

# Historic St. Mary's Church

Capitol Hill—Albany, New York

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### 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



**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

**MONDAY, July 19**

- 7:00AM Celebrant's Intention

**WEDNESDAY, July 21**

- 7:00AM Celebrant's Intention

**FRIDAY, July 23**

- 7:00AM Celebrant's Intention

**SATURDAY, July 24**

- 4:00PM † John O'Grady by Barbara O'Grady
- † Chester Hotaling by by wife Nancy
- † John Grathwol by Ken & Mittsie Shannon
- † James M. Cullen by Lawrence Clarke

**SUNDAY, July 25**

- 8:00AM † Gloria & Herbert Emminger by the Emminger Family
- † John Whalen by The Family & Friends
- † Mary Claire Tuffey by her Children
- 10:30AM † Jeanne Ciancetta by The Gilroy Family
- † Kathryn "Kate" Twomey by Mandy Webb & Holly Hayes

**PRAYER PARTNER TO POPE FRANCIS**

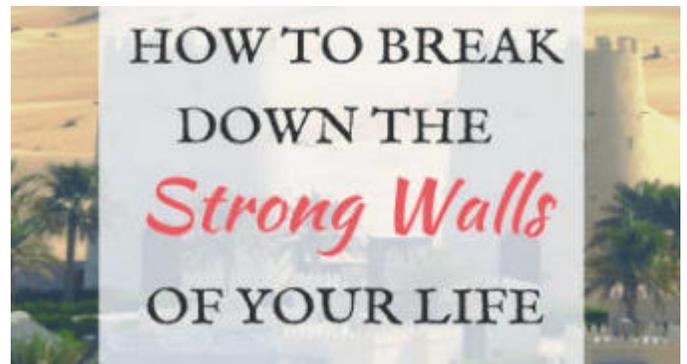
For those who have made the commitment to pray every day for the monthly intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis: -. For July he asks that we pray for **Social Friendship**: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue 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



**WALLS MUST CRUMBLE**

In his autobiography *Report to Greco*, a Greek writer tells this story: "I was walking when a little old lady came up to me carrying a basket of figs. She lifted one of the leaves and offered me a fig. 'Do you know me old lady?' I asked. The old lady replied, 'Do I have to know you to give you something?' We're both human beings aren't we? That's enough, isn't it?"

It's strange that this is a concept difficult for us to grasp – the human family. When the planet Earth was considered a big place, it was understandable to think that the people who occupied the other continents were strangers and aliens. Since the start of the space age, the earth has shrunk. An astronaut remarked, "We are not passengers on this planet, we are its crew. We are not residents on earth but its citizens. The difference in both cases is responsibility."

In fact people have begun to think of the earth as a home. A home not just for humans but for non-human creatures as well. Many countries have a Green Party that raises consciousness of the impact that our economic policies have on the whole planet, its atmosphere, seas, its human and non-human populations.

We are less conscious, however, of how our policies and practices impact the other people who live on this planet. It is difficult for us to think of anyone living more than a few blocks from us as our neighbors. To think of everyone else as family is beyond our capacity. That's why racism continues to be the number one moral failure of the human species.

What Jesus stands for, says our Second Reading, is to break down all these barriers that we build between ourselves and others. Every week we have the opportunity to break down the barriers that divide us. Because that is precisely what the Mass is. The best way to describe the Mass is to call it the sacrament that breaks down barriers. The whole point of the Mass is to unite us, not just to Jesus, but to each other. A theologian has put it this way: we do not come to the altar to **receive communion** but to **enter into communion** – to enter into communion with Jesus, with all the rest who are present, with all of the human family and, indeed, with all of God's creatures.

**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.

**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!**

**ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL**

Our parish will take up its’ annual mission appeal on the week-end of August 7-8 on behalf of the Passionist Fathers who are ministering in Kenya. Through their projects in Kenya they are able to promote integral human development. Their projects involve programs that alleviate poverty and foster social justice and economic empowerment in the communities they serve. Please plan to support their work in two orphanages along with their education of seminarians and their tailoring and carpentry schools for orphans and children from poor families. Please plan to help the Passionists in this very worthwhile ministry.

**PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

“Be a witness of charity.” Each year the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany participates in the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. This collection will be taken up next weekend

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address change** \_\_\_\_\_

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