

# Historic St. Mary's Church

Capitol Hill—Albany, New York



“MASTER, TO WHOM  
SHALL WE GO?”  
- JN 6:68

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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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.

[www.hist-stmarys.org](http://www.hist-stmarys.org)

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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

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, August 21**

- 4:00PM † Angela Cello by Grandson's
- † Margaret Hilton by Lawrence Clarke
- † Angeline & George Abraham by daughter, Judy
- † Joseph Cahill by Arthur Fealey

**SUNDAY, August 22**

- 8:00AM † Marty, Mary Ellen & Brian Hughes by The Family
- † Ann & Frank Clarke by Dottie & Warren Roberts
- 10:30AM † Giulio Enzo Frisone by Anonymous
- † John "Jack" F. Richardson by Deb & Andy Phelan

**MONDAY, August 23**

- 7:00AM † William Ostrander by Arthur Fealey

**WEDNESDAY, August 25**

- 7:00AM † Souls in Purgatory by Danuta

**FRIDAY, August 27**

- 7:00AM † Rev. Donald Ophals

**SATURDAY, August 28**

- 4:00PM † Donald O'Grady by Barbara O'Grady
- † Angeline & Henry Newton by Carmella Hicks
- † Dennis Farrell by Deb & Andy Phelan
- Arlene (Thanksgiving) by Friends

**SUNDAY, August 29**

- 8:00AM † Marie Collins 8th Anniversary by The Family
- † Jack Maloy by The Family
- 10:30AM † Raeann Dinardi Mc Elveen by the Dinardi Family
- † Thomas Amato, Sr. by The Family

**ST JOHN'S (SCHENECTADY) CLOTHING SALE**

If you are thinking about cleaning out your closets this summer/fall and getting rid of those gently used clothes, please consider donating them to the St. John the Evangelist's Rosary Society's Clothing Sale being held on Saturday, September 25, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. They are asking for your donations of clean clothing (men, women, children), shoes, accessories and jewelry. Donated articles may be dropped off at the Parish Center (806 Union St) between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday, September 20, through Thursday, September 23, and Friday, September 24, from 9:00 AM. to 12 noon. Please enter through the parking lot Gym door. Questions? Contact Maureen Adamek – 377-8497 or Kathy Carney – 377-7444.

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through our parish office or by email to [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org).

**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.



Master,  
to whom  
shall  
we go?

Whoever we are, high or low, rich or poor, we all wind up serving somebody. We make choices, whether we know it or not, just as the Israelites do in today's reading.

The Israelites completed their forty years of wandering in the wilderness and are poised to enter the Promised Land. Before they do, Joshua ensures that they know why and how they have come to this day. They must make a choice as to whom they are going to serve. They are free to serve the pagan gods of surrounding peoples, but they will then belong to these gods and not to the God who brought them out of Egypt. They must make a choice.

This theme of choice and whom to serve is picked up and played out in today's gospel. The disciples of Jesus have to make a choice. They have heard his words. Are they to take Jesus seriously? Will they continue to follow him or will they break away and no longer remain in Jesus' company? Hard sayings involve hard choices.

All Jesus' talk of eating his flesh and drinking his blood is more than some of his followers can handle. Jesus confronts their stunned shock and resistance. You haven't seen anything yet – just wait until you see me ascending to the Father where I was before!

Spirit and life come from above, from God and the flesh symbolizes all the ignorance and limitations of unredeemed humanity. If human beings want to transcend these limits and live in God's presence, they must receive the gift from above. This gift is contained in Jesus' words and teachings. Human beings are being granted the opportunity to share in the divine nature.

Jesus was aware that many wouldn't believe him, and he even knew who was going to betray him. Those who believe in his words and come to faith have been allowed to do so by the Father. No one is condemned beforehand to a particular fate.

Jesus asks Peter if he and the others are leaving. Peter's answer – "Master, to whom shall we go?" They understand little else except that Jesus is the one sent from God, and that eternal life is not available through any other person. They are coming to faith, and they trust that as they continue on their journey with Jesus their understanding will deepen. Faith and trust are the essential elements of understanding and growth.

**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.

**ST. MARY'S OUTREACH REPORT**

Summer has arrived in Albany and the rain in July did not deter us. 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 522 meals were given to our families. We continue to see new families coming to us. We are happy to report that the Outreach Center will now be open 3 days a week. Out of an abundance of caution, we still require all who come to us to wear a mask. 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.

**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 film will be shown on Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm: 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.histmarys.org](http://www.histmarys.org)). Your help is greatly appreciated!**

**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.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK  
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

**COMMUNITY OF GIVING BLOOD DRIVE**

The American Red Cross partners with churches and faith groups across the country for a faith-based program called **Community of Giving**. Christ the King Church in Westmere, in partnership with Knights Council #3357, is sponsoring a Community of Giving blood drive on August 21st from 9AM to 3PM, in the Knights Chapel. To schedule your appointment go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) using sponsor code: **churchchristking** or contact John Risler at [jrisler61@gmail.com](mailto:jrisler61@gmail.com).

**CURRENT COVID PROTOCOLS**

The Diocese recently issued new recommendations from the Bishop's Office that state: "Regrettably, several of the counties of our diocese are experiencing a substantial uptick in COVID cases. Out of an abundance of caution, and consistent with CDC recommendations, our parishes may want to consider re-instating masking protocols. At the Pastoral Center (Bishop's Office) we are asking all personnel to wear a mask upon entering the building, in all common areas, and when social distancing is not possible, regardless of one's vaccination status. We further encourage all to do their part to stop the spread by washing their hands frequently, sanitize their workspace regularly and social distance when possible."

**Respectfully, we ask that all follow the recommendations of the Diocese that strongly recommend and encourage the wearing of face masks (by all—including those who have been fully vaccinated) whenever we are inside church. 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.

**SENIOR PROGRAM AT ST. MARY'S**

**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 and would like prayers or to receive Holy Communion.**

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Feel free to call the Rectory office at (518) 462-4254 with any questions.

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