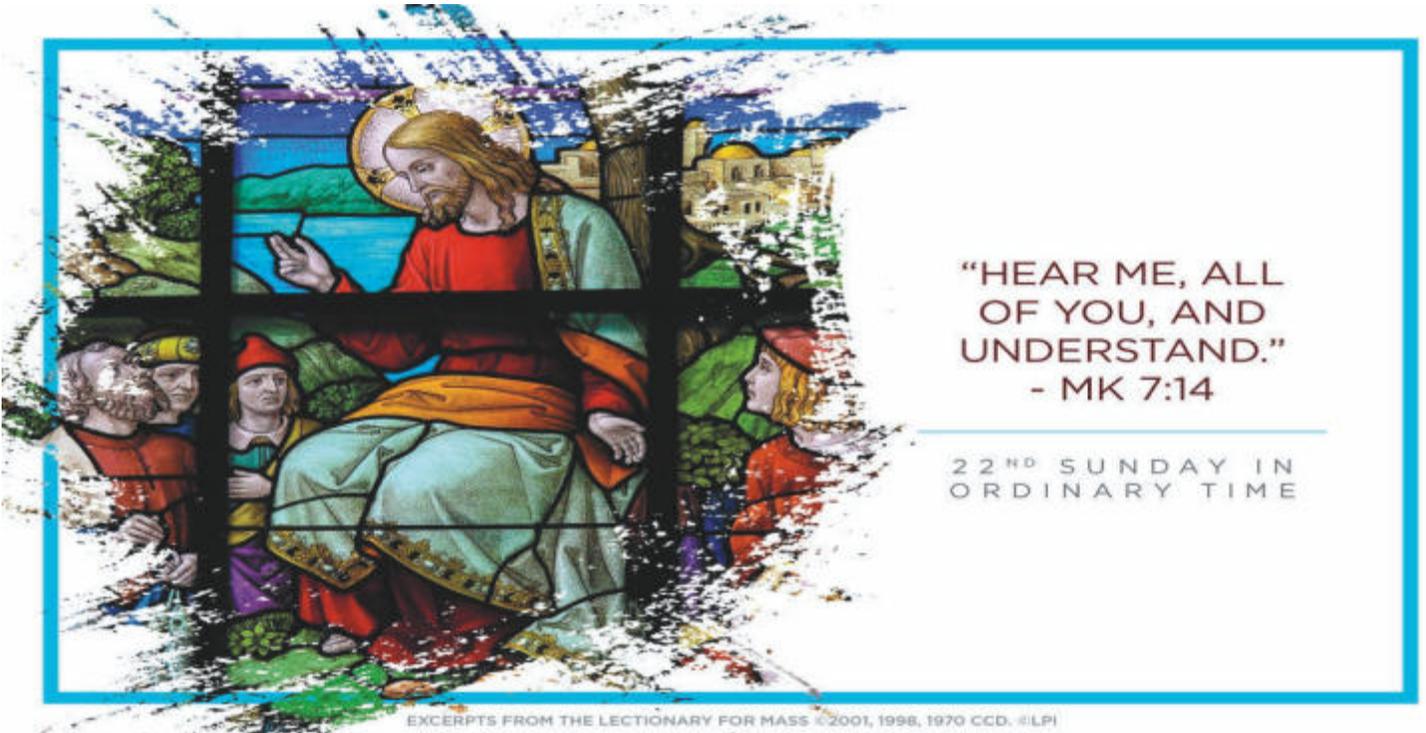


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RECTORY HOURS AND CONTACT NUMBER:

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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OUTREACH: Sick, hospitalized and homebound

Marion Zrelak– Call the Parish Office for Info.

BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

James Elacqua



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

MONDAY, August 30

7:00AM † Preziosa Carusone by Patricia Bryce

WEDNESDAY, September 1

7:00AM † Marie Collins by The Family

FRIDAY, September 3

7:00AM † Joseph Slavin by Joe & Jerry Teresi

SATURDAY, September 4

4:00PM † Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe by Son's
 † Michael W. Clark by The Miller's
 † Joan Ann Cook Barney by Lawrence Clarke

SUNDAY, September 5

8:00AM † Lynda McGlynn by Rory & Bernie Flannery
 10:30AM † Kim Sgroi by The Family
 † Daphne Joseph Cole by Children & Grandchildren

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The 49th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held Saturday, October 30th, 2021 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th 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.



"ADOPT A STUDENT"

Dear Parishioners: Twenty nine years ago we embarked on a worthwhile project entitled the "ADOPT A STUDENT" PROGRAM. "The ultimate goal of a Catholic education is salvation in Jesus Christ," said our late Holy Father, St. Pope John Paul II. He further stated that "Catholic schools are the heartbeat of the Catholic Church." A gift to one adopted student helps him/her to receive the quality academic education needed to prepare him/her to learn, love and share his/her faith with others. The aim of this Program is to assist one or two children at Blessed Sacrament School with their tuition. It is designed specifically to financially assist children in grammar school who wish to receive a Catholic education but find it difficult to meet tuition.

This year we come to you again for the "TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM." If you wish to contribute to this Program, please clip the coupon below, attach your check and mail it to the Rectory, or place it in a separate envelope in the collection basket.

ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM

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Make check payable to St. Mary's, 10 Lodge St., Albany NY 12207



**RITUALS
 FULL OR EMPTY?**

As families change – as they grow and relocate – traditions are bound to change. And this can create tension. We get a sense of these difficulties in today's Scripture. We hear part of Moses' address where he is about to teach them the statutes and decrees they must obey in order to enter the Promised Land. He tells them: "you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it." He is ready to set the whole law before them and warns them how essential it is that they get it right.

There was something more important at stake for the Israelites. The laws were a means to the end of maintaining their loving covenantal relationship with God. And that could not happen if they were not in the right relationship with their neighbors. Obedience to the law assured that people loved their neighbors and treated them justly. As Moses said, these laws were life-giving, just, a sign of wisdom and intelligence.

What are we to make of Jesus' reaction to some of these rituals and traditions? The rituals were all very much a part of Jesus' family tradition. It might appear as if Jesus has simply outgrown his family traditions and moved on to something new. But there may be something else going on here. Jesus is not against tradition. He does take issue with empty ritual. He insists that traditions and rituals are meant to help us, not burden us. Rituals and traditions, if we get them right, are the ties that bind us – to one another and to God.

There's a challenge in today's gospel for Catholics. Ours is a rich and beautiful tradition. We bless ourselves with holy water as we enter for Mass and again when we leave after Mass is over because it is a reminder of our baptism, that we are all sons and daughters of God the Father, brothers and sisters of Christ and filled with the Spirit of love. We offer ourselves to God, and God gives us Jesus in Communion. Talk about a tradition that is life-giving!

The danger is that we assume that in performing these rituals our work is done. For rituals to "work," to be effective, we have to work. We must love and serve our neighbors, forgive others as God forgives us, and must be "doers of the word and not hearers only." We must live the tradition - not simply perform the ritual.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
 REGULAR MONTHLY COLLECTION**

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.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

A Charismatic Mass and Healing Service is held on the 2nd. Wednesday of each month (except December) at Christ Our Light RC Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211. The next mass will be on September 8th 2021 beginning at 7:00 pm with Prayer and Praise. Liturgy follows at 7:30 pm All are Welcome, bring a friend. Check us out on: AlbanyCCR.org for other news and events.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

Blessed Sacrament School is accepting registrations for next year. Please call the school for more information or to set up an appointment (438-5854). We offer quality Catholic education from 3-year old nursery to 8th grade. The 3 and 4 year old programs are offered for full or half day. Kindergarten is full day

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

St. Mary’s works with Blessed Sacrament in providing Faith Formation classes for our young people. If your youngsters (family) are registered parishioners of St. Mary’s, and are not currently enrolled in religious education at Blessed Sacrament, please call our Parish Office with the name, address, phone number, age and current class year of your child so that we may enroll them in the program at Blessed Sacrament in Albany. Please call to enroll your child this week if you wish to be included in the program for the coming year.

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.



Bishop Scharfenberger invites you to a "Diocesan Day of Prayer & Celebration" For ALL the people of the Albany Diocese

Come Holy Spirit! Renew Our Strength, Reaffirm Our Hope

Saturday, Sept. 25th- 9 AM to 2 PM
St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park

To Register: <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation>
OR Call The Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation (518) 453-6670
There is NO cost for this event

The day will begin with a special prayer for God’s strength, and an uplifting message from Father Bob Longobucco, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. From this morning prayer, the day will continue with time to reflect more deeply on the gift of God’s hope, led by Bob McCarty, well-known national presenter and former director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Finally, the day will conclude with a Holy Hour and a recommitment to “go announce the Gospel of the Lord!”

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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