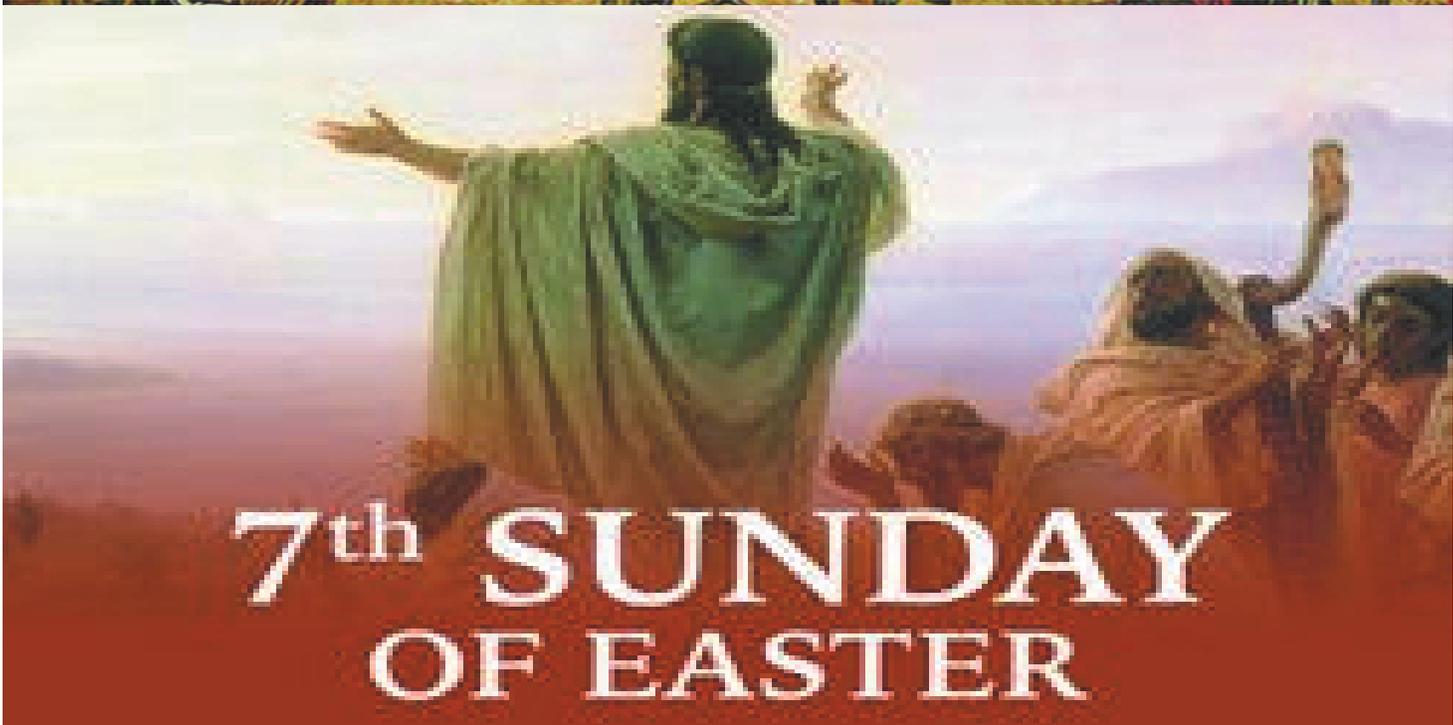


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Capitol Hill—Albany, New York



7th 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)

HOLY HOUR

Thursdays - 6:30-7:30pm

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

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Holly Hayes (Holly.Hayes@rcda.org)

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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



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 Marcil by Danny Martino & Family
- 10:30AM † William Galloway by Kathy Olivan
- † 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

MONDAY, May 17

- 7:00AM † Souls in Purgatory by Susana & Antonio Hebert

TUESDAY, May 18

- 7:00AM (Latin) † Norma Pugliese by Mary Dooley

WEDNESDAY, May 19

- 7:00AM † Gigi Rosselli by Tom Rosselli

THURSDAY, May 20

- 7:00AM (Latin) † Norma Pugliese by Margaret Purcell

FRIDAY, May 21

- 7:00AM Jim, Joan & Anne Tiner (Living) by Ed & Joan McMahon

SATURDAY, May 22

- 4:00PM † Eileen Amodeo by Bob & Eileen Martino
- † Thomas Ikenhoffer by By sister Nancy
- † Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe by By Son's
- † Vincenzo Catalano & Frankie Barretta by Ricard Barretta

SUNDAY, May 23

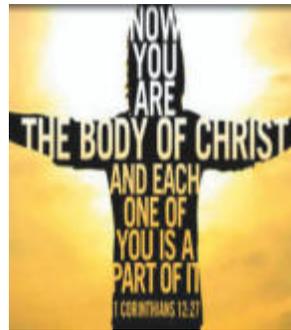
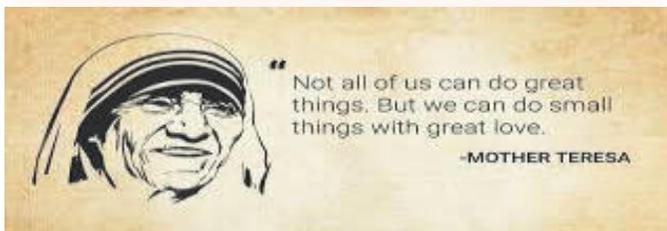
- 8:00AM † Herbert Emminger by The Emminger Family
- † Julia Memole by The Memole Family
- † Fr Lefebvre by The Coonan Family
- † Julie & George Fincke by Dottie & Warren Roberts
- 10:30AM † Rosemary Struzenski by Jack & Karen Graber
- † Sandra Fay Lasch by Mary & William Lenihan
- † Patricia Jo Huba by Mary & William Lenihan
- 12:30PM (Latin) Deacon James Agnew by St. Mary's Church

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.



GOD IS LOVE

"God is love," says St. John. John chose his word order carefully. In John's day – as in ours – many people were making love their god: love of power, love of pleasure, love of wealth. The tiny word "of" love is important here; it really means "for": love *for* power, pleasure, wealth.

Too often such people discover that power, pleasure and wealth do not have much love for them. Indeed, these objects of their love are very selfish gods who show little love in return; in fact, power, pleasure and wealth eventually destroy their lovers. These false gods mock the true God by trying to remake their worshipers in their own image. But this effort ends in death, not life. As the psalmist says about false gods, "Their makers will come to be like them, and so will all who trust in them."

Our God, the true and living God, is so different. God's love is infinite, everlasting – God is love itself. God's love makes us in the divine image, and it remade us in the image of the risen Son through baptism. It is God's love, working in us, that makes us God-like; it is God's love that makes us able to love God and each other. "If God has loved us so," says St. John, "we must have the same love for one another."

God *loves* us to *change* us. When we discover ourselves loved and changed, we find our hearts are filled with love for God and neighbor. But as our love for God and for God's people increases, our love for power, pleasure and wealth decreases. This doesn't happen all at once. God is always loving us in order to change us, and our transformation takes a lifetime. God has not completed the transformation of the Church, nor that of any earthly member of it. God is still working to perfect each of us in love.

The more we receive the love of God and share it with others, the more we find ourselves loving God and becoming God-like – for "God is love." We are his friends if we change our lives for the sake of Christ's love and in the service of Christ's love. To those whom God loves to change – that is, those changed by God's love and changing the world by it – God promises the joys of the kingdom of love.

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 518-462-4254

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,
Every night before going to bed, priests and religious recite or chant a short hymn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, as part of our promise to mark the different times of the day with prayer, using primarily the psalms, the “prayer book” of the Bible. Throughout the Easter season the bedtime “lullaby” we sing in honor of Our Lady is the “Regina Caeli,” I think my favorite Marian chant. It consists of just four simple verses: Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! For He whom you merited to bear, alleluia! He has risen as He promised, alleluia! Intercede for us before God, alleluia!

Halfway through the month of May, in these latter days of the Easter season, we crown a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary today at Historic Saint Mary’s. In so doing, we express our faith in the Blessed Mother’s Queenship. In the Old Testament the “Queen Mother” held tremendous influence over the king. The king would rise to his feet when his mother entered the room; he would always accede to her requests. Our Lady is “queen” because she is “mother.” She is God’s Mother according to the order of the flesh. By design of the Almighty, Who involves us all in His plan of salvation, though in different ways, it is the Virgin Mary’s privilege to have influence over God the Son by her holiness of life and by her maternal love for Jesus. Eve, the first woman, influenced Adam, the first man, to sin. In God’s poetic plan to redeem us, Our Blessed Mother influenced Christ to redeem: the power of her influence over Him is demonstrated remarkably at the wedding in Cana, when the Blessed Mother prompted Jesus to perform His first sign and thus initiate His “hour.”

Last Sunday I shared something I read from *Come Be My Light: the Private Writings of the ‘Saint of Calcutta,’* edited by Brian Kolodiejchuck, M.C. Therein a story is told of a former student of Mother Theresa, who attributes Mother’s prayers to obtaining food for the sisters and boarders under her care in Bengal during a famine in 1942-1943 that killed more than two million. The student observed that God refused nothing to Mother Theresa, when she asked, because Mother Theresa refused nothing to Jesus, when He asked! How infinitely generous, then, must God be to Our Lady, whose generosity to Him facilitated the Incarnation of His Divine Son!

Let us hasten to Mary’s throne this May—at least in spirit! Let the holiness of each one’s life be a jewel in her crown! And let us bring the fairest flowers of our prayers for unbelievers, for victims of the culture of death, for persecuted Christians, and for the poor! God bless you all! And please pray for those who will be confirmed this week at Historic St. Mary’s.

With paternal love,

Father Flannery

Central and Eastern Europe Collection

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please give generously to this Special Collection next week.

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: _____

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Check one: **New registration** _____

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