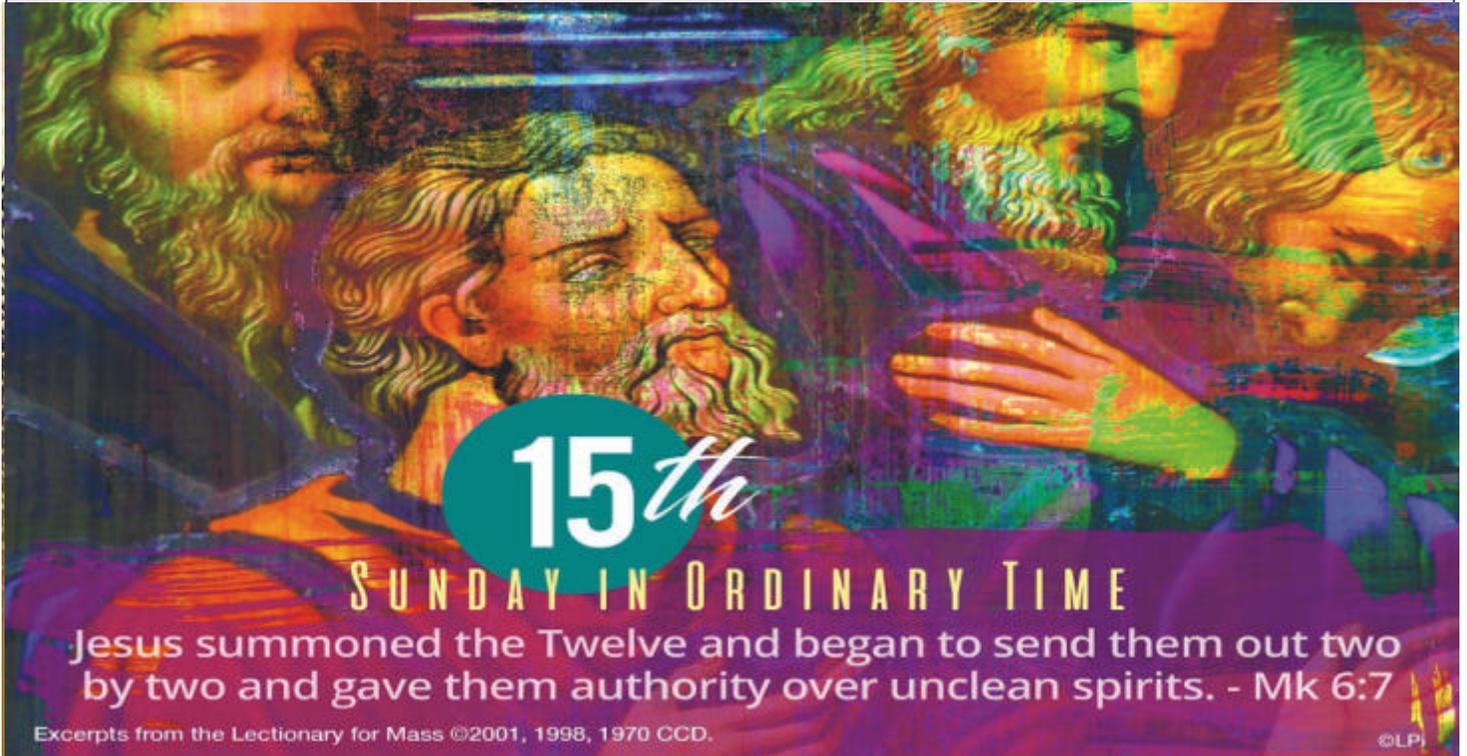


# Historic St. Mary's Church

Capitol Hill—Albany, New York



## 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., (Mon, Wed and Fri)

## HOLY HOUR

Thursdays - 6:30-7:30pm

## CONFESSIONS:

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)

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:

James Elacqua



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**SATURDAY, July 10**

4:00PM † Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe by By Son's  
 † Maria Bonomo Salomone(50th Anniversary) by  
 Kristine Zeronda  
 † Joanne Salerno & Anne Marie Sgroi by the Family  
 † Michael Sheridan by Ken & Mittsie Shannon

**SUNDAY, July 11**

8:00AM † Marty, Mary Ellen & Brian Hughes by the Family  
 † Richard F. Barretta by Memole Family  
 10:30AM † Monika Sobolewski by Jadwiga Putkotycki

**MONDAY, July 12**

7:00AM † James Stevens by The Sheedy Family

**WEDNESDAY, July 14**

7:00AM † Ann Maloy by By The Family

**FRIDAY, July 16**

7:00AM † Deceased members of the Hebert- Ouellette Families by  
 Susana & Antonio Hebert

**SATURDAY, July 17**

4:00PM † James Patterson by The Family  
 † Raymond E. Plath by The Family  
 † Daniel Scaringe by By Son's  
 † Antoinette Ercolano by By The Family  
 † Fr. Lloyd Rebeyro by A Friend

**SUNDAY, July 18**

8:00AM † Beverly Morgan by The Emminger Family  
 † Margaret Memole by The Memole Family  
 10:30AM † Jan Chwiejczuk by Joanna & Marek Czajkowska  
 † Brendan McCauliff by Mary & William Lenihan  
 † Giulio Enzo Frisone by Anonymous

**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 July he asks that we pray for **Social Friendship**: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**UPCOMING CHURCH PROJECTS**

The major interior renovations to the Church have been completed, but there are three additional projects about to be implemented. They are upgraded interior lighting, outside masonry to the church and the repainting of church and rectory windows. While there will be no special collections for these necessary updates, if you would consider making a personal contribution to St Mary's, your contribution to help defray these expenses would be greatly appreciated.

**ST MARY'S FOOD PANTRY AND OUTREACH CENTER**

Summer has arrived in Albany and a hot one to start out. 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 June 549 meals were given to our families. We are happy to say that 6 new families signed up for Pantry. A good sign that people are coming to downtown. 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.



**TRAVEL LIGHTLY**

Jesus' instructions to the disciples was not practical. He sends them on the road with one piece of advice: don't pack a thing.

We can see how impractical Jesus' instructions were. Planning something as simple as a three-day weekend requires more provisions than Jesus allows. To make matters worse for the disciples, Jesus *is not* sending them to do battle with unclean spirits.

However, if the disciples are wise, they will take with them one very important thing. If they remember the scriptures, they will take with them a story from the Old Testament's Book of Judges. It is the story of a man named Gideon. As we meet Gideon, he is preparing to lead God's people into a battle against the Midianites. This army was enormous, like sand on the seashore. In comparison, Gideon's troops were very small.

This is a story the disciples could remember as Jesus sends them to do battle with evil spirits. But such troop strength is too much, according to God. The day before the battle God reduces Gideon's troops. That hardly seems practical, does it? First, God tells Gideon to send home anyone who is scared – 20,000 go home. With an army of 10,000 left, perhaps Gideon can still battle the Midianites. But even 10,000 is too many according to God. By the time God is done sifting through the Gideon army, 99% of the troops have gone home and Gideon is left with next to nothing. What is Gideon to do? He goes into battle - he wins.

It's all strange and much like the gospel story. The disciples hit the road empty-handed except for the story of God's kingdom. The battle is in God's hands. For the disciples, and even for us in our lives of faith, anything we might bring to the task of answering God's call is just extra baggage. In our lives of following Jesus, we are sent out empty-handed so that it's clear God is doing a good work in us, among us and for us.

Jesus sends the disciples out empty-handed, just as last week we heard St. Paul proclaim that in his weakness he finds God's strength. God sifts through our lives and calls us to follow without baggage. What matters is Jesus Christ alone and the gifts he gives us, not the things we pack along the way. In order to receive those gifts, even the gift of Jesus today in the Eucharist, we open up our empty hands. And in the gift of Jesus Christ we find that God is working in us, among us and for us.

**THURSDAY EVENING HOLY HOUR**

Deacon Aaron presides over a holy hour every Thursday night from 6:30-7:30pm. The hour will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, recitation of the Rosary, silent adoration, and benediction.

**MONTHLY HEALING LITURGY**

The monthly DSC Healing Liturgy will take place on Wednesday, July 14, at 7:30 pm at Christ Our Light Roman Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville with music by Joyful Heart. Prayer and Praise begins at 7 pm. Healing Prayer will follow the liturgy. For more information, visit [www.Albany CCR.org](http://www.Albany CCR.org)

**DO YOU HAVE 2-3 HOURS PER MONTH TO HELP SOMEONE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?**

1 in 8 persons over 65 and nearly half of those over 85 will be diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease. 80% of Alzheimer’s patients are cared for at home by family. Caring for someone with memory loss can be both isolating and exhausting for family members. THESE FAMILIES NEED YOUR HELP! Belonging to a Care Team, you only give the time you can when you can because there are several of you to share the role of helping the family. The average volunteer offers just 2-3 hours per month. The team provides non-medical support and friendship. All volunteers are offered training and continued support from the staff at Eddy Alzheimer’s Services. If you would like to receive information about our Faith In Action Care-Team Program, contact Sandy Monahan at Eddy Alzheimer’s Service email [Sandra.monahan@sphp.com](mailto:Sandra.monahan@sphp.com) or 518-238-4167.

**211 RESOURCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

211 is a Resource in your Community – Burning question? Dial 211. Funded by the United Way, local and state government and private nonprofit organizations, 211 is a one stop resource for food, housing, child care, health care, substance abuse, financial problems and more available 7 days a week from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm in local counties. 211 offers fast, accurate information on safety, relief and recovery services during natural disaster or regional emergencies.

**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.histmarys.org](http://www.histmarys.org)). Your help is greatly appreciated!**

**PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS**

All powerful and ever living God  
 When Abraham left his own land  
 And departed from his own people,  
 You kept him safe through his journey.  
 Protect us, who are also your servants;  
 Walk by our side to help us;  
 Be our companion and our strength on the road  
 And our refuge in every day adversity.  
 Lead us, O Lord  
 So that we will reach our destination in safety  
 And Happily return to our homes.....  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord

**CURRENT COVID PROTOCOLS**

Fr Flannery announced the following in May “*Diocesan guidelines propose continued use of face masks in church, but now allow for a broader range of exceptions: from those known to be fully vaccinated to the very young to those with certain medical conditions that clearly preclude the wearing of masks. Furthermore, pastors now have the authority to establish parish protocol. Therefore, at Historic St. Mary’s I kindly request that those who know themselves to be at risk of contracting or spreading the Covid 19 virus, on the honor system, wear a face mask while in the church and maintain a respectful distance of others.*”

Respectfully, we ask that all follow these guidelines and be assured it is OK to wear a mask even if you are fully vaccinated—in fact, we appreciate it. In addition, we encourage the use of hand sanitizers and ask that all continue to follow the directions of the ushers.

Unless you are arriving with a group or are part of a family we ask that you choose your seating in order to maintain a respectful distance from others. When possible, try to maintain a safe distance by leaving an empty pew between groups. Ushers will be glad to assist you in locating appropriate seating (this may include utilizing seats upstairs).

For the distribution of communion— all should proceed in lines down the aisles toward the front of the church beginning with the front pews and moving toward the back. Please try to maintain a safe distance. Fully vaccinated people (including Eucharistic ministers, if they desire) need not wear a mask. Those wishing to receive “in the hand” should approach the Eucharistic minister who will be standing at the head of the aisle, reverently receive communion and then return to your seat. Those wishing to receive “on the tongue” - upon reaching the head of the aisle may step to one side and proceed to the altar rail where they may kneel and wait for the Eucharistic minister assigned to the altar rail to approach them to offer communion. Reverently receive communion and then return to your seat. Move slowly, respecting others, and maintain as safe a distance as possible given the width of the aisles. This process may take a bit longer. We want everyone to stay safe and healthy

**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

**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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