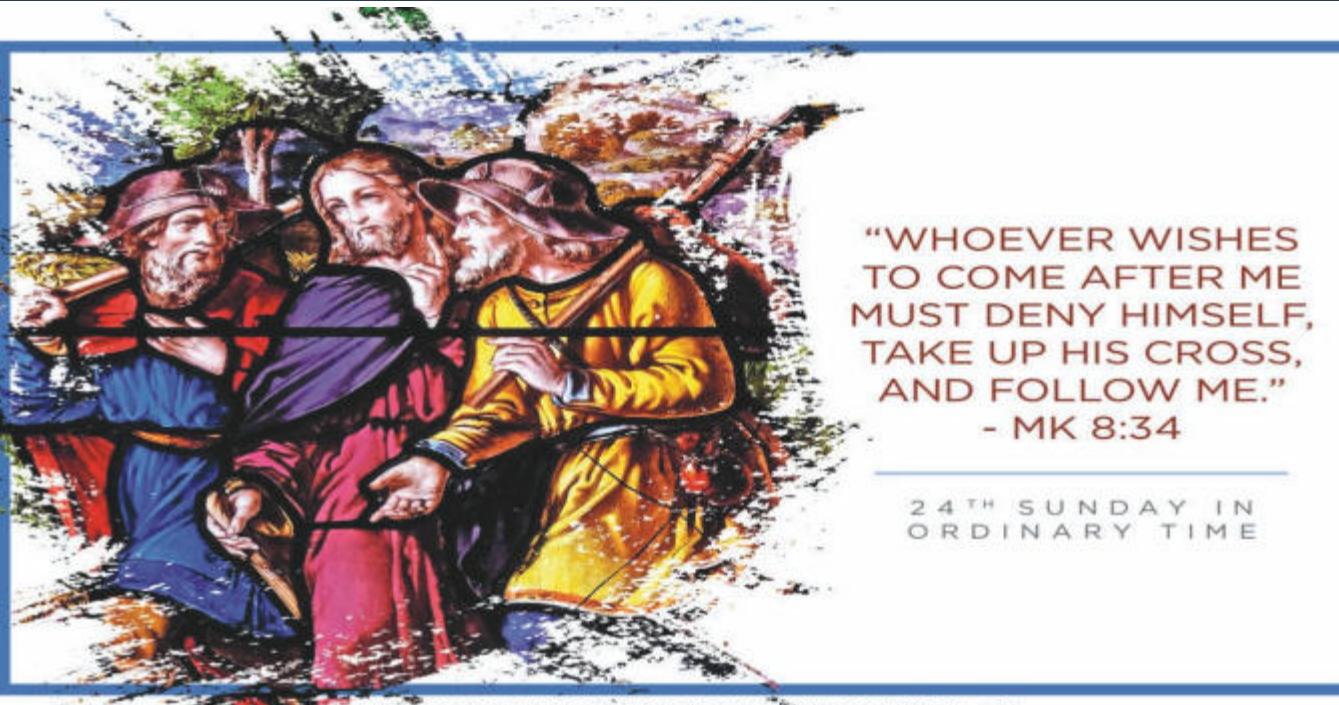


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Capitol Hill—Albany, New York



"WHOEVER WISHES
TO COME AFTER ME
MUST DENY HIMSELF,
TAKE UP HIS CROSS,
AND FOLLOW ME."
- MK 8:34

24TH 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

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HISTORIC ST. MARY'S STAFF:

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Rev. Michael Flannery

WEEKEND ASSOCIATES:

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Rev. Julian Davies

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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, 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
 † Kim Sgroi by The Family
 † Daphne Joseph Cole by Children & Grandchildren

MONDAY, September 6

- 7:00AM † Theresa Cavalieri by Friends

WEDNESDAY, September 8

- 7:00AM † Francis & Mary Shannon by Ken & Mittsie Shannon
 † Edmund & Jane McMahon by The McMahon Family

FRIDAY, September 10

- 7:00AM † Patricia Sim by Arthur Fealey

SATURDAY, September 11

- 4:00PM † Joan Herrmann by Michael Herrmann
 † Joseph W. Bogdanowicz by Deb & Andy Phelan
 † John Grathwol by Bob and Patti Lynch
 † All victims of 9/11 (20th Anniv) by a parishioner

SUNDAY, September 12

- 8:00AM † Marty & Mary Ellen & Brian Hughes by The Family
 † Giulio Enzo Frisone by Anonymous
 † Lynda McGlynn by Rory & Bernie Flannery
 † Joseph J. Maiello by Vicki & Gus DiNovo

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**

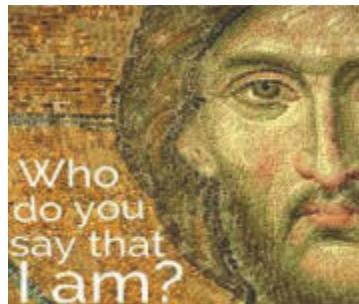
Dear Parishioners: Twenty nine years ago we embarked on a worthwhile project entitled the "ADOPT A STUDENT" PROGRAM. "The ultimate goal of a Catholic education is salvation in Jesus Christ," said our late Holy Father, St. Pope John Paul II. He further stated that "Catholic schools are the heartbeat of 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

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



In person or online, schools have welcomed all students to the start of another academic year. There is an obvious connection with the opening of schools and today's gospel for Christ is here to be our teacher.

Jesus asks two questions: "Who do people say that I am?" and "Who do you say that I am?" The disciples of Jesus included four fishermen and one tax collector. These occupations provided opportunities to hear the marketplace reactions of people who wondered who Jesus might be. They linked Jesus to John the Baptist whose preaching was well known. Jesus' reputation was an honorable one to be associated with such venerable spiritual leaders. The second question – "Who do you say that I am?" is answered by Peter: "You are the Christ." In Greek the term "Christ" means "messiah." The messiah would regain the superiority that Israel knew in the olden days. The messiah would lead the people.

How disappointed the disciples, especially Peter, were when Jesus warned them not to broadcast his title. Peter does not hesitate to challenge Jesus, to rebuke him. Peter left a lucrative job as a fisherman to follow a leader whose destiny was doom and death. Peter anticipated profit not persecution, success not failure. Peter's rebuke convinced Jesus that his disciples had much to learn about his mission. Jesus would have to teach them that "the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." He had to teach them the hard truth that "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

What kind of Christ do we want? Is he a leader who is willing to let us plot our own course, or is he the one who says "Follow me?"

His cross is the most constant and recurring image we have of the one who comes week after week at Mass to teach us his principles and priorities. He will review and renew his immense suffering for us. He will not just tell us the meaning of those words – "rise after three days" – he will share his resurrection from the dead

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**REGULAR MONTHLY COLLECTION****SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND****HAITIAN RELIEF 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 September he asks that we pray for **An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle:** We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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

HAITI RELIEF COLLECTION

As requested by Bishop Scharfenberger and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, next week, September 11/12, we will hold a special collection to aid relief efforts in Haiti following the devastating earthquake and subsequent storm that recently ravaged the island nation. Please be generous as always in helping our brothers and sisters in the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Your donation will be sent to Catholic Relief Services who are already on the ground helping the people of Haiti.

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.

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!"

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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