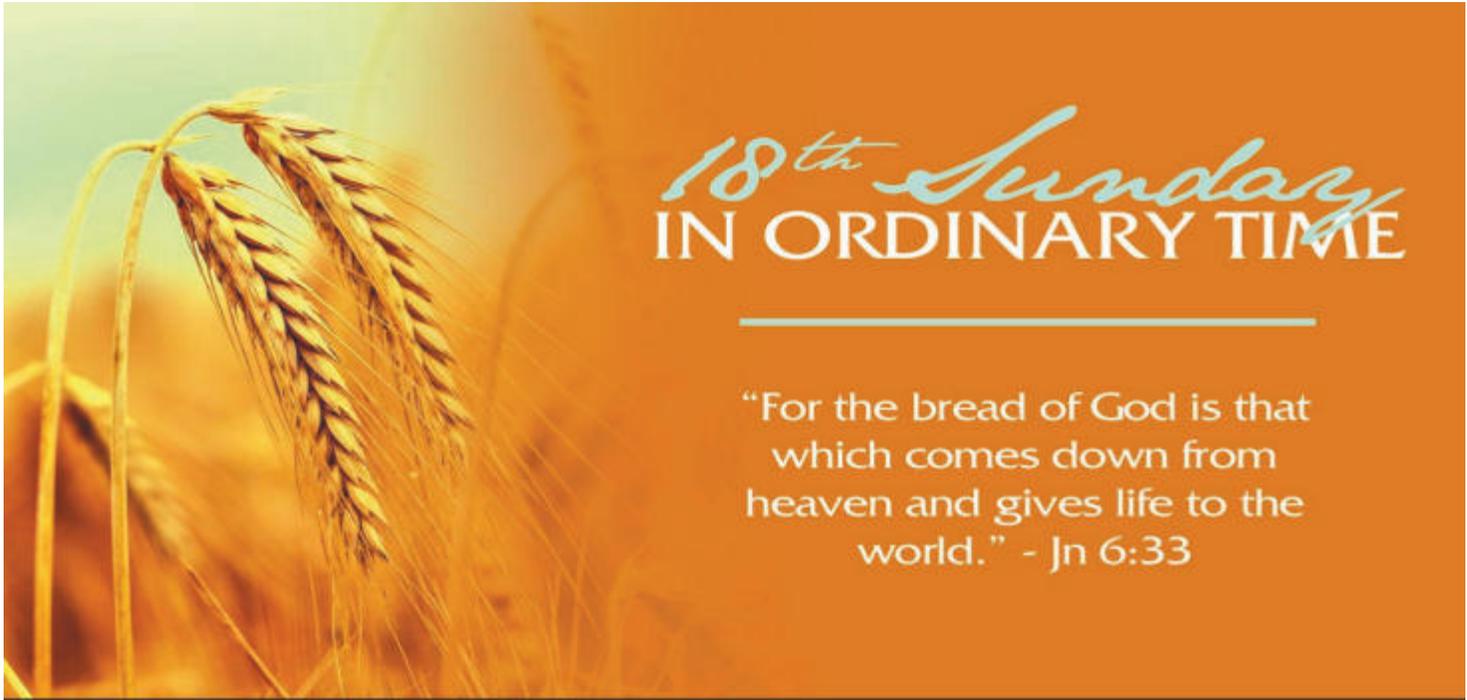


Historic St. Mary's Church

Capitol Hill—Albany, New York



18th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” - Jn 6:33

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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., (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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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)

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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 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

MONDAY, August 2

- 7:00AM Brittani Abriel (Special Intention) by The Family

WEDNESDAY, August 4

- 7:00AM Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, August 6

- 7:00AM Anastasia Maria Truesdell (2nd Birthday) by The Family

SATURDAY, August 7

- 4:00PM † Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe by Son's
- † Lena Zullo by Margaret Purcell

SUNDAY, August 8

- 8:00AM † Members of Houle, Pazzo and Biggs Families by The Family
- 10:30AM † Monika Sobolewski by Helena Marchewka
- † Repose Souls in Purgatory by Susana & Antonio Hebert

BE A PRAYER PARTNER WITH POPE FRANCIS

For those who have made the commitment to pray every day for the monthly intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis: -. For August he asks that we pray for **The Church**: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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.

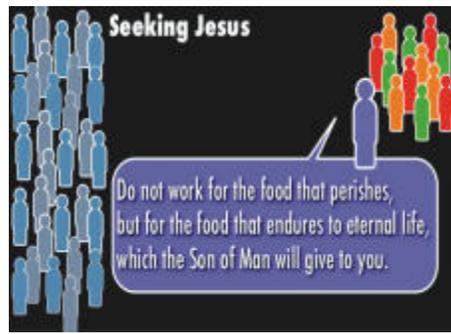
THURSDAY EVENING HOLY HOUR

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.

Thank You

Please accept my deep and abiding gratitude for your most generous gift and for graciously sharing in my journey to the holy altar of the priesthood. I am tremendously blessed and honored that you shared in my family's and my holy joy. I am so very touched and moved by your loving support. Please pray for me that I might bear abundant fruit at my new assignment as an associate priest at Our Lady of Victory in Troy and Our Lady of the Snow in Grafton. Let us pray for each other.

Fr Nathaniel Resila



Hardly a day goes by that the media does not focus, through ads or commercials, on **FOOD!** Today's gospel join this chorus of concerns on the quality or quantity of

food. Jesus quickly recognizes that the crowd following him is doing the right thing for the wrong reason. It was right for them to follow Jesus, who earlier in this gospel had invited people to "Come, and you will see...Follow me...Come and see."

Jesus, however, realized that the crowd's reason for following him was wrong. He sees through their eager rush to accompany him when he says, "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." We can hardly blame those hungry humans for hoping that perhaps here was a solution to their problem of having enough to eat at a time when food was never plentiful.

Jesus tells the people, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life which the Son of Man will give you." Even though he is genuinely concerned with the issue of giving food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty, Jesus' major mission is essentially spiritual. Jesus wants us to understand that he is not the one who gives us bread, rather he *is* the bread, life for life. His purpose is to feed us, nourish us with his very own life, his very own love, his very own presence.

That is why we come together every Sunday in this sacred space. We come here to fill our hearts with the nourishment we need to give us spiritual growth and strength. We come here to feed on Jesus who is our bread of life. We come to hear his words of life that refreshes our faith, hope and our love. We come to eat his body and drink his blood in Holy Communion. This gift of Jesus Christ himself is what makes our celebration of the Eucharist our most precious privilege as Catholics.

It is our privilege, our gift, our blessing, our inestimable good fortune to come together like this every Sunday, even every day. We come to Jesus so we will never hunger, to believe in Jesus so we will never thirst, to receive Jesus who is food that endures for eternal life. What a privilege!

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.

SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL

The parishes of Blessed Sacrament and St. Vincent de Paul are sponsoring a summer film series, Faith on Film, at the Madison Theatre. Each of the films offers a message or insight into the values of our faith as well as being entertaining. The remaining films will be shown on Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm:
 A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood- 10 August
 My Italian Secret- 31 August
 You can park on the street or in St. Vincent’s lot but not in the Price Chopper lot. Admission is free but you are asked to bring a donation to their food pantries.

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). Your help is greatly appreciated!

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

Our parish will take up its’ annual mission appeal on the weekend 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.

ALBANY CATHOLIC WORKER/EMMAUS HOUSE

Is looking for school supplies, except crayons, or monetary donations to purchase school supplies. Supplies should be dropped off before Noon, Thursday, August 19, Emmaus House, 45 Trinity Place, Albany, NY 12202. Donations may be mailed to this address as well.

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 FALL FAITH FORMATION

Please call Holly in our Parish Office if you wish to enroll your child in the Fall Faith Formation Program we jointly sponsor with Blessed Sacrament Church on Central Ave.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please complete and drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory Office:

Name: _____

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