

Historic St. Mary's Church

Capitol Hill—Albany, New York



PENTECOST SUNDAY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." - Jn 16:13

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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

Aaron Tremblay

TRUSTEES:

Joanne Maloy, Mary Nash

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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 22

- 4:00PM † Eileen Amodeo by Bob & Eileen Martino
- † Thomas Ikenhoffer by By sister Nancy
- † Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe 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

MONDAY, May 24

- 7:00AM † John & Leanora Coonan by The Family

TUESDAY, May 25

- 7:00AM (Latin) † Dooley & McCartin Families living and deceased

WEDNESDAY, May 26

- 7:00AM † Osorio Najera & Family members by Susana & Antonio Hebert
- † Bill Olmsted by Mary, Luanne, Dana, and Kim

THURSDAY, May 27

- 7:00AM(Latin) † Mangan / Glynn Families by Mary Dooley

FRIDAY, May 28

- 7:00AM † Beth Drzymala by Mr. & Mrs. Warren Abriel

SATURDAY, May 29

- 4:00PM Nikolas and Theresa Truesdell (5th wedding Anniversary) (Living) by By The Family
- † Jack Maloy by The Family
- † Reymond F Tomlinson Sr. by The Dinardi Family

SUNDAY, May 30

- 8:00AM † Marie Collins by The Family
- † Fr. Lloyd Rebeyro by Danny Martino & Family

- 10:30AM † Timothy O'Sullivan, by Josie Dolan & Joanne Kingston
- † Albert Robertson Jr. by Sister- Mary Nash

- 12:30PM (Latin) In Honor of the Most Holy Trinity

DONATIONS FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Whenever a parishioner seeks to request that a Mass be offered for a loved one (most often for a loved one who has died), it is customary to offer a donation which is referred to officially as a Mass stipend. For many years the suggested donation for that intention was \$10. Recently, Bishop Scharfenberger announced that the suggested stipend would be increased to \$15. Therefore, effective this weekend we ask that you consider this amount when requesting mass intentions for your loved ones.



Today is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church. It is in fact the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit to you and me because, as St. Augustine told us long ago, "The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ and we are members of that Body."

But what is the sign that we now have received that Holy Spirit, that we are healthy members of the Body of Christ, that we are now sons and daughters of God? St. Augustine told his people, "To the extent that we love the Church of Christ, to that extent does the Holy Spirit live in us.

The sign of the Holy Spirit living in us is that we are joined together by love, that we love the Church, that we rejoice in our Catholic faith while reaching out to others with love and respect. St. Augustine loved to repeat the truth that "As a body is one though it may have many parts and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ."

Each of us can make our own contribution to the health and joy of the Body of Christ through the love that we express for each other and for Christ. We know from our own bodies that even the most humble bodily part is important to the well-being of the whole.

The sign of the Holy Spirit in us is not some exotic gift. It is not in speaking tongues. It is not in becoming martyrs. It is only found in our love for each other and for the Lord. This is an encouraging thought because we cannot make ourselves prophets or martyrs in the service of Christ, but we can make ourselves lovers. We can show true concern for every member of the human race for the sake of Christ, and we can begin today by being kind to those in our own home and neighborhood.

Prayer begins by living a good life, and Christ has told us that a good life is a life of love. If you do not have love, any other gift or power you have may be worthless.

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

THURSDAY EVENING HOLY HOUR

Father Flannery presides 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.



Dear parish family,

Among the many joys of Spring each year is the celebration of so many Sacra-

ments. On May 16th Kinley and Helen McAuliffe received First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church. Next weekend, May 29th, Angelo Pinkell, Santino Vasquez-Ruffino, and Carmela Hazard will receive their First Holy Communion at St. Mary's

. Confirmation—originally scheduled for May 19th—has been moved also to May 29th. I am so grateful to the families whose teaching and example have brought these young people to these spiritual milestones. At Baptism parents make a commitment to raise the children in the practice of the faith. This commitment is never easy. But I wonder if the commitment isn't harder today than in past times. With fewer persons practicing the Catholic faith in society at large, with increasing secular influences, and with fewer parish based elementary schools, Catholic families who practice their faith really swim against the tide. In these days grandparents and godparents are often directly involved and positive influences and supports in the upbringing of children. I am proud of all of you—youth and families—and wish for your God's blessings in abundance.

The Diocese of Albany also celebrated this weekend the ordination of men as deacons. I am so thankful to Deacon James Agnew for deciding to serve his first Mass as deacon at Historic St. Mary's. This makes his celebration a real parish celebration for us. Deacon Jim's invitation included as a kind of motto, "*Arctius altari coniunctus,*" or, "*Bound more closely to the altar!*" The phrase comes from the Rite of the Ordination of a Deacon. Deacons have a special relationship in the sacred liturgy to the chalice. There is a practical basis for this relationship: the deacon ordinarily ministers the chalice to others in the distribution of Holy Communion when Holy Communion is given in both kinds. But also the chalice represents sacrifice. And a deacon, by virtue of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, is configured more closely to Christ, "the servant," to Christ, "Who came to serve and not to be served, to give His life as a ransom for the many." Among the saintly deacons whose names are inscribed in the Church's long canon of saints are Stephen and Francis of Assisi. Stephen, of course, was the first deacon, who gave his life for the Lord. And Francis committed himself to evangelical poverty in order to serve the poor and even suffered in his flesh the stigmata, the wounds of Christ's passion, in his own body. Join me this weekend in praying for Deacon Jim especially, but also for Deacon Walter, Deacon Aaron, and all of the deacons of our diocese and Church, that may fulfill their vocation to share in the sacrifice of Christ's paschal mystery at the altar of the Lord and on the altar of their own lives.

I wish you all God's blessings in the week newly beginning. Please pray for me, as I pray for you.

With paternal affection,
Father Flannery

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 "online" giving program (located on our parish website: www.hist-stmarys.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 the Appeal will end in June. So far our donations total \$84,080.—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!**

Central and Eastern Europe Collection

This 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.

Welcome New Parishioners!

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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Address change _____

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