

# Historic St. Mary's Church

Capitol Hill—Albany, New York



## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### 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](http://www.hist-stmarys.org)

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### 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:

James Elacqua



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**SATURDAY, June 5**

4:00PM † John O'Grady by Barbara O'Grady  
† Mary Teresa Cooney (8th ann) by Robert M John  
† Carol McHenry by the Family

**SUNDAY, June 6**

8:00AM † Marty, Mary Ellen & Brian Hughes by Family  
† Andrew "Andy" Freedman by Heidi Malaczynski & Peter Gobel  
† Mary Cooper by J. Coonan  
10:30AM † Joe and Mea Hubert by Grand daughter- Mary Nash  
† Kim Sgroi by The Family  
† Ryan C Long by Paul & Mary Clyne

12:30PM (Latin) † Jane Kingston by Rory & Bernie Flannery

**MONDAY, June 7**

7:00AM Celebrants Intention

**TUESDAY, June 8**

7:00AM (Latin) Steve and Carol Fontana and Family (living) by the Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**WEDNESDAY, June 9**

7:00AM † Repose of the Soul of Dr. James P Furlong, KM by Joan Kehoe

**THURSDAY, June 10**

7:00AM (Latin) Anne Marie Luther (living) by Margaret Purcell

**FRIDAY, June 11**

7:00AM Celebrants Intention

**SATURDAY, June 12**

4:00PM Honor of St Anthony (Thanksgiving) by Scaringe Family  
† Carol A. Wyld by John & Katherine Berry  
† George Hewitt by Holly Hayes & John Rodier

**SUNDAY, June 13**

8:00AM † Rosemary Hassler by The Emminger Family  
† Margaret Memole by The Memole Family  
† Jackie Roberts Elliott by Dottie & Warren Roberts  
10:30AM † Angela & Salvatore Rappoccio by the Rappoccio Family  
† Woody Maxwell (3rd Anniv) by The Family  
† Marlene Rene Brady by The Hayes Family

12:30PM (Latin) In Honor of The Sacred Heart (Special Intention) by Anonymous

**DONATIONS FOR MASS INTENTIONS**

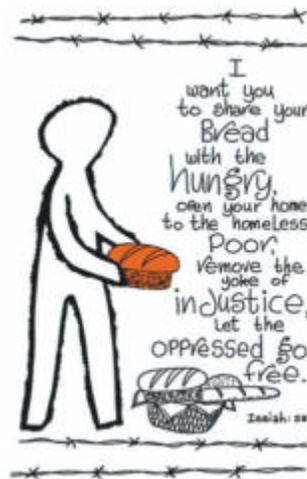
Whenever a parishioner seeks to request that a Mass be offered for a loved one (most often for a loved one who has died), it is customary to offer a donation which is referred to officially as a Mass stipend. For many years the suggested donation for that intention was \$10. Recently, Bishop Scharfenberger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

**DO YOU RECEIVE THE EVANGELIST?**

The **EVANGELIST** is the Official Catholic Newspaper of the Diocese of Albany. It is published weekly and provides interesting and necessary information for all in our Diocese. The parish will be happy to provide you with a weekly copy if you do not receive the paper already. Call Holly in our office to begin receiving your copy now.

**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.



**MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Some of the happiest moments in our lives center around having meals with others. These are times of joy in being together, relishing foods and taking part in stimulating conversation. The importance of a meal with others cannot be minimized for it is the most common way of creating togetherness and joy.

In today's readings we have riches in abundance to help us appreciate not only regular meals, but we are lifted to a feast on the supernatural level, eons beyond human fathoming: the institution of the Eucharist banquet when Jesus gave his own body, his own blood for the salvation of humankind.

In the First Reading from Exodus we see Moses splash the altar and sprinkle the people with the blood of animals to signify the active presence of God among the people. This confirmed a special relationship, a strong, sacred covenant between God and the people.

The Second Reading continues the theme of blood – that universally recognized, mysterious essence of life itself. The Letter to the Hebrews contrasts the power inherent in the covenant God made with the people, using the blood of animals at the time of Moses, with that of Christ giving his own blood as the new covenant, "thus obtaining eternal redemption" for all of us.

Mark's Gospel account of the institution of the Eucharist furnishes the background for the Second Reading. Only the Lord's Prayer is perhaps more widely repeated than these familiar but ever sacred words central to today's liturgy: "... this is my body...my blood." And startlingly we experience, one to which we are invited over and over again each time the Eucharist is celebrated.

In this unique relationship with Christ we are asked to become food for others as well. When we "take" the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist given for all of humankind, we have no choice but to be a source of life to others, to love them as God loves us, to wish them well at every turn, to want them also to be one with us and with all humankind.

**CATHEDRAL CLASSIC GOLF OUTING**

Our friends at the Cathedral are pleased to announce that the Twenty Third Annual Cathedral Classic Golf Outing has been scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2021. Once again it will be held at the Wolferts Roost Country Club. This fundraising event is conducted by the Cathedral parish in support of the historic preservation of the Albany Diocese's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. They would greatly appreciate your participation. Info: call Pilar at (518) 463-4447.

**THE EUCHARIST**

Catholics are encouraged to receive the Holy Eucharist regularly. It is the source and summit of the Christian life, the Lord's own sacrifice. In the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church namely, Christ himself. It is communion in the divine life. The Eucharist is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship offered to Christ. The liturgical action of Eucharist is also traditionally known as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church.

The Eucharistic celebration always includes: the proclamation of the Word of God; thanksgiving to God the Father for all his benefits, above all the gift of his Son; the consecration of bread and wine; and participation in the liturgical banquet by receiving the Lord's body and blood. These elements constitute one single act of worship.

The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, that is, of the work of salvation accomplished by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, a work made present by the liturgical action.

It is Christ himself, the eternal high priest of the New Covenant who, acting through the ministry of the priests, offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. And it is the same Christ, really present under the species of bread and wine, who is the offering of the Eucharistic sacrifice.

By the consecration the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity (cf. Council of Trent: DS 1640; 1651).

As sacrifice, the Eucharist is also offered in reparation for the sins of the living and the dead and to obtain spiritual or temporal benefits from God.

Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ increases the communicant's union with the Lord, forgives venial sins, and preserves a person from grave sins.

Since receiving this sacrament strengthens the bonds of charity between the communicant and Christ, it also reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ.

The Church warmly recommends that the faithful receive Holy Communion when they participate in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Because Christ himself is present in the sacrament of the altar, He is to be honored with the worship of adoration.

Having passed from this world to the Father, Christ gives us in the Eucharist the pledge of glory with him. Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with His Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven,

**ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTY UPDATE**

As we move through the Season of Spring, the Outreach Center continues to provide pantry meals for those we serve and provide for the many needs of the homeless of Albany who pass through our doors each day. During the month of May 144 meals were given to our families. Thank you to all who purchased reusable bags at Hannaford in the name of St. Mary's Outreach during the first quarter of this year. We received a donation of \$123.00 from Hannaford. We receive \$1.00 for each bag purchased. Our numbers fluctuate, as is happening in all pantries due to increased benefits people are receiving. We are seeing an increase in people registering for the first time. A good sign, as many were once homeless and now have apartments. The weekly donations brought to Church are always welcome. Unfortunately, at this time, we are not accepting clothing. We will let you know when this starts up again. Thank you for your continued support of this important Ministry at St. Mary's!

**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.hist-stmarys.org](http://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 this June. So far our donations total \$84,080.—thank you—thank you.**

**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 so that we might reach out and keep them in prayer

**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 June he asks that we pray for **The Beauty of Marriage** Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

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