

# Historic St. Mary's Church

Capitol Hill—Albany, New York

11<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."  
- Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

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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.

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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



**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  
 † Richard F. Barretta by Memole Family 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

**MONDAY, June 14**

**7:00AM** † Ann Maloy by The Family

**TUESDAY, June 15**

**7:00AM (Latin)** † Judith Ranalli by Peter Ranalli and Family

**WEDNESDAY, June 16**

**7:00AM** † Harold J. McMahon Jr. by Ed & Joan McMahon

**THURSDAY, June 17**

**7:00AM(Latin)** Steve & Carol Fontana and family (Living) by The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**FRIDAY, June 18**

**7:00AM** Celebrants Intention

**SATURDAY, June 19**

**4:00PM** † Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe by By Son's  
 † Very Rev. Michael A Farano by Matt Castiglione  
 † SPC. Colby Ruiz by 1 LT. Conor Farley  
 † John Grathwol by St. Mary's Parish Friends

**SUNDAY, June 20**

**8:00AM** † Hannah Finnerty by The Emminger Family  
 † Brian Manley by Brian & Valarie Farley  
**10:30AM** † Marie Galloway by Kathy Olivan  
 † Mary T. Remmer by John & Katherine Berry  
 † Monika Sobolewski by Danuta & Family  
 † Giuseppe Ruffino by His Daughter  
**12:30PM (Latin)** Mass of Thanks giving (Thanksgiving) by Father Nathaniel J. Resila

**DO YOU RECEIVE THE EVANGELIST?**

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**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.

**FIRST FRIDAY MONTHLY ADORATION**

We will resume monthly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays of the month. Adoration will begin after the 7am mass and continue through the morning. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 12 noon.



**THE WISE PERSON SAYS  
THANK YOU!**

When you tell a joke and somebody stares blankly at you, you know they haven't got it; and you know that if you explain it, it might finally provoke a smile but the fun has gone out of it. On

the other hand you might tell a story which illustrates a point, and it's quite normal to explain what you mean.

The parables of Jesus are not stories which require an explanation, even though they're sometimes presented as if they were. Today's two parables simply say something and leave you to get it, or not, like a joke. But these parables are not a joke.

"This is what the kingdom of God is like". "What can we say the kingdom of God is like?" And Jesus goes on to talk about everyday reality, nature doing what nature does. But this is not "just" nature: it's nature seen with eyes which can spot a mystery: it's not that the growth of the wheat or of the shrub is an illustration of the reality of the kingdom, a kind of visual aid which you could do without if you prefer to describe the kingdom in – er... - real terms. But what real terms? What is more real than the miracle of growth which Jesus has just been talking about? Just let the story of growth be your way into the reality of the kingdom. There is a transformation going on, and maybe we can learn a kingdom mentality by hearing other stories of transformation, stories of hope; by becoming ourselves stories of transformation and of hope; by sharing hopes of transformation with others who long for our world to come alive, to be a home for all. Do I mean we must work with others to build the kingdom? No I don't. No way. We do not build the kingdom; it's not that kind of reality. The kingdom is God's kingdom, not ours. We will only get energized to do useful and creative work if we first learn to welcome the miracle of the kingdom over which we have no control.

What these parables make us think of is life as a gift. (I'm not starting to explain them: I'm trying to sense, with their inspiration, what the God of the kingdom is like). In many if not all societies gifts are not really gifts at all; they are part of a system of exchange – think of Christmas presents and cards. But we do encounter people who simply give – and ultimately what they give is themselves. The kingdom comes as sheer gift from God. The wise person says thank you.

**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.



**THERE IS NOTHING ORDINARY ABOUT ORDINARY TIME**

Ordinary Time exemplifies the old Jesuit motto: *Age quod agis*, "Do what you're doing." Namely, we are told, don't worry about tomorrow, or yesterday. Don't worry about this afternoon or this morning. It stresses

God as the Eternal Now, humbling us with the lesson that we are most with God when we are in the present moment.

This past weekend, the Church's liturgical calendar moved back to Ordinary Time. At first, the designation might seem a bit peculiar, since the word "ordinary" is often associated with things that are unimportant, insignificant, or just downright boring.

And so, what exactly is meant by Ordinary Time?

Well, the first answer is very practical. In light of the past several high holy days - from Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Trinity Sunday, to Corpus Christi - today and the next several Sundays are rather uneventful, meaning, without a major event or teaching associated with them. After so many powerful feast days, the Church now returns to a season of typical Sundays and to a normal pace in the liturgy.

With this observation stated clearly, someone could innocently inquire about the focus of the Ordinary Time Masses. What does the Church give to believers who attend the liturgy during this season?

During Ordinary Time, the Church's prayers and selections of readings from the Sacred Scriptures have believers accompany the Lord Jesus in his public ministry.

The Church selects healings, signs, and essential teachings from the life of Jesus Christ so that followers can be reminded, re-affirmed, consoled, and challenged in how they are living the Christian way of life.

With this understanding, an awareness - beyond the practical - can quickly be grasped that Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. The purpose and benefits of this season are rather extraordinary, indispensable, and fundamental to our following of the Lord Jesus.

In fact, the season is one of the sources from which our Christian lives are fed and upon which our celebration of the high feasts is grounded.

**ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY 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 \$86,091—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: \_\_\_\_\_

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