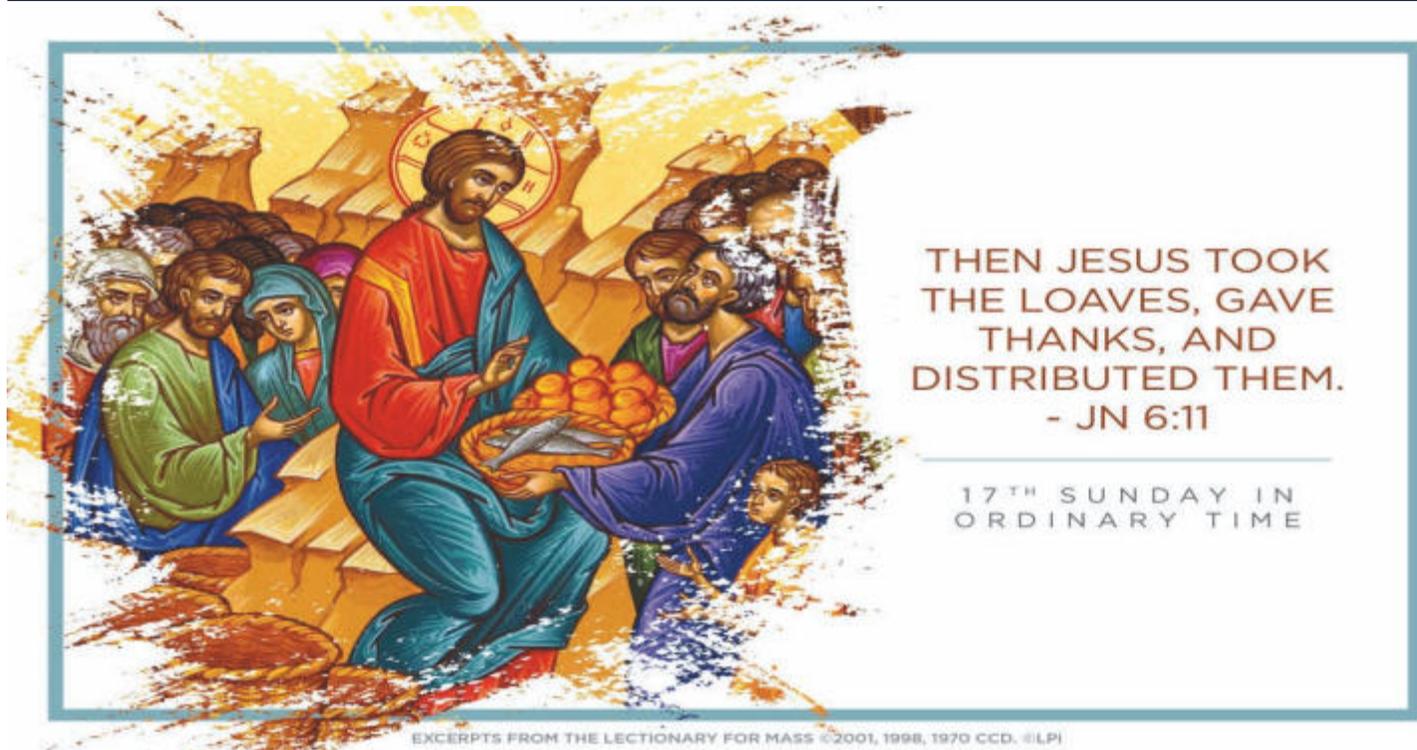


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RECTORY HOURS AND CONTACT NUMBER:

Mon-Thurs : 8:30 am– 4:00 pm, Fri : 8:30 am– 1:00 pm
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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.

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HISTORIC ST. MARY'S STAFF:

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Marion Zrelak– Call the Parish Office for Info.

BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

James Elacqua



SATURDAY, July 24

- 4:00PM † John O'Grady by Barbara O'Grady
- † Chester Hotaling 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

MONDAY, July 26

- 7:00AM † Mary Anne Murphy by Mr. & Mrs. Warren Abriel

WEDNESDAY, July 28

- 7:00AM Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, July 30

- 7:00AM † Jack Maloy by The Family

SATURDAY, July 31

- 4:00PM † Rose Patterson by The Family
- † Edward & Katherine Zeronda by Their Daughter
- † Carol & Patrick McHenry by The Family
- † Angeline & George Abraham by Their daughter, Judy

SUNDAY, August 1

- 8:00AM † Ann M. Plath by The Family
- 10:30AM † Anne Fitzgerald by Jack & Karen Graber
- † Kim Sgroi by The Family

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

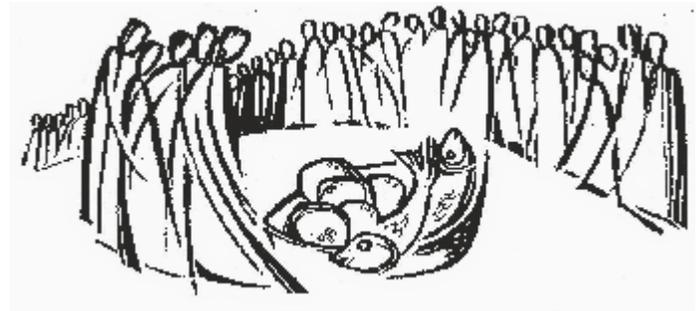
The major interior renovations to the Church have been completed, but there are three additional projects about to be implemented. They are upgraded interior lighting (occurring now), outside masonry to the church and the repainting of church and rectory windows. While there will be no special collections 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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THIS 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 this weekend

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.



MIRACLE OF GENEROSITY

Do you have difficulty in accepting miracles? In this age of science there are many people who roll their eyes in disbelief when someone claims to have witnessed a miracle.

There are many natural events that are seemingly greater wonders than many of the miracles Jesus worked. For example, the transformation of a grain of wheat into a stem of leaves and kernels ought to stir a sense of wonder in us. St. Gregory wrote that the difference between miracles and natural wonders is that the latter occurs with predictable regularity; while the former are rare events.

It seems clear, however, that the evangelist is describing a miracle. We cannot help but see the parallel between John's account and the feeding miracle described in the first reading. Elisha was faced with a dilemma similar to the one Jesus faced – a crowd of hungry people without bread. Elisha's servant had the same reaction as Philip – where was the food going to come from? Jesus and Elisha were confident of a miraculous solution. In both accounts there was food left over after the people had eaten.

When we pray the Our Father and ask for our "daily bread," it is not just for ourselves that we pray but for those who experience hunger on a daily basis.

What does Jesus expect us to do about world hunger? There is a clue in today's readings. Both Jesus and Elisha accomplished miracles, but not alone. The miracle workers asked for cooperation from others. I suspect that Jesus expects some cooperation from us as well.

When we look back over the years, we remember how spontaneously people all over the country and world responded to the plight of those affected by the hurricanes and other natural disasters. This response to those in need was awesome, a wonder for everyone to observe.

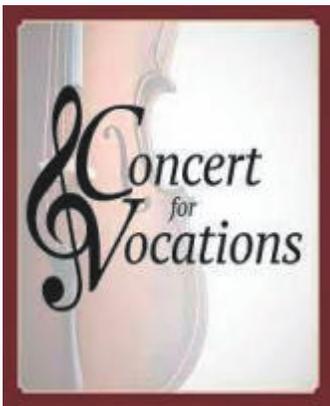
As we share this Eucharistic bread, we remember that as God's people we pledge ourselves to share our daily bread with those in need.

RITE OF SENDING & CANDIDACY

All are cordially invited to attend the Rite of Sending of Seminarians and Candidacy on August 8th to be celebrated at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 667 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush beginning at 4pm.

**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 or 518-238-4167.



**7th ANNUAL CONCERT
FOR VOCATIONS**

The 7th Annual Concert for Vocations will occur on August 3, 2021 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception beginning at 6pm with a Holy Hour followed by Benediction. The concert begins at 7pm. The concert will be performed live and all are invited to attend. It will also be livestreamed at www.rcda.org/livestream

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). 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.

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:

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