on five young people on Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30pm at Historic St. Mary's. Please reach out to Holly in the parish office if you or your young person needs assistance in receiving the Sacrament.



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

At the beginning of today's gospel Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Let's suppose we were to say the first part of that sentence – "If you love me..." But how would we complete that sentence?

Jesus completes this statement clearly, concisely and convincingly saying, "If you

love me, you will keep my commandments." Later Jesus repeats himself and says, "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me."

When Jesus says, "...keep my commandments," he means the traditional Ten Commandments which are also *our* commandments. Jesus reminds us that even though the original Ten Commandments were written on stone tablets, the essential aspect here is to write those commandments indelibly in our hearts and minds and then live them, obey them and observe them. Jesus would also ask us to see these Ten Commandments not as rigid rules we are obliged to obey but as ten practical ways for us to perform our *privilege* of loving God and loving one another.

These commandments are really laws of love. Our love begins where the commandments begin – with the one and only God who *is* love, the God who made the world so "very good" and who loves the world so much that He sent His only Son Jesus not to condemn us but to save us. The name of this loving God is so awesome, so holy that we dare not banter it about or use it to curse instead of bless. God gives us not the obligation but the *privilege* of resting with and worshiping God on his special day, our Sunday.

The rest of the original commandments give us our agenda for loving one another. With the Ten Commandments as the foundation of the Last Supper He speaks to the apostles of a new commandment. Then Jesus tells them, "I give you a new commandment: *love one another*. As I have loved you, so you should *love one another*."

Our task is to keep, observe and do this new commandment. As we keep this new commandment to "love one another," we are no longer alone, forgotten or abandoned. Our world is now wonderfully full of a new family.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to join our collection counters. Counters spend a few hours on a Sunday morning tallying the weekend collections. They are scheduled once a month. If you have 2 or 3 hours to share with our parish, call Holly Hayes in the office at 518-462-4258

BE A PRAYER PARTNER TO POPE FRANCIS

For those who have made the commitment to pray every day for the monthly intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis: - for May he asks that we pray for: **The World of Finance** Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear parish family and friends,

I think I would have to say that since I was a little boy, May has been my favorite month of the year. It was originally my favorite month of the year because I received my First Holy Communion on May 6th. Even as a child, I recall that I would privately keep that day as one of thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother, who gave permission to the Eternal Son of God to fashion for Himself a body in her virginal womb: the very Body a priest makes present every time he recites the words of consecration at Holy Mass! I don't remember how old I was when I mentioned to my parents that I quietly celebrated this anniversary every year. But whatever year that was—my father planned a little "road trip" on May 6th to a small Marian shrine and we thanked her as a family.

In eighth grade, a "graduating" student of St. Mary's School in East Islip on Long Island, I remember being one of two boys chosen to escort the young girl chosen from our class to crown an outdoor statue of Our Lady at the conclusion of our school's May procession. I was delighted to learn that the whole month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This devotion corresponds so fittingly to our nation's custom of honoring our earthly mothers on the second Sunday of May. I wish all Moms today a very Happy Mother's Day!

As I grew into young adulthood, I began to appreciate the long hours of sunlight and the greening of the landscapes. Everything is coming to life by May, and it is just the beginning of a whole season of sunshine, warmth, and beauty. It seems to me that this Spring has been more beautiful than ever, perhaps as a result of the dampening effect the pandemic had on Spring last year.

For all these reasons I am looking forward with great excitement to presiding over the **May Crowning of the Blessed Mother at Historic Saint Mary's on Sunday, May 16th at 2:00pm**. I hope that many of you will join me for what I hope is a humble token of the affection we all share for the Mother of God and our universal Mother. We pray that the intercession of Our Lady will obtain for us a spring-like renewal of the Catholic faith in our homes, in our parish, and in our community at large.

I would also like to take this moment to ask your prayers for James Matthew Agnew. Our gracious God has mercifully called Jim to be a deacon. Bishop Scharfenberger will ordain Jim and four other men deacons on Saturday, May 22nd at the Cathedral. **The newly ordained Deacon Jim Agnew will assist at holy Mass as a deacon for the first time on Sunday, May 23rd at the 12:30pm celebration in the Extraordinary Form at Historic St. Mary's. All are welcome, of course.**

Please be assured of my frequent prayers for all of you in my Rosary and before the Eucharistic Lord. Please pray for me too! With paternal love,
Father Flannery

THE FEAST OF THE LORD'S ASCENSION

This Thursday, May 13th, is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, a holy day of obligation. Please join us for Mass. The 7:00am Mass at St. Mary's this Thursday will be the Ordinary Form of the Mass in English! The Mass will also be celebrated at 12:00 Noon. A traditional Solemn High Latin Mass will be offered at 5:30pm.

ST. MARY'S SENIOR PROGRAM

Please call our Parish Office if you know of a Parishioner who is sick, hospitalized or has moved to an assisted living facility or nursing home. Our Senior Program seeks to bring communion to the homebound or in health care facilities. They also have a telephone committee that checks in on the homebound as well as a committee that sends cards to these parishioners.

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to all who continue to make their donations. It is a HUGE help. Please do what you can to assist the parish financially during this pandemic crisis. Over the past 6 months our collections are down significantly. Please do whatever you can to assist. Even though some cannot meet on a weekly basis at church, the bills must be paid and payroll must be met. Your contributions may be sent to the parish office or you may participate by using our "on-line" giving program (located on our parish website: www.histstmarys.org). Your help is greatly appreciated!



THIS YEAR'S BISHOP'S APPEAL IS DIFFERENT

What stays the same is our participation. Every parish continues to have a target goal (an assessment). Therefore we count on your generous participation to help us meet our goal. Every bit of your donation will help St. Mary's since we must make up the difference at the end of the campaign. Please do your best to give what you did in past years. If you can do more— please do so, since a number of our parishioners have suffered financial loss and difficulties because of the pandemic. **We need your help—our goal is over \$143,000 and so far our donations total \$81,681.—an average gift of \$486 from 168 families—thank you—thank you.**

A Simple Request

**Please wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose at all times when you are in church.
Follow the ushers directions!**

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please complete and drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory Office:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Check one: **New registration** _____

Address change _____

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